

May 2025

Come and worship with us. A place of rest, peace and love

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Mother Suzanne's Comments

DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

As we prepare to enter the month of May Spring has arrived and the school year is coming to its end. May is filled with many special events in both the secular world and the church. There will be school graduations, May 11th is Mother's Day, and Monday, May 26th is Memorial Day.

Since the great Feast Day of Easter, the church has continued its celebration of the Risen Lord with lots of "alleluia's" and with the stories of those who experienced seeing and being with Christ after the resurrection. This period of celebration is sometimes called Eastertide or the Great Fifty Days. This period of time is also called a time of great light which is represented in the church by the presence of the Pascal Candle placed at the left of the altar. It is also during this time, in preparing his followers for his ascension to the Father, that Christ tells them that he will not leave them alone –that the Father would send to them a powerful advocate.

Rogation Sunday, May 25th, when the church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessing on the fruits of the earth and the labors of humankind. The word rogation is from the Latin *rogare*, to ask. Historically, the Rogation Days are a period of fasting and abstinence, asking God's blessing on the crops, for a bountiful harvest.

The season of Eastertide ends on the Day of Pentecost with the coming of the Holy Spirit, which is celebrated this year on June 8th. On that day the altar hangings and vestments will change from white to red as a symbol of the power and fire of the Holy Spirit. It is also celebrated as the birthday of the church. And there are some very important reasons that Pentecost still matters to us today.

BLESSINGS ALWAYS,
MOTHER SUZANNE

Anniversary

May 1st – Terry and Nancy Davidson

May 30th – Seth and Becky Short

Birthdays

May 9 Debbie Hammock -- May 15 Ken Kenner

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th

Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.

Amen.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 26th

A PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY 2025

O JUDGE OF THE NATIONS, WE REMEMBER BEFORE YOU WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR COUNTRY WHO IN THE DAY OF DECISION VENTURED MUCH FOR THE LIBERTIES WE NOW ENJOY. GRANT THAT WE MAY NOT REST UNTIL ALL PEOPLE OF THIS LAND SHARE THE BENEFITS OF TRUE FREEDOM AND GLADLY ACCEPT ITS DISCIPLINES. THIS WE ASK IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. (BCP p. 839)

AMEN



DATE	READINGS	MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS CRUCIFER	ALTAR GUILD	FLOWERS	HOSPITALITY/ Lock up Duty
May 4th The 3rd Sunday of Easter 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Celebrant Rev Mollison Deacon Braddock Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Craighead J Epistle McAskill	Craighead D and Kidwell Womack	Kidwell	Open	Open Kidwell
May 11th The 4th Sunday of Easter 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II Mother's Day	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Celebrant Rev Mollison Deacon Braddock Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Womack Epistle Craighead J	Sharp and Robison Howard	Womack	Open	Open Womack
May 18th The 5th Sunday of Easter 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Celebrant Rev Mollison LEM Womack Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Kidwell B Epistle Peer	Howard and Kidwell Davidson	Kidwell	Open	Open Davidson
May 25th The 6th Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29	Celebrant Rev Mollison Deacon Braddock Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Kidwell J Epistle Womack	Robison and Sharp Womack	Howard	Open	Open Stebbens

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Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

(A prayer attributed to St. Francis)