



The Already and the Not Yet

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

The church celebrates again and again during the Easter season a core truth of Christian thought and belief: “the already and the not yet.” Jesus has already saved us, but we have not yet experienced the fullness of the kingdom. In this belief, there is tension, the experience of standing in the middle, where the tension is lived, and hopefully where balance is achieved.

What makes the tension bearable is that we know we have not been left as orphans. We are not on our own. The Spirit of God is sent to us and enables us to hold fast to what we have known and experienced and what is still unknown to us. Scripture and tradition, dogmas and doctrines, sacraments and sacramentals, practices and disciplines, all inspired by the Spirit of God, provide us with the necessary support and direction and help us remain balanced.

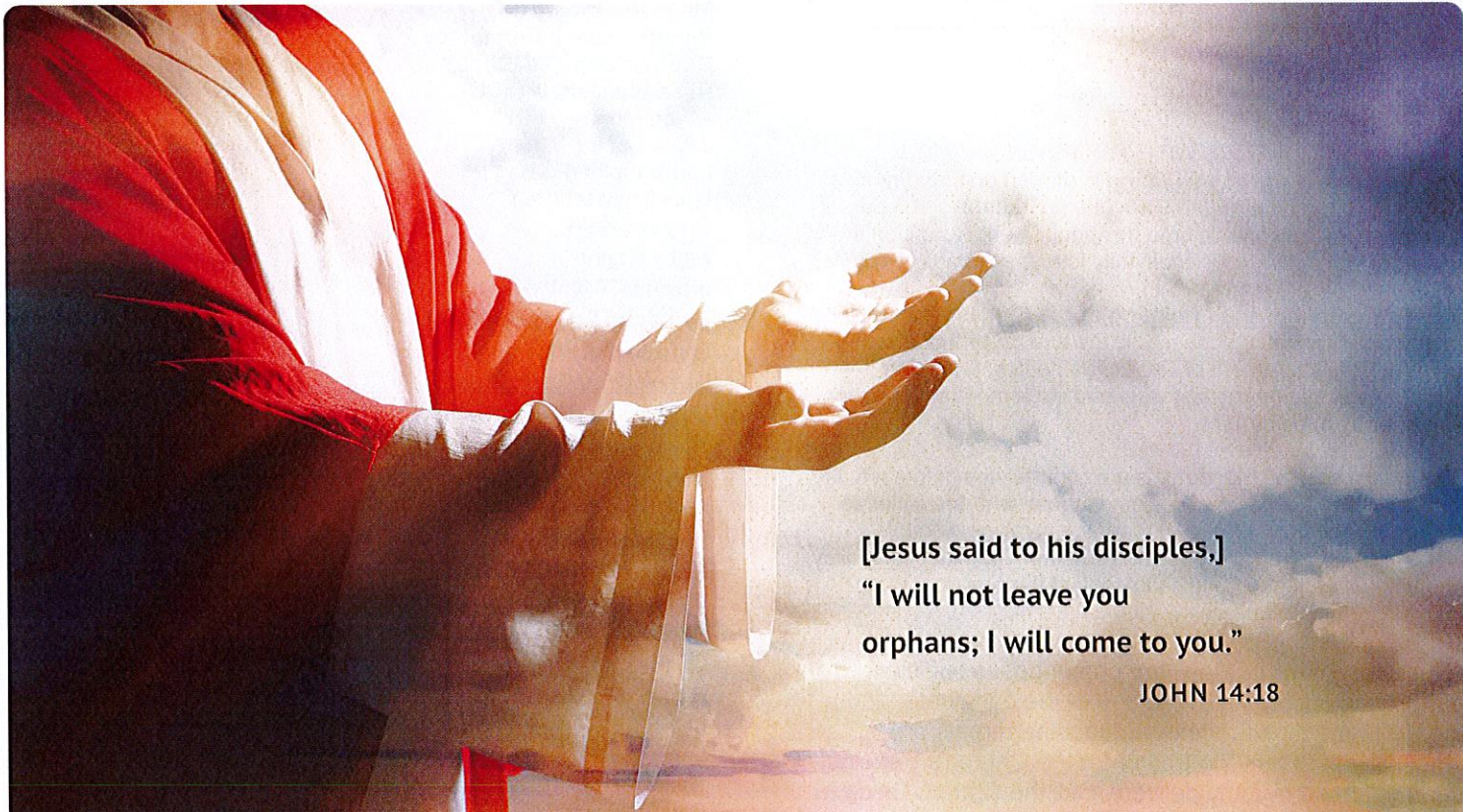
As wonderful as each of these gifts of the Spirit may be, each gift must be received, encountered, enabled, and lived. If the gifts are given but never received—and, even more important, used and shared—we not only refuse a gift freely given by our God but also deprive ourselves of the means to maintain our balance and remain on the path that leads to life and light. ●



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THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Is there a gift from God I have not received or lived? How can I begin?



[Jesus said to his disciples,]
“I will not leave you
orphans; I will come to you.”

JOHN 14:18

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Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday
Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday
Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.: Saturday
Confession 3:00 p.m.: 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.
30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Sacraments

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST !

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

PARISH MINISTRIES

(Area code is 870 unless otherwise noted)

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here.

Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register

by completing a registration form, then kindly

return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let

us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and

service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.

 Mass Intentions

Saturday / May 9th – Easter weekday

***Memorial Mass for Marilyn Hadley †

10:30 a.m. The Rosary/ 11:00 a.m. Memorial Mass

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Dale Loftquist †

by: Barbara Loftquist

*No 2nd Collection

Sunday/ May 10th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day - USA

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Robin West †

by: Annette Sabado

*No 2nd Collection/****Knights Big Breakfast after 9 AM Holy Mass

Monday May 11th – Easter weekday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Amanda Winston †

by: Matthew and Mary Winston

KC meeting :The Rosary 5:30 p.m. 6 p.m. meeting

Tuesday/ May 12th–St. Nereus ,St. Achilleus St.Pancras

No Holy Mass :

Wednesday/ May 13th –Our Lady of Fatima

6 p.m. Holy Mass: Anthony Boatwright

by: Davina Boatwright

2nd CPR class starts at 6 pm in the parish hall

Thursday / May 14th – St. Matthias, Apostle

The Ascension of the Lord

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Jonathan Schwartz †

by: Matthew Winston

*Bingo starts at 6 pm doors open at 5 pm

Friday/ May 15th –St. Isidore – USA

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Mary Welch †

by: Ron Martin and family

Saturday / May16th – Easter Weekday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Lori Templet

by: Dorine Hertzman

*2nd Collection : The Catholic Communication Campaign

Sunday/ May 17th – Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Ascension of the Lord

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Marion Macino †

by: Catherine and Garry Raikes

*2nd Collection : The Catholic Communication Campaign

BINGO every Thursday- doors open 5 pm games start at 6 pm

KNIGHTS BIG BREAKFAST May 10th Sunday after 9 am Holy Mass

Thought
for the week

May
10:2026

God
Desires
To Dwell
Within Us
Not
Just To
Guide
Nor Just
To
Bless Us
Occasionally
But
To Make
"His Home
In Us "



"The Word
Became Flesh
And
Dwelt
Among
Us"
- Jn.1:14

LOVE in the Language of Christ
Is not merely a feeling ..
"It is faithfulness in Action ."

Easter. 6th Sun- A

🙏 John.14:23 🙏

"Whoever loves me
will keep my word, and
my Father will love him,
and we will come to
him and make
our home with him." 🙏

"The Lord Your God
Is in Your Midst,
A Mighty One Who Will Save"
- Zephaniah.3:17

🙏 Wishing you a Blessed Week 🙏



May 2nd and May 3rd, 2026

Main Collection \$4043.63

Maintenance Fund \$1089

Thank you for your sacrificial giving !

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?



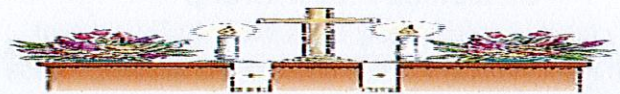
ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration

Tuesday 6 pm to 7 pm

Rose, (870) 847-5018, or

Anne, (870) 847-19859



God Bless the Donors and their Intentions

Altar Flowers this week are generously
provided by : Buddy and Anne Kootz in honor
of their daughter-in-law,

Theresa Kootz's birthday.

Tabernacle Roses this week are generously
provided by : Joyce Speir in memory of her
husband Dan Speir.



Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Joyce Speir, Barbara Lofquist, Michael and Kathy Gagne, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, JoAnn Colwell, Georgia Harris, Dan Such, Dawn Logan, Mary Lee, Jim Whorl, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Jimmy White, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Pat Kimball, Ray McHugh, Marcella Birckhead, Michael Reddick, Gerald and Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Maryann Barber, Martin and Amy Moriarty, Maria Gerrah, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, Darrell and Elizabeth Beason, Tim Starken, Doug and Tammy Wortham, and Toni Travline. Nursing Home: Wolff, Ruth Klinge, and KayLynn Rodenbeck.

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!

- May 11th - Adleigh Pospisil
- May 12th - Terry Phelps
- May 16th - Webb Munroe
- May 17th - Kirk Kuhick



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

♥ **May 16th - Petr and Helen Oberding**
56 years

2nd CPR class will be Wednesday May 13th starting at 6 pm in the parish hall. Contact Garry Raikes if any questions or want to attend . Ph#870-847-1425

Knight's Big Breakfast

The Knights will be cooking their big breakfast for the parish on May 10th 2026, after Sunday Holy Mass. This is also Mother's Day so come and treat your Mom to breakfast. Tickets are on sale at the door.

Vacation Bible School

Registration for Vacation Bible School will be held on May 16th and 17th before and after both Masses. Forms can be taken so others can register. You need not be Catholic to attend the Vacation Bible School. It will be held in St. Michael's Parish Hall on Sunday, May 31st until Wednesday, June 3rd from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm each day. On Wednesday, the children will sing the song they will be learning at the 6 pm Mass. For more information contact Lori Templet at 225-717-0238 or Greta Ismael at 870-847-6700.vbs

Food Pantry Collection

Thank you to all who brought in pantry food items for the needy. Last weekend we **collected 87 items**. Please, keep in mind that any canned meat or macaroni and cheese in cans or boxes are good to bring in. The pantry can always use soups and canned meals. Rice and beans are always good filler foods for people to make bigger meals. Watch the expiration dates on all items. Some can be used a little past the dates. Many Blessings to all of you.

St. Monica Prayer Group

They meet after 9 am Holy Mass every 1st Thursday of each month to pray for their children and families. Please come join them in praying to St. Monica, Anne will have prayer cards at the meeting. Meetings are in the church library. Contact Anne Kootz with any questions.

Single Retired Ladies Luncheon

The next luncheon is scheduled for **Thursday May 21st from Noon until 1 pm. Location will be in the Parish Hall.** Everyone who attended the last one enjoyed having lunch and visiting ! This is a very happy casual luncheon. Please, come join us ! It is to get our ladies together and fellowship. Plenty of laughs and stories. Food was so good at the last one.

Please bring a luncheon dish to share.

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery
Burial Plots

Contact: Bernie Brandenburg

St. Michael's Columbarium
Payment Plans Available

Contact: Jim Wege



St. Michael's Parish Hall
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1st Sunday of the month
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Social and Potluck Meeting

2nd Monday of the month

Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

Officers Meeting

Last Monday of the month

Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

Fourth Degree

Patriotic Degree of the order

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Quarterly Business Meeting

2nd Saturday of the month



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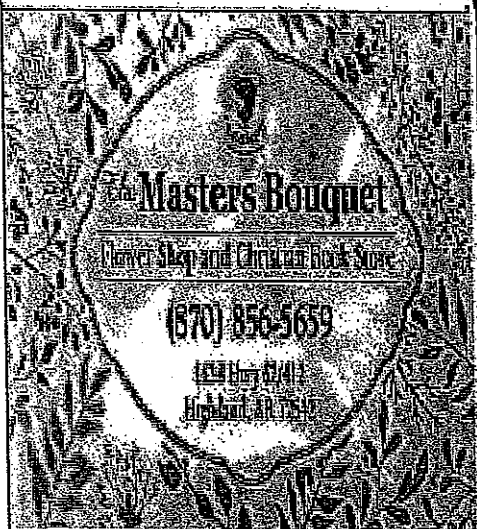
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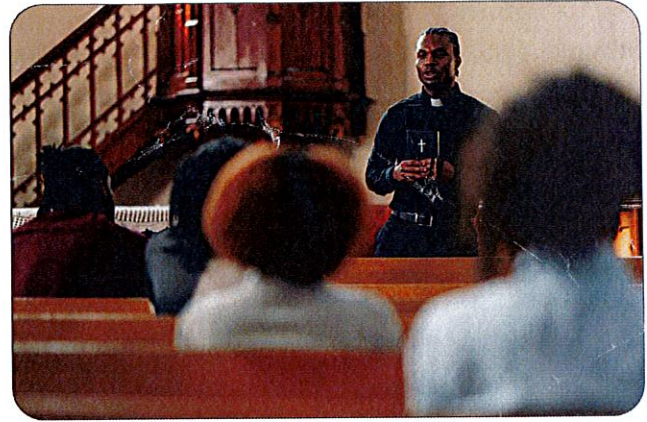
Dear Padre,

What are the role and responsibilities of a parish priest in his church and community?

Primarily, a parish priest is a teacher and sanctifier. As teacher, he is obliged to instruct people in the faith, especially through the homily and catechetical formation—the Catholic education of children and young adults. He fosters “works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice.” With lay assistance, he brings the gospel message “to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith” (*Code of Canon Law* 528 §1).

As sanctifier, he works “so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments,” especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Eucharist is central to the faith community by encouraging active participation in the liturgy and parish life so that it’s authentically celebrated. (See *CCL* 528 §2.)

His other pastoral obligations are in the area of governance. These duties include outreach to those entrusted to his care, especially the sick and dying. He fosters growth in the Christian life within the family. “[W]ith particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties.” Moreover, he is responsible for grounding his local community within the broader universal Church’s mission. (See *CCL* 529.) ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Lord wanted us in this time filled with challenges that, at times, seem to exceed our strength. We are called to embrace these challenges, to interpret them evangelically, to experience them as opportunities to bear witness. Let us not flee from them! Pastoral commitment, like that of study, become for us a school to learn how to build the kingdom of God in today’s complex and challenging history.

ADDRESS TO THE CLERGY OF ROME,
JUNE 12, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

May 11
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11–15
Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday

May 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22–34
Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

May 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1
Jn 16: 2–15

Thursday

May 14
St. Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26
Jn 15:9–17

Friday

May 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:9–18
Jn 16:20–23

Saturday

May 16
Acts 18:23–28
Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday

May 17
The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1–11
Eph 1:17–23
Mt 28:16–20

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