

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2022

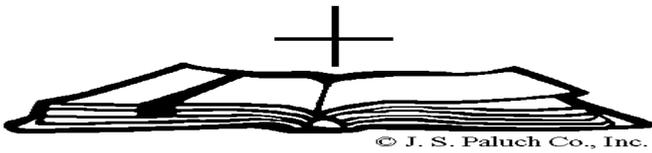
*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of salvation
to the ends of the earth."*

— Acts 13:47b

A FORETASTE OF PARADISE

Throughout Easter Time, the Church rejoices with Jesus, risen from the dead. Our readings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrate our instinct to come together in joy, worshiping in church. While private prayer nourishes our individual relationship with the Lord, community prayer is a foretaste of paradise. The book of Revelation depicts a "great multitude" worshipping God "day and night in his temple." Our churches on Easter Sunday often reflect this happy multitude, filling the pews to bursting. Four Sundays into the festive season, we are encouraged to keep praising God together. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas demonstrate their instinct to worship with their faith community each Sabbath, dutifully taking their seats in the synagogue. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us his sheep and reminds us why coming together as a flock is so important: uniting in community, we imitate the unity of God.

Mass Intentions



Sat., May 07, 8:00 a.m.	Paul Varisco (L)
Sat., May 07, 8:00 p.m.	Huval Family, Dennis McCloskey, Louis Perschall Sr., Ida Perschall, Nick Sita, Amy Goff, Paul Bosworth, Brendan Fitzsimmons, Horace J. Gervais Jr., Harold Gunther, Joe Jevic, James "Mac" McLachlan IV, and for the living: Karge Family, William K, and Mike Jr., Special Intention, Letitia Lemaire and Thomas Vallee
Sun., May 08, 7:30 a.m.	Margaret Mary Mule', Carol Pieri, Yolanda Bourgeois, Rose Noto, Gloria Fabre, and for the living: Salvadore Mule', and Parishioners
Sun., May 08, 9:15 a.m.	Brendan Fitzsimmons, Vivian and Henry Nelson, and Jack and Betty Lane, and Joseph Kenny
Sun., May 08, 11:00 a.m.	Viola Bradford, Doris Letsch, Richard Letsch, and for the living: Andrew Danenhower, Mary Anne Treuil
Mon., May 09, 8:00 a.m.	Geraldine Armstrong (L)
Tues., May 10	NO MASS
Wed., May 11, 8:00 a.m.	David Tucker
Thurs., May 12, 8:00 a.m.	Laurie Lee Kent
Fri., May 13, 8:00 a.m.	Brendan Fitzsimmons

PRAYER LIST

Chuck Armstrong	Rhett Schwing
Crissy Early	Terry Saux
Rachelle Triay	Robert Till
Alicia Hanson	Brandon Shoalmire
Ruth Pellegri	Jim Riordan
Gary Richardson	Mac McClendon
Sheryl McClendon	

Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$ 2,525.00
Loose	\$ 1,700.00
E-giving	\$ 370.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 1,343.78

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<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Anita Michel
Blessed Mother	Mary Anne Treuil
St. Joseph	Gary Joseph Treuil
St. Anne	Viola Bradford

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle, please call 796-3806.

Sanctuary Flower are in memory of

Vivian and Red Nelson

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Church Sanctuary to memorialize or honor your loved ones, stop by, or call the Church office to purchase a flower arrangement. Dates available for purchase during the next few months are: June 18, June 25, July 9, August 20, September 3, September 19, etc. Please call the office for more information.

POPE FRANCIS MAY PRAYER INTENTION FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

St. John's is in the process of printing an updated Parish Pictorial Directory. We need your help to make this successful. We have a deadline of November 1, 2022, to have all the families log in and enter their information to participate in the Pictorial Directory.

Our church directory is available to view on your computer. Instant Church Directory – the program we use to build our church directory – has a member website.

Go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

You will be asked to enter your email address as it will be listed in our directory. If your email address is not listed in the directory or has changed, let John Tennyson know. For more information about the members' website, go here: <https://help.instantchurchdirectory.com>. If you need help accessing or entering information, please call John at 985-630-7087 or the Parish office at 985-796-3806.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS!

ST. JOHN'S VACATION BIBLE School, "Great, Big, Beautiful World", will be held June 20-24. Please register online through our parish website at stjohnbaptistfolsom.org for this fun and exciting week! Email Amanda Fraise at amanda.stjohnsfolsom@gmail.com with any questions.

4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS LETTER PROJECT

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus - the Patriotic Degree - will be sponsoring a program to write letters to our servicemen and women; in particular those abroad. These can be either immediate family members or close relatives serving in any branches of our military.

Do you have such a relative? Do you have their address and maybe even a photo? Please turn in any names and info to the office or even place it in the collection basket. Any question, please call Ken Borroughs at 985-773-0872. Thank you and God Bless!

CRAWFISH BOIL

WOW what a fabulous day had by all. The weather turned to be beautiful. Thanks to the Pastoral Council and Fr. Vincent for organizing this special Parish Appreciation event. A huge thank you to Joe and Katie Pieri for working so hard to boil the fixings and booking The Crab Man to come out and boil for us and all who answered the call to bring desserts. Everything was delicious. Finally, thank you to all who worked to set up tables and chairs and picked up afterwards. Too any names to mention. Please know, without volunteers this would have never taken place. God Bless You!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Especially during the Easter season, we are very conscious of the communal nature of baptism. We stand witness to the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil in many parishes, and countless parishes celebrate festive baptisms for infants. The rule for celebrating baptism is that it be only once a day in any parish church, a sign of the Church's desire that baptism be the work of the gathered community. "Private baptism" is therefore a misnomer, since all baptisms, even emergency baptisms for infants in danger of death, are a public act of entrance into the Body of Christ, the Church.

In an emergency, and providing the parents desire it, anyone can baptize by pouring water and saying, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." But then afterward the Church is encouraged to supply what is missing: the gathered assembly to proclaim and hear God's word, the promises, the naming, the anointings, the clothing with a white garment, the candle, the Lord's Prayer, and the solemn blessing of the parents at the altar. Wonderfully, this ritual often provides the opportunity for great rejoicing at the recovery of an infant who had been in danger.

REMINDERS

- First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- PSR 1st-8th grade, Mondays, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.
- Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- First Friday Adoration & Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thursday's, 6:30 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs., May 12th at 7 p.m. in Odilo Hall
- Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6 - 8 p.m.

Our Church history class will meet on Monday, May 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in Jonathan Hall. We will continue our exploration the Nicene-Constantinople creed by viewing and discussing Session Three of Bishop Barron's series on the Creed entitled "Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son."

Our Bible study group will meet on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. We will begin our next study by viewing and discussing Session One on the Exodus.

On the last Sunday of every month, we have a youth Mass at 11:00 a.m. and our Catch Fire Youth Group meets at 5:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall.