

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 2025



The 5th Sunday of Easter Year C focuses on the growth of the early Church and Jesus' command to love one another. The readings highlight the importance of faith, community and the promise of a new heaven and earth. We are encouraged to live our faith in practical ways:

- **Spreading the Gospel:** Acts 14:21-27 shows Paul and Barnabas spreading the good news, which emphasizes the importance of sharing our faith with others.
- **Endurance in Faith:** Paul and Barnabas encourage believers to remain true to the faith despite hardships. This reminds us to stay strong in our faith through difficulties.
- **New Creation:** Revelation 21:1-5A speaks of a new heaven and a new earth, assuring us of God's promise to make all things new.
- **God's Presence:** In Revelation, God dwells with His people, highlighting the closeness of God and His presence in our lives.
- **Love One Another:** John 13:34-35 emphasizes Jesus' command to love one another. This theme is central to Christian life and illustrates how we are to treat one another.
- **Community Support:** The early Church supported each other as seen in Acts, reminding us to help and support one another in our faith journeys.

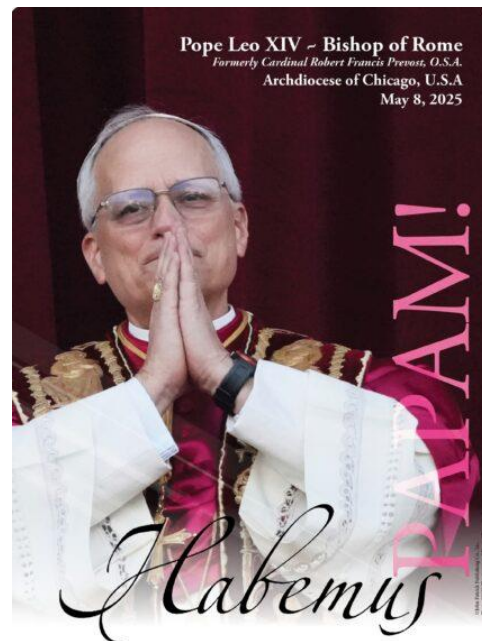
MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: The Cannone Family, Nancy Wood,
Brenda Cipriani and Anthony Palazzolo

10 a.m.: Frances Hernandez, Joe Britto,
Nancy Wood and Elaine Blaut

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 84
10 a.m. – 212



QUOTE FROM POPE LEO XIV

“Brothers, sisters...

I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left.

To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home.

I, too, was angry with God. I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine. And yes... there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo.

But then I discovered something: God doesn't shout. God whispers. And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who feeds you without having anything.

I don't come to offer you perfect faith. I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles and unexpected hugs.

I'm not asking you to believe in everything. I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgment.

I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son... and yet she cooked for others. That changed me.

So if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired of the lies... come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack. No one here will ask you for a VIP card.

Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary. God doesn't need soldiers. He needs brothers.

And you, yes, you... are one of them."

- Robert Prevost (now Leo XIV).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

May 5-11 – \$ 7,261.07

Envelopes: \$ 2,015.00 – Online: \$ 5,246.07

THANK YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS, FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

*Nathan Boyd
Daniel Depew
Nicholas Frigand
James Hilgenfeldt
Anthony Hoppe
Autumn Kania
Michael Kellner
Giuliana Levato
Aubrey Pedersen
Clayton Pine
Cole Pine
Mei-Li Torres
Howard Wilkins*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Kids have been clamoring for MacDonal's Happy Meals for decades: Fast food that doesn't really nourish and little cheap plastic toys that don't last.

But for more than two centuries, the Church has been offering the happiest meal of all, as Fr. Sean pointed out in his homily: The Eucharist.

It seems the 13 youngsters who made their first Holy Communion last Saturday understood that they were receiving a gift to last a lifetime, as reflected

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in their demeanor. Yes, reverence and adorableness often meet at the First Eucharist, but this year, many in the congregation commented on how particularly well the children did. They were engaged by the homily. They sang their song, "His Banner Over Me is Love," with loud enthusiasm – so loudly that they could be heard without a microphone!

We applaud our families for their support, our catechists for their dedication and our children on this most holy occasion. Congratulations!

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE POPE'S NAME

Our new Pope Leo XIV took the name Leo as a nod of respect to Pope Leo XIII (March 2, 1810 - July 20, 1903), who was head of the Catholic Church from February 20, 1878, until his death.

The former Robert Prevost told the cardinals last Saturday that he sought to uphold the working-class struggles championed by Pope Leo XIII and expressed concern about artificial intelligence's displacement of human jobs.

Pope Leo XIII was also well known for his intellect and his attempts to define the position of the Catholic Church in the context of modern thinking. In his 1891 encyclical Rerum Novarum, Pope Leo outlined the rights of workers to a fair wage, safe working conditions and to form trade unions. He also affirmed the rights to own property and free enterprise.

He became known as the "Social Pope" and the "Pope of the Workers." He poured the foundation for the Church's social doctrines that defend human dignity - and he has influenced his successors.

CARDINAL'S 2025 APPEAL

We're about 71% there!

Our parish goal is **\$50,600** of which **\$36,165** has been received/pledged from 93 families as of May 13. Please prayerfully consider your gift, which you can make online at www.cardinalsappeal.org. Thank you

HIT A HOME RUN WITH FAMILY FUN



Our youth ministers are making a pitch to all parishioners to catch the excitement at the **Hudson Valley Renegades' Faith & Family Night on May 31**. Along with the game and a pre-game concert, when tickets are purchased using this QR code or the link our website, \$5 per ticket slides home to the St. Paul's Youth Ministry! Seats purchased this way will also be in the same vicinity, not scattered throughout the stadium.

Questions? Call Chris at 845-248-3120

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