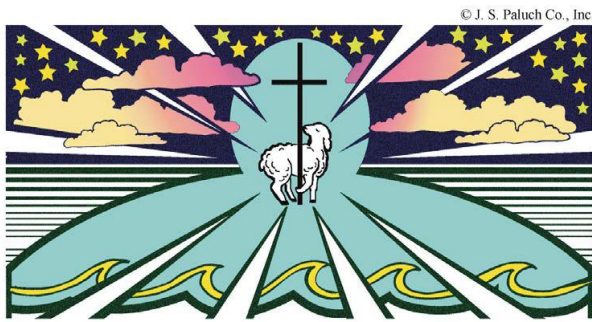


Third Sunday of Easter



“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.”

— Revelation 5:12

LIFELONG SERVICE

“I am going fishing.” What an announcement! If asked who made it, and not told it was a Bible quote, we might guess “Grandpa” or “Uncle Fred,” or admit, “I said that last summer!” But it is a Bible quote, from today’s Gospel. The person who said it also once declared, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Yes, it’s Peter! So today’s announcement seems quite the comedown. Last Sunday Jesus said, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” But Peter seems determined to return to his pre-apostolic occupation, until Jesus intervenes, making Peter’s later announcement deeper, “Lord, you know that I love you,” and Peter’s apostolic calling clearer, “Tend my sheep.” Peter does so. Acts presents the consequences: Peter declares, “We must obey God rather than men.” As Revelation proclaims, “Worthy is the Lamb”—to receive Peter’s lifelong service, and ours. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD

When you compare the apostles before and after Jesus’ death, you can see that not only did something special happen to Jesus at his resurrection, but a wonderful change took place in the apostles as well. Up until the death of Jesus, the apostles did not come off very well. When the chips were down, they ran.

But after the Lord has risen and appeared to them, we get a very different picture. In the Acts of the Apostles Luke gives us the most detailed description of what went on after the Holy Spirit descended upon this little community praying in the upper room.

The most obvious gift was courage, a word that has the same root as “heart.” They were given a new heart. The Holy Spirit breathed new life into them and gave them a heart passionately in love with Christ, on fire to preach the gospel. And so they went to the heart of their city, the temple, and there they preached and taught about Jesus, witnessing to him as the Messiah, the Holy and Righteous One, the Author of Life.

They performed “many signs and wonders” (Acts 5:12),

healing the sick and casting out unclean spirits. There they were arrested and taken to prison and beaten, only to return to the temple and do it all again, and be arrested again. Through all this they were joyful.

The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche is remembered for saying that perhaps he would believe in our redeemer if we Christians looked a little more redeemed. Do you?

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter’s fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light.

In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday “blackouts,” perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Living God’s Word - We pray that we may grow in courage so that we can willingly and joyfully witness to the Lord, that we may be like Peter and the other apostles who followed Christ through suffering to glory, who were able to respond more than once to his call, “Follow me.”

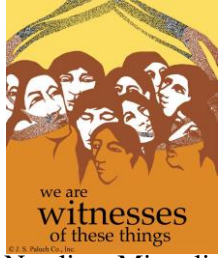
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HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

May 10 – Jamaica Committee May 17, 2025 – Youth Group

Saturday, May 3rd -

5:00PM-IHM – Guadalupanas living and deceased;
+Manuela Solano; +Noah Alcala



7:00PM – Roscoe - Por la gente de Nolan County

Sunday, May 4th

8:30AM – An acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Mary Grace Lopez, Maria Auxilio Beltran, Julia y Emilie Acevedo, Judit y Justin Cerveney,

Natalia y Miguelito Rangel; +Ezequiel, Albina, Delia y Teresa Gonzalez; Rafael y Concha Acevedo

11:00AM –+Martina Herrera; +Antero Rostro

In thanksgiving for the birthday of Rotimi Falana

Tuesday, May 6th 9:00AM - HF

For the health and well being of Virginia Mendoza’s family

Wednesday, May 7th 6:00PM–IHM

For the repose of the soul of Pope Francis

Thursday, May 8th 9:00AM - HF

+Vicky Soto, Moses Tovar & Susie Ramirez

Friday, May 9th 9:00AM - HF

+Guadalupe, Martina, Cecilia & Marcelina Martinez

Saturday, May 10th -

5:00PM-IHM – Our Mothers living and deceased

Sunday, May 11th, Mother’s Day

8:30AM – Por la gente de Nolan County

11:00AM – For our Mothers Living and Deceased

April 26/27, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$3428.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1025.10
RICE BOWL.....	399.04
HOME MISSION APPEAL.....	898.00
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	5750.14

Thank you for your generosity

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.

¡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.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS to all our May celebrants!

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to The Graduating Class of 2025! May God Bless you on your new journey.

MASS for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis will be offered on Wednesday, May 7th, at 6:00pm here at Immaculate Heart. Adoration will follow the Mass.

MOTHERS DAY – is next Sunday, May 11th “Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance” envelopes will be available after the masses this weekend. Please return the envelope to the office by Thursday, May 8th.

THANK YOU to Sr. Tita, teachers, aides, and all involved in our religious education program. May God bless you for your time and continued dedication.

To all our PARENTS, we thank and appreciate your help and the sacrifices you make to ensure your child’s regular class attendance.

HOLY THURSDAY CANDLES - This is the last week to pick up your Holy Thursday candle from the hall. Those left behind, will be placed before the blessed Sacrament.

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR CRS RICE BOWLS

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

ULTREYA– meets Monday, May 5th, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don’t have to be a cursillista to attend.

“CONCERT FOR LIFE” – Project Rachel will be hosting a “Concert for Life” fundraiser on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at the Bush Convention Center in Midland at 7:30pm featuring Fr. David Michael Moses and local priests Fr. Mike Elsner and Fr. Kevin Lanius. All are invited! Tickets are \$10 each. Please contact projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org for questions.

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!

STROKE SCAN PLUS – WELCOME! The company representative visiting our parish this weekend will present information on Vascular & Organ Wellness Ultrasound Screenings.



Pope Francis

1936 - 2025

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis

O God, who in your wondrous providence chose your servant Pope Francis to preside over your Church, grant, we pray, that, having served as the Vicar of your Son on earth, he may be welcomed by him into eternal glory.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Bishop Michael J. Sis

**Mass - Wednesday, May 7th, 6:00pm
Holy Spirit Catholic Parish
For the Blessed Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis**