

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass intentions
for May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, 5 p.m.—
People of the parish

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —
† Victor & Anna Marchioni
By: Michael & Nina Marchioni

9:30 a.m. —
† Dylan Wade Snyder
By: Leonard & Irene Whitehead

Wednesday, noon —
Vocations
By: Knights of Columbus

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Acts 9:26-31—When Saul tried to join the disciples in Jerusalem, they were afraid of him, but Saul spoke out boldly in the name of Jesus. The church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria was at peace and grew in numbers.

Psalms 22: 26-27, 28, 30, 31-32—I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1 John 3:18-24—Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. If our hearts do not condemn us and we do what pleases him, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask. The way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

John 15:1-8—Jesus said, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit because without me you can do nothing. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.”

Dispensation

Catholics living in the diocese are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. While not required, participating in Mass online is encouraged.



SAUL OF TARSUS

In today's first reading, someone named Saul, who tries to meet the Apostles, is rebuffed. Saul is better known by his Roman name of Paul, the first great Christian missionary. The reason the Apostles reject him is that he has been a rabid fanatic against Christianity. Saul has led what amounted to a one-man crusade against the followers of Jesus, arresting many of them and even participating in some of their executions! This all changes when he dramatically converts to the very faith he had hated. No wonder the Apostles are suspicious.

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Weekly readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31
Psalm 22:26-27,
28, 30, 31-32
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Monday

*St. Philip
& St. James*
1 Corinthians 15:1-8
John 14:6-14

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6
John 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21
John 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31
John 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10
John 15:18-21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26,
34-35, 44-48
Psalm 98:1-4
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

Month of Mary

May is a time to offer “loving homage of prayer” to Mary, a practice that arose at the end of the 13th century.

Mary totally trusted in God. She obeyed the promptings of the Holy Spirit and agreed to be the mother of Jesus when the angel Gabriel approached her. She lovingly raised Jesus, living by faith as the Scriptures remind us.

Mary quietly supported Jesus during His public ministry, beginning with the wedding at Cana. There Jesus performed His first miracle at her urging.

Mary was Jesus' first disciple, humbly following him during his mission. She witnessed the mystery of Jesus, from his conception on through his death and resurrection. While standing at the foot of his cross, she united her own suffering with that of her son.



Mary is the Mother of the Church. She was present with the Apostles in the upper room as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit. That first Pentecost marks the beginning of the Church. Mary served as both mother and teacher to the Apostles then and continues in those roles for all Christians, inspiring us to become servants of God and man.

Mary inspires us to trust in her maternal protection, in her comfort and guidance. She intercedes for us, as the words of the Hail Mary state: “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.”

Mary reflects the light of Christ, making her month of May a month of promise and hope.

Saintly Wisdom

“I’m like a little pencil in God’s hand. That’s all.
He does the thinking.
He does the writing.
The pencil has nothing to do with it.
The pencil has only to be allowed to be used.”
— Mother Teresa —

Parish Life

First Communion Next Weekend — Three students will receive their First Communion next weekend at the Saturday evening Mass (May 8) at St. Elizabeth. Please keep them in your prayers.

Last PSR Class — This Sunday is the last day of classes for the Parish School of Religion for this school year.

Finance Webinar on Tuesday — The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a webinar at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Joe Jordan, an inspirational and behavioral finance expert, will be presenting the webinar, which is called “Building Intergenerational Wealth.” To register, go to the Knights section of the church website, stelizabethsparish.org .

Knights of Columbus Meeting — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church basement. All members are invited to attend. The Knights welcome their newest member, George Gehring, according to Grand Knight Dave Olson.

May 16 Covid Clinic at St. Mary

Covid Vaccine at St. Mary — The Health Department will be at St. Mary in Johnson City at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 16, to provide a Covid-19 vaccination clinic for people ages 16 and older. The free vaccine will be the Pfizer Covid vaccine. A Tennessee identification card is not required, but preregistration is required. To preregister, please contact the parish nurse, Maria Macariola, at nurse@stmarysjc.org or 423-282-6367 (office) or 423-741-9155 (cell). St. Mary is located at 2211 E. Lakeview Drive in Johnson City.