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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Seven men were chosen for the service of the community

Reading 2: The community as living stones is forming into a spiritual house

Gospel: I am going to prepare a place for you

Theme: There will be room for all

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat	13	5:00 p.m.	SH	Brian Traffas	✠	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sun	14	8:30 a.m.	KW	Tom Doherty	✠	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sun	14	10:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		Fifth Sunday of Easter
Tue	16	9:00 a.m.	ML	Albert Blahut	✠	
Wed	17	8:30 a.m.	SH	Agnes Eck	✠	
Thur.	18	8:30 a.m.	KW	David Rausch	✠	
Fri.	19	9:00 a.m.	ML	Albert Blahut	✠	
Sat	20	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sun	21	8:30 a.m.	KW	Robert Loewenstein	✠	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sun	21	10:30 a.m.	ML	Intention of the Celebrant		Sixth Sunday of Easter

A BLESSED AND HOLY EASTER SEASON

Reflection: The gospel tell us that, on the morning of the resurrection, the women-followers of Jesus set out for the tomb of Jesus, carrying spices, expecting to anoint and embalm a dead body. Well-intentioned but misguided, what they find is not a dead body, but an empty tomb and an angel challenging them with these words: "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? Go instead into Galilee and you will find him there!" Go instead into Galilee? Why Galilee? In the gospels, Galilee is not simply a geographical location, a place on a map. It is first of all a place in the heart. After the crucifixion, just when they feel that the dream is dead, that their faith is only fantasy, they are told to go back to the place where it all began: "Go back to Galilee. He will meet you there!" And they do go back to Galilee, both to the geographical location and to that special place in their hearts where once burned the dream of discipleship. And just as promised, Jesus appears to them. He doesn't appear exactly as he was before, but he does appear as more than a ghost and a memory. The Christ that appears to them after the resurrection is in a different modality, but he's physical enough to eat fish in their presence, real enough to be touched as a human being, and powerful enough to change their lives forever. Ultimately that's what the resurrection asks us to do: To go back to Galilee, to return to the dream, hope, and discipleship that inflame us.

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**VIBRANT MINISTRIES APPEAL: IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, JESUS SPEAKS OF FAITH AND WORKS AS FOUNDATIONAL TO OUR LIVES AS HIS DISCIPLES.** (John 14:10-11) The *Vibrant Ministries- Uniting our Church Appeal* calls us to both, asking us to respond with faith and generosity to support Priestly vocations, works of mercy and faith formation in our 48 parishes of southwest Kansas. Together, we *pray* for its success in our parish and diocese at Mass. Let us also *respond* enthusiastically, joining in to realize Bishop John Brungardt's call to "together, accomplish great things to strengthen our church now and into the future."

With great joy, the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City announces the Ordination of Rev. Mr. Jacob Schneider and Rev. Mr. Mark Brantley to the ORDER OF PRESBYTER through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by The Most Reverend John B. Brungardt, 10 am Saturday, June 3, Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City. Please join in celebrating the Ordination Mass and sharing in the reception that follows

**Prayer Intentions for the Sick and Shut-Ins:** Sammy Flyingout, Norman Fischer, Jim Fischer, Ella Rundle, Alice Burenheide, Edna Swayden, John Dohm, Gary Noland, Raymond Schmidt, Cindy Archuleta  
*Prayer Intentions: for the members of our parish family who are serving our country in the armed forces.*

**For the Faithful Departed:** Patricia Graves, Elizabeth Terry, Pete Swingle, Robert Loewenstein, Tom Doherty, Dennis Hammersmith, Dwayne Kruckenberg, Luke Hendricks, Fern Beckerman, Omaha Tatera, Agnes Eck, Larry Traffas, William (Bill) Hitchcock, John Ditgen, Dave Rausch, Albert Blahut, the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

## **Parish News:**

### **ST JOHN THE APOSTLE – Kiowa:**

**May 14:** We extend prayers and best wishes to our seniors: Dale Hoch and Bailey Roberts.

**K of C Breakfast** after Mass- 1218 Main

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** “The one who has faith in me will do the works I do, and far greater than these,” Jesus tells his disciples. That’s quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

**VOCATION VIEWS:** “How can we know the way?” Jesus shows us the way. Believe and he will do great works in you. (John 14:1-12). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at [www.dcdiocese.org/vocations](http://www.dcdiocese.org/vocations)

**THE ROSARY:** In 2002, Pope John Paul II wrote a letter to all Catholics regarding the Rosary. In this letter, which was entitled The Most Holy Rosary, he announced the addition of the Luminous Mysteries to the Rosary history. The Luminous Mystery Rosary or the Mysteries of Light, as they are also called, focus on the public life of Jesus, the years He was preaching spanning the time between His Baptism and His death. They are called the Mysteries of Light because Jesus is the light of the World.

As you can see, the rosary we know today is the result of many evolutions dating back several hundred years. Although the manner in which the rosary is recited has changed, the results of praying the rosary are still the same. Countless interventions still occur today, and the power and divine graces the rosary offers are available to everyone who is willing to give it a chance.

**She is your teacher, chauffeur, housekeeper, juggler, short-order cook, financial planner and nurse, but you just call her MOM!**

**GRADUATES:** We pray for them as they prepare for graduation: “To the Father, who can give us the strength to live according to the Gospel and the message of Jesus Christ...May God our Father strengthen you until the last day so you may be without blame on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ! He is faithful who calls you to fellowship with his Son Jesus, our Lord.” (1 Cor 1) Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail (Ralph Waldo Emerson) and we pray that the trail you leave is in keeping with the faith you have received.

**Happy Mother’s Day** to all mothers and to all who stand in the place of mother in our life: From the Book of Sirach: “Whoever honors their parents atones for sins...whoever reveres their parents will live a long life...kindness to a parent will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins, a house raised in justice for you”. Let us all honor our mothers, living or deceased, this Mother’s Day, and we will be honored as well.

**Music Ministers of the diocese** are invited to participate in the choir for the Ordinations of Deacon Jacob Schneider and Deacon Mark Brantley. The first practice will be May 21, at 2pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will also be a practice the day of the Ordinations, June 3, at 8:30am. For more information, contact the Chancery office at 225-1525

**"June Moon Evening in the Vineyard"** - event to help support St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center at K-State. Sunday, June 11, 6:30-9:00 p.m. [ST.ISIDORES.COM](http://ST.ISIDORES.COM), or [EVENTS@STISIDORES.COM](mailto:EVENTS@STISIDORES.COM), or (785) 539-7496 x 110.

**The Case for Christ: showing** in Kiowa May 23, 24, 25 at 7:00 p.m. **(24<sup>th</sup> for students)** Watch the trailer: [http://www.fandango.com/thecaseforchrist2017\\_199083/movieoverview](http://www.fandango.com/thecaseforchrist2017_199083/movieoverview) Alarmed by his wife's sudden devotion to Christianity, an atheist journalist (Mike Vogel) sets out to prove that the religion is a sham. Instead, his investigation leads him to become a believer himself. Erika Christensen, Faye Dunaway, and Robert Forster co-star. Based on the true story of Lee Strobel, author of the best-selling book The Case for Christ. **Don't miss it!** Religious formation students and teachers are invited to attend free of charge on Wednesday night, May 24. Sharon and Medicine Lodge students will meet at the high school parking lot at 6 pm and buses will take you to Kiowa (and bring you back). Let Doug Schmidt and/or Cheri Dohrmann know if you plan to go so transportation can be assured.