

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026



BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. (Acts 6:7)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. (1 Pt 2:7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)



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"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

My Dear Parishioners:

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and have faith in me.

On a scale of 1-10 how troubled is your heart today? There are days where my heart is troubled! So if you have troubled hearts what's troubling you on this Easter day? Is it the world that worries you? The war, the economy? Is it the housing market or your work? Is it personal issues like illness, aging parents, and strained relationships? What is troubling you today? Maybe nothing. Maybe you are feeling completely at peace and ecstatically happy! Well Alleluia! Happy Easter!

That is what we are supposed to feel in this Easter Season. We are supposed to feel the peace and joy that comes from knowing that we are healed, reconciled, loved, known, embraced fully by the God who has created us.

Are we there yet? Do we echo the words of Philip in the Gospel today, "Master we do not know where we are going, How can we know the Way?"

The Gospel today gives us a way out of our troubles, anxieties, worries. Of course it doesn't make those troubles disappear. But it may help to give us a little more of the peace and joy that is the Easter promise.

Jesus speaks to our hearts today very simply. He speaks words of faith, of hope and love. He asks us to trust God and trust him. That is what faith is all about. He invites us to hope that he will always be there for us. "I am going to prepare a place for you. In my father's house there are many dwelling places. I will come back for you and take you with me". He invites us to share intimately in the love that he has for the father and the father has for him. Faith, hope and love; these are not abstract ideas but real lived relationship with the person of Jesus.

Sometimes when I ask people who Jesus is for them, the response I receive is "model, teacher, guide, Lord, Son of God etc." The answers usually refer to the titles that the Church gives him or the human life he led that inspires us to lead good lives. Jesus, of course, wants to be so much more than an inspiration for a good life. He wants to be THE Way, THE truth, THE life for us. He wants to be the be all and end all that enables us to have life abundantly. He wants this first-hand, personal experience of him to be so much for us. Especially in our troubles, he comes to us. He walks with us.

He knows what it feels to have a troubled heart. We join our suffering with his that our hearts no matter what we face will have no fear or become like stone. We mustn't be afraid.

The challenge for us is how we see Jesus as so much more than an inspirational figure. And with Jesus too, we have to find ways of seeing more than the image and hearing more than the teaching. We are invited into a real relationship with him as one who lives in our midst and breathes the breath of life into us so that we may have faith, hope and love.

Easter Blessings,

Fr. John



May Birthdays

8—Mary Ann Terry
12—Cindy Clark
 Brent Hatchett
14—Steve Coble
16—Brennah Brashear
22—Charles Brown, Sr.
26—Diane Hatchett
30—Karen Leachman,
31—Barbara Hammond,
 Layson Brooks

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Barb Bisel, Mike Dunn, Phaedra Fuchs, Renee Perkins, Rita Moorman, Joanne Kendall, Rollie Pike, Larry Leachman, Dorothy Simmons, Steve Coble, Teresa Luebbert, Diane Selby, Kathi Skidd, Ray Higgs, Pam Wilson, Phil Armendarez, Cindy Heckmann, Judy Stinett, Shaun Winchell, China Dulin, Rachel Mattingly, Charlie Brown Sr, Steven Moorman, Philip Moorman, Jr., Ronnie Hollis, Chandra Hagan, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Jordan Gertisen, Shelby Webster, Gary Moorman. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

Mass Intentions

May 3 - Carl Millay

May 10 - Larry Allen

May 17 - Jean Murphy

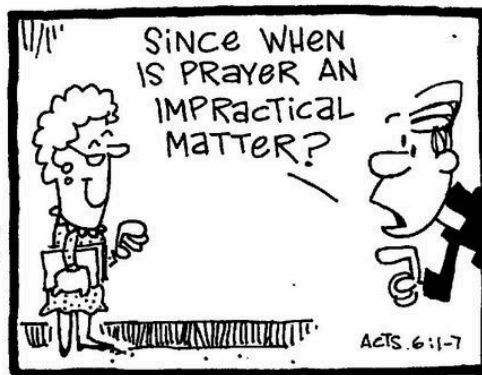
Let us remember to pray for those who are dying and those who have recently died.

Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

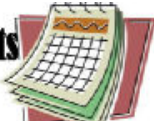
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Coming Events



May 3—First Holy

Communion 10:00am

- Reception following Mass in Parish Hall, All are welcome

May 10—Mother’s Day



April 26--\$830.50

Budget--\$1,300.00

MTD Collection--\$7,297.00

MTD Budget--\$5,200.00

YTD Collection--\$84,666.46

YTD Budget--\$56,900.00

May each give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.

Thanks to everyone who practices stewardship on a regular basis. An active parishioner attends Mass regularly and practices stewardship (time, talent, treasure).

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, “**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**” (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— Father John Muir

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Observances for the Week

Thursday: National Day of Prayer



We had a great year of Religious Education! Thank you to our families for their faithful commitment each week. A special Thank You to our Catechists Kathi and Emma for your dedication to sharing our faith!



Please hold our children in prayer who will receive Jesus in First Holy Communion today

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Lila

Sam

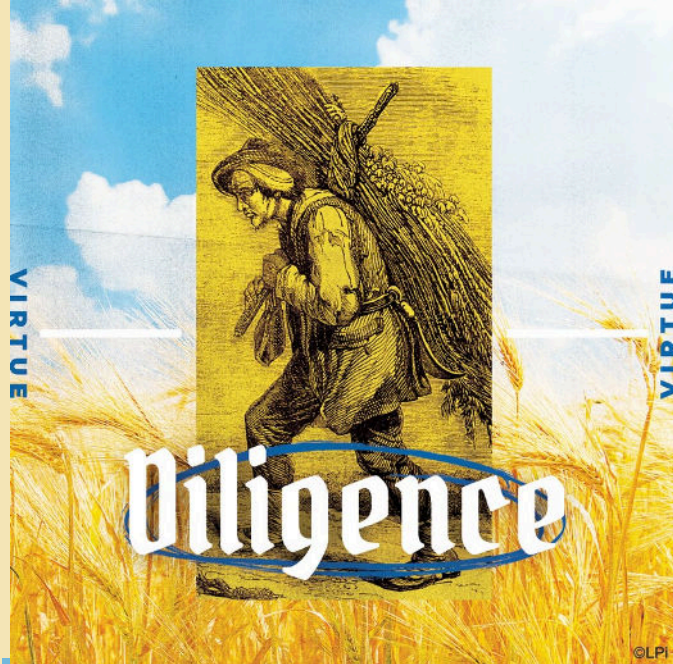


Diligence, Explained!

Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. St. Thomas Aquinas writes that “diligence, no less than solicitude, is required for every virtue.” (Sum., II:II, 54, Art. 1)

Christians are called to diligence in prayer, in self-scrutiny, in exercising virtue, in seeking God’s will, in detachment from the world and in reflecting on God’s word in Scripture: “If we are diligent in observing all of these commandments before the Lord, our God, as he commanded of us, then this will be our righteousness.” (Deuteronomy 6:25)

Diligence is made possible by the freedom of will that we have been granted by God, and it is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness. (Gaudium et spes, 17)



Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
 You have said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.”
 Bless me with Your peace.
 Fill my heart with trust in You,
 and hope in Your promises.
 Be my rock in times of distress,
 my light in times of darkness,
 and my rest in the storm.
 Amen.

Ministry Schedule

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Collection & Gifts
May 3	Jacques Williams Barb Bisel	Sr. Monica Seaton Misty Sanford Greg Gough	Burnell Hamilton Steve Coble
May 10	Misty Sanford Katie Goins	Holly Hollis Cindy Clark Janet Clark	Dee & Brennah Brashear

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2026 CAMP SCHEDULE

GRADES	DATES	CAMP
3RD-4TH	JUNE 14-17 JULY 19-22	EXPLORER
5TH-6TH	MAY 31-JUN 5 JULY 12-17	EXPEDITION
7TH-8TH	JUNE 7-12 JULY 5-10	QUEST
9TH-12TH+	JUNE 21-16 JUNE 28-JULY 3	CAMP LIFE
9TH-12TH+ GIRLS	JUNE 21-26	CALLED TO LOVE



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