



JESUS SAID TO SIMON PETER,
"SIMON, SON OF JOHN,
DO YOU LOVE ME
MORE THAN THESE?"

JOHN 21:15

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2022

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In the first chapters of Acts, the apostles venture out energetically, soon after Pentecost, to proclaim the risen Jesus. Today's reading shows the Sanhedrin, the formal religious body that had condemned Jesus shortly before, now threatening the apostles. The Sanhedrin likely feared that Jesus' followers would, in vengeance for the Crucifixion, stir up a riot or even a violent revolt. The apostles, consistent with Jesus' own dealings with the authorities, proclaim Jesus' message of God's forgiveness of everyone, and refuse to incite violence.

It is a great challenge, as Peter said, to "obey God rather than man." Throughout history, when groups of God's people, inspired by God's dream for a just and free world, have spoken out non-violently against injustice and oppression, they have sought to obey God's summons. We the Church, while always mindful of the dangers of self-deception, are similarly called to discern and obey God in our own time and place.

REPEATED QUESTIONS

In today's Gospel, John sets the scene for Jesus' encounter with Peter, sitting by a "charcoal fire." There is just one other

mention of a charcoal fire in John's Gospel: when Peter warms himself while awaiting Jesus' trial, and Peter goes on to deny knowing Jesus, three times. The evangelist directly links Jesus' three questions of Peter, "do you love me?", to Peter's three denials. Through his repeated questioning, Jesus helps Peter to face his actions fully, and to accept forgiveness fully as well.

When God invites us into prayer, we may be invited to enter into deep conversation with God about our lives. God can pose the same questions to us, again and again over time, to face what we might prefer to avoid: Can you forgive someone who has hurt you? Can you be more generous? Can you let go of obstacles to becoming more loving? And even: Do you love me? Jesus' encounter with Peter suggests that we can face such questions with deep trust in God.

Today's Readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41;

Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

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and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. **Please come again!***

Third Sunday of Easter

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Doug Lawson. Marcia Boswank. Peggy Boulinghouse. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. Tom Fabitz. Jodie Woods. Ken Davis. Roy Langhoff. Russell Jackson. Dana Moffatt. Bob Quinn. Mike Stephens. Yolanda & Eldon Boyd. Jim Hickey. Doris Hoffman. Wanda & George Duke. Lonnie & Tammy McClung. Jean Hamilton. Randy & Louise Beard. Sven Sterner. Nancy Rasca. Jess Corrigan Jr. Clifford & Frances Jo Moore. Fran & Kathleen Fleming. Dave Cormier. Thomas Holzmann. Joe Fazzio. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. George March. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Charlie Parker. Jo Ann Crowell. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Avery Boulinghouse. Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish

community: Dawn Quinn, US Army PFC (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Athanasius

Tuesday: Ss. Philip and James

Thursday: National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ. (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading: In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

Gospel: Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Mass—Intentions

Saturday 4/30 J C Catalano+ (Mary Catalano)

Sun 5/01 Wanda Stephens+ (M/M Janick)

Tue 5/03 Mark Rottinghaus+ (M/M Murfin)

Wed 5/04 Parishioners

Thursday 5/05 Parishioners

Friday 5/06 Mark Rottinghaus+ (M/M Murfin)

Saturday 5/07 Wanda Stephens+ (Melinda Hlavenka)

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Average weekly amounts for the year of 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,666

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,799

Attendance: 4/23 Saturday: 82 4/24 Easter Sunday: 89

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.

Pope's Intention for May:



For faith-filled young people. We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service..

Reflection question:

What does it mean to me to have hope in the Resurrection?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that,
rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

GOD'S OVERFLOWING KINDNESS

The superabundance of God's kindness ties all of today's readings together. Especially when life overwhelms us, the Lord provides all we need, and then some. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter takes the lead when facing the Sanhedrin. We might expect the man who denied Jesus to crumble under the imposing glare of the high priest. Instead, the Holy Spirit helps him testify to his faith in Jesus Christ. What Peter had lacked before, courage and conviction, God provides in abundance. Similarly, today's Gospel shows Jesus providing a surplus of fish for the disciples. They have no luck fishing until the Lord intercedes. Jesus supplies an almost ridiculous number of fish, and he cooks it for them, too. As our reading from Revelation affirms, the overflowing riches of God require constant praise. Countless creatures—"everything in the universe"—cry out to honor the Lord, forever and ever.

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→ **SATURDAY, APR. 30th MASS
BEGINS AT 4:30PM**

MAY NEWS & EVENTS

Sun., May 1st: No coffee & donuts following the 9:00am Mass.

Tues., May 3rd: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Wed., May 4th: Cenacle of Life devotion **3:00—4:00pm**. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

Sat., May 7th: 9:00am Mass of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart & Patriotic Rosary

Sun., May 8th: **Happy Mother's Day!** Immediately following 9:00am Mass, donuts, coffee & juice, in St. Jude's Hall.

Tues., May 10th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Wed., May 11th: Cenacle of Life devotion **3:00—4:00pm**. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

Sun., May 15th: Immediately following 9:00am Mass, donuts, coffee & juice, in St. Jude's Hall. Jane Bidlack facilitates last class "Parousia: The Real Presence and the Second Coming." in the middle classroom.

Tues., May 17th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Wed., May 18th: Cenacle of Life devotion **3:00—4:00pm**. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

Thurs., May 19th: Fr. Mike attending the Diocese of Tyler Study Day for Priests.

Fri., May 20th: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry in St. Jude's Hall from 5:00—6:30pm.

Sat., May 21st: Immediately following 5:00pm Mass in St. Jude's Hall dinner will be provided: "Baked Potato Bar." Fellowship donation accepted. More info to come in the following weeks.

Sun., May 22nd: Immediately following 9:00am Mass, donuts, coffee & juice, in St. Jude's Hall.

Tues., May 24th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Wed., May 25th: Cenacle of Life devotion **3:00—4:00pm**. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

Sun., May 29th: **NO** donuts, coffee & juice available Memorial Weekend.

Mon., May 30th: **DIocese & CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Tues., May 31st: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

May Second Collections: Apr. 30th & May 1st: "Building & Maintenance." 7th & 8th: "Monastery of the Infant Jesus." 28th & 29th: "Catholic Communications."

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

The St. Philip Institute presents:

The Way of the Holy Family Training, The Diocese of Tyler, Tx (May 7)

The St. Philip Institute will host a baptism formation training. All baptism coordinators and catechists who have not yet attended the training are invited. There will be two sessions: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Spanish) and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (English). The sessions will be hosted at the St. Paul Meeting Room in the Chancery, 1015 East Southeast Loop 323 in Tyler.

Steubenville Lonestar

If you want to see what the Lord has planned for you, and how you can respond to the challenge of building a civilization of love, we invite you to join the St. Philip Institute for a powerful retreat in Dallas on June 24- 26. Hear inspiring talks, receive the Sacraments, meet other Catholic youth from the Diocese of Tyler and beyond, and more! Register with the St. Philip Institute for the Diocese of Tyler package and rates.

Three to Get Married Retreat Weekends

Are you an engaged or civilly married couple who has started marriage formation with your parish? We invite you to register for an upcoming Three to Get Married retreat weekend! Your mentor couple is also invited to attend with you. These weekends tend to fill up quickly so encourage you to sign up soon. For more information and to register, please visit stphilipinstitute.org/familylife.

Upcoming Retreats: June 3-4, 2022 (Wellspring) & September 16-17, 2022 (Wellspring)

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone that purchased event & raffle tickets, monetary donations, gift cards, items for prize baskets, table sponsors, patron sponsors, volunteering your help with the Dinner/Casino Event. It takes all of us to make this major fundraiser a success.

**God Bless!
Fr. Mike**



The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **Cake & muffin mix; cereal and pudding cups.**

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net

Thank you, Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin. Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team

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So lets look at the real story of Cinco De Mayo.

The Facts and History of Cinco de Mayo (It's Not Mexican Independence Day)

By Christopher Minster (<https://www.thoughtco.com/cinco-de-mayo-the-basics-2136661>)

Cinco de Mayo is probably one of the most celebrated and least understood holidays in the world. What is the meaning behind it? How is it celebrated and what does it mean to Mexicans?

It's not a celebration of Mexico's independence as many people think. Rather, it is an important day in Mexican history, and the holiday has true meaning and importance. Let's get the facts straight about Cinco de Mayo.

Cinco de Mayo Meaning and History

Literally meaning "The Fifth of May," Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican Holiday celebrating the Battle of Puebla, which took place on May 5, 1862. It was one of the few Mexican victories during France's attempt to colonize Mexico. By seizing Mexico, France would be able to exploit its natural resources and support the U.S. Confederacy. Contrary to popular belief, this was not the first time that France attacked Mexico. Back in 1838 and 1839, Mexico and France had fought what was known as the Pastry War. During that conflict, France invaded and occupied the city of Veracruz. In 1861, France sent a massive army to invade Mexico once again. As was the case 20 years earlier, the intent was to collect on debts incurred during and after Mexico's war of independence from Spain. The French army was much larger and better trained and equipped than the Mexicans struggling to defend the road to Mexico City. It rolled through Mexico until it reached Puebla, where the Mexicans made a valiant stand. Despite these challenges, they ended up winning a huge victory. The triumph was short-lived, however. The French army regrouped and continued on, eventually taking Mexico City. In 1864, the French brought in Maximilian of Austria. The man who would become Emperor of Mexico was a young European nobleman who barely spoke Spanish. In 1867, he was overthrown and executed by forces loyal to President Benito Juarez. Despite this turn of events, the euphoria of the unlikely victory at the Battle of Puebla against overwhelming odds is remembered every May 5th.

Cinco de Mayo Led to a Dictator

During the Battle of Puebla, a young officer named Porfirio Diaz distinguished himself. Diaz subsequently rose rapidly through the military ranks as an officer and then as a politician. He even aided Juarez in the fight against Maximilian. In 1876, Diaz reached the presidency and did not leave until the Mexican Revolution kicked him out in 1911 after a rule of 35 years. Diaz remains one of the most important presidents in the history of Mexico, and he got his start on the original Cinco de Mayo.

Isn't It Mexico's Independence Day?

Another common misconception is that Cinco de Mayo is Mexico's Independence Day. In actuality, Mexico celebrates its independence from Spain on September 16. It is a very important holiday in the country and not to be confused with Cinco de Mayo. It was on September 16, 1810, that a Catholic Priest, Father Miguel Hidalgo, took to his pulpit in the village church of the town of Dolores. He invited his flock to take up arms and join him in overthrowing Spanish tyranny. This famous speech would be celebrated as the Grito [Gree'-toh] de Dolores, or "The Cry of Dolores," from then on.

How Big of a Deal Is Cinco de Mayo?

Cinco de Mayo is a big deal in Puebla, where the famous battle took place. However, it really isn't as important as most people think. Independence Day on September 16 has much more significance in Mexico. For some reason, Cinco de Mayo is celebrated more in the United States — by Mexicans and Americans alike — than it is in Mexico. There is one theory for why this is true. At one time, Cinco de Mayo was widely celebrated in all of Mexico and by Mexicans living in former Mexican territories, such as Texas and California. After a while, it was ignored in Mexico but the celebrations continued north of the border where people never got out of the habit of remembering the famous battle. It's interesting to note that the largest Cinco de Mayo party takes place in Los Angeles, California. Every year, the people of Los Angeles celebrate "Festival de Fiesta Broadway" on May 5th (or on the closest Sunday). It's a large, raucous party with parades, food, dancing, music, and more. Hundreds of thousands attend annually. It's even bigger than the festivities in Puebla. In Puebla and in many U.S. cities with large Mexican populations, there are parades, dancing, and festivals. Traditional Mexican food is served or sold. Mariachi bands fill town squares and a lot of Dos Equis and Corona beers are served.

It's a fun holiday, really more about celebrating the Mexican way of life than about remembering a battle which happened over 150 years ago. It is sometimes referred to as a "Mexican St. Patrick's Day." ...



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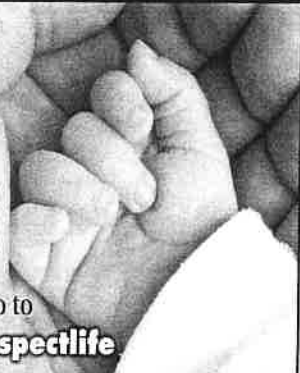
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