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CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4 MAY 2025

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PARISH OFFICE

ststephenberwick.org

Hours Mon-Wed: 9am-noon, 1-3pm
 Thursday: Closed, Friday: 9am-noon

Phone 985-385-1280

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE
OF THE MASS

Saturday (Anticipatory) – 4 pm
 Sunday – 7 am, 10 am, & 6:30 pm
 Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri – 12:10 pm

Confessions

Saturday – 3 pm to 3:50 pm
 + Half an hour before other Masses

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

“IT IS THE LORD!”

– This Sunday’s Gospel: John 21

Dear Parish Family,

This week, the world looks to Rome as the Cardinals gather to elect a new pope:

WHAT IS A CONCLAVE?

The Cardinals in Rome announced that the conclave will begin on Wednesday, May 7, to elect a new pope. The word “conclave” means “locked with a key,” because the Cardinals are sequestered inside the Vatican until they elect a new Holy Father.

PRAYING FOR THE CARDINALS

ELECTING A NEW POPE

To support the Cardinals – and to pray for the man they will elect as pope – we began a novena this week at St. Stephen’s. We will pray this novena at every public Mass (after Holy Communion) until it concludes on the first day of the conclave. I invite you to join us in praying for the election of a holy pope over the coming days.

INTRODUCING: THE MARIAN FESTIVAL

Every year on Mothers’ Day weekend, parishioners are invited to bring flowers to our Blessed Mother. *This year, we introduce the “Marian Festival” at the 10 am Mass on May 11. This is a beautiful tradition, where all young children are invited to join the entrance procession and bring flowers to Our Lady before she’s crowned by one of our First Communicants.*

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT RENEWALS

The advertisements on the back of each bulletin help support the cost of weekly in-house printing. Bulletin ad renewal letters will be mailed out this week. If you are interested in featuring your business or a message on the bulletin, please call Lisa at 385-1280.

MOTHERS DAY FLOWERS
IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

Mothers’ Day flowers can be donated in memory of loved ones by using the dedicated offertory envelope or by contacting the parish office.

PRAYER FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL
OF POPE FRANCIS

O God, immortal shepherd of souls,
look on your people’s prayers
and grant that your servant Pope Francis,
who presided over your church in charity,
may, with the flock entrusted to his care,
receive from your mercy
the reward of a faithful steward.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

TIMELINE
TO ELECT A NEW POPE

9 DAYS OF MOURNING

The Church began nine days of “Official Mourning” on the day of the papal funeral. Cardinals in Rome will offer Masses for the repose of his soul for nine days.

CONCLAVE BEGINS - MAY 7

On May 7, the 135 “Cardinal-Electors” will gather in the Sistine Chapel to elect a new pope. On the first day, there is one vote. There are four votes on each of the following days, until a ⅔ majority is reached. White smoke signals a new pope.



THE HOLY SACRIFICE
OF THE MASS

5 May - Monday of Easter, Week III

In devotion to our Blessed Mother, William (Bill) Gottung

6 May - Tuesday of Easter, Week III

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory

7 May - Wednesday of Easter, Week III

In devotion to our Blessed Mother, Jane Vaccarella fly. (L&D)

9 May - Friday of Easter, Week III

In devotion to our Blessed Mother, The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory, LJL

10 May - 4 pm Anticipatory Mass

Louis Boudreaux, Wyanette Monceaux, Wade J. Landry, Sr., Miles Liner fly (L&D), John Tholen, E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Herman Pellerin fly. (L&D), Melvin J. Vinning, Dave Thomas fly. (L&D), JPL, Byron A. “Red” Adams, Sr., Andy Reed fly. (L&D), Mike Halsey fly. (L&D), Chris Rowell fly. (L&D)

11 May - 7am Mass

Kenneth Garber, Sr., Calvin LeLeux, Mr. Red & Mrs. Yvonne Adams, E.J. & Gerry Lemoine fly. (L&D),

10 am Solemn Mass

Laura Magee Larive fly. (L&D), Marlene Allelo, Frank Russo, Jr. fly. (L&D), Andy Reed fly. (L&D), Mike Halsey fly. (L&D), Chris Rowell fly. (L&D), Jane Vaccarella fly. (L&D)

6:30 pm Mass

Craig Nini, Joed Robichaux, All mothers living and deceased

KEEPING YOU INFORMED:
UPDATE ON THE RECTORY PROJECT

This week, we finally received a legal document from the diocese, which allowed me to sign the contract with our architect Josh Hoffpauir and move forward with the rectory project. I will be meeting again with Josh and his team next week to see their progress on drawings. I hope to come to you soon with a concrete timeline and further details.

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY CROWNING - May 10, 11

Saturday, May 10 at 4pm Mass

& Sunday May 11 at 10 am Mass

- Violin at 4pm and 10 am Masses this weekend

BRING FLOWERS FOR OUR LADY - May 10, 11

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - June 21, 22

Eucharistic Procession at 4pm and 10 am Masses

- Trumpet at 4pm Mass this weekend

ONGOING MAINTENANCE
AT ST. STEPHEN’S

Completed this Spring:

- ✓ All church exterior doors refinished
- ✓ Bats professionally removed from Parish Hall
- ✓ Awning installed over bridge-side exterior door
- ✓ Two leaking church windows replaced with donated stained glass windows

To be completed this Summer:

- Two damaged doors on parish hall to be replaced with fiberglass doors (doors nearest rectory garage)
- Repairs will be made to sections of gutters after damage from snow storm
- Repairs will be made to Parish Hall A/C system

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory	\$ 8,516
Building & Maintenance	\$ 176
Total Weekly Giving	\$ 8,692

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is a safe, easy way to support your parish. Go to ststephenberwick.org and click on the “give” tab, Or scan the code, at right.

