

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48 † 1 John 4:7–10 † John 15:9–17



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Over the past few weeks, the Gospel readings have used the metaphors of shepherd and sheep and then the vine and branches to help us understand God's relationship with us. Today's Gospel's metaphor hits a home run in my book: friendship!

Jesus calls us his friends and to make it even better Jesus first chooses us. Certainly, we all understand the importance of friendship in our lives. Whether we recall our friends from our early school years, parents and siblings who become our dear friends or, as this younger generation calls BFF (Best Friends Forever), the persons who are so dear to us. Recently five of us friends (FAB 5) celebrated thirty years of our annual Christmas field trip to New York City.

So, when Jesus calls us his friends we have a pretty good idea what that means. We are moved to pray:

“Jesus, continue to teach us to love one another
so that others will know by our actions
that you are our BFF.”

As we honor all Mothers today, we thank you for all who nourish us and call us to be our best selves.