



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY MAY 18, 2025



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.



Catholic Adult Education on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM is *Catholic Social Teaching*. How do we interact with our fellow men in our social life such as in politics? What does our Church teach on this important aspect of our life? Come join your fellow parishioners in the spirit of fellowship. Snacks provided. We meet in the Family Life Center downstairs. Deacon David & Education team



## Website

For additional information, or if you did not get a bulletin, you can go to our website at [stfrancisassisifranklin.org](http://stfrancisassisifranklin.org) or our face book page at [www.facebook.com/maplestreet299](http://www.facebook.com/maplestreet299).

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.



We have Pro-Life bumper stickers for your car in our Parish Office. If you would like one, please stop by during office hours. There is no charge for these.

Unwritten dress code: While the Catholic Church has no strict dress code, there is an unwritten code that demands proper attire out of respect for the Real Presence of Our Lord.



**Pray for healing:** Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Sarah Holloran, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jigla, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Matthew Morgan, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Patricia Ruele, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Kit Eischen



Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:  
Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards,  
Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriguez, Elizabeth Scoon



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.  
Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.  
Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, May 17

5:00 P.M. †Damaso Daniel Acevedo, †Armando Acevedo, †Maria del Refugio Acevedo  
†James Garbinski by the Garbinski family  
Lexi and Brendon Fox by Mom

### Sunday, May 18

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. †Steven H. Swanson by Charlene  
†Flora M. Bandi by Martha Schroeder  
11:30 A.M. †Aristeo Cruz, †Maria Cruz  
†Ismael Trujillo Nunez  
†William E. Deck

### Monday, May 19

9:00 A.M. Dorothy Reise  
Adelle Bishop by Ella Jellison  
Sue Long by Jim & Stephanie Chambers

### Tuesday, May 20

Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest  
NO MASS

### Wednesday, May 21

Saint Christopher Magallanes  
Priest and Companions, Martyrs

5:30 P.M. †John Mielnik, †Ismael Trujillo Nunez  
†William E. Deck  
†Evangelina Rodriguez Marez

### Thursday, May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

9:00 A.M. †Francisco Ortaz, †Raquel Merlin  
†Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Joyce Mielnik by Stanislava Michalik

### Friday, May 23

9:00 A.M. †David Ruiz-Ordaz, †Aurelio Ruiz-Ordaz  
†Danamilo Lopez, †Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, May 24

5:00 P.M. †Chuck Perreault by Rosalie  
†Damaso Daniel Acevedo  
†Maria de Refugio Acevedo, David Ruiz

### Sunday, May 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. †Bill and Anna Nemeth by Bill and Cindy  
Joyce Mielnik by Stanislava Michalik  
11:30 A.M. †Ismael Trujillo Nunez, †William E. Deck  
†David Ruiz, Modesta Ordaz