

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14
Ps 27:(13) 1, 4, 7-8
1 Peter 4:13-16
John 17:1-11a

Monday May 29

Acts 19:1-8
Psalm 68:(33a)2-7ab
John 16:29-33

Tuesday May 30

Acts 20:17-27
Ps 68:(33a)10-11,20-21
John 17:1-11a

Wednesday May 31

Visitation of Mary
Zephaniah 3:14-18a
or Romans 12:9-16
Isaiah 12:2-6
Luke 1:39-56

Thursday June 1

St. Justin
Acts 22:30;23:6-11
Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-11
John 17:20-26

Friday June 2

Acts 25:13b-21
Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20ab
John 21:15-19

Saturday June 3

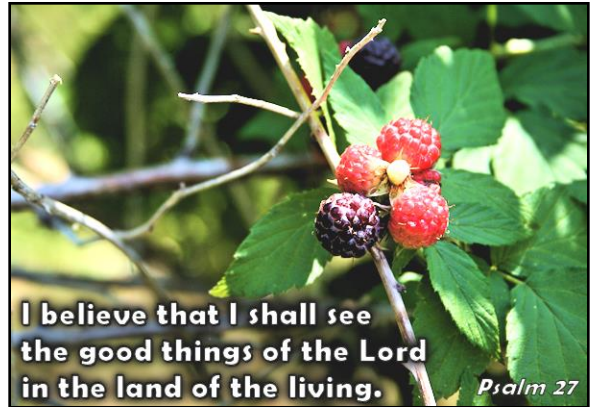
Sts. Charles Lwanga & Co.
Acts 28:16-20,30-31
Ps 11:4,5,7
John 21:20-25

All the readings for this Sunday can be best enjoyed, understood and summed up by the message we proclaim in the responsorial Psalm: "I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living!" Oh yeah, alleluia!

This should be a favorite scripture that we post at our desks or mirrors or anywhere we'll see it often, because it has the power to uplift us when we're experiencing the darkest of times and the most hopeless of situations:

This became one of my own personal "life-verses" several years ago when some family relationships were falling apart. Repeatedly, God used it to reaffirm that I can trust in his promises. It was going to be a long, painful time before the good things of the Lord that I was praying for would finally come to pass, and some of if it has not come to full fruition yet, but this scripture has kept my peace intact.

The Gospel reading shows us that Jesus recognized the good things of his Father in the land of the living. Notice how he appreciated the trust that his followers had placed in him. Isn't it delightful when the people we care about believe us and accept the blessings that we give to them as we offer them our faith! And when they don't? That's when we turn to Jesus and give him the love that they've rejected. We accept his



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Psalm 27

words, as revealed in scripture, knowing that he came from the Father. Jesus is praying for you. Eventually, you *will indeed* see the good things of the Lord in the land of living!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are the good things of the Lord that you're waiting for? How do you feel about the wait? How strong is your trust in God's perfect timing?
2. What is God asking you to do so that you will become more available to his blessings?
3. Think of a time when you had to wait on God. What gave you hope? Which of today's readings helps you most, and why?
 - a. Waiting in the Upper Room to receive the Holy Spirit, not knowing what will happen next (first reading).
 - b. Sharing in the sufferings of Christ (second reading).
 - c. Working hard in a job or ministry and trusting the Father for its outcome (Gospel reading).