

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3/4, 2025



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

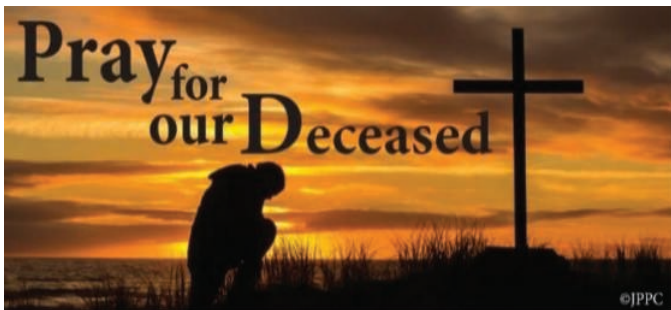
Mon	Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29
Tue	Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab Jn 6:30-35
Wed	Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40
Thu	Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51
Fri	Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59
Sat	Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69
Sun	Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b, 17 Jn 10:27-30



MASS INTENTIONS/ OFFERTORY GIFTS

When more than one family has an intention for a single Mass, we suggest that a member of each family present the gifts (hosts and wine) to the Celebrant. Please notify an Usher

before Mass if you are in attendance and wish to bring the gifts to the altar and whether you would like the gifts to be placed in front of the first pew (if you are unable to walk the entire length of the center aisle)



Bereavement

St. Joseph Parish community mourns the passing of our loved ones.. Please keep them and their families in your prayers and offer your condolences and prayerful support to them throughout this difficult time.

REFLECTIONS

Let's face the fact: God believes in second chances.

Throughout history, the concept of a second chance has captivated hearts and minds, reminding us that redemption is always within reach.

The Bible tells of several "second chance people" whose lives took unexpected turns, often leading them down paths fraught with mistakes. Samson and David come to mind from the pages of the Old Testament. But for us today the spotlight falls on St. Peter, the man featured in two of our three Readings for today's Mass.

We read of Peter's denial transformed into steadfast leadership of the Church. As we delve deeper into his remarkable tale, I think we can take encouragement and enjoy the Holy Spirit's inspiration that lets us embrace our own imperfections and even seek new beginnings in our own lives. After all, Peter is a saint and our first pope!

We know that Peter was one of Our Lord's closest disciples. Yet he was also a person who experienced a major failure in loyalty to Christ. You remember Holy Thursday night in the High priest's courtyard. "I tell you I do not know the man!" Peter swore to the maid. As Bishop Sheen put it: "Judas got His lips, but Peter got His eyes." With that, Peter wept bitterly. This is the same impetuous man who had confidently declared that he would never deny Jesus, even if it meant facing death. However, when the moment of testing came, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times as Jesus was arrested and taken to trial. That denial was not just a failure of courage, but a deep betrayal of the One he had vowed to follow. Awful! But that is truly you and me when we sin.

But what do we read or hear today? That after Jesus' resurrection, Peter's shame and regret were met grace! In one of the most moving scenes in the New Testament, Jesus asked Peter three times "Do you love Me? – mirroring the three times Peter had denied Him. With each response, Jesus restored Peter and gave him a new mission to "feed His sheep" and continue the work of spreading the Gospel, as he does courageously before the Sanhedrin in today's excerpt from Acts. "I shall obey God rather than men and continue to preach His name!" So, today's main takeaway is this: Our failures do not define us! Jesus offers forgiveness, restoration and purpose even after our worst moments of betrayal. This is the Gospel. And today He comes to us in Holy Communion. Does God believe in second chances? Count your own number and answer the question, if you will.

God love you and give you His peace.

source: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



The **MISSION** of the parish community of Saint Joseph is to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.”

Our **VISION**: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material, and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

May 3
Sat 4:00pm
In Memory of Rita B. Hoppe
(20 yr Ann) by her Family
&
In Memory of Clayre Osmanski
by her Family

May 6
Tue 7:45am
Propuolo Mass for all living
deceased members of St. Joseph
Church

May 7
Wed 7:45am
In Memory of Ann Hardy
Special Intentions

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

**St. John of Avila, Priest and
Doctor of the Church**

St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

May 10
Sat 4:00pm
In Memory of the deceased Mothers
of the Walker and Cosetta Families
by Linda, Paul and Bethany
&

In memory of Lori Tesseris by the
SVDP Society of St. Eugene

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn
this week **In Memory of the
deceased Mothers of the Zontek
and Fortin Families req. by Ann**



Do you, or someone you know,
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intentions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

		4/26/25
Weekly		\$1602.00
Monthly		\$380.00
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Mass Stipend		\$35.00
Sanctuary Candle		\$149.00
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CRS		\$20.00
Good Fri/Holy Land		\$35.00
Easter Off/CCA		\$175.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 3	Monthly
May 3	Mother's Day
May 17	Fuel
May 29	Ascension
May 31	Monthly

ON-LINE GIVING

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TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Coming Soon: Mark your calendars:

Informational Activities Committee Meeting:
Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 6:30pm in the
church basement. Any questions or concerns,
please contact
Tammy Parkhurst at (401) 309-6472.

PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

Please let us keep praying for the repose of his soul:

O God, immortal shepherd of souls,
look on your people's prayers
and grant that your servant Pope Francis,
who presided over your Church in charity,
may, with the flock entrusted to his care,
receive from your mercy the reward of a faithful
steward.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
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