

# 3rd Sunday of Easter

## May 4th, 2025

### Sunday Reflection:

*Do you love me more than anything else?*

In his third appearance to the apostles, Jesus prepared a breakfast for them and ate with them. Peter's prompt response to draw near to the Lord and eat breakfast with him stands in sharp contrast to his previous denial and distancing himself from his Master during the night of Jesus' arrest and trial. Why did Jesus question Peter's love and loyalty three times in front of the other disciples? It must have caused Peter pain and sorrow since he had publicly denied Jesus three times previously. Now Peter, full of remorse and humility, unequivocally stated that he loved his Lord and Master and was willing to serve him whatever it might cost.

When Jesus asked Peter "do you love me more than these?" he may have pointed to the boats, nets and other fishing companions. He may have challenged Peter to let go of his career as a fisherman for the task of shepherding the people whom Christ would call to be his disciples. Jesus may have also pointed to the other apostles and to Peter's previous boast: "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away" (Matthew 26:33). Peter now makes no boast or comparison but humbly responds: "You know I love you."

*Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your merciful love and remove everything that is unkind, ungrateful, unloving and unholy, and that is not in accord with your will. May I always seek to love you above all else and follow you wherever you wish to lead me.*

*(taken from a Catholic website)*

### Today's Readings:

First Reading:

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 30:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading:

Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel Reading: Jn 21:1-19



*Please join us -*  
**May Crowning**  
**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**at 11:45 a.m.**

*St. Joseph Parish*

### Readings for the Week:

Monday: Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a, Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8, Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42, Jn 6:60-69

May 10th & May 11th

— Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100

— We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel Reading: John 10:27-30



## May Calendar:

May 4th- May Crowning at 11:45 a.m.

May 5th- Help is needed  
with cleaning the Church Pews  
at 8:30 a.m.

May 7th - St. Joseph Altar &  
Rosary Society Meeting at  
1:00 p.m. at the parish office

May 10<sup>th</sup> - NO Daily 9 AM Mass due to  
Memorial Service for Teresa Rivera  
at 11:00 a.m.

May 11th- Happy Mother's Day

May 11th - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION at  
the 10:30 a.m. Mass

May 13th - Respect Life Committee  
Meeting at 10:00 a.m.  
at the parish office.

May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> --

NO DAILY MASS OR ADORATION  
All Diocesan Priests are attending  
meetings.

May 17th - NO 9 AM DAILY MASS  
due to Memorial Service.

May 17th - Memorial Service for  
Mary Ellen Murphy at 11 AM

May 18th - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

May 21<sup>st</sup> - EM Training at 2:00 p.m.  
in the Church.

May 22nd & May 23rd

- THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

May 24<sup>th</sup> - No Daily 9:00 a.m. Mass

May 26th - Memorial Day --

The parish office will be CLOSED.

May 29<sup>th</sup> - EM Training at 6:00 p.m. in  
the Church



### Just to let you know —

Dennis and Mary Hutton who have been  
parishioners at our parish for many years are  
moving to Vermont to be closer to their son.

They will be deeply missed!

Here is their new address:

Dennis and Mary Hutton

107 Holly Hill Drive

Bridgewater, VA 22812

Mary's Cell — 719-966-9549

We are sure they would love to hear from you!  
Our prayers to them both on their new journey!

## Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Training

This is a mandatory Diocesan Training for  
ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.  
(For those who serve in the Church and for  
those who BRING communion to the  
Homebound.)

(THIS IS A DIOCESAN REQUIREMENT so that  
you are MANDATED to be in this ministry  
for 3 years.)

This is for ALL CURRENT and anyone who  
would like to be an Extraordinary Minister of  
Communion.

THERE WILL BE TWO DIFFERENT TIMES  
FOR TRAINING.

You only need to attend ONE training  
session.

Training Sessions will be HELD in the Church  
Building.

Dates for TRAINING:

May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Church

May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.



## Salida Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive STARTS on May 11th

Please help by picking up  
baby bottle NEXT WEEKEND and filling it  
with donations to help with the expenses  
for the Salida Pregnancy Center.  
Baby bottles need to be returned by  
Father's Day. Thank you for your  
continued support!!