

# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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MAY 18, 2025 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

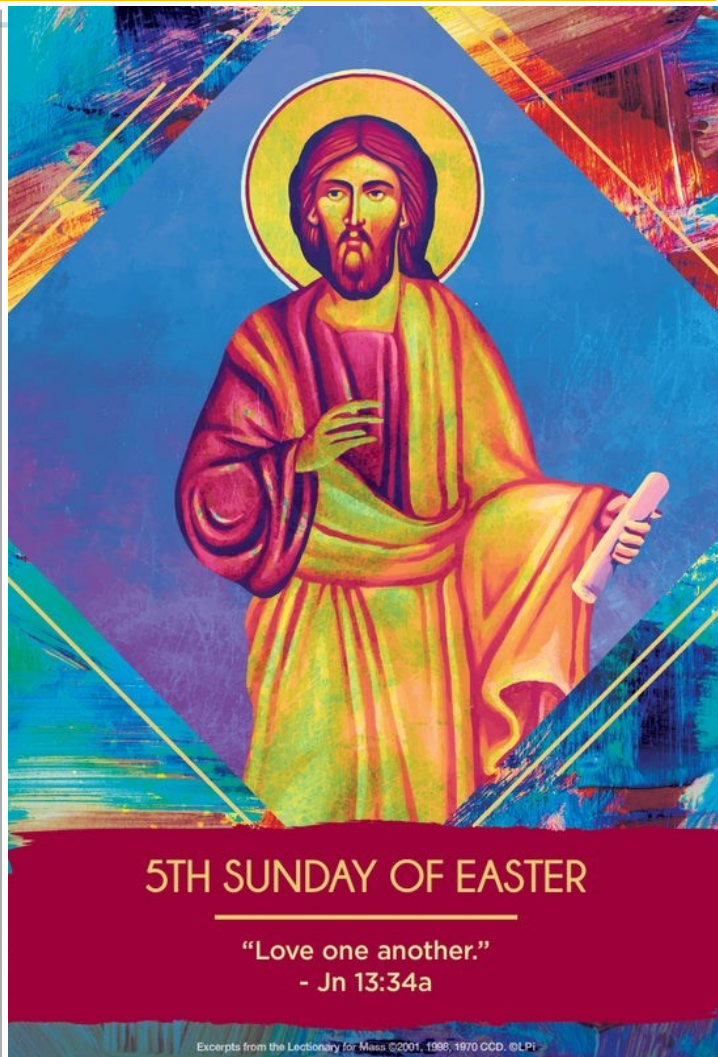
## REFLECTIONS

I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper sticky words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, **"As the Father loves me, so I love you"** (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, **"Love another as I have loved you"** (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How *has* he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: **"Love one another."** So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you."

— Father John Muir



## THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Anthony's—Lakin</b>
5:00 pm	Rosary & Prayers
5:30 pm	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>HPRV</b>
9:30 am	Mass
10:10 am	Communion/Visiting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St. Raphael-Syracuse</b>
8:00 am (MST)	Mass (Syracuse)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Anthony's –Lakin</b>
11:00 am	Confession
11:45 am	Rosary & Prayers
12:15 pm	Mass

## Friday

7:30 am	Rosary & Prayers
8:00 am	Mass
8:30—10 am	Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday	Lakin
3:50 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Mass (St. Anthony)
5:20 pm	Confession

## St. Anthony's

6:00 pm	Mass (Christ the King)
<b>Sunday Lakin &amp; Syracuse</b>	
8:00 –8:50 am	Confessions
9:00 am	Mass (St. Anthony)
10:30 am	Mass (St. Raphael)

## COLLECTION FOR 5-11-2025

<b>Envelopes:</b>	\$695.00
<b>Loose:</b>	\$504.00
<b>Online Giving:</b>	\$1478.80
<b>Total:</b>	\$2,677.80
<b>Average Weekly Expense:</b>	1,761.17
<b>Income over/under:</b>	916.63



## OFFICE HOUR

T - F 8:00 am -6:00 pm

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## DEAR PADRE,

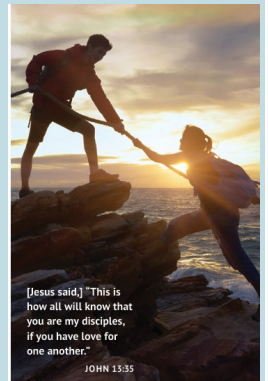
I have gay/homosexual friends and coworkers. How do I respond appropriately when they announce they got married or are engaged, as we Catholics do not believe in same-sex marriage? Context and perspective are always useful and necessary. It is also important to remember that your beliefs can often conflict with another person's belief system. It does not change the truth of what you believe, but it can be sobering. When you offer someone congratulations, it does not mean you are giving your approval or acceptance. It just means you are engaging in respectful social protocol. Let's assume that most people are mature enough to understand the difference between acceptance and protocol. Confusion arises when some people insist that you cannot be "both/and," as they reduce everything to "either/or." With this kind of perspective, life is a battle to be fought rather than an opportunity to live a life of graciousness and thanksgiving that invites us to celebrate. Be respectful. Be gentle. Be loving. Be compassionate. Each of those virtues speak much louder than judgment, rigidity, and a posture that proclaims, "I am better than you."



## THE OTHER SIDE OF LOVE

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We have an instinct to love; this is something woven into the foundation of human life. It's also a godly instinct, for anything embedded into the human spirit with such intensity must surely be of God. In fact, it is how God is creating a new heaven and a new earth, thereby making all things new as is written in the Book of Revelation. So intense is that inclination to love, we read in the first letter of John that God is love. While our culture tends to romanticize love, the reality is that, all too often, if we are seriously committed to loving someone, it can also be a lonely effort. Love is not always romantic or satisfying. At times, it can be demanding and even harsh. One day, when I was meeting with an engaged couple in preparation for their marriage, I asked them, as I often do, for their definition of love. Usually, couples are tongue-tied when I ask that question. They know they're in love, and, to them, that seems to be enough. This time, however, the young groom-to-be did not hesitate. He said that love is caring for someone even when they are unlovable—an insightful definition, for it is precisely during such times that we need someone's love. It is the weakest moments of life that are in need of rebuilding, the loneliest moments of life that are in need of someone reaching out a hand, and the darkest moments of life that are in need of light. When that happens, creation is made new.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter / May 18, 2025

**First Reading:** And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

**Psalm:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)

**Second Reading:** I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God." (Rv 21:4)

**Gospel:** I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

## Observances for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Wednesday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

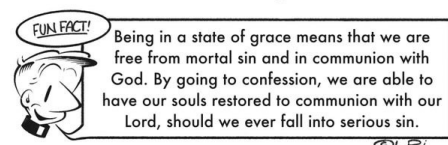
Thursday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Next Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

"What state produces the most saints?"



"The state of grace!"





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Fr. Peter will be gone from May 21 to 29 for a short vacation . Fr. Louis Hoang, a retired priest, will cover weekend Masses. For Sacramental Emergency Call/Text 620-408-5538.



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**BISHOP JOHN B. BRUNGARDT WILL ORDAIN**

**ERIC FRIEB  
&  
ESTEBAN  
HERNANDEZ**

**-TO THE ORDER OF DEACON-**

PLEASE JOIN IN CELEBRATING THE ORDINATION MASS AND SHARING IN THE RECEPTION THAT FOLLOWS.

**05 . 31 . 25**

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - 10AM

**ESTÁS INVITADO!**

**EL SEÑOR OBISPO JOHN B. BRUNGARDT ORDENARÁ**

**ERIC FRIEB  
&  
ESTEBAN  
HERNÁNDEZ**

**-AL ORDEN DE DIÁCONO-**

POR FAVOR ÚNANSE PARA CELEBRAR LA MISA DE ORDENACIÓN Y DESPUÉS A COMPARTIR EN LA RECEPCIÓN.

**05 . 31 . 25**

CATEDRAL DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE - 10AM

In all your actions seek  
in the first place the  
*Kingdom of God*  
& his glory.

—ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

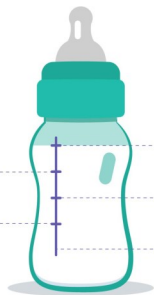
## BUDGET SHOP

We will be working at the Budget Shop on Saturday, May 25, and Tuesday, June 3. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us.



## How YOUR gift changes lives:

- \$100** Provides one life-saving ultrasound and medical assessment.
- \$25** Provides a supply of brochures to give to abortion-vulnerable women to let them know of our services.



- \$200** Provides counseling sessions for 2 different families (pregnant teen mother or father and their family).
- \$50** Provides one life-affirming professional counseling session.
- \$10** Provides a pregnancy test and verification for a woman in need.

## KANSANS FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Our parish will have empty baby bottles in the vestibule on Mother's Day and collect them again on Father's Day. We ask that you use them to collect your change or any other monetary donation that you would like to make to our Pro Life Causes.

## 18 de mayo de 2025 - V Domingo de Pascua

La palabra amor está muy trillada, es usada con mucha facilidad en nuestro lenguaje. Al decirla, quizá no pensamos en lo profundo de esta palabra. Hacemos tantas promesas de amor falsas. A la esposa, al esposo, a los hijos, a los amigos y a tanta gente le decimos que la amamos cuando en realidad no es cierto. En este Domingo de Pascua, Jesús nuevamente lanza su invitación al amor, a dar la vida por el ser amado. *“Les doy un mandamiento nuevo: que se amen los unos a los otros. Ustedes deben amarse unos a otros como yo los he amado” (Juan 13:34).* Y agrega una frase más para que quede bien cimentado en nuestros corazones el significado de la palabra amor: *“En esto reconocerán todos que son mis discípulos: en que se aman unos a otros” (Juan 13:35).*

Esto es el amor evangélico; esto distingue mucho el significado de decir simplemente la palabra amor. El amor evangélico se vive en las dificultades más difíciles de la vida. Cuando los percances nos obligan a hacer cosas, aunque no queramos. Para así glorificarte en el sufrimiento de cualquier índole. Esta es la entrega que sublima tu Evangelio. Así es como se va aprendiendo a amar: la vida nos enseña a girar el corazón al amor. Reflexiona en lo siguiente: ¿En qué área de tu vida has experimentado el amor de Jesús? Si Jesús te dijera: *“ama como yo te he amado”*, ¿cuál sería tu respuesta? En concreto, solo Jesús puede ayudarnos a renovar nuestra forma de amar a los demás.

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## PARISH STAFF

<b>Pastor:</b> Fr. Peter Tran	355-6405
<b>Rel.Edu. Committee:</b> Karen Burden,	355-6388
<b>DRE:</b> Lisa Gannett	272-6866
<b>Parish C. Chair:</b> Gwen Waechter	272-1030
<b>Finance C. Chair:</b> Tressa Powers	355-6206
<b>Altar S. President:</b> Nanette Rice	355-7676
<b>Grand Knight:</b> Tom Bachman	640-8259
<b>Prayer Line Starters:</b> Allison Bushek	355-1696
& Nanette Rice	355-7676
<b>Vocation Team:</b> Nanette & Sandra	355-7676
<b>Youth Director:</b> Hannah Schauf	316-765-4131

## Question: If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer: The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!



## MASS INTENTIONS



Mon, May 19	5:30 pm	+ Margaret Cahoj
Tue, May 20	9:30 am	+ Neal Cahoj
Wed, May 21	9:00 am	St. Raphael's
Thurs, May 22	No Mass	
Fri, May 23	No Mass	
Sat, May 24	4:00 pm	Dough Rice & Family
Sun, May 25	9:00 am	+ Peter Sack

## MINISTERS FOR THIS/NEXT WEEK

### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

5/17/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

**Servers:** Rowen Simon, Brelund Budd, Volunteer

**Reader:** Karen Burden

**Extra Ordinary of HC:** Debbie Frederick, Gwen Waechter

5/18/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

**Servers:** Kingston Guerrero, Jace Berning, Haley Berning

**Reader:** Mike Broeckelman

**Extra Ordinary of HC:** Del & Julia Kaps

### 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

5/24/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

**Servers:** Gus, Jonathan Gannett, Brisa Ibarra

**Reader:** Tom Bachman

**Extra Ordinary of HC:** Cecilia Harris, Karen Burden

5/25/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

**Servers:** Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

**Reader:** Hannah Schauf

**Extra Ordinary of HC:** Toby & Jessica Luhman- Fuller

## Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard every Saturday at 3:00 pm and every Sunday at 8:00. Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

## Baptism:

## Marriage:

Please contact parish priest at least four months before the wedding.

## Anointing the sick:

Celebrated anytime