



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY MAY 15, 2022



Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Gospel for this the Fifth Sunday of Easter, the Church wants to remind her children of the “*New Commandment*” that Jesus, the Builder of the Church, gave to the Apostles at the Last Supper after Judas had left. The new commandment is: love one another. Is that new to humankind? It is really old, isn’t it?

Saint Augustine wrote: “*Why does the Lord call it new when it is clearly so old? Or is the commandment new because it divests us of our former selves and clothes us with the new man? Love does indeed renew the man who hears, or rather obeys its command; but only that love which Jesus distinguished from a natural love by the qualification: As I have loved you.*”

He continued: “*This is the kind of love that renews us. When we love as he loved us, we become new men, heirs of the new covenant and singers of the new song.*”



When we come to Church, besides focusing on Jesus in the Tabernacle, we should also focus on the crucifix which reminds us that is how Jesus Christ has loved us, and He loved us to the end!

And Jesus asks us to love one another as He has loved us! Do you think that Jesus asks “*TOO MUCH*” of us? I do not think so. Remember what Jesus said to the Apostles: “*If you love me, you will do what I command!*” That was Jesus’ command. So the first question or challenge that we must answer or overcome is: Do we truly love the Lord Jesus Christ? Don’t jump too fast to the answer! Take your time to think, meditate, and ponder it.

If your answer is: “*Yes, Lord. I love you,*” then you will obey His command. His new commandment is: Love one another as He has loved you!

Jesus loves us and gathers all together as members of His Mystical Body, the Church, with His tender bond of love. He also wants to see that we, as members of His Church, will be bound to one another with that same love that Jesus demonstrated to the whole world, particularly on the cross.



There are people who continue to live in sin, knowing that they are condemning themselves and placing their souls in the hands of Satan. There are people who promote immoral acts and “*help*” others to commit spiritual suicide, and call themselves Catholics. There are people who try to change the “*Divine Law*” by saying white is black or black is white. We must love them all and pray for them, and also for ourselves who are sinners, so that the MERCY of GOD will transform all of us. And then we will all recognize the Love of our Risen Christ: I do not want to lose anyone whom the Father has given me!

May the Lord sustain us with His graces. May we all be the Lord’s truthful and faithful disciples and see “*the holy city, a new Jerusalem.*” Amen.

Peace,  
Fr. Tien

Love  
one another  
as I have loved you.



Our Women's Guild would like to thank everyone who came to their ladies' luncheon this past Monday. It was such a blessing shared by all.



The Women's Guild Good Stuff Sale will be Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. We will sell household and garden items, books, toys, personal accessories (jewelry, shoes and purses) small furniture, plants, tools, garden items, etc. We will not sell electronics or clothing. We prefer you hold your contributions until June 1<sup>st</sup>. However, if you have items that you need to donate now, please call Sue Kozma at (239) 940-2057 or Pat Tuscany at 349-0731.

We have Lost-N-Found items in the foyer with many things including - jackets, shoes, toboggans, gloves and glasses. Please stop by to see if any of it belongs to you!



All unclaimed items will be donated to a local thrift store. Thank you!



Would you like to have a Mass offered for a special occasion (birthday or anniversary, etc.) for a family member or friend, living or deceased? Please stop by our Parish Office.

If you forget to get a bulletin one weekend (or if we've run out) you can go to our website - [stfrancisassisifranklin.org](http://stfrancisassisifranklin.org). A copy of the bulletin, along with lots of information and pictures, is available! Check it out!



The International/National Collection taken up this weekend goes towards Catholic Relief Services, Collection for the Holy Land,

Collection for the Works of the Holy Father (Peter's Pence), Catholic University of America, and Catholic Communications Campaign.

**Pray for healing:** Shirley Allegretti, Rita Bader, Joan Barnum, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Pam Brady, Parker Burkhart, John Wayne Crunkleton, Mary Cude, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Fiorillo, Brendan Fox, Carol Fox, Tony Frede, Morgan Hagen & baby, Shannon Halpin, Brandon Hatch, Dariel Hellerer, Donna Hogsed, Jim Holloran, Aaron Ivey, Chris Marinari, Matthew Marinari, Bob Mast, Millard Michaels, Bill, Dee and Germaine Moffitt, Dolores Molter, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Bill Shaw, Linda Smith, Catherine Holten Snider, Marlene Taber, Irene Tisdale, John Turner, Marlene Woods, Alice Yuzzi



**Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:**

Stephen Fox, Kyle McCormick, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Elizabeth Scoon



## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, May 14

**St Matthias, Apostle**

5:00 P.M. Lexi and Brendan Fox  
by Dee Oppermann

### Sunday, May 15

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:00 A.M. † Justino Soriano by his family  
11:30 A.M. † Guillermo Ramos Diaz  
† Miguel Angel Ramos Diaz

### Monday, May 16

9:00 A.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia

### Tuesday, May 17

9:00 A.M. Eileen Capozzoli

### Wednesday, May 18

**Saint John I, Pope and Martyr**

5:30 P.M. † Steven H. Swanson by Charlene

### Thursday, May 19

9:00 A.M. † Joan Hatch by Pat Tuscany  
Amy Hambleton by Mary Murphy

### Friday, May 20

**Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest**

9:00 A.M. † Bernardino Cuautle Ocototxle  
by Tina and Gabriel

### Saturday, May 21

**Saint Christopher Magallanes,  
Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

5:00 P.M. Lexi and Brendan Fox  
by Dee Oppermann  
† Chuck Perreault by Rosalie Perreault

### Sunday, May 22

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9:00 A.M. † Justino Soriano by his family  
11:30 A.M. † Maria del Refugio Acevedo  
† Armando Acevedo

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 6:15 p.m.

### The Rosary

The Rosary is recited everyday  
one-half hour before Mass.

It's not a choice.  
It's a human being.

