



Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

May 04....King Family
May 11....Dick Lane

DO YOU HAVE MASS INTENTIONS?

We have envelopes at back of the church.
Ask an usher.



A Word from Fr. Jim: Sunday, May 4, 2025

Can you remember how many times in your life you were asked "Do you love me" or, simply, how many times you were asked what you "loved" about some person, place or thing? Love is something that has found its way into our vocabulary and is expressed in countless ways- some quite sacred and some much less so. In today's gospel the risen Christ asks Peter that question three times but in only two ways, according to the Greek. The first two times as "agapao" and the last as "phileo", a less sacred form of asking about "friendship" rather than sacrificial love. According to some commentators, Peter was less capable of "agapao" and therefore Jesus' final query comes down to Peter's level. Yet, more likely, Peter's capability is that "there is no greater love than the love of a friend who lays down his life for a friend."

Peter's love grows but his is a love that bears fruit, extending itself outward in mission, feeding the hungers of those who are most vulnerable. Jesus prophesied that Peter would take a stance of being crucified with arms outstretched, extended in prayer, in embrace of the Beloved and all his friends. And in service to all in need, as were the arms of Christ drawing all to himself.

While we sometimes move backward to our old lives, as did Peter in going back to fishing, the good Lord is always leading us to grow, no matter how painful, into the person that God has created us to be. When we do so, we can be ready to resume a life into which God's graces continue to lead us to our ultimate perfection in Christ.

Mass times:

Sunday 10:30am
12pm Spanish

**Please see calendar at
stpatrickmtsterling.com
for midweek masses.**

Religious Ed:

Sundays 9-10:15am

Anointing of the Sick & Visits:

Please call the office if you know of someone in need of a pastoral visit.

Marriage Prep: Notify priest 6+mo. in adv.

Baptism: by appointment

New or Returning to Our Parish?

Need to update info?

Ask an usher for the parish registration form. Complete and return to the church office or put in the collection plate.

DO YOU GET THE FLOCKNOTES?

Keep in touch with our parish through text

Text SJSPSA to
84576

OR go to this
QR code:





Please bring back the
RICE BOWLS.
Catholic Relief Services
thanks you

DID YOU KNOW?

St Patrick participates in Kroger's Community Rewards program. You can link your shoppers card to our church so that the church benefits every time you shop. We have received \$15,000+ since 2013.

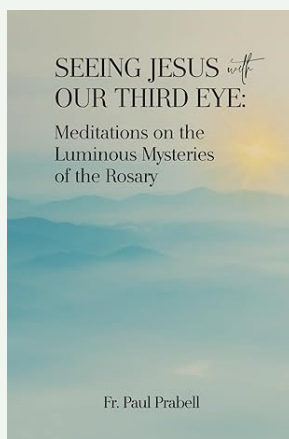


Birthdays (May 4th-10th)
05/04...Melissa Vargas
05/05...Juan Villasana
05/07...Eleazar Vasquez
Melendez
05/07...Thaddeus Stupi
05/07...Lanora Mock
05/08...Christopher Fraley
05/09...Gilberto Romulo
05/10...Kyle Beckham



AFTER MASS TODAY,
Fr. Paul Prabell will be
signing his recent book:

**SEEING JESUS WITH
OUR THIRD EYE:
MEDITATIONS ON THE
LUMINOUS MYSTERIES
OF THE ROSARY**



The proceeds from the book sales go to Catholic Charities. The cost of the book is \$20 (cash or check). Fr. Paul will also be celebrating Mass that day at St. Patrick.



**Pray the Rosary
Starting after Easter
Wednesdays 4pm**

See Mary Fran Kirouac for info



MAY requests:
Cereal, canned fruit, ketchup,
& canned soup.

A box has been placed in
back of church for collection.

**"It is patience that
reveals every grace to
you, and it is through
patience that the saints
received all that was
promised to them."**

- St. Pachomius (died 346)
- Founder of Christian Monasticism
- Feast Day May 9

