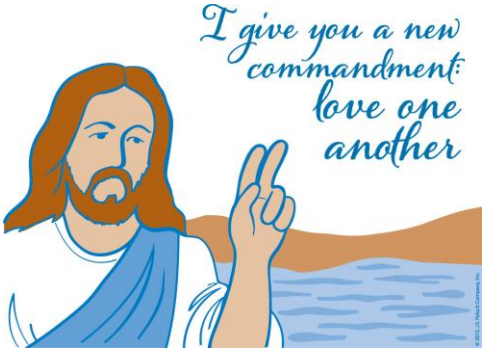
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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

MISSIONARIES OF MERCY

Paul's back! After last week's "violent abuse," opponents organized a lynch mob that beat Paul nearly to death. But call Paul the "energizing evangelist," transforming deadly cruelty into life-giving zeal. Paul's past courage should inspire our commitment; Revelation's future "new heaven, new earth" should inspire our optimism. But Revelation's present assurance, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race," should challenge us to become "missionaries of mercy." Because Pope Francis declared that the Church's credibility is completely dependent on our showing unconditional mercy. Mercy, said Francis, makes the Church, the world, and everyone young again, reawakened to life's noblest virtues. Fittingly, in today's Gospel Jesus reinforces that theme: "This is how all will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

A while ago the Lysol® brand of cleaning products was promoting a new toilet brush, one that has the liquid cleanser and disinfectant stored inside the handle. Television became its midwife, promoting it as the new generation of toilet bowl cleaners. The ad concluded with a series of housewife testimonials, the final one of which attested, "It has changed my life!" It was but another appeal to our hidden longing that our lives be made new. Or consider the abundance of television makeover programs, even a surgical makeover—the "extreme" makeover. Each of us in some way longs to be made new, sometimes vicariously and sometimes personally.

One of the paradoxes of life is that the more we seek ourselves, the more we lose ourselves; and the more we are willing to lose ourselves, the more we find ourselves. It is, of course, only another way of speaking about love. It seems to be a simple rule of thumb. If your life is in chaos or disarray, if you find yourself unsettled and discombobulated, then forget about your own life and begin to focus on the lives of others. It is how love works, if indeed love does any work at all. It is love that makes us new. It is the ultimate makeover, simply because God is love.

Weapons and war will never create peace; only compassion will, and justice, and heartfelt care for all of humanity. Punishment and the inhumane conditions of prison life will never remake the soul of one who is incarcerated, only hope for a future and a nurturing of the human spirit will. More liturgical regulations and prescriptions will never bring deepening faith life to our eucharistic assemblies; only love for one another will, and the healing we so desperately need.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Frequent fliers today have many ways to accrue air miles, so one doesn't always have to endure long hours in cramped seats to earn free hours in cramped seats. In St. Paul's day, there were no such perks, nor would there have been any legal system for him to protest the shipwrecks he endured. He had other rewards in mind. The churches that he established in the catalogue of cities from today's first reading must have been very different from one another. Language, culture, customs, religious history, obstacles to community, social challenges, the places where they met, their clothing, their bread and wine, all distinct, particular to the area.

There were social customs as well: in a Christian household, the only place where a slave would be able to stand legally as an equal with the master would be at the table of the Lord, because at that table a new world of reconciliation was imaged. While Paul revered local customs, he was relentless about challenging the ways that people lived their Christian lives and how their worship reflected them. It is much the same today, as a global Catholic Church seeks to respect local customs and culture, allowing for differences in many things, yet always giving expression to the underlying presence of Christ, who binds us all together into his body.

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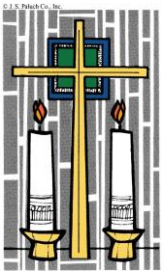
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

CONGRATULATONS on receiving this honor**:** Valedictorian **Ana Islas** & Salutatorian: **Carmen Austin** from Roscoe Collegiate High School! God's Blessings from your parish family.

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

May 24, 2025 – Parish Council May 31, 2025 – Cursillo



Saturday, May 17th -
5:00PM-IHM – +Louis Torres; +Ruben Gutierrez;
In Thanksgiving for the birthdays of Aracelie & Melissa Montealvo

Sunday, May 18th - IHM
8:30AM – Por Grupo Misionero y en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Monico Zuniga, Raquel Cuellar y José Gonzales;+Sara Gomez, Eulalio y Sarita Olvera; Ysidro y Elvira Navarette
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

Tuesday, May 20th 9:00AM - HF
+Ray T. Reyes

Wednesday, May 21st 6:00PM–IHM
+Isidro, Richard & Susie Ramirez

Thursday, May 22nd 9:00AM - HF
For the well-being of Tanis Moreno's family

Friday, May 23rd 9:00AM - HF
+Daniel Grimaldo

Saturday, May 24th -
5:00PM-IHM – +Maria Morales & Carlos C. Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales; +Gloria Castro, Delia Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie, Dolores, Francisco, Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana, Tony y Patricia Gomez; In Thanksgiving for Ricky & Martha Heredia's Anniversary

Sunday, May 25th - IHM
8:30AM – +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira; +Rodrigo DeLoera; En acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de Leila Rubio
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

Living God's Word - All of our efforts to remake life can only be meager strivings. In the end it is God who makes all things new, and we are but sparks of God's creation who seek to live in harmony with the Spirit set free by Jesus who is Lord.

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FOOD DRIVE

The parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to one of our local food pantries. You can bring your donations to any of the Masses during the month of May. Let us share what we have with those in need.

God Bless you – Thank you!

COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS

La parroquia recolectará alimentos no-perecederos para donar a una de nuestras despensas de alimentos locales. Puede traer sus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas durante el mes de mayo. Compartamos lo que tenemos con los necesitados. *Dios lo Bendiga - Gracias!*

May 10/11, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS…….$4381.00
LOOSE PLATE…….1317.61
TOTAL COLLECTION……...$5698.61

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 7:30pm @IHM. Confession will also be available during Adoration.

¡ATENCIÓN! ¿Quiere aprender más sobre la fe? Entonces, está invitado a participar en las clases de catecismo para adultos en español. El curso comenzará a finales de abril y se prolongará durante todo el verano hasta que se hayan impartido todas las clases. La primera clase será miercoles 30 de abril, 2025, a las 7:00p.m. en el Salón de Inmaculado Corazón en 507 W. Alabama Ave. El catequista será Victor Rubio Jr. Note mas informacion en la entrada de la iglesia.

***PLEASE* TURN IN YOUR CRS RICE BOWLS**

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

ULTREYA– meets Monday, May 19th, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

"Clothed with Power from on High" Luke 49. And Be Renewed in the Work of the Holy Spirit is the theme for this years annual conference to be held June 6th & 7th at Abilene Sacred Heart Fellowship Hall, 1618 South 8th. Deacon Ralph Poyo founder of New Evangelization Ministries is our featured speaker. Deacon Ralph is well known for his zeal for evangelization and dynamic preaching empowered by the Holy Spirit. His passion is Training Saints to Lead Hearts to Christ. He will help analyze God's plan for us, the ways Satan has been working in our culture to pull us from God, the profound hope found in the Holy Spirit, and how we can ground ourselves in Christ to be his disciples. He is passionate about sharing the truth of the gospel in a way that captivates audiences of all ages. Conference begins Friday night June 6th at 6:30. Bishop Sis will celebrate mass at 7 pm. Deacon Ralph will also speak. Friday night is free to all. Saturday June 7th begins at 8 am and will end at 3:30 pm. ($25 Registration Fee-Includes lunch). To register and for more information go to: catholiccharismatic.com

"I throw myself at the foot of the tabernacle like a dog at the foot of His master." St. John Vianney
check out my blog
http://catholiccat1.wordpress.com

NOTE: MASS CHANGES –

- Beginning Sunday, June 22, 2025, the 8:30AM Spanish Mass will be moved up to 8:00AM
- Mass will be celebrated @ Holy Family at 9:30AM beginning June 22nd and every 3rd Sunday of the month thereafter.
- No Sunday morning confessions on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Same schedule for the other weekend Masses.

POPE LEO XIV

Cardinal Robert F. Prevost, the Chicago-born prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops under Pope Francis, was elected the 267th pope May 8 and took the name Pope Leo XIV.

He is the first North American to be elected pope and, before the conclave, was the U.S. cardinal most mentioned as a potential successor of St. Peter.

Pope Leo was born Sept. 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois. He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the Augustinian-run Villanova University in Pennsylvania and joined the order in 1977, making his solemn vows in 1981. He holds a degree in theology from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and a doctorate from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

He joined the Augustinian mission in Peru in 1985 and largely worked in the country until 1999 when he was elected head of the Augustinians' Chicago-based province. From 2001 to 2013, he served as prior general of the worldwide order. In 2014, Pope Francis named him bishop of Chiclayo, in northern Peru, and the pope asked him also to be apostolic administrator of Callao, Peru, from April 2020 to May 2021.

The new pope speaks English, Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese and can read Latin and German.