

MAY 3 - SATURDAY

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Vigil Readings: *See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**MAY 4 - SUNDAY**

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

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. McCloskey12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**MAY 5 – MONDAY**

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

MAY 6 - TUESDAY

Acts 7:51 – 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

7:00 PM – *Bilingual* – Fr. Rudy**MAY 7 - WEDNESDAY**

Acts 8:1b:8; Jn 6:35-40

9:30 AM – *Bilingual*– Fr. Samuel**MAY 8 – THURSDAY**

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**MAY 9 - FRIDAY**

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy**MAY 10 - SATURDAY**

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**MAY 11 - SUNDAY**

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

*Sunday Readings:*9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**English Mass Ministry Schedule: May 10-11****Lectors:** 4:00 PM – S. Heidemann

11:00 AM – R. Schinaman

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – T. LeSaint/H. Wesseler

11:00 AM – S. Terschak/L. Washam

Servers: 4:00 PM – Z. & M. Nintrup

11:00 AM – H. Loyd

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Fox

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$ 8,604

Offerings received to-date: \$357,568

Amount needed to catch up: \$19,035

Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

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CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Christina Schoettmer (03), Jean Buckmeier (06), Pat Wentzel (07), Eileen Hein (08), Emma Currens (09).

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 36 winners: Maria Brown, Jack Shepherd, and Judy Adler. Each won \$25.

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FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION: The Gospel passage for this Third Sunday of Easter presents a deeply moving and symbolic scene between Jesus and His disciples on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. St. John the Evangelist, known for his rich and layered storytelling, fills this passage with sacred imagery that points to the heart of the Church and our journey of faith.

The scene begins with the disciples fishing at night—an image of the human condition without Christ, struggling in darkness. Yet at dawn, in the light of Christ, they recognize Him standing on the shore. This moment is a powerful reflection of how we move from the shadows of sin and doubt into the clarity of faith when we recognize the presence of the risen Lord.

The boat itself is a symbol of the Church, carrying the disciples—seven of them, a number representing completeness and the Church moving through time. Their fruitless labor overnight reminds us that without Christ, we achieve nothing. It is only at His command, when they cast their nets again, that they haul in an abundant catch, symbolizing how the mission of the Church, when obedient to Christ, bears great fruit. John tells us the precise number of fish they caught—153. This was believed to be the total number of known species of fish at the time, signifying the universal mission of Christ. His love and salvation are for all people, just as the Church is called to cast its net wide, welcoming every soul into the family of God.

Then there is Peter, always passionate, who leaps into the water upon recognizing Jesus. But first, he puts on his outer garment—a curious detail, rich with meaning. Some Church Fathers see this as a reference to Adam, who, after sinning, became aware of his nakedness. Peter, too, has experienced his own fall through his denial of Jesus, but now, clothed in grace, he rushes toward the Lord, eager for reconciliation and renewal.

Yet the most profound moment comes when Jesus, after sharing a meal with them, turns to Peter and asks him three times, “Do you love me?” This mirrors Peter’s threefold denial, but more than that, it points to the nature of true love: love is not just a feeling—

it must be put into action. Each time Peter affirms his love, Jesus commands him, “Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep.”

Bishop Robert Barron beautifully expresses that our sins are transformed into grace when we take up this call to love one another. We enter into the fullness of life when we stop clinging to our failures, our pride, our fears, and instead, allow God to move us, to draw us into His divine mission.

The lesson of this Gospel is clear: love demands something of us. Like Peter, we are called not just to say we love Christ but to live it—to serve, to forgive, to care for those in need. The Church, like that boat on the sea, moves forward through time, casting its nets in the world, bringing all people into the embrace of Christ’s mercy.

As we continue this Easter season, let us listen for Christ’s question in our own hearts: “Do you love me?” And may our answer be more than words—may it be a life poured out in love and service.

MEMORIAL MASSES FOR POPE FRANCIS: The people of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are invited to join Archbishop Robert G. Casey in remembering and praying for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. Memorial Masses for Pope Francis will be celebrated by Archbishop Casey throughout the archdiocese during thirty days of mourning.

- Monday, May 5, 7 pm, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Centerville
- Monday, May 12 (Spanish*): Immaculate Conception Church, Dayton
- Wednesday, May 21, 7 pm, Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati

This information can be found on the archdiocesan website at: <https://catholicaoc.org/new-and-noteworthy/memorial-masses-for-pope-francis>

*Archbishop Casey is the first Archbishop of Cincinnati fluent in Spanish. This will be the first Spanish Mass by an Archbishop of Cincinnati for the local Hispanic community.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY: Our special request during May is for personal care items. You can leave your gifts in the designated baskets in church.