# May 4, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter

\* The Third Sunday of Easter centers on renewal, mercy, and mission, drawing from the Gospel of John 21:1-19, where Jesus appears to His disciples after His resurrection and restores Peter.

In today's Gospel, St. John takes us to the shores of the Sea of Galilee, where a familiar scene unfolds—a scene of tired fishermen after a hard night's toil, empty nets, and an unexpected dawn of mercy.

- •The disciples, after the resurrection, return to their daily activities, perhaps uncertain of what their life would become after Our Lord's Resurrection.
- •They cast their nets throughout the night, but catch nothing. However, a familiar voice calls from the shore: "Cast your net on the right side."
- •And with this simple command, everything changes. Their nets overflow with fish, and their hearts overflow with recognition—it is the kertle tord!

This moment is not just about the miraculous catch of fish. It is more about Our Lord Jesus Christ meeting His disciples in their place of struggle and in their situation of unproductiveness in spite of their toil.

- •When they only rely on their own, they realize that their efforts are vain and sterile but with Jesus, fruitfulness and abundance are assured.
- How often do we rely on our own strength, only to come up empty?
   Yet Christ stands at the shores of our lives, offering direction, abundance, and renewal.

Then comes the powerful exchange between Jesus and Peter. "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

- •Three times Jesus asks. Three times Peter answers. Jesus offers Peter the possibility of embracing his mercy.
- •It is a loving conversation of healing, a reversal of Peter's threefold denial. With this, we see that Jesus does not condemn; He restores.
- •With each question, Jesus is not looking for an apology. He is calling Peter into deeper love and responsibility: "Feed my sheep." Jesus further renews His will to make Peter as the head of His flock: the Church

Dear friends, today Christ asks each of us, "Do you love me?" It is not a \*\*

question of the past. It is an invitation to the future. Like Peter, we have \*\*

failed, we have denied, we have fallen short. But Jesus does not dwell on \*\*

our failures; He invites us forward.

\* And we tell Our Lord: "Lord, you know all things, you know that I love \*

\* you." But then, love is not just sweet words, but deeds. It is action. That is \*

\* why we must heed Our Lord's words: "Cast your net on the right side," \*

\* "Feed my sheep," which are the call of mission, a call to serve, to love, to \*

\* bring His presence into the world in the ordinary activities of our daily life. \*

As we continue through Easter, let us take heart in this Gospel. Christ comes to us in our everyday struggles. He fills our emptiness. He restores us, not with reproach, but with love. And He calls us to respond—not just in words, but in action.

May we, like Peter, rise from our failings and follow Christ anew, feeding His sheep with love, mercy, and witness. Amen.

Fellection by Fr. Rolly Arjonillo at https://catholicsstrivingforholiness.org/

Special Diocesan Collection Next Weekend May 10/11 (Mother's Day) For Pro-Life Crowning of Mary
will be
This Sunday, May 4,
at the 8:30 a.m. Mass



## **Special Mass of the Holy Spirit**

Tuesday, May 6th, 6 p.m. @ Holy Cross

The churches of the Tulsa Diocese Eastern Vicariate will each hold a Mass on this same day to solicit the assistance of the Holy Spirit during the meeting of the Cardinals at the Conclave.

All Are Encouraged to Attend!

#### **Parish Council Elections**

will be held on the weekends of May 10/11 and May 17/18 to elect two representatives to the council. Those with expiring terms are Kay Rodriguez & Karol Watson.

Please consider parish representatives that you would like to nominate to serve on the council.

Complete a Parish Pastoral Council Nomination Form. Submit by Friday, May 9th.

Make Time to Dwell in the Presence of Jesus!!

Adoration—"Night of Encounter and Mercy"

(First Wed. of the month)

Wed., May 7th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Short Presentation followed by Adoration; Confessions also available

## Martha & Mary (M&M) Society Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m.

M&M is a great opportunity for the women of the parish to share and enjoy fellowship, while serving the altar society ministry of Holy Cross.

Dinner will be served at the meeting. Hostesses: Sherry R. & Kathy G.

### MASS INTENTION

May 3/4 For \*Laura Jester, daughter of Patty
Chandler

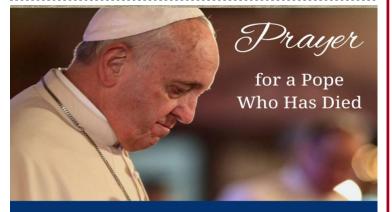
by Jim & Sherry Ruyle

\*<u>Breakfast in May</u>\* will be provided by the Men's Club to celebrate our parish Mothers on the Third Sunday.

Sunday, May 18th, after 8:30 a.m. Mass Visitors Welcome!

#### Couples Mini-Retreat

for ALL couples dating, engaged, or married
St. Francis Xavier, Stillwater, May 17th, 10 am-1 pm
\$25/couple. Contact the Diocese Marriage & Family
Life Office for more info.



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.



Next Jubilee Pilgrimage is the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage

This final cross-country Eucharistic pilgrimage will be traveling through Eastern Oklahoma on May 30-31.

Named the St. Katharine Drexel Route, it begins in Indianapolis, coming through Oklahoma, on its way to Los Angeles.

#### Local events include:

Friday, May 30

11:30-12:30 pm—Opening Mass at Sacred Heart in Miami

4:00-8:00 pm—Eucharistic Procession thru Midtown & Downtown Tulsa

8:00-10:00 pm—Eucharistic Festival at Holy Family Cathedral

May 30—May 31

8:00 pm-9:00 am—All-night Adoration at Holy Family Cathedral

Saturday, May 31

10:00-11:00 am—Closing Mass at Holy Family Cathedral

2:00-3:00 pm—Handoff of the Eucharist at St. Gregory's Abbey in Shawnee

All events are free and open to the public, but organizers ask that participants register in advance so they can plan accordingly for the expected number of people.

Register at www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org. To learn about volunteer opportunities or for more info., text or call 918-697-9763.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Andrew Higginbottom

Kendall Woodard

Craig Dorsey

Anthony Guariglia

#### **Mass Ministers**

	Ushers	Eucharistic Min	Reader	Servers
Sat 5/3—5 pm	Linda Steinheil	Laura Rodriguez	Charlie Moe	Larry Chekofsky
	Kay Rodriguez	Paul Rodriguez		
Sun 5/4—8:30 am	Isaac Ervin	Bille Cummings	Elizabeth Sullivan	Carlos, Liam, Kaygan,
Youth Mass	Abby Higginbottom	Elaine Hall	Aceah Stuart	& Amelia
Sat 5/10—5 pm	Sherry Ruyle	Carolyn Greer	Dorene McMahan	Larry Chekofsky
	Kay Rodriguez	Kay Rodriguez		
Sun 5/11—8:30 am	Mike Hickman	Chris Holland	Candace Stuart	Carlos, Liam, Elizabeth,
Mothers' Day	Mike Cucchiara	Rosemary Kotas		& Amelia

#### This Week's Daily Readings—May 4-10 Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn Sunday 21:1-19 or 21:1-14 Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29 Monday Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35 Tuesday Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40 Wednesday Thursday Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51 Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 Friday Saturday Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

\*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:

www.holycross-wagoner.org

#### Offerings from Apr. 26-27

General Weekend Collections \$1,796.75
Capital Improvement Fund \$210.00

TOTAL \$2,006.75
Special Diocesan Collections: Holy Land \$50.00

& National Missions \$193.00

Your Generosity & Support is Always Appreciated!

### Happy Birthday!

Greg Troxel 5/6 Maria Elena Herl 5/7 Henry Leonard 5/12 Issac Ervin 5/14 Blake Jameson 5/14 Amelia Wright 5/17



Candace Stuart 5/23 Robert Bond 5/24 Mark Jameson 5/25 Elijah McCaw 5/28



### **Holy Cross Mission Statement/Prayer**

Almighty God, the mission of Holy Cross
Parish is to bring the love of Jesus Christ to
our community and to the world. As your
disciples, help us love others, pray for all
souls, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and
bring all people into the fullness of your
Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen!

May

Altar Linens

**Carolyn Greer** 

#### FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker
Judy Wright, parishioner
Becky Harding, parishioner
Hope Watson, parishioner
John Spieker, husband of Jackie Spieker
Marie Herndon, parishioner
Geraldine Wallace
Bill Scrimsher, parishioner
WE PRAY TO THE LORD



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## **MASS TIMES**

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 p.m. Sunday — 8:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday (Latin) — 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday & Friday — 5:00 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday — 8:30 a.m. First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 a.m.

#### ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Fridays following 5:00 p.m. Mass 1st Wed. of the Month - 6:30 p.m.

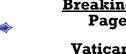
#### **CONFESSIONS**

30 minutes before weekend Masses
Or by appointment/request

BIBLE STUDY
Wednesday mornings — 9:15 a.m.

#### THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



Breaking Bread Book Pages 156-157

<u>Vatican II Hymnal</u> Pages 484-485



WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!