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### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 noon

Tues, Wed, and Fri: 8am

Thurs: 5:30pm

### **Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

Sunday 7:00-7:45am

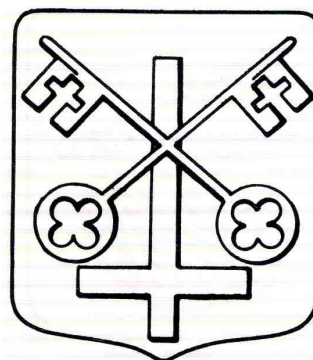
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## **Save the Date!**

**Sunday, May 18th**

**Mother's day brunch**

**Social Hall after 8 and 10 Masses**

**May 19-24**

**Parish Directory Photos**

**St Francis Xavier chapel**

**Monday, May 26th**

**Memorial Day Mass**

**St Joseph Cemetery, 9am**

**May 31-June 1**

**Parish Verification forms**

**After all weekend Masses**

**Wednesday, June 4th**

**1st Summer Bible Study**

**Fr Kottas Social Hall, 6:30 pm**

18 MAY, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## From Father Jacob

### **“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.”**

This doesn't seem like good news, does it? But this is part of the Gospel, part of the “good news” that Paul and Barnabas preached.

Sometimes we think that being “blessed” by God means having the maximum of pleasant things and the minimum of unpleasant things happen to us, but Jesus has shown us a very different way. We worship the God who went to the cross, and who was even able to say today just before he died:

**“Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.”**

Jesus has shown us good news that can include hardships and unpleasantness. Indeed it seems that it even requires it, “it is necessary”. Why? Well because his kingdom is a kingdom of love, and in this fallen world and with our fallen hearts, loving on another requires suffering.

Loving one another requires internal suffering because we have to “put to death” that voice in each of us that says we should get what we can, when we can; that other people are an imposition and a burden; or that we should prove how much better we are. Following that voice doesn't actually make anyone happy, but it is a suffering to go against it.

Loving one another requires external suffering because in this fallen world it always comes along with it. The loving thing is usually the thing that requires more work, or getting up, or giving away, or being too hot or too cold, or being bored, etc. Doing the loving thing comes with some suffering in this world.

Jesus's kingdom is a kingdom of love, and to enter it we have to learn to “love one another as I have loved you”. In this world that is not easy to do, and so, yes, “it is necessary to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.”

### **Annual Diocesan Appeal**

A special Thank You to everyone who has contributed to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, we are about halfway to our goal of \$67,000, which is far behind where we were this time last year. The biggest difference? Far fewer of our parishioners have participated!

*If you haven't given, please consider doing so in whatever amount you are able!* You can take a slip from the tables at all the exits, or simply write a check with “ADA” clearly written in the memo and we will take care of sending it to the Diocese.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal supports many things we want. Just to name a very few recent things:

- It paid for 16 girls from Council Bluffs to go on the “nun run” this Spring.
- It paid for Fr Jacob to drive down to Imogene a couple weeks ago and visit and pray with tornado victims.
- It paid for two of our parishioners to be trained to help those seeking annulments.
- It partially paid for software that has allowed Heather and Fr Jacob to post better materials more consistently to our Facebook and Instagram accounts.

We can do these sorts of things when our parishes come together and work with the Diocese, and we wouldn't be able to do them alone. If you haven't done so already, please support the ADA this week!

### **Parish Verification forms**

All St Albert families should plan to stay after Masses the weekend of May 31—June 1 for a brief meeting about Parish Verification forms. We'll get your forms for next year filled out and taken care of. We will have blank forms or you can bring one filled out already.

18 MAY, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

READINGS FOR: May 25, 2025  
1ST READING: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29  
2ND READING: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23  
GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	5/20	8:00 am	Michael & Christina Renteria
Wed	5/21	8:00 am	Tony & Connie Renteria-RIP
Thurs	5/22	5:30 pm	Manuel & Rita Valadez
Fri	5/23	8:00 am	Casey & Family
Sat	5/24	4:00 pm	Leo & Manuela Mendoza
Sun	5/25	8:00 am	St. Peter's Parish
		10:00 am	Roger Wood & Joshua Stange-RIP
		Noon	William E Roarty-RIP

SATURDAY, 4PM May 24, 2025  
ALTAR SERVERS: Emma & Nicholas Rodenburg, Nicolas Moses  
LECTORS: Dylis & Erik King  
EUCH MINISTERS: Wayne Stangl, 2 needed  
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben, Josie Limpp

SUNDAY, 8 AM, May 25, 2025  
ALTAR SERVERS: Claire & Caroline Reineke, Velda Ring  
LECTORS: Sean Dunphy, Peter Finn  
EUCH MINISTERS: Sheryl Garst, Nicole Juranek  
USHERS: Dennis Coughlin, Russ Goesser, Andy Juranek, Oliver Juranek

SUNDAY, 10 AM May 25, 2025  
ALTAR SERVERS: Cole, Connor, & Charlotte Noon  
LECTORS: John Ross Biederman, Eric Ely  
EUCH MINISTERS: Jon & Maureen Garrigan, Jennifer Lighthipe  
USHERS: Bryan Carolus, Dave Bristol, Jill Clevenger, Zach Clevenger

SUNDAY, NOON May 25, 2025  
ALTAR SERVERS: Mason Olson, Keegan McCaffery, Emma Thompson  
LECTORS: Susan Lorkovic, Cindy Bussey  
EUCH MINISTERS: Michael Koricic  
USHERS: Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich, Chris Olson, Mikey Donovan

Father's Thought for the Week

**“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.”**

God has made this true by coming to be with us in Jesus Christ, and it is above all in the Eucharist at Mass that this remains true through all the ages of the world until he comes again in glory. He is with us!

CHI Mercy Hospital Volunteers Annual Memorial Day Flower Sale will be held at the Mercy Hospital lobby May 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22, 2025.

Social Concerns will be collection summer indoor and outdoor children's games for Children's Square. Beginning May 10 through June 1. Boxes will be in the front and at the side doors of the church.

Parish Directory pictures will be taken May 19—May 24, 2025 at the St. Francis Worship Center, 238 South 6th Street. See attached flyer for directions and where to park.

Memorial Day mass at St Joseph Cemetery May 26 at 9:00 am. Please bring lawn chairs.

The St. Peter's office will be closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- Having an empty kitchen sink is the best minute of the week.
- I may look like I'm having deep thoughts but 99% of the time I'm thinking about what I'm going to eat later.
- I read that to achieve true inner peace, you have to finish what you start. So far I've finished two bags of M & M's, and a chocolate cake. The books right, I do feel better.
- If I share my food with you, it's either because I like you a lot, or because it fell on the floor and I don't want it.
- How to keep donuts fresh? Eat them all in one sitting. Follow me for more food tips.
- I believe in you. I also believe in Big Foot so don't get too excited.
- We wanted to be adults so bad. Now look at us, stressed, broke, tired...and excited when the laundry's done.
- If a woman is chugging chocolate chips straight out of bag in the baking aisle at the grocery store, I suggest you just let her be.
- Welcome to adulthood. You get mad when they rearrange the grocery store aisles.
- I think the new James Bond should be a woman. Just think how great it would be. Great cars, big accidents, massive explosions. Just all that while parking the car.
- I'm really tired of the LED headlights on some cars. I'm really glad you can see 92 miles ahead but the rest of us are blind now.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK, STAY SAFE, BE NICE TO EACH OTHER

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 19-24-Parish Directory pictures taken at Worship Center, 238 South 6th Street

June 9-13-Vacation Bible School-St. Albert 5:30pm-8:30pm

Sunday, June 29-Parish Picnic, The Landing 11am-3pm

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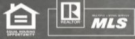
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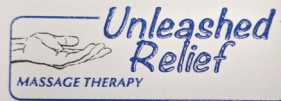
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