Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025



HOLY FAMILY HOLY ROSARY MISSION

FATHER INNOCENT SUBIZA, PASTOR

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



In today's Gospel Jesus is explicitly saying that **the kind** love he is commanding will be so new, so different, so distinctive, the the whole world will sit up and take notice.

This distinctive love is not a feeling, but a choice of the will, a resolved commitment, a promise. This love is free, a free choice.

Peter Kreeft makes this comparison: The Jaguar manufacturers do not say that their product is the same as every other one. They say: our car is sportier, faster, and more luxurious that any other. Don't settle for less. Confusing a Jaguar with a Subaru is impossible; they're both good cars, but one is miles ahead of the other one and much more costly. That is what Jesus is saying about the love he is commanding us to have: it is the highest, most distinctive, and costliest of all the loves. But anyone can ride in this Jaguar because everybody has what it takes to buy it. **The price is not your fortune, but your ego.**- Peter Kreeft in Food for the Soul

Do You Really Grust Jesus?

Jesus is a very interesting person. His words are full of wisdom. His presence is heartwarming. His gentleness and kindness are deeply moving. His message is very challenging.

But do we invite him into our home? Do we want him to come to know us **behind the walls of our most intimate life?** Do we want to introduce him to all the people we live with Do we want him to see us in **our everyday lives?** Do we want him to touch us where we are **most vulnerable?**

Do we want him to enter into the back rooms of our homes, rooms that we ourselves prefer to keep safely locked? Do we truly want him to stay with us when it is nearly evening and the day is almost over?...

Jesus reveals himself as the Good Shepherd who knows us intimately and loves us. **But do we want to be known by him?** Do we want him to walk freely in every room of our inner lives? Do we want him to see our **bad side as well as our good, our shadow as well as our light?** Or do we prefer him to go on without entering our home?

In the end the question is: "Do we really trust him and entrust every part of ourselves to him?" ~Fr. Henri Nouwen, With Burning Hearts

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Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants!

Congratulations to our first communion candidates and their families. May this special day bring you joy and peace, and may God's love guide you always.

We invite everyone to join us in the hall after Mass to celebrate with coffee and cake. Hope to see many of you there.



Holy Family

Richardo Silva
Samantha Silva
Kristina Zavala
Jessica Zavala
Anahy Nevarez
Keyla Nevarez Guerrero
Briyith Gurrola Maturin
Briana Alely Bernal Manzo
Yazmin del Rosario Magana Rincon
Marian Murrieta Olaje
Laisha Sarabi Gabriel Cano
Elisandra Jauregui Alcaraz
Victoria Sofia Manzo Ramirez
Ana Paula Calderon Rincon

Holy Rosary

Taylor Rose DeCoite
Graeson James DeCoite
Raegan Rose DeCoite
David William Aguilar
Alex Moffitt
Natella Moffitt
Ava Lynne Easley
Clare Elizabeth Bayly
William James Bayly
Daniela Martin Soto
Nathaniel "Finn" Corcoran

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 17th.:

7:00 p.m.: Jesus Juarez+

Sunday, May 18th:

8:30 a.m.: Rosario Perez Peralta+

Tuesday, May 20th:
Rosario Perez Peralta+



May 28: Community Dinner, 6:00 p.m. in Portola

Father's Day Flowers



Donations for Father's Day Flowers and Masses in honor/ memory of your father can be given to Ginger, or by calling her at 530-927-7322. Masses will be said all month by Fr. Innocent.

This is not an Altar Society program.

Catholic Studies Portola

"There's an App for that!"
Thursday, May 29 @ 6:00 p.m.
Parish hall conference room

This is a great time to be Catholic. There are so many resources available to help us grow in our faith, including dozens of apps that you can access on your smartphone. Would you like to get the most out of your phone? Learn about some of the most popular Catholic apps available, and share your favorites.

Please call the church office to register (so we have some idea of how many people to expect). 530-832-5006.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Some of us might agree with Lily Tomlin, who said: "If love is the answer, could you rephrase the question?"

Apparitions of Our Blessed Mother-Our Lady of Shoubra Cairo, Egypt 1986-1991

In these apparitions Our Blessed Lady appeared on the roof of St. Demiana the

Martyr on numerous nights from March 25, 1986 to 1991. In the



account I read, she did not speak to anyone, but she sometimes appeared during the day inside the church on the eastern side of the altar. Sometimes the apparitions included the Child Jesus and St Demiana. Witnesses reported that none only a *luminous glow* surrounded the Virgin, but also, at times, even *flames of fire*.

In April, an article told of the Virgin surrounded by a transparent light, the Virgin wore a *halo of light* and that she looked at the sounds and often extended her arms towards

them in blessing. The report tells that white doves were often seen, sometimes flying in **formation** with their wings extended, but not flapping. It was revealed that the Blessed Mother was seen wearing white and sometimes blue or red colors.

-Joan Carroll Cruz, See How She loves Us

Roommate wanted to share a 4 bedroom house on Smithneck Rd. In Loyalton. Candidate should be Christian, non-smoker and like cats. Please call Bill Dupree at 530-536-6447.





THE LITTLE WHITE BOOK

Copies available in the vestibule for \$2.00