

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

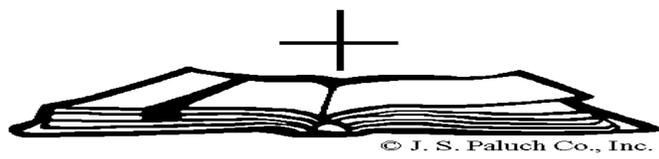
MAY 15, 2022

"Behold,  
God's dwelling is with the human race."  
— Revelation 21:3

### MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

Although we are five full weeks into the celebration of Easter, today's readings focus on newness. Our Easter food leftovers may be long gone, but the readings insist on every moment's freshness in the risen Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles depicts Paul and Barnabas reflecting on all the innovative work that God has done with them. They have traveled hundreds of miles, introducing faith in Jesus Christ to all who listen, even Gentiles. For the dutiful Jewish scholar Paul, preaching to Gentiles is a completely unique development. Jesus calls Paul, and us, not to be afraid of new challenges: as John the Evangelist reports in Revelation, Jesus promises to "make all things new." In the Gospel reading, Jesus even gives us a new commandment. The Hebrew Scriptures overflow with commandments, but Jesus knows we need one more, perfect mission: "love one another."

## Mass Intentions



**Sat., May 14, 4:30 p.m.** Huval Family, Dennis McCloskey, Louis Perschall Sr., Ida Perschall, Nick Sita, Horace J. Gervais Jr., Harold Gunther, Joe Jevic, Jr., **and for the living:** Karge Family, William K, and Mike Jr., Special Intention, and Letitia Lemaire

**Sun., May 15, 7:30 a.m.** Margaret Mary Mule', Carol Pieri, Yolanda Bourgeois, Brendan Fitzsimmons, Angela Stazinski and Larry Kass Sr.

**Sun., May 15, 9:15 a.m.** Vivian and Henry Nelson, and Jack and Betty Lane, and Ken and Mary Anne Miller, Joan Hopkins, **and for the living:** Mrs. Jennifer Brown

**Sun., May 15, 11:00 a.m.** Joe Jevic Jr. Joseph Legnon, **and for the living:** Martha Huval

**Mon., May 16, 8:00 a.m.** Laurie Lee Kent

**Tues., May 17** NO MASS

**Wed., May 18, 8:00 a.m.** David Tucker

**Thurs., May 19, 8:00 a.m.** Brendan Fitzsimmons

**Fri., May 20, 8:00 a.m.** Salvadore Mule' (L)

## 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	Ann Ketchum
Janice Brooks	John DeSilva

## Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$ 1,676.00
Loose	\$ 2,289.00
E-giving	\$ 765.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 350.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll. Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$ 1,495.00

**Thank you to all for the continued contributions.** If you wish to give online, please go to:

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

### THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

<b>Sanctuary</b>	Jack Lane
<b>Blessed Mother</b>	Vivian Nelson
<b>St. Joseph</b>	Red Nelson
<b>St. Anne</b>	Betty Lane

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

Sanctuary Flower are in memory of

**Deacon Jay Zimmer**

**Congratulations to Deacon Jay Zimmer on his 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination.**

### 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 18th, June 25th, July 9th, September 3rd, September 17th, and October 1st. 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 at [members.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com) and enter their information and photos to participate in the Pictorial Directory. If you need help with the first-time log in please call John Tennyson at 985-630-7087. If there is anyone who would like to volunteer to take our parishioners photographs for the directory, please call the office at 985-796-3806.

## **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](http://stjohnbaptistfolsom.org) for this fun and exciting week! Email Amanda Fraise at [amanda.stjohnsfolsom@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.stjohnsfolsom@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **4<sup>TH</sup> 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 Boroughs at 985-773-0872. Thank you and God Bless!

## **50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

Fr. Robert Cavalier is celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Anniversary as a priest. The celebration is on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Church in Covington, with a Mass followed by a reception in St. Mary's Hall. All are invited. No RSVP required.

## **RICE BOWL**

The Outreach Ministry and Catholic Relief Services would like to thank everyone who participated in our Rice Bowl program. Your donations totaling \$1,460.74 will help provide food and proper nutrition for the poor around the world. God bless you for your generosity!

## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

If there is such a thing as a Catholic "trademark" it is the sign of the cross, first traced on the senses of catechumens as they begin the journey to baptism, or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the church at baptism.

As early as the third century, Christians were tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies. At first, the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the forehead, lips, and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest's gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass. Today, this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God's blessing, of tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life's burdens. In the sign of the cross, we have an ever-available means of expressing gratitude for our baptism.

## **REMINDERS**

- First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.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 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Odilo Hall
- Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6 - 8 p.m.

Our Church history class will meet on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Jonathan Hall. We will continue our exploration the Nicene-Constantinople creed by viewing and discussing Session Five of Bishop Barron's series on the Creed entitled: "Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life."

Our Bible study group will meet on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. We will continue our study by viewing and discussing Session Three 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.