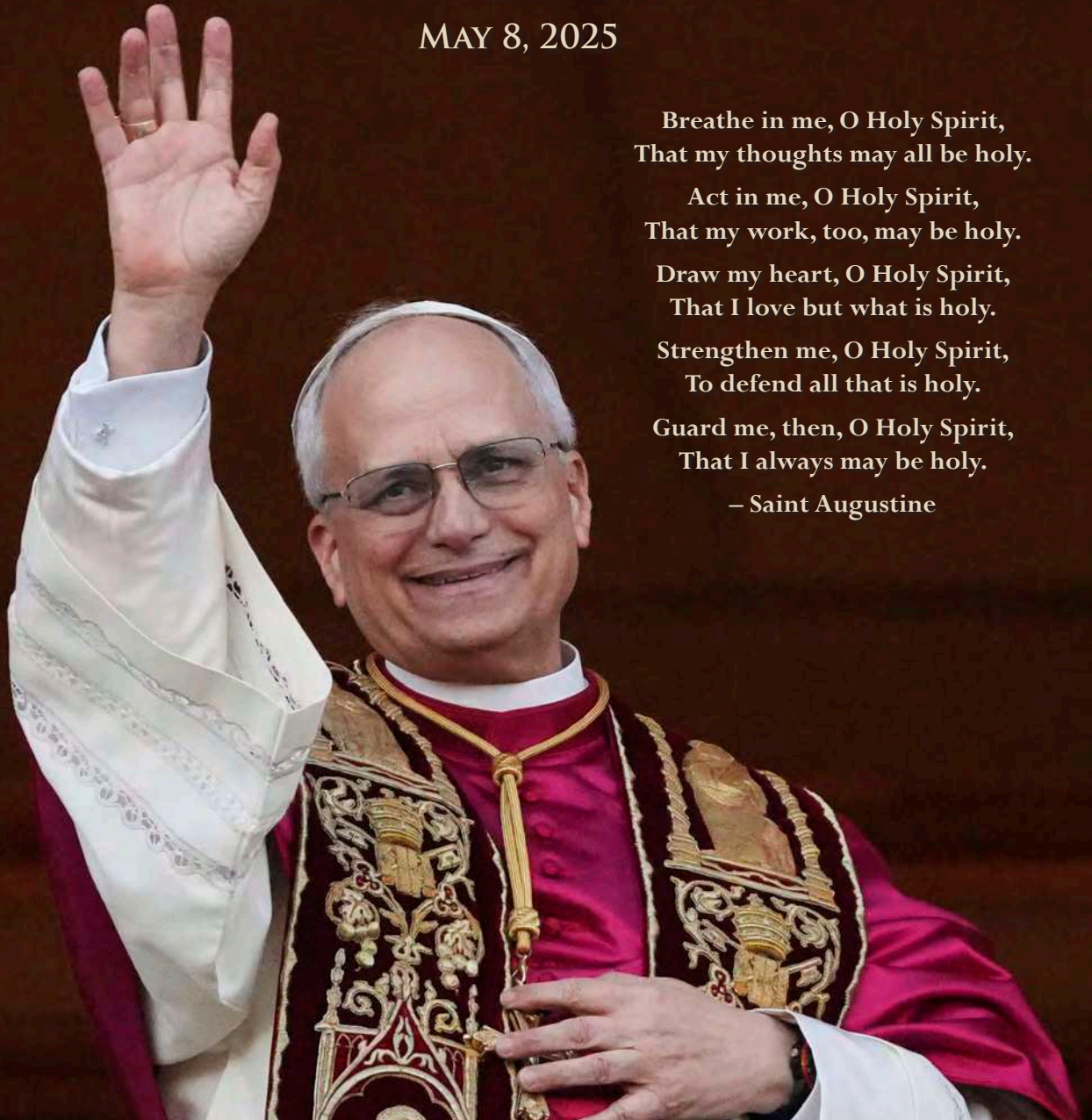


# HABEMUS PAPAM POPE LEO XIV

MAY 8, 2025



Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
That I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
To defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
That I always may be holy.

– Saint Augustine

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# SAINT MICHAEL INFORMATION CENTER



## ADORATION CHAPEL

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider signing up for Adoration. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition each Monday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and from 5:00 a.m. Tuesdays until 9:00 p.m. Friday evenings. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit [StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com](http://StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com) to sign up or use the QR code.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are currently available to schedule for 2025. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please scan the QR code to order and pay online or visit the Parish Office. One should never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul, both for the living and the deceased.



## LOW-GLUTEN HOST

If you are in need of a low-gluten host, please scan this QR code for full details.



## NEW MEMBERS

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioner standing. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. You can register by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at [www.saintmichael-cd.org](http://www.saintmichael-cd.org).

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to [rlund@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:rlund@saintmichael-cd.org) with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing [srriya@stmichael-cd.org](mailto:srriya@stmichael-cd.org).



## ONLINE GIVING

St. Michael offers online giving as a convenient tool for you to use. Scan the QR code to learn more or to set up online contributions.

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 18, 2025

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 17

4:00 p.m. + Tom Kalinoski (The Kalinoski Family)

### Sunday, May 18

8:30 a.m. + Josefa, Enriqueta, Manuela & Pilar Caso Posada (The Caso Family)

10:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

12:30 p.m. + Randy Neal

5:00 p.m. Special Intention of Sr. Maria Kolbe, O.P. (The Lund Family)

### Monday, May 19

6:30 a.m. +Kathleen O'Connor Kraus (Betsy Butler)

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of the Gabriel Family

### Tuesday, May 20

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of the Short Family

8:15 a.m. + Bruce Crosby (Earl Crosby)

### Wednesday, May 21

6:30 a.m. + Henry Orlik (Lauren Jazwicz)

8:15 a.m. For the School

6:00 p.m. Special Intention of loise Dunleavy (The DeCenzo Family)

### Thursday, May 22

6:30 a.m. + Claribel Taylor

8:15 a.m. + Tom O'Leary The O'Leary Family)

### Friday, May 23

6:30 a.m. + Kathy Crock (The DeCenzo Family)

8:15 a.m. + Michael Putnam (The DeCenzo Family)

### Saturday, May 24

8:15 a.m. + David Herold (The Herold Family)

4:00 p.m. + Joseph Doersam (The Luft Family)

### Sunday, May 25

8:30 a.m. + Thomas V. Lavin (Deacon John & Mary Crerand)

10:30 a.m. + Deacon Klaus Fricke (Deacon John & Mary Crerand)

12:30 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

5:00 p.m. Special Intention of the Carmelite Sisters of the Aged & Infirm(Fr. Mike Lumpe)

## PARISH CALENDAR: MAY

<b>SUNDAY, May 18</b>	9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 9:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (A) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (C)
<b>Monday, May 19</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)
<b>Tuesday, May 20</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
<b>Wednesday, May 21</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR)
<b>Thursday, May 22</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 6:00 p.m. Festival Committee Meeting (UMR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
<b>Friday, May 23</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 7:30 p.m. Opus Dei (C,UMR)
<b>Saturday, May 24</b>	9:30 a.m. Opus Dei (C,UMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
<b>SUNDAY, May 25</b>	9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR)

To view Parish Masses & Ministry Activities in advance, please view our Parish Calendar online by visiting: [www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/](http://www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/). (U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel, (A) = Atrium



## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISM OF OWEN AUSTRIA

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

MAY 11, 2025

Envelopes .....	\$ 14,755.39
Online Giving .....	\$ 13,211.00
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$ 27,966.39</b>



## ± MARRIAGE BANNS ±

CONGRATULATIONS TO

**PETER SPALLINO  
& ISABEL PIONE  
MAY 17, 2025**

**ROBERT SASSONE  
& EMILY  
SCHREPFERMAN  
MAY 23, 2025**

CELEBRATING THE  
SACRAMENT OF  
MATRIMONY

ST. MICHAEL  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,  
Praised be Jesus Christ!

The warm welcome our parish provided to Fr. Royston was very much appreciated. I pray that for those who were able to attend the Mission Sermons there was much to consider and that the insights into Our Lady's life that were shared will draw you closer to the Blessed Virgin Mother.

As a reminder, the May Shrine for Our Lady, in the sanctuary, will have vases to welcome any flowers our parishioners will bring as a gift for Our Lady.

Over the next few weeks and then into the summer, we start hosting Weddings. Please join me in praying for an outpouring of graces upon the couples who will be getting married this spring and summer here at St. Michael. You will notice more names of engaged couples listed in the Banns of Marriage Announcement in the bulletin.

With the month of May dedicated to Our Lady and the month of June dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart and July set aside for the Most Precious Blood, let us bind ourselves together as a parish family and work for the strengthening of the Christian Family. Through Our Lady's prayers and by the merits of Jesus' Passion, may married couples be renewed in their vows to one another, may children see in their parents excellent examples of what it means to be a disciple of Christ, may parents see in their children reminders of God's love.

We are entering the season for our Annual Appeal. While the funds from the set amount of the goal go towards the functioning of the Diocese, any amount over the goal comes back to St. Michael parish. Under the guidance and thoughtful leadership of Fr. Lumpe, our parish raised an incredible amount last year and was able to pay off the entire debt the parish had been carrying.

Given the Jubilee Year of Hope and the Biblical Principals of Stewardship and Charity as guiding directives, our parish has not only paid off the debt but we have also been intentional about sending a monthly deposit to our Parish Endowment Fund, for the benefit of future generations, but also focused on tithing to our brothers and sisters in need, including but not limited to, donations made to a convent in Bethlehem, a parish in the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico, as well as providing for material needs for the Catholic Chaplains office in a local prison.

This year's goal for St. Michael parish is set at \$158,245.94. Our parish will have an enhanced goal of an additional \$50,000.00 to assist us with much needed improvements to the parish campus. The total goal for our parish family is \$208,245.94. I invite you to please join me in prayerfully considering how best to participate in this year's Annual Appeal for St. Michael parish.

In Jesus, through Mary, with Joseph,  
Fr. Stash Dailey

## AROUND THE PARISH

### Early Bulletin Deadlines

Please note the following early bulletin deadlines as we enter the summer season. Submissions are due at noon on the deadlines listed.

- May 25 Bulletin submissions due May 19
- June 1 Bulletin submissions due May 21
- June 8 Bulletin submissions due May 26
- June 15 Bulletin submissions due May 26
- June 22 Bulletin submissions due May 28



### Diaper Drive!



May 24-25

Donate diapers and wipes  
to the pack-n-play in Marian Hall

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL 11445

and St. Michael Right to Life

## SCHOOLS



### ST. MICHAEL PREKINDERGARTEN

is excited to announce that we now have a three-year-old program in addition to our four-year-old program. We are now accepting applications for children who are three by September 30 and fully toilet-trained. We admit on a first-come, first-served basis and, as space is limited, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible. We are also still accepting applications for children who are four by September 30 and fully toilet-trained. Scan the QR code to apply today!

## AROUND THE DIOCESE



MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

**ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY**  
(614) 491-2751 | Lockbourne, OH  
11:00 AM Mass | 12:00 PM Flag Ceremony

**RESURRECTION CEMETERY**  
(614) 888-1805 | Lewis Center, OH  
12:00 PM Flag Ceremony | 1:00 PM Mass

**HOLY CROSS CEMETERY**  
(740) 927-4442 | Pataskala, OH  
10:30 AM Flag Ceremony | 11:00 AM Mass

[www.catholiccemeteriesofcolumbus.org](http://www.catholiccemeteriesofcolumbus.org)



## Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 58: The Communion Rite

It is almost time for Holy Communion! Having gone through the Eucharistic Prayer and responded together with vigor in the Great Amen, we are now in our final preparations before the moment of Holy Communion. This next section of the Mass is called the Communion Rite. The special parts of this moment in the Mass include:

- The Lord's Prayer
- Sign of Peace
- Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) and Fraction of the Sacred Host
- The commingling of the Body and Blood
- The private prayer preparation of the priest
- Elevation of the Holy Eucharist with the words "Behold the Lamb of God"
- Communion of the priest and the faithful
- Communion antiphon or song
- A time for personal quiet prayer
- The Prayer After Communion

We'll be taking a closer look at each part in the coming weeks.

### But First... Why?

Although we may be familiar with this section of the Mass, perhaps it is helpful to step back and ask, "What exactly are we doing?" Many of us have been receiving Communion for some time, but have we ever stopped to wonder why we do so? As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal says, "Since the celebration of the Eucharist is the Paschal Banquet, it is desirable that in accordance with the Lord's command his Body and Blood should be received as spiritual food by those of the faithful who are properly disposed. This is the sense of the fraction and the other preparatory rites by which the faithful are led more immediately to Communion" (GIRM, 80).

When we talk about the Eucharist, we usually think about four things: The True Presence of Christ's Body and Blood; The Sacrifice of the Cross; The Sacrament of Unity among people; and the Paschal or Heavenly Banquet. The True Presence reminds us that Jesus is really there. The Sacrifice reminds us that the Mass is the one perfect Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross and shows how much Jesus loves us. The True Presence of Jesus and his Sacrifice open the door to restoration, healing, and true unity. These truths also point us toward heaven, where we will experience the fullness and perfection of unity and love. The image of the heavenly banquet calls to mind celebration, eating, and drinking. As Jesus instructed us, we receive his Body and Blood by eating and drinking. That is what the Communion Rite is all about: the point of all the prayers, gestures, and words is that we receive Jesus the Lord in Holy Communion!

### Our Spiritual Food

Continuing with Charles Belmonte, "The early Christians always likened the Eucharist to the life of the soul. St. Augustine writes: 'It is an excellent thing that the Christians around Carthage [in North Africa] call baptism itself nothing else but salvation, and the sacrament of Christ's Body nothing else but life. By apostolic tradition, the churches of Christ hold that without baptism and participation at the Lord's table it is impossible for any man to attain either the kingdom of God or salvation and life eternal. The Scriptures give testimony to this.' This is the very same body and blood which, by being immolated, restored our friendship with God. Christ's sacrifice and the Paschal Meal are intimately linked. Our Mother the Church encourages us to participate in one and in the other, if we are properly disposed, of receiving our Lord's Body and Blood. These will be our nourishment for the journey to our Father's home" (Understanding the Mass, pp. 166-67).

For more background on sacrifice and eating, Belmonte looks back at the relationship between sacrifices and banquets: "The ancient sacrificial custom required that part of the victim be given back to the person offering the sacrifice. Thus, he became, symbolically, God's guest. That which was just a symbol in the pagan rites and a figure in the Jewish offerings is a reality in the Holy Mass. After we have offered to God his Son Jesus Christ in sacrifice, God offers Him to us as spiritual food" (Understanding the Mass, p. 165). So, in the ancient sacrifices, whenever a person would offer a sacrifice to God, he always got "a little something" to take back with him. Generally, this was a portion of the sacrifice. In the case of receiving Jesus in the Mass, we get back the whole Christ: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. What an exchange! There is no better deal in the world!

### For Reflection:

1. When you divide food or some other kind of created matter into portions, take the opportunity to reflect on the mystery of Christ, wholly present, in every portion of the Eucharistic species.
2. At your next meal, allow your experience of this kind of eating and drinking to help you prepare to encounter Christ through Eucharistic eating and drinking.





## Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 59: The Lord's Prayer

As we journey through our final preparations before Communion, we take a closer look at the Our Father. "At our Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: Our Father..." The Lord's Prayer is the first part of the Communion Rite. This prayer, of course, is the prayer given to us by Jesus in the Gospel ([Matthew 6:9-13](#); [Luke 11:2-4](#)). These are the very words that Jesus gave us to pray! As a priest, I feel like one of the most common things people say to me is that they don't feel like they pray very well, or that they don't know what to say when they pray. Maybe the disciples felt this way when they asked Jesus how to pray. In response, he gave the words that we now know as the Our Father. Here is an opportunity to pray with confidence with words directly from the mouth of Jesus.

### A Daring Prayer

Why does the priest say in the invitation, "we dare to say"? As Charles Belmonte notes, "This invitation is a very touching and most ancient formula (one alluded to as early as the fourth century by St. Jerome). It states that we should not dare (audemus) to utter what we are about to say—were it not for the express command of our Lord. He taught us to approach God as a son talks to his father" (Understanding the Mass, p. 169). According to the Diocese of Peoria, "Our Lord used the word 'Abba' to express our filiation of the most high God. We are His sons and daughters and we call upon Him in a most intimate and familial term: Father. Our Lord desires we approach our Father with the serenity and confidence of children. Not only does he reveal this, but in a certain sense he commands it when he says, 'When you pray, pray like this... Our Father!'" ("A Study of the Mass, p. 17). We dare to call God our Father because Jesus said we could!

If you look through the Old Testament, we see a few people having a uniquely close relationship with God: Adam, Abraham, and others who talked with God ([Genesis 3](#) and [18](#)); Moses, whose face was radiant after being in God's presence ([Exodus 34](#)); Jonah and Job who talked with God when angry and frustrated ([Jonah 4](#); [Job 3](#) and [42](#)), among others. As Edward Sri writes, "The ancient Jews certainly viewed God as the father of the people of Israel. But it was not at all common for an individual to address God as 'Father.' Nevertheless, this is precisely what Jesus calls us to do [...] and if he was speaking his native Aramaic, he probably used the word 'Abba' for father. This was an intimate, affectionate term similar to 'Daddy'... This underscores the intimate relationship we now have with God because of Jesus' work of salvation. Through our union in Christ, God has truly become our Father" (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 124).

### God's Desire to Be Close to Us

Among some of the first words we learn as young children are "mommy" and "daddy." This is true for all different kinds of people with all different kinds of language. In some ways, these words are really central to who we are—people in relation to others. When Jesus taught us to pray, he said we should begin by saying, "Our Father." If a good translation of "Abba" is "Daddy," just think about how close God wants us to be! So close, in fact, that we could call him by a name that even a young child could recognize. What an amazing gift! What an amazing sharing in the life of God! No wonder we can pray with confidence—we have a Loving Father who loves us so much and so perfectly!

As the Diocese of Peoria has said, "The 'Our Father' itself is a model of prayer. It beseeches the Father, it praises and blesses Him, it recognizes His Divinity and Majesty. It asks and intercedes, asks pardon for our sins, avoidance of temptation and a deliverance from evil. It is so fitting we call upon our Father God in such a great prayer as we prepare to receive His great gifts... In this proximate preparation for Holy Communion, we are asking the Father for the gift of His Son. Unworthy as we are, we pray this in confidence, knowing of His infinite mercy and desire to share His gifts with us" ("A Study of the Mass, p. 17). Next, we'll look at this wonderful prayer in more depth, including the meaning of the petitions. In the meantime, if you decide to pray a few extra Our Father's, please pray one for me!

### For Reflection:

1. Peruse the passages Fr. Luke cites of persons speaking intimately with God ([Genesis 3](#) and [18](#); [Exodus 34](#); [Jonah 4](#); and [Job 3](#) and [42](#)), and choose one of these texts for further meditation. Allow your reflection on this passage to lead you into your own open sharing with the Lord.
2. Give thanks to God for the men who have been models of loving fatherhood in your own life. Ask for forgiveness and healing in situations where men have not embodied loving fatherhood. Open your heart to enter more deeply into a filial relationship with God as Abba-Father.

## SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL IS HIRING

St. Michael School is seeking a full-time School Office Lead Administrative Assistant and a part-time Aftercare Assistant. Interested candidates for either position should submit a letter of interest, resume, and references to Sr. Mary Regina, Principal, at [principal@stmichaelworthington.org](mailto:principal@stmichaelworthington.org).



# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*The Month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

***"It is the Risen Lord, present among us, who protects and guides the Church, and continues to fill her with hope through the love 'poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us' (Rom 5:5). It is up to us to be docile listeners to his voice and faithful ministers of his plan of salvation, mindful that God loves to communicate himself, not in the roar of thunder and earthquakes, but in the 'whisper of a gentle breeze' (1 Kings 19:12) or, as some translate it, in a 'sound of sheer silence.'"***

**+POPE LEO XIV, MAY 10, 2025**

### **Monday, May 19 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 14:21-26** Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Judas, not the Iscariot, said to him, "Master, then what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

**Meditation:** God's love for each of us is as real and tangible as the love of a mother for her child and the love of a lover who gives all for his beloved. God made us for love – to know him personally and to grow in the knowledge of his great love for us. How can we know and be assured of the love of God? The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in the knowledge of God and his great love. The Spirit enables us to experience the love of God and to be assured of the Lord's abiding presence with us (see Romans 8:35-39). The Holy Spirit also opens our ears to hear and understand the word of God. Do you listen attentively to God's word and believe it? Ask the Holy Spirit to inflame your heart with the love of God and his word.

**Prayer:** May your right hand, O Lord, we pray, encompass your family with perpetual help, so that, defended from all wickedness by the Resurrection of your Only Begotten Son, we may make our way by means of your heavenly gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Do you know the love that surpasses all, that is stronger than death itself (Song of Songs 8:6)? In Jesus' last supper discourse he speaks of the love he has for his disciples and of his Father's love. He prepares his disciples for his imminent departure to return to his Father by exhorting them to prove their love for him through their loyalty and obedience to his word. He promises them the abiding instruction and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Saint Augustine says "the Lord loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love."

### **Tuesday, May 20 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter** **Optional Memorial: Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest**

**Holy Gospel: John 14:27-31a** Jesus said to his disciples: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe. I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me, but the world must know that I love the Father and that I do just as the Father has commanded me."

**Meditation:** Nothing can take us from the peace and joy of Jesus Christ. No sorrow or grief, no danger, no suffering can make it less. Jesus also speaks of his destination and ultimate triumph over the powers of evil in the world. In the eyes of the world the cross stood for shame, humiliation, and defeat. Jesus went to the cross knowing that it would lead to victory over the powers of sin and of Satan. Jesus also knew that he would return to his Father in glory. The cross brought glory to Jesus and to the Father and it is our way to glory as well. In the Cross of Christ we find true peace and reconciliation with God. Do you live in the peace of Jesus Christ?

**Prayer:** O God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, grant your people constancy in faith and hope, that we may never doubt the promises which we have learned from you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer ~ Saint Bernadine of Siena:** O God, who gave the Priest Saint Bernadine of Siena a great love for the holy Name of Jesus, grant through his merits and prayers, that we may ever be set aflame with the spirit of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Do you know the peace which passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7)? In his farewell discourse Jesus grants peace as his gift to his disciples. What kind of peace does he offer? The peace of Christ is more than the absence of trouble. It includes everything which makes for our highest good. The world's approach to peace is avoidance of trouble and a refusal to face unpleasant things. Jesus offers the one true peace which conquers all of our fears and anxieties. Do you seek his peace before other sources of peace which are fleeting at best?

**About Saint Bernadine of Siena:** Saint Bernadine would hold up for veneration the monogram of Christ's Name — the letters "IHS" — surrounded by rays. This ancient monogram is a Latin form of the Greek monograms for *Iesus Christos*, "IH XP" and "IC XC." It became even more popular after Saint Bernadine persuaded a playing card maker in Bologna whose business had been ruined because of the saint's preaching against gambling — to make holy cards depicting it instead of making his usual fare.

**The Holy Name of Jesus:** January is traditionally the month of the Holy Name of Jesus, and Jan. 3 has been restored by Pope Saint John Paul II as the feast of the Holy Name. This feast, still celebrated by the Franciscan order on Jan. 14, commemorates the circumcision of Christ, where he received the name Jesus, in Aramaic Yeshua, that was given by the angel Gabriel from God (Lk 1:31). It means the one who saves. When a Jewish child was circumcised, he was accepted as a son of Abraham and a full member of his family. The Christian practice of infant baptism was adapted from this Hebrew ritual.

We honor the Holy Name because of the command of Christ: that we should pray in His name. "Holy Father, protect them in Your Name that You have given Me" (Jn 17:11-12). As St. Paul wrote to the Philippians:

"at the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth (Phil 2:10). By means of this devotion, we also make amends for improper use of the Holy Name. Honor to the Holy Name is the reason that devout Catholics bow their heads at the sound of Jesus both inside and outside the liturgy.



One Catholic Web site, beautifully describing the Holy Name, observes that "As the name of each individual person embraces the totality of the person, the most Holy Name of Jesus also embraces the totality of the divinity. When we think of a person, we remember the name, and we visualize their image. Equally, when we think of Jesus, we remember His name and we visualize the image of God in Jesus. 'For in Jesus the whole fullness of deity dwelled bodily' (Col 1:19, 2:9)."

### **Wednesday, May 21 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter**

#### **Optional Memorial: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Martyr, & Companions, Martyrs**

**Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8** Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

**Meditation:** People often wonder why Jesus speaks of himself as the "true vine?" The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel "as his choice vine" (Jeremiah 2:21). While the vine became a symbol of Israel as a nation, it also was used in the scriptures as a sign of degeneration. Isaiah's prophecy spoke of Israel as a vineyard which "yielded wild grapes" (see Isaiah 5:1-7). Jeremiah said that Israel had become a "degenerate and wild vine" (Jeremiah 2:21). When Jesus calls himself the true vine he makes clear that no one can claim their spiritual inheritance through association with a particular people or bloodline. Rather, it is only through Jesus Christ that one can become grafted into the true "vineyard of the Lord".

**Prayer:** O God, restorer and lover of innocence, direct the hearts of your servants towards yourself, that those you have set free from the darkness of unbelief may never stray from the light of your truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Prayer ~ Saint Christopher Magallanes & Companions:** Almighty and eternal God, who made the Priest Saint Christopher Magallanes and his companions faithful to Christ the King even to the point of martyrdom, grant us, through their intercession, that, persevering in confession of the true faith, we may always hold fast to the commandments of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus offers true life – the abundant life which comes from God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vinedresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches – those which bear fruit and those which don't. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him – the fruit of "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23). There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us. Do you trust in the Lord's abiding presence with you?

### **Thursday, May 22 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter**

#### **Optional Memorial: Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious**

**Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17** Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

**Meditation:** Do you know the love that produces immeasurable joy? Jesus speaks of the love which the Father and he have for those who belong to him. We can never outgive God in love, because he has loved us without measure. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding mercy and kindness towards us. Paul the Apostle tells us that we can abound in joy and hope because "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Romans 5:5). In God's love we find the fullness of grace, life, peace, and joy. Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment – a new way of love. We are to love others as Jesus has loved us.

**Prayer:** O God, by whose grace, though sinners, we are made just and, though pitiable, made blessed, stand, we pray, by your works, stand by your gifts, that those justified by faith may not lack the courage of perseverance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer ~ Saint Rita:** Bestow on us, we pray, O Lord, the wisdom and strength of the Cross, with which you were pleased to endow Saint Rita, so that, suffering in every tribulation with Christ, we may participate ever more deeply in his Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** What is the essence of this new commandment? True love is sacrificial. It gives all to the beloved. And there is no greater proof in love than the sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. Jesus proved his love for his disciples by giving his life for them, even to death on the cross. We prove our love for God and for one another when we embrace the way of the cross. What is the cross in my life? When my will crosses with God's will, then God's will must be done. Do you know the joy and contentment of a life fully surrendered to God and consumed with his love?

### **Friday, May 23 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 15:12-17** Jesus said to his disciples: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

**Meditation:** Jesus defines friendship, the mutual bond of trust and affection between two or more people, as the willingness to give totally of oneself even to the point of dying for one's friends. How is such love possible or even desirable? God made us in love for love. That is our reason for being, our purpose for living, and our goal in dying. God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. He loved us so much, some might even mistakenly say too much, by giving us the best of all gifts, the offering of his beloved Son who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God gave up his Son so that we might become his sons and daughters, his adopted children (Romans 8:14-17).

**Prayer:** Grant us, Lord, we pray, that, being rightly conformed to the paschal mysteries, what we celebrate in joy may protect and save us with perpetual power. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus called his disciples his "friends." Jesus not only showed his disciples that he cared for them. He enjoyed their company. He ate with them, shared everything he had with them – even his most intimate thoughts. And he spent himself doing good for them. To know Jesus is to know God and to understand the love and friendship God offers each one of us. One of the special marks of favor shown in the scriptures is to be called the friend of God. Abraham is called the "friend of God" (Isaiah 41:8). God speaks with Moses "as a man speaks with his friend" (Exodus 33:11). Jesus, the Lord and Master, in turn, calls the disciples his "friends" rather than his servants. Friendship with God certainly entails a loving relationship which goes beyond mere duty and obedience. Friendship is based on love, and love must be reciprocal. Do you love Christ as much as he loves you? If not, why not?

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