

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 5-5-2019

May 2019 Pope's Intention: THE CHURCH IN AFRICA, A SEED OF UNITY

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

### VISION-MISSION STATEMENT

We are an **all-welcoming**  
**Christ-centered** community  
celebrating our  
deeply rooted **Catholic traditions**,  
respectful & appreciative of our  
**multicultural diversity**,  
journeying together  
to share **family values**  
and **commitment to service**.

### Parish Office Hours:

Tues. and Fri. 9 am-1 pm  
Mon., Wed., and Thurs. closed



"Christ is risen, creator of all; he has shown pity on all people."

"Ha resucitado Cristo, que creó todas las cosas  
y se compadeció del género humano."

### PRAYER OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

O Father,  
the first rule  
of our dear Savior's life  
was to do Your Will.  
Let His Will  
of the present moment  
be the first rule  
of our daily life & work,  
with no other desire  
but for its most full  
and complete accomplishment.  
Help us to follow it faithfully,  
so that doing what You wish  
we will be pleasing to You.  
Amen.



### DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA VISION y MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad  
**totalmente acogedora**  
**y centrada en Cristo**  
que celebrando nuestras **tradiciones**  
**Católicas** profundamente arraigadas,  
respetamos y apreciamos nuestra  
**diversidad multicultural**,  
caminamos juntos  
para compartir los **valores de la**  
**familia y el compromiso al servicio**.

### MOBILE DONATION



### ORACIÓN DE SANTA ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Oh Padre,  
la primera regla  
de la vida de nuestro querido  
Salvador fue hacer tu voluntad.  
Dejar que tu Voluntad  
en el momento presente  
sea la primera regla  
de nuestra vida cotidiana y  
nuestro trabajo,  
sin ninguna otra voluntad  
sino hacer tu voluntad plena y  
completa.  
Ayúdanos a seguir con fide-  
lidad, para que haciendo lo que  
deseas seamos más agradables  
a Ti. Amén.

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## WHITE ORCHIDS IN MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Ed Ladewski, Sr. Mary C. Koleska William Schanberger Alex & Lois Glavinos Vincent Kelley Francisco & Apolonia Cawagas Guil Cawagas Roy & Gladys Meece The Kemble Family The LeNoue Family Mary Ann O'Reilly Ernest Ray Plunkett Teodora Espiritu Eufemia Dizon Ana Cleto Cortez Francisco Cortez Maura Cortez Aqui Family Andres Simangan, Jr. Romulo Corrales Lita Pagulayan Otilia Cruz Myrna Oliveros Andres Simangan Amparo Simangan Deceased members of the following families: Mr. & Mrs. Ben Agapay Ebreo & Padua Families Mr. & Mrs. Rionie Luna & Family Mr. & Mrs. Romeo Eublera & Family Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Goron & Family Mr. & Mrs. Rolando Cardenas & Family Mr. Glen Rabaca & Family Mrs. Normie Gabatin & Family	Fredo Dela Cruz Mina Cantorna Andy Boy Dela Cruz R. Rodriguez Family Basilio Lopez, Sr. Yuriko N. Lopez Salvacoin Rabaca Estaban Rabaca Aurelia A. Pacaoan Nicomedez Aguinaldo Carlota Aguinaldo Pedro Luna Maria Cantorna Mamerta G. Luna Eublera Family dela Cruz Family Eddie Boy Quines Pedro Agni Otilia Cruz Armando Torres Victorina Dave Bresnan Grace Tevis Edgardo Dizon Luisito Leyva Genito Family Ioli Family Manuel & Leonicia Padua Sixta & Jerry Tabosan Rosalia Lacasen Gloria Salcedo Deceased members of Evangelista, Rustria, De Lima, & Buena families All souls in purgatory
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Thank you to everyone for your generous donations for our Easter orchids. God bless you.

**THANK YOU STEVE & JENNIFER  
KAUTZ & FAMILY**  
for sponsoring the Sanctuary Flowers  
on Jan., Feb., April, May 2019

The primary music ministers are the faithful who attend the Mass. Musicians & cantors serve the faithful so that all can actively participate. I encourage everyone, let us sing & praise God together! Fr. Joey

## MUSIC FOR MAY 4/5, 2019 ENGLISH MASSES

Please listen to Cantor's announcement for any changes

	SONG TITLE	SONG NUMBER
GATHERING SONG	(N) AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE	314
OFFERTORY	BEHOLD THE LAMB	337
COMMUNION	IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD	336
MEDITATION (READINGS RELATED)	THE SUMMONS	382
SENDING FORTH	CELTIC ALLELUIA, SENDING FORTH	379

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday, May 5th at the 9:00 am Mass is *Children's Liturgy of the Word* where children are invited to hear God's Word opened for them specifically in ways that helps them better understand the Word.

## CATECHISM CLASSES

- Spanish catechism & Confirmation classes are cancelled on May 5th. **English Elementary class is NOT CANCELLED.** 11am to 12pm class continues.
- All **Confirmation** students are expected to help with the Kermes on May 5.
- 1st yr & 2nd Year Confirmation Students:** A reminder that classes continue through **June 9**.

## May 2019 SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

ENGLISH						SPANISH				
DATE	DAY	TIME	1ST READER	2ND READER	COMMENTATOR	ENGLISH Extraordinary EMs	SPANISH Extraordinary EMs SUNDAY, 1:00 PM	SPANISH FIRST LECTOR SUNDAY 1:00 PM	SPANISH SECOND LECTOR SUNDAY 1:00 PM	SPANISH MASS GENERAL INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENT SUNDAY, 1:00 PM
May 4	Sat	5:30 pm	Jo Ann	Elaine	Melodianne			n/a	n/a	n/a
May 5	Sun	9:00 am	Tim	Juliet	Heather			Clara	Lorenzo	Adriana
May 11	Sat	5:30 pm	Melodianne	Sylvia	Jonniepat					
May 12	Sun	9:00 am	Ann	Heather	Tim			Martha	Rodolfo	Adriana
May 18	Sat	5:30 pm	Melodianne	JoAnn	Melodianne					
May 19	Sun	9:00 am	Tim	Ann	Heather			Manuel	Maria	Adriana
May 25	Sat	5:30 pm	Elaine	Sylvia	Jonniepat					
May 26	Sun	9:00 am	Heather	Juliet	Ann			Soledad	Lupita A.	Adriana

**OUR PARISH WAS ABLE TO PAY  
ALL OUR APRIL 2019 BILLS & PAYROLL.  
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING OUR  
RED ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS & FUNDRAISERS.**

**RED ENVELOPE EMERGENCY FUND  
COLLECTIONS & FUNDRAISERS FOR  
PARISH OPERATIONS  
APRIL 2019 REPORT**

4-14-19 PALM SUNDAY RED COLLECTION	\$ 4,444
4-18-19 HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION	\$ 320
4-21-19 EASTER SUNDAY RED COLLECTION	\$ 6,901
4-14-19 SMALL FOOD SALE PALM SUNDAY	\$ 409
4-21-19 CHICKEN SALE EASTER SUNDAY	\$ 1,020
4-28-19 DIVINE MERCY RED COLLECTION	\$ 280
APRIL 2019 TOTAL	\$13,374

**RED ENVELOPES  
AVAILABLE AT THE BACK TABLE  
OF THE CHURCH**

If you wish that the whole amount of your donations go to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, please use the RED ENVELOPES provided at the back table of the church.

Write your complete name outside the envelope if you are giving CASH. Put a simple initial outside the envelope if you are giving CHECK. This is for your tax letter. Thank you for helping our parish.

**CAN I STILL GIVE TO AMA 2019?**

**YES PLEASE.**

If you find pledging a monthly donation to our parish is the most convenient for you, PLEASE give to the AMA 2019. Just fulfill your pledge so that the committed amount can be totally received by our parish.

As of the 4-29-19 AMA Report from the Diocese of Monterey, the TOTAL COMMITTED amount to our parish is **\$ 22,010**.

Out of that amount, the \$ received is **\$ 13,950**.

**\$ 8,200** went to the Diocese.

We will be receiving **\$ 5,750** soon.

All donations will now go to our parish.  
Thank you for your support!

**ANOTHER WAY TO HELP IS TO  
PLEASE REMEMBER  
ST. ELIZABETH'S IN YOUR WILL**

A great way to **help our parish become financially stable** is to remember your parish church in your **Will or Trust**. To make sure the entire amount (100%) will go to St. Elizabeth's, please word the bequest like this: **"I leave a bequest of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH at 2050 Palisades Avenue, Los Osos, CA 93402."** If you wish to privately discuss this matter with Fr. Joey, please call parish office or email him at [frjoeyseasparishlo@gmail.com](mailto:frjoeyseasparishlo@gmail.com) to set an appointment. Thank you for considering SEAS to your final distribution.

**WE WILL BEGIN OUR  
BULLETIN ADS/SPONSORSHIP  
PROJECT.**

Do you want to put an ad for your business in our bulletin? Or do you wish to greet a loved one on his/her special day?

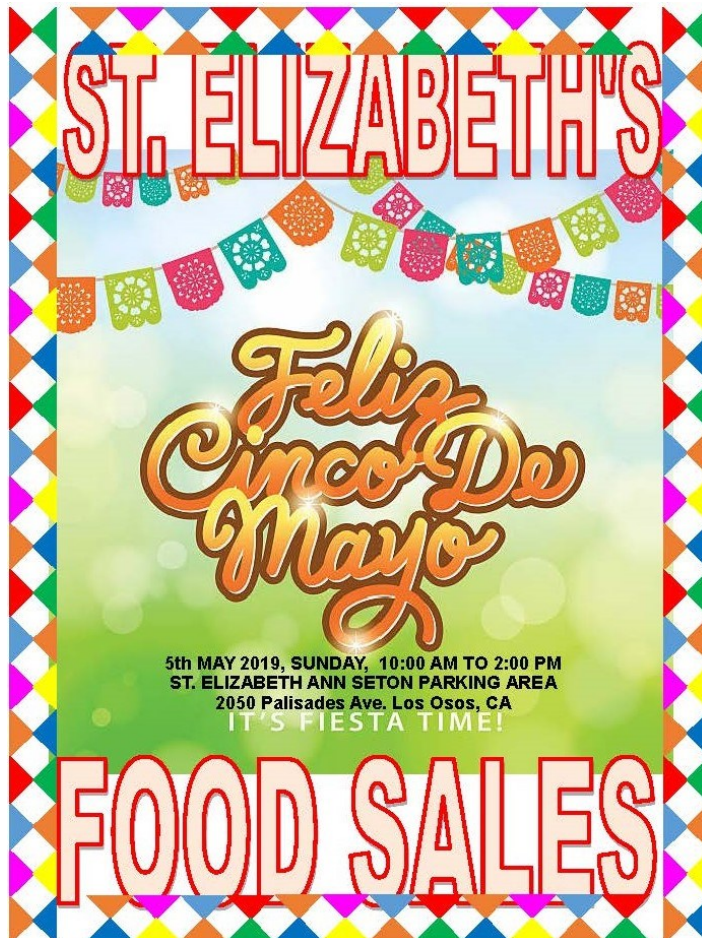
Our bulletin goes on our app & website!

Contact Susan at [seaschurchlo@gmail.com](mailto:seaschurchlo@gmail.com)

**IN ADDITION TO REGULAR PLATE  
COLLECTIONS, WE ARE NOW  
WORKING TO RAISE OUR MAY  
2019 PARISH OPERATIONS FUND.**

**FIRST PROJECT OF THE MONTH:**

Please support our CINCO DE MAYO Food Sale today!



**SECOND PROJECT OF THE MONTH:**

Please support our RED ENVELOPE COLLECTION on MAY 26, (4th Sunday of the month OR 6th Sunday of Easter).

**"RED ENVELOPE  
2ND COLLECTION"  
FOR  
MAY 2019 PARISH OPERATIONS  
ON  
MAY 25-26, 2019  
AT ALL MASSES.  
Thank you for your support.**

**THIRD PROJECT OF THE MONTH:**

Please support our BINGO!

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO  
START OUR BINGO. Contact  
Javier or Heather (805) 235-8803**



# SCHEDULE OF MASSES, READINGS & INTENTIONS

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	READINGS
<b>Saturday, Easter weekday</b> <b>2nd week of Easter</b>	8:30am First Saturday English Mass 4:30 to 5:00pm Confession 5:30 pm English Mass	8:30am †Anthony Spurloza 5:30pm: †Teresa Kembal	Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21 Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31
<b>Saturday, Vigil</b> <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> 4 May 2019			
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> 5 May 2019	9:00am English Mass 1:00pm Cancelled Spanish Mass	9:00am: †Ernest Ray Plunket (4of5) 1:00pm: cancelled	Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31
<b>Monday, Easter weekday</b> <b>3rd week of Easter</b> 6 May 2019	8:30am English Mass	8:30am: †Juliana Tino	Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119: 23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29
<b>Tuesday, Easter weekday</b> <b>3rd week of Easter</b> 7 May 2019	8:30am Communion Service	8:30am: Communion Service	Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31: 3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35
<b>Wednesday, Easter weekday</b> <b>3rd week of Easter</b> 8 May 2019	8:30am English Communion Service 9-10:00am English Divine Mercy and Open Tabernacle Adoration	8:30am: Communion Service	Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40
<b>Thursday, Easter weekday</b> <b>3rd week of Easter</b> 9 May 2019	8:30am Communion Service	8:30am: Communion Service	Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51
<b>Friday, Easter weekday</b> <b>3rd week of Easter</b> 10 May 2019	8:30am English Mass 6:30pm Spanish Liturgies: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction 7:00pm Spanish Mass	8:30am: †Bruce A. Hanson 7:00pm: †Otilia Cruz	Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1b-2 Jn 6:52-59
<b>Saturday, Vigil</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 11 May 2019	4:30 to 5:00pm Confession 5:30 pm English Mass	5:30pm: †Teresa Kembal	Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100: 1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 12 May 2019	9:00am English Mass 1:00pm Spanish Mass	9:00am: †Ernest Ray Plunket (5of5) 1:00pm: †Uvilialdo Dela Mora Barajas	Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100: 1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

## LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING / OREMOS POR

* Timothy Ketcherside	* Emily Sumner	* Darleen Krouse	* Fr. Derek Hughes	* Mark Woehrl
* John LeNoue	* David Wright	* Carolyn Lemos	* Joe O'Brien	* The Rivers Family
* Peter Hewitt	* Aurea Cruz	* Toshi Meehan	* Dolores R. Buena	* Daniel Nunez
* Jere Bresnan	* Nathan Berry	* Robert Green Sr.	* Candido D. Buena Jr.	* Nola, Nick, Louis,
* Fely Platou	* Robert Ruiz	* Rodney & Helen Maciel	* Rosemarie Greenville	Dolores, Estrella, Jaelynn
* Mary Cavagnaro	* June Vivianne	* Susi Reich	* Aaron Kondziela	Soto
* Bonifacio Garcia	* Sylvia Radford	* Sidney & Dorsey Dunton	* Maggie Quinn	
* Michael Culbertson	* Eleanor Brown	* Elisa Fajardo	* Donna Nichols	
* Steven Greenville	* Sarah & Josh Matthews	* Alfred & Irene Castaneda	* Colleen Clark	
* Rafael & Margarita Garcia	* Michael Vella	* Mary de Angelo	* Leonora Eublera	
* Frances Meehan	* Lila Martinez	* Jessica Ketcherside	* Daniel Quintana	

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

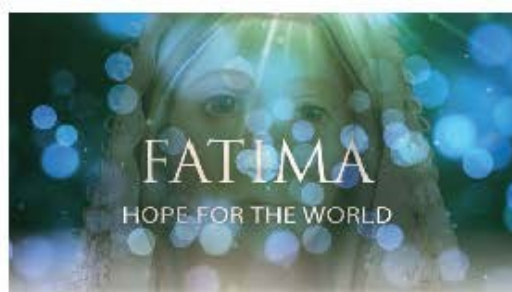
AND LET YOUR PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

†Helen Penwell	†Lourdes Lepisto	†Joe Fraga	†Felicita Castillo	†Otilia Cruz	†Julia Keefe
†Charles Penwell	†James Emely	†Msgr Joseph Stieger	†Antonio Medrano	†Wenceslao Garcia	†Bishop Richard
†Harold Platou	†Simonne Townsend	†Fr. Ken Brown	Tambo	†Erich Reich	Garcia
†Larry Mischel	†Fernando Marcos	†Fr. Michael Bell	†William (Bill) Kemble	†Mike Wright	†William K. Lander
†Dwight Mobley	†Cecilia Marcos	†Lyn Ketcherside	†Diana Nishiura	†Fr. Lawrence Betzoff	†Kathleen Patricia
†Gertrude Stimson	†William Schanberger	†Robert Beevers	†Grace Tevis	†Nicky Miller	Crawford
†John D. Walsh	†UMartha Smith	†Arcadio Tambo	†Jerica Elaine Harris	†General Mason	†Joseph Carlson
†Elizabeth Martinez	†Eusebio Galo	†Cleta Tambo	†Paul Landry	†Mary Friedman	†Martin Basti
†Elizabeta Labra	†Melinda Rose	†Dionisio Acain	†Casamira Asuncion	†Shirley Rustria	†Manuel Ayala Arroyo
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†Justo Yasay	†Guillermo dela Cruz	†Dick O'Melveny	†Andy Boy de la Cruz, Jr.	†Evelyn Pellaton	†David Bresnan
†Joe Greene	†Serafin Sepulveda	†Jim Stewart	†Fr. Harry Freiermuth	†Chuck Ice	†Lydia Caloca Green
†Cristina Patterson	†Hermila Arguello	†Jaime Repollo	†Crescencia Gaila	†Mary Jo Semonsen	†Myrna Oliveros
†Filippo Mazzulla	†Anatalia Ortiz	†Paulina Y. Andres	†Ismael Ibat Tomboc	†Kevin Lynch	†Mina Cantorna
†Elena Aurelio	†ULolita dela Cruz	†Gabriel Osorio	†Maria Carmen Zaragoza	†John Greenville	†Adela Patague
†Homero Paredes	†Mason & Simon Brito	†Dennis A. O'Brien	†Ruth Casper	†Norman Charette	†Remy Lejeune
†Fermina Manuel	†Pat Wright	†Michael Brito	†Fr. Ray Roh	†John de Angelo	†Anthony Spurloza
†Deacon Jim Cooper	†Joseph Cavagnaro	†Venustiana Rodriguez	†Joyce O'Brien	†Pat Klenck	†Cecilia Delnes
†Emma Nieman	†Manuel John Reis.	†Selestino Salgado	†Mariano Rustria	†Beverly Jean Rocha	†Doris Stanley
†Rodrigo Martinez	†Lawrence Uthe	†Mary Prendergast	†Robert Townsend	†Adelaida Gabatin	
†Reyna Gomez	†Margaret Uthe	†Melécia Garcia	†Sherman Lemos	†Guadalupe Haugh	

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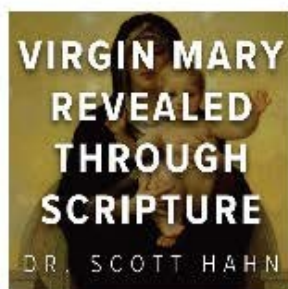
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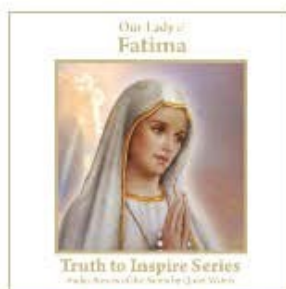
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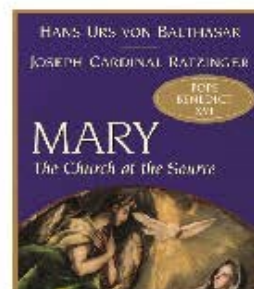
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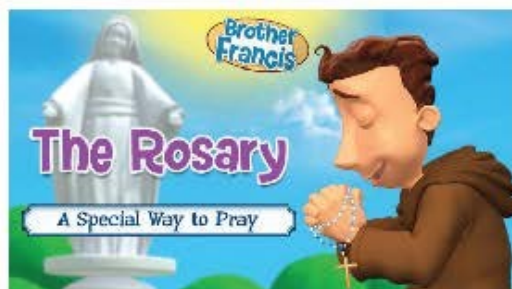
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# MAY 2019

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## SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

Watch: [Joseph of Nazareth](#)

Read: [The School of Nazareth: A Spiritual Journey with St. Joseph](#)

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## SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES

Study: [Lectio Evangelization, Session 6: Sacraments and the Spirit](#)

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## ANNIVERSARY OF VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN'S DEATH

Watch: [Love is Faith](#)

Listen: [The World's First Love](#)

Read: [Life is Worth Living](#)

Escuchar: [Hiriendo al que Amas / Momento de la Verdad](#)

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## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Study: [Fatima: Hope for the World](#)

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Watch: [Fatima: A Message of Hope](#)

Listen: [Fatima: Living the Message / Fatima: Viviendo el Mensaje\\*](#)

Escuchar: [El Rezo del Rosario](#)

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## SAINT RITA

Watch: [Saint Rita](#)

Watch: [Saint Rita of Cascia](#)

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## ANNIVERSARY OF SERVANT OF GOD FR. EMIL KAPAUN'S DEATH

Study: [Kapaun's Men, Part 1: Virtue Series](#)

Watch: [The Miracle of Father Kapaun](#)

Watch: [The Story of Father Kapaun](#)

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## SAINT PHILIP NERI

Study: [True Reformers, Session 3: Saint Philip Neri](#)

Watch: [Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven](#)

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## VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Study: [The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Session 5: The Ark of the Covenant / La Biblia y la Virgen María, Lección 5: El Arca de la Nueva Alianza\\*](#)

Watch: [Brother Francis: The Rosary / El Hermano Zeferino: El Rosario\\*](#)

Read: [Mary: The Church at the Source](#)

Estudiar: [Estoy en Casa: María en las Escrituras](#)

Escuchar: [El Ave María y la Oración](#)

\* This title is in both English and Spanish



# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



## It Is the Lord!

Lord Jesus,  
you are the source of all hope.  
When the disciples had fished all night  
only to find empty nets,  
you provided a bountiful yield.  
May we turn to you  
in the Eucharist,  
where you continue to feed us.  
Help us to recognize  
your presence among us  
in both the Breaking of the Bread  
and one another.  
You live and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Sunday, May 5, 2019**  
**Feed My Lambs**



*Today's Readings: Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13; Revelation 5:11–14; John 21:1–19.* In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus filled the nets of the disciples to overflowing and then cooked them breakfast. The Apostles may well have wondered how any of this could be happening to them. First, after having yielded nothing all night, their net is overflowing, and then the Lord has prepared breakfast for them.

At this third appearance to the disciples, Jesus calls them to their mission. Having shown his love for them with the bounty of fish, he seeks a statement of love from Peter. Each time Peter declares his love, Jesus responds with an

instruction. Only a week ago, Peter had denied Jesus, now he affirms his love and is told, “Feed my sheep.” Before Jesus returns to the Father, he makes sure that his people will receive care. Jesus’ use of the word “my” three times portrays his relationship to those he leaves behind.

The Gospel reading begins with Peter leading the disciples to return to the work of fishing. By the end of the reading, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, invites Peter to take on the role as shepherd and tend to the needs of the sheep. Jesus has portrayed his unending love through the bountiful catch of fish. Now he calls Peter and the others to service. Just as when the Apostles were first called, he says, “Follow me.”





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, May 6 A Blameless Life

“Happy are those of blameless life.” This refrain from today’s Responsorial Psalm certainly applies to St. Stephen. In the Acts of the Apostles, we find that the first martyr is filled with wisdom, grace, and power. As others gave false testimony intended to dishonor him, his face seemed like that of an angel. Could Stephen’s face have reflected his close relationship with the Risen Lord? Is the peace of knowing God visible in your life? *Today’s Readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.*

### Tuesday, May 7 Bread of Life

In today’s Gospel, Jesus responds to the request for a sign by attributing the Father with “the bread of heaven.” When the crowd seeks a lifetime supply of this bread, Jesus tells them to believe. What do you hunger and thirst for today? It is in Jesus that all hunger and thirst will be satisfied; he will meet all of our needs. Have you taken your deepest needs to him in prayer? *Today’s Readings: Acts 7:51–8:1; Psalm 31:3–4, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21; John 6:30–35.*

### Wednesday, May 8 Longing for God

Jesus tells the crowds that he will fill their hungers and thirsts. Children have a deep desire and capacity to be in a loving relationship. It is their deepest need, and when it is met, it is their greatest joy. Ann Garrido writes that because a child’s capacity for relationship is so large, it is difficult to satisfy. In *Mustard Seed Preaching*, she states, “For, only in God, does the child’s need and capacity fully meet its match.” What are you longing for? Do you long for God just as you long for your best friend? *Today’s Readings: Acts 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 6:35–40.*

### Thursday, May 9 Gather a People to Yourself

Jesus says that only those whom the Father sends will be drawn to him. We also hear how God initiates relationships during the Eucharist Prayer. In Eucharistic Prayer III, the priest prays, “From age to age you gather a people to yourself, so that from east to west a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name.” What is your story of God drawing you to him? How would you describe God gathering a people to himself? *Today’s Readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.*

### Friday, May 10 Christ’s Presence Today

Today’s Gospel is from the “Bread of Life” discourse in John’s account of the Gospel. Here, Jesus tells his followers that eternal life is granted to those who eat his flesh and drink his blood. Where do you find Christ’s presence in your life? Christ can be encountered in his Word, in the assembly gathered at liturgy, and in his Body and Blood. Allow yourself the gift of time with the Lord at Mass and in Eucharistic adoration. Be sure to seek him in the face of the poor, the homeless, and the struggling. *Today’s Readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1, 2; John 6:52–59.*

### Saturday, May 11 Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?

When many of the disciples return to their former way of life, Jesus asks the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Peter makes a declaration of faith, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Have you ever had doubts about Jesus? Pray for those in your family or parish community who no longer practice the faith or profess to follow Jesus. *Today’s Readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.*

