



Knowing this now, the document tells us of our response as a priestly and prophetic people. It makes sense that we are called to live holy lives as people who have accepted God through our baptism. We confuse “holiness” with “perfection” sometimes, which is a topic for another day. Holiness means a life lived set apart, rooted in God. Our call to holiness is expressed in our prayer, worship, how we love, and how we bear witness to Christ.

“The poor save us because they enable us to encounter the face of Jesus Christ.”

Pope Francis

Therefore, the Church is not just a place we go. It’s who we are together. A sign of something deeper. A sacrament. Our lives point beyond ourselves, that is, to God, to the hope God gives, and to the unity God wants for all people. **When we are true to our identity as Church, when we see each other, especially the ones the world overlooks, we show the face of Jesus.**

Today, so many of us are searching. We search for meaning, healing, and perhaps a way forward. However, despite all its struggles, the Church still offers something true. A path. A promise. A presence.

Isaiah says, “You shall be called priests of the Lord, ministers of our God” (Isa 61:6). And Peter reminds us, “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood... that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light” (1 Pet 2:9).

This is our call. To walk together as the People of God. To see Christ in each other. And to be pilgrims of hope, not just for ourselves, but for the world. ✦

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Acts 7: 55-60

Psalms 96: 1-2, 6-7, 9

Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20

John 17: 20-26

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 7th Sunday of Easter | 1 June 2025
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CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE

CHURCH – CALLED TO SEE THE FACE OF JESUS IN EACH OTHER

A People of God, A People of Mercy

Vatican II’s *Lumen Gentium* calls us the People of God. This is rich in meaning because of its history, which gives us our identity and tells us who we are. We come from a long line of people God has called His own. First through the covenant at Mount Sinai, and now, fully in Christ. The term People of God describe us as God’s people who are, that is, chosen, called, and loved.

