



**Rev. Mike Austin, Pastor
Deacon Bill Vrazel**

**Mass Schedule: Summer Months, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Winter Months, Saturday: 4:00 p.m.**

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

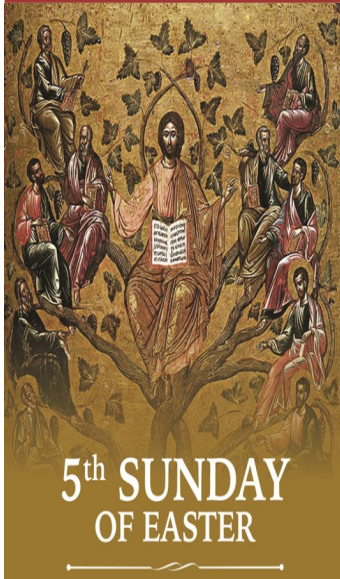
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May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday in
Easter



Faith Is Not A Transaction

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*

Today's
Mass
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)

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

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Daily Mass
Bible
Readings



Monday, May 4 —	- 7:25 am Rosary - Church - 8:00 am MASS - Church - 10:00 am - Parish Prayer Group - Chapel	- 5:00 - 6:00 pm—Reconciliation - Church - 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adoration until Benediction - Church - 5:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Chapel Church - 6:30 - 8:00 pm Father Mike’s Bible Study, <u>FOLLOW ME</u> , begins - Conference Center
Tuesday, May 5 —	- 5:00 pm KOC Officers and General Meeting — Parish Hall - 6:30 pm Novena To Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel	- 7:00 pm MASS - Chapel
Wednesday, May 6 —	- 6:30 am Java and Jesus Men’s Group – Parish Hall - 7:25 am Rosary - Church - 8:00 am MASS (with Moms) - Church - 9:00 am Bible Study - Parish Office Conf. Room	- 6:30 pm OCIA Class - Conference Center
Thursday May 7 —	- 7:25 am Rosary - Chapel - 8:00 am MASS - Chapel	- 9:00 am Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm - Chapel - 6:30 - 8:00 pm Father Mike’s Bible Study, <u>FOLLOW ME</u> , begins - Conference Center
Friday, May 8 —	- 8:30 am MASS (Children’s MASS during the school year) - Church - 9:30 am - 11:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Society - Parish Hall	- 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel
Saturday, -May 9 —	- 9:00am-2:00pm KOC sponsored Blood Drive—Conference Center - 1:00 pm Youth Ministry Setup - Parish Hall - 5:00 pm VIGIL MASS (Reconciliation offered 30 minutes prior to Mass) - Church	



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Corbin Altese, Louise Altier, Adam Amort, Jerri Anderson, Susan Arrington, Leota Ayuso, Lee Ayuso, Tammy Bates, James Bell, Kenneth Benitez, Jan Berry, Tracy Biggs, Sandra Bishop, Rusty Bohn, Asher Bonura, Dian Bradley, Jim Bradley, Richard Brasard, Mike Brown, John Bull, Josephine C., Martha Burdette, Fr. Ronnie Calkins, Jamie Ann

Canton, Patty Caranna, Sarah Carboni, Phylis Carlton, Jerry Casey, Jim Cooke, Mae Mae Cooley, Tyler Corban, David Corollo, Donna Dantin, Lynn Dantin, Danny Davis, Sr., Jim Dean, Megan Delgado, Marvel Desroche, Kim Desrosier, Dawn Domecq, Brenda Dubuisson, Jan Dubuisson, Jeannie and John Dubuisson, Anne Erickson, Peter Fenn, Kim Fitzgerald, Linda Frost, Janet Galen, Roy and Betty Gamez, Gerry Gough, Marian Governor, Donnie Haley, Jr., John Hayden, Alan Hoda, Pat Hoda, Olivia Hood, Daniel Huck, Betty Hughes, Paul Hughes, David H. James, Janet Jefferson, Sierra Jefferson, Faye Johnson, Phillip Jones, Marcus Kaszabowski, Natalie Koenenn, Thomas Koenem, Barbara Ladner, Jill Ladner, Missy Ladner, Pam Ladner, Griffis Lamar, Anita Lambert, Vickie Landrum, Dustin Leochner, Mary Schepens Levens, Charlotte Logan, John Logan, Mark Logan, Marlene Logan, Michelle Logan, Lynda Lumpkin, Evelyn Lumpkin, Rod Malburg, Stephanie Marvel, Emily McGinnity, Laura Creel Meadows, Jack and Lorraine Miller, Lori Miller, Carl Molesworth, Pat Morley, Dennis Mottola, Cheryl Necaize, Francis Necaize, Kevin Niolet, Rita Norman, Carol O'Brien, Kyle Patridge, Joshua Parker, Mattie Starita Pavolini, Larry Peterman, Michelle Pisciotta, Jane Prescott, The Pruett Family, Lynn Rabalais, Emily Reaves, Bill Redo, Bryce Riordan, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Bev Rogers, Tammy Graham Rome, June Rutland, Kevin Ryan, Clyde Schepens, William "Scooter" Leah Scott, Beth Sealy, James Senac, Joe Shaw, Rachel Singleton, Fred Spence, Melissa Starita, Barbara Swilley, Father Truong Q Trinh, Jim and Michael Trott, Morgan Ulrich, Brittany Varney, Anastasia Virvilis, Bragg Williams, Nadia Williams, Billy Wood, Becky Wooley, Wayne Wooley, Paul Yaegar, Angie Parker Yonkin

In Memoriam

Louise A. O'Brien

For additions and deletions ~ 228-452-4686.



May 3, 2026

Weekly Operating Credits

Offertory/Collection:

\$11,675

Second Collection: \$1,404

Building Fund: \$ 220

Youth: \$110

Masses: \$170

Cemetery: \$15

Pickle Jar: \$90

Poor Box & Local Charity:

\$10

Memorials: \$5

TOTAL: \$13,699

Additional

Follow Me Books: \$475

Youth Raffle: \$130

Eggplant LaRosa: \$305

Weekly Fixed Expenses

Payroll and Benefits: \$4,800

Building Insurance: \$1,800

Repairs/Maintenance: \$1,600

Other Overhead: \$2,300

Debt Service: \$1,000

Youth/Other Ministries: \$1,600

Tuition Assistance/School Support: \$3,000

Diocesan Support: \$1,500

TOTAL: \$17,600



O Holy Mother of God, pray for our priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditations, efficacious in preaching and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen.

Sun., May 3: For Pope Leo XIV

Mon., May 4: For Father Satish

Adhav

Tues., May 5: For Father Godswill

Agbagwa

Wed., May 6: For Father Vincent O.

Ajayi

Thur., May 7: For

Godfrey Andoh

Fri., May 8: For

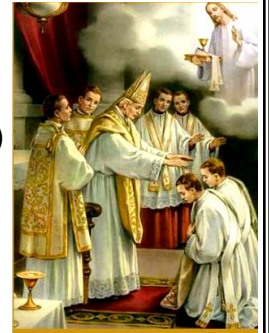
Father Anthony Arguelles (Retired)

Sat., May 9: For

Fathers Charles

Arthur & Philip J.

Audet



May 9th & May 10th, 2026

5:00 pm - Saturday Vigil, 5/9/26

LECTORS

Ken Austin

EEMs

Gayle Nolan, Catherine Wood, and Emmett Zimmerman

ALTAR SERVERS

Kaleb Garriga and Solomon Molsbee

8:30 am - Sunday, 5/10/26

KOC CORPORATE COMMUNION

11:00 am - Sunday 5/10/26

Richard Alarcon

Carl Mayeaux, Gayle Parker, Meg Payment, Don Smith, and Jean Smith

Jameson Burge, Charlotte Payment, and Anna Clare Thomas

5:00 pm - Sunday, 5/10/26

Allie Giles

Rusty Bohn, Michelle Hoskins, Aimee Tramontana

Evelyn Giles, Ellie Kate Thompson, and Maci Thompson



MONDAYS OR THURSDAYS - 6:30pm-8:00pm - **FR. MIKE'S BIBLE STUDY, FOLLOW ME** - *Conference Center*

WEDNESDAYS - 6:30am - **JAVA AND JESUS** - *Parish Hall*

WEDNESDAYS - 6:30pm - **OCIA CLASSES** - *Conference Center*

THURSDAYS - **YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE** - 3pm - 3:45pm - *Church*

MONDAYS - **ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE** - 5:30pm - *Chapel*

Friday, May 1st - **Divine Mercy Chaplet** - 3pm - *Chapel*

Wednesday, May 13th - **Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally** - 7:15am (before 8am mass) - *Church*

Sunday, May 24th - **Pentecost Breakfast**— after 8:30 am Mass - *Conference Center*

Monday, May 25th— **OFFICE CLOSED in observation of Memorial Day**

Wednesday, May 27th - **Healing Face of Jesus —Healing Ministries service**— 6:30 pm Mass - *Church*



Beginning in May, there will be NO Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts or Altar Society Meetings.



THE MONSIGNOR LEECH COUNCIL 4472 INVITES GENTLEMEN AND LADIES OF THE PARISH TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY.

Upcoming MAY Events:

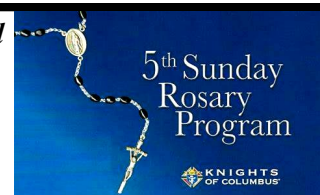
- **KOC Monthly Meetings:** 5pm – 8pm – First Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall – **May 5th, 2026**
- **KOC sponsored Blood Drive:** 9am – 2pm – Holy Family Conference Center – **May 9th, 2026**
- **KOC Monthly Corporate Communion:** Sunday 8:30 am Mass following the first Tuesday of the month – **May 10th, 2026**
- **KOC Parish Fellowship, Coffee and Donuts:** Sunday following the first Tuesday of each month after 8:30 am Mass – Conference Center – **May 10th, 2026**
- **Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meetings:** 6:00 pm - Second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall – **May 12th, 2026**
- **KOC Fifth Sunday Rosary:** After 8:30 am Mass - **May 31, 2026**

Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday, May 2 2026	5:00 pm	Healing for Ann Alexander Healing for Kathy Sharp Healing for Jimmy Benigno, Sr.
Sunday, May 3	8:30 am	†Ray and Mary Gallagher † Lang family † John Keefe Hecker Healing for Louise and Bill Vrazel
	11:00 am	† Keefe Hecker † Stan Sarman Special Intentions for Roger Ladner
	5:00 pm	Healing for Carol O'Brien
Monday, May 4	8:00 am	† Walker Saussy Healing for Eliza James Burge Special Intentions for Solomon Molsbee Special Intentions for Charlie Whaley
Tuesday, May 5	7:00 pm	Healing for Kathy Sharp
Wednesday, May 6	8:00 am	Healing for Jimmy Benigno, Sr.
Thursday, May 7 (Chapel)	8:00 am	† Wayne and Sally James
Friday, May 8	8:30 am * † <i>The Repose of the Soul</i>	† Harry Begg Healing for Eliza James Burge

We invite you to come and pray your special intentions with the Knights of Columbus at the
FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY —

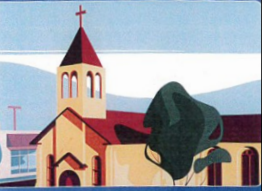


Sunday morning, May 31st after 8:30 am Mass at Holy Family Church



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*Celebration of
Holy Baptism*
Congratulations to
Molly Ann Rawls,
**Daughter of Cameron and
Isabella Rawls**



*who received the Sacrament Baptism on
April 25, 2026*

*"Let the children come to me, because the
kingdom of God is such as these."* Mark 10:14

**Upcoming 2026 Second &
Special Collections**

**May 16 - 17: Catholic
Communications**

**June 20 - 21: Special Father's
Day for Diocesan Priest
Supplemental**

June 27 - 28: Peter's Pence

August 1 - 2: Extension Society

September 5 - 6: Catholic University

**September 12 - 13: Center For International
Seafarers and Truckers**

**October 17 - 18: World Mission Sunday (Propagation
of the Faith)**

**November 14 - 15: Catholic Campaign for Human
Development**

November 28 - 29: St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy

December 12 - 13 Retired Religious



In observation of
Memorial Day, the
Parish Office will be
**closed on Monday,
May 25th!**



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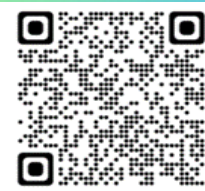
"Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."
1 John 3:18

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