

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Parish

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May 4, 2025



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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From Fr. Brendan Foley

Pope Benedict XVI in his message at World Youth Day, 2007: *"I want to invite you to 'dare to love.' Do not desire anything less for your life than a love that is strong and beautiful and that is capable of making the whole of your existence a joyful undertaking of giving yourselves as a gift to God and your brothers and sisters, in imitation of the One who vanquished hatred and death forever through love."*

Have you received this invitation before in your vocation? Have you responded to it? To 'dare to love' or to not settle for any other kind of love that's not from the Lord? Love for us as disciples of Christ is far more bold than the rest of the world realizes. It's not just something that makes us feel good, it's not reducible to pleasure, but it pertains to authentic relationship, sacrifice that is life-giving and unites us to another. And beautifully paradoxical, in such a pouring out of ourselves freely for another we don't lose anything, but rather find our truest selves, we receive our real identity and purpose from a deeper source of life.

Today in the Gospel we are reminded that the love of Jesus is stronger than the wound of Peter's denial. Peter would have lived the rest of his life with the memory of knowing that he was capable of weakness, of denying his relationship with Jesus, and he either could have let this cripple him, or he could continually cling to the merciful love that Jesus offered him. We know that Peter chose the latter because it was precisely because of how Jesus loved him that he was strengthened for bearing the Gospel to the ends of the world. This same love is what somehow lives in the apostles who in our first reading rejoice to suffer for having been identified as being in connection with the Risen Christ. How could that be? Love always propels us outward from inside of ourselves, precisely because this is a reflection of God, and once we've encountered the love of God that is boldly more powerful than death, we have nothing to fear.

How could we possibly respond or even try to remain in this kind of love? Again by being transformed by the divine power of the resurrection, we are constantly becoming 'divinized' ourselves which happens as a result of God's grace, the life of the Holy Spirit, alive in us, most concretely offered to us in the Sacraments. The presence of God in us doesn't just leave us the same, but is constantly growing our hearts to be able to receive and give from God. Only by the Holy Spirit is one able to live according to God's Word or to be able to patiently endure suffering. So as we grow in amazement at what the Lord in his generous love invites us to, namely, to share in his life, let us now keep our hearts anticipating again the celebration anew of Pentecost, where we can confidently 'dare to love' and live in the freedom of the Holy Spirit, and have His life poured into us anew.

Mass Schedule SJB/HT

Sunday - 9:00 am

Reconciliation Thursday 4:00-5:00 pm

Office Hours SJB/HT

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm Friday 9:00am 2:30pm

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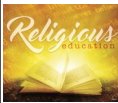
Lector - Sunday May 11th

9:00am SJB/HT: Lisa Johnson



Eucharistic Ministry

	Center	Mary's Side
May 4th	Betty Warren	Mary Beth Cusano
May 11th	Larry Argiro	Cathy Horton
May 18th	Karen Fekete	Dave William
May 25th	Mary Beth Cusano	Betty Warren



Religious Education Announcements

Our Religious Education program is nearing the end of the 2024-2025 year. There are only 2 classes left for our students. Our last class will be on Mother's Day, May 11th. This last class will be our May Crowning Mass. Please pray for all our students, their families and our teachers.

Presenting Gifts To The Altar

SJB/HT parish has started again to have our parishioners present the gifts to the altar as of Sunday May 18th. If you would like to be a participant please call Betty Warren 315-420-6357 and she will start to compile a list. To give families the first chance who have requested an intention for a loved one, she will try to notify those families first.



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Jesus invited the disciples to "Come and have breakfast." At this beach breakfast and the Last Supper Jesus teaches us meals should be more than eating. Family meals are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other's stories, understand and support one another.

Pray For Vocations

As Jesus asked the disciples to bring some of their catch of fish to fire, He asked them to bring souls to Him to be purified. Is He calling you to bring souls to Him through the diaconate, priesthood, or religious life? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram [@vocationssyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationssyracuse).



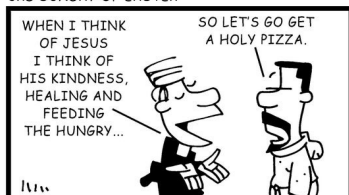
Reflect: Readings and Gospel

1st Reading Question: The Apostles "rejoiced" when they suffered public dishonor for preaching that Jesus rose from the dead. Have you ever found joy amid your own suffering?

2nd Reading Question: John has a vision of the whole created order worshipping and praising Jesus as the slain and risen Lamb. In what ways will you praise and worship Jesus this week?

Gospel: The resurrected Jesus reveals to Peter that the cost of following him and leading the disciples will be his own martyrdom. How are you sometimes challenged in following Jesus?
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The Mass Book is now open through July 31st.



9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT

Sunday May 4, 2025 - Fred Billion - The Family
Harold Riley - The Family
Antonio McLaughlin - Mother
Carol McGuire & Mary Hennessy - The Family
Sunday May 11, 2025 - All Mother's Deceased



Sacrificial Giving

Week April 20th: TBA
Week April 27th: TBA
Easter Flowers Collection: TBA

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense. To follow the risen Christ, you must be willing to do what makes no sense.



The Witnesses of What Makes No Sense

It never fails to amuse me that the disciples in today's Gospel don't recognize Jesus until he asks them to do something that makes absolutely no logical sense.

He's just some random stranger on the shore — until he gives them an order that, in any other circumstances, would have them rolling their eyes into the backs of their head: *Drop the nets again. I know you haven't caught anything all night. I know you're tired. Just do it one more time. Trust me. Again.*

That's when they recognize him.

The disciples display such poor recognition of Jesus after the resurrection. I'm sure there's a good, theologically sound reason for it, one I am not smart enough to explain. Whatever that reason is, it's very clear that God was carefully orchestrating these moments of realization. He is trying to tell us something about how we recognize the risen Christ — the one who has conquered sin, the one whose love was stronger than death. The one who never made any sense, and never will, because his kingdom is not of this world, and to understand him — to recognize him — you have to detach from the priorities, the expectations, the limitations of this present world.

You have to be willing to do what makes no sense.

Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

"We are the witnesses of these things," Peter tells the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:32). Peter, who was so full of joy when he recognized Jesus that he leapt into the sea, fully clothed, desperate to be near him.

It makes no sense, and that's okay. That's kind of our whole thing, as Christians. We are the witnesses of the things that make no sense. ©LPi



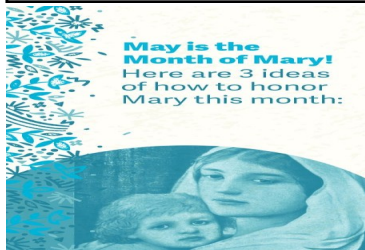
May Crowning

Sunday May 11th during the 9:00am Mass the Religious Education children will participate in the May Crowning.

Prayer For Everyday And Everybody

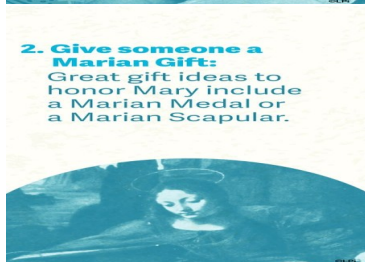
Prayer of Belief

Lord, Help me to see You and to recognize what I see. Help me to hear Your invitation and to respond. Help me to join You where and when You call. Amen. ©LPi



May is the Month of Mary!
Here are 3 ideas of how to honor Mary this month:

1. Celebrate May Crowning:
May Crowning is celebrated by crowning a statue or image of Mary with a wreath of flowers to honor her as Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God.



2. Give someone a Marian Gift:
Great gift ideas to honor Mary include a Marian Medal or a Marian Scapular.



3. Pray the rosary:
Consider participating in a group rosary at your parish or with friends/family!

All Faiths Food Pantry Donations

Your non perishable food donations can still be brought and left in the Food Wagon's in the parking lot side and Park Street vestibule of the Church.



If you would like to make a monetary donation please make checks payable to *"All Faiths Food Pantry"*****

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. — Jn 21:12-13

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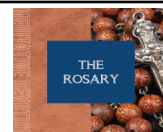


Mass Schedule OLP/SP 315-422-7163

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm Vietnamese Mass 6:00pm
Sunday - 7:30am, 11:30am
9:30am Vietnamese
Monday - Thursday 9:00am in the Chapel
Reconciliation Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm

Call the Rectory to arrange for marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist directly. Information will be provided. Call the rectory for baptisms and hospital/home visits.

Devotions Explained Connect With Tradition And Grow Your Faith

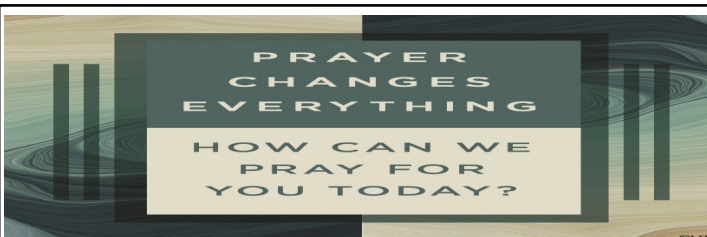


The Rosary, Explained

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, "there is no more excellent way of praying."

The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision received by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoubtedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Mary's divided into five "decades," with each decade focused on a different mystery. The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays), and most recently the Luminous Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays). ©LPi



Prayer Requests

Please do continue to put your prayer requests into the prayer boxes. The boxes are located in the Park St. vestibule and inside the Church at the parking lot entrance. Fr. Lester has graciously agreed to offer up your requests when he says Mass for himself, which he faithfully does everyday. The prayers will be collected each Monday and kept on the altar in the Chapel.

FYI - We are still in need of men and women who might be interested in helping serve during funeral.

Mass intentions \$15.00, Bread and Wine in memory of your loved one(s) \$25.00 or Sanctuary Lamp \$10.00.

Please review the below requests for prayers and contact me with any updates to remove or new request. Thank You, Nancy



Remember: Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Emma Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Luciano & Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Michael & Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perotta, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, and Fred Wheeler. **We also remember in our prayers our Service Men and Women & our Health Care Workers. Due to HIPAA laws, hospitals are not allowed to give names of patients. Please notify the parish office if you have a loved one in the hospital, a nursing home or is homebound and would like a visit.**