

MASSES FOR MAY 5 - 11

Monday, 5	8:30 am (SF)	Agnes Santin (Greg & Gloria Zamborsky) Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday, 6	8:30 am (SJ)	Alice Bloomer (Family) Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday, 7	8:30 am (SF)	For the People Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday, 8	8:30 am (SJ)	Teresa Marker (CWC of Toronto) Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday, 9	8:30 am (SF)	Phillip & Betty Lamantia (Jim Lamantia) Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1b-2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday, 10	5:00 pm (SF)	Dave Smith (Mary Lou Lamantia)
Sunday, 11	9:00 am (SJ)	Todd Allen Cline (Mom, Janet Tharp & the Vanihel Family)
	11:00 am (SF)	Evelyn Ray (Greg & Gloria Zamborsky) Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY:	St. Anne's Society - 9:15am (SJ)
SATURDAY:	Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)
SUNDAY:	<i>Mother's Day</i>

As of 04/29/2025: Trinity West: **Anthony Bonitatibus**; Trinity East; Weirton Medical Center: . **Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes.** If a family member is admitted into a hospital, please be sure to contact the parish office so Father may go and visit them.



First Communion: On this first Sunday in May, our parish family joyfully welcomes two of our young parishioners to the Lord's table to receive their First Holy Communion. Let us remember Levi Trimmer and Isabel Cavanaugh in our prayers today and may they always know the joy of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.



Parish School of Religion: As our Parish School of Religion concludes for this year, I would like to express my sincere thanks to our teachers: Leah Purdue, Jenny Myslinsky, and Laura Ray. I am most grateful for their time and dedication. I am sure that we all appreciate their commitment.



2025 Diocesan Campaign: Although we have already reached our parish goals, I would once again like to encourage those who have not yet responded to this year's appeal to please consider doing so. Over the years, the D/PSC has greatly benefitted our parishes. Any help you can give at this time would be very appreciated. Results as of April 29, 2025 are as follows:

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
St. Francis	\$22,747.00	\$25,135.00
St. Joseph	\$11,354.00	\$16,450.00

Again, thank you for your support.



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: \$3,226.00; Loose: \$149.00; Candles: \$35.00; Home Missions: \$249.00; Holy Land: \$30.00; Easter: \$150.00; Priests Retirement: \$140.00. St. Joseph: Adult: \$1,400.00; Loose: \$205.00; Candles: \$7.00; Home Missions: \$20.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for April 27th: 5:00pm: 80; 9:00am: 92; 11:00am: 105.**

MASSES: None

MEMORIALS: None

MINISTERS FOR MAY 10 & 11, 2025

Altar Servers: 5pm: Hank Bodnar, Haley Bodnar; **9am:** Brody Winters, Wyatt Winters, Olivia Perdue; **11am:** Giovanni Guerrero, Anais Guerrero, Ethan McClain.

Lectors: 5pm: Janie Rose; **9am:** Laura Ray; **11am:** Mary Petras

GROW AND GO

The Faithful Disciple

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Underlying Peter's simple statement in today's Gospel, "I am going fishing," is an ocean of sadness. This leader of the Apostles was once so eager and self-assured that he declared to Jesus, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." (Mt 26:35) But we know the story: At the decisive moment, Peter yielded under pressure and three times denied that he even knew Jesus. Now, after witnessing his Master's arrest and execution, Peter, whom Jesus called to leave his nets to be a fisher of men (see Mt 4:19), returns to his old profession. And even there he sustains another failure: he can't catch any fish! Swimming to shore, the ever-impulsive Apostle discovers that Jesus had already procured fish for breakfast without his help. Imagine Peter's consternation: my vocation as an Apostle, my career as a fisherman, my professed willingness to die for the Lord – everything I thought I could hang my hat on – were pretense and illusion.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In our relationship with God, we are at times beset by the reality of our own weaknesses and apparent failures. But for Peter as for us, despondency does not have to have the final word. In one of the most intimate exchanges in the Gospels, Jesus heals Peter's self-inflicted wound. "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" the Lord asks three times. What Jesus desires from the Apostle is not eloquent declarations of courage; he wants Peter's love; he wants his heart: conscious of its frailty and humble enough to be led where it does not want to go. Neither Peter's day job nor his grandiose spiritual aspirations are useful to the Lord if Peter has not first surrendered himself to God. This is because only a heart which belongs to God and draws its strength from him can bear fruit for the kingdom of heaven. Such is likewise true for us, often so anxious about tomorrow or preoccupied with our attempts to "earn" God's love. Our primary responsibility, without which none of our other labors will be fruitful, is to give our hearts completely to him.

PRAY: Repetition is the mother of learning. Three times, Jesus asked Peter to renew his love – perhaps, in part, to convince Peter! This week, offer your heart to God as soon as you get up in the morning. You could even use Peter's words: "Lord, you know that I love you." By making this a habit, you invite God's grace and strength to make each day's actions fruitful