



Welcome to
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

*Where Word and Sacrament come together
in celebration and service*

The Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 4, 2025, 10:00 AM

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Today we celebrate Mother Gail Tomei who has served St. Mary's so faithfully with a Service for the Ending of a Pastoral Relationship and Leave-taking from a Congregation.

Gathering of The People

Prélude: *All Glory be to God on High* Johann Pachelbel

Processional Hymn *Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness* *Finnian*



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
 2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
 3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
 4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
 Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Finnian*, Christopher Dearnley (b. 1930). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen.
People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collects of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever Amen.

Lord, you have apportioned to your people the manifold gifts of the Spirit: Grant amid the changes of the world that your Church may abide, and be strengthened in ministry through continuous outpouring of your gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Lector: A reading from Genesis 31:44-46, 48-49, 50

Come now, let's make a covenant, you and I, and let it serve as a witness between us."

So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar. He said to his relatives, "Gather some stones." So they took stones and piled them in a heap, and they ate there by the heap. Laban said, "This heap is a witness between you and me today." That is why it was called Galeed. It was also called Mizpah, because he said, "May the Lord keep watch between you and me when we are absent one from another. If you mistreat my daughters or if you take any wives besides my daughters, even though no one is with us, remember that God is a witness between you and me."

Lector: *The Word of the Lord*

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 119: 89-96 (spoken in unison)

- 89 Your word, Lord, is eternal;
it stands firm in the heavens.**
- 90 Your faithfulness continues through all generations;
you established the earth, and it endures.**
- 91 Your laws endure to this day,
for all things serve you.**
- 92 If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.**
- 93 I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have preserved my life.**
- 94 Save me, for I am yours;
I have sought out your precepts.**
- 95 The wicked are waiting to destroy me,
but I will ponder your statutes.**
- 96 To all perfection I see a limit,
but your commands are boundless.**

Psalm 25:9 (spoken in unison)

**Alleluia. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.
I will instruct you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye
says the Lord. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:35-38

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

Homily (*Please be seated*)

The Rev'd. Ryan Wright

The Nicene Creed (*please stand*)

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith as expressed in the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People.

Celebrant: In this Eastertide the hosts of heaven proclaim, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing." Therefore I invite you, who join the worship of the Lamb

with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, to pray for all for whom he died, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lector: Almighty and merciful God, you exalted your Son as Leader and Savior, and raised him above all rule and authority. Give your faithful people courage to follow him in obedience to you wherever we are called to witness. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

As the disciples of Jesus shared food with their Master, so give us the generosity to share what we have with those in need. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

As Jesus commanded Peter to feed his sheep, so strengthen all the clergy to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments with faithfulness and conviction. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

As the disciples shared a meal with the risen Lord, so by your Holy Spirit bring us in faith to the table of the Lord where we may feast on him who is our priest and victim. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bring us at last with all the saints to the adoration of the Lamb who was slain. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Celebrant: To the one who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.

The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

Mother Gail: On the 30th day of January 2006 I was inducted as Priest Associate of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. I have with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as Priest Associate ends this day.

Celebrant: Do you, the people of St. Mary's, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People: We do.

Celebrant: Let us pray with Mother Gail in unison:

O God, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

Silence

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

Silence

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

Silence

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Silence

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Mother Gail: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements (*Please be seated*)

During Holy Communion the ushers guide from the front pews to the back. After you have received communion, please return by the side aisle.

Liturgy of Communion

Presentation Hymn

Easter Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

Voice

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be -
 low; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Praise him a - bove, ye heav' - ly
 host: Praise Fa - ter, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

The Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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Prayer of Consecration *(The people stand or kneel as able)*

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

(A period of silence is kept.)

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia**

Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the Faithful

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at this time.

Communion Hymn This is the Feast of Victory for our God *Raymond*

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - - - le - lu - ia!

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]

2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]

3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]

4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

5. For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his
reign. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Final Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - - - le - lu - ia!

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Post Communion Prayer (*Please stand*)

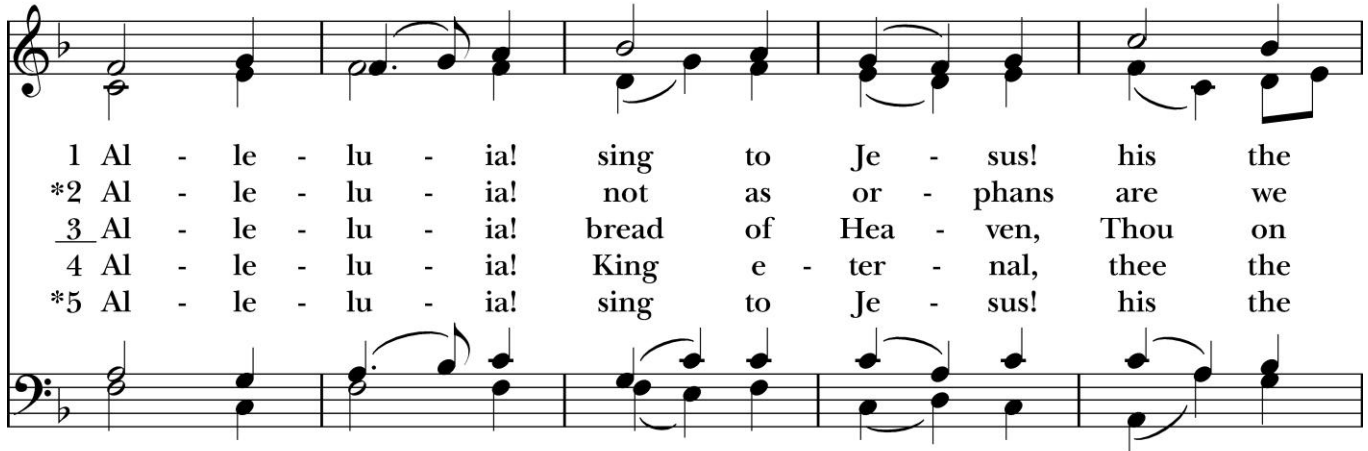
Celebrant: Let us pray.

***Celebrant and People:* Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of Mother Gail, among us, and the presence of her husband Tony here. Grant that both she and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

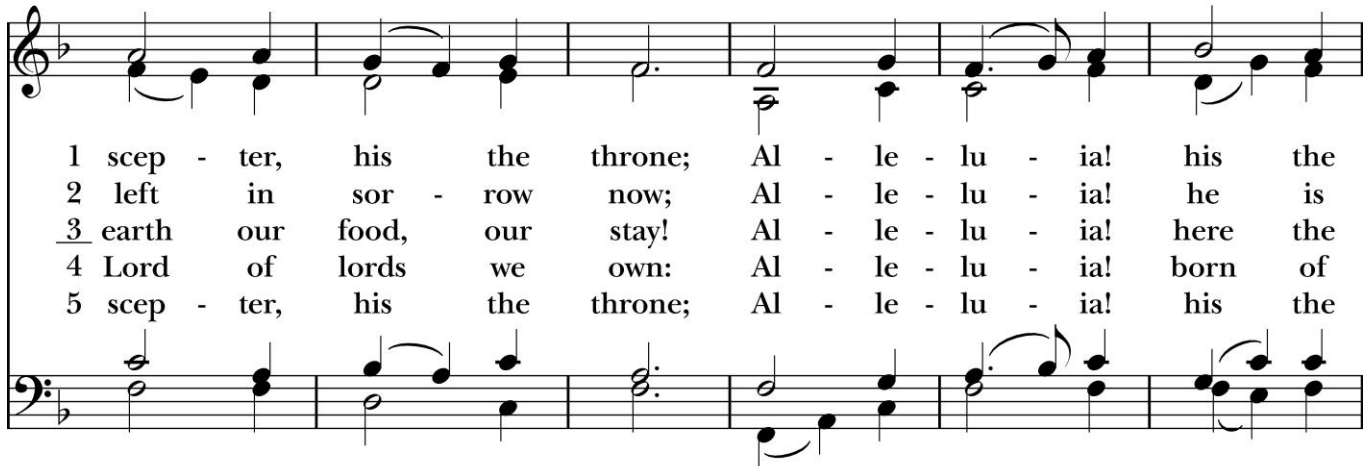
Blessing

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

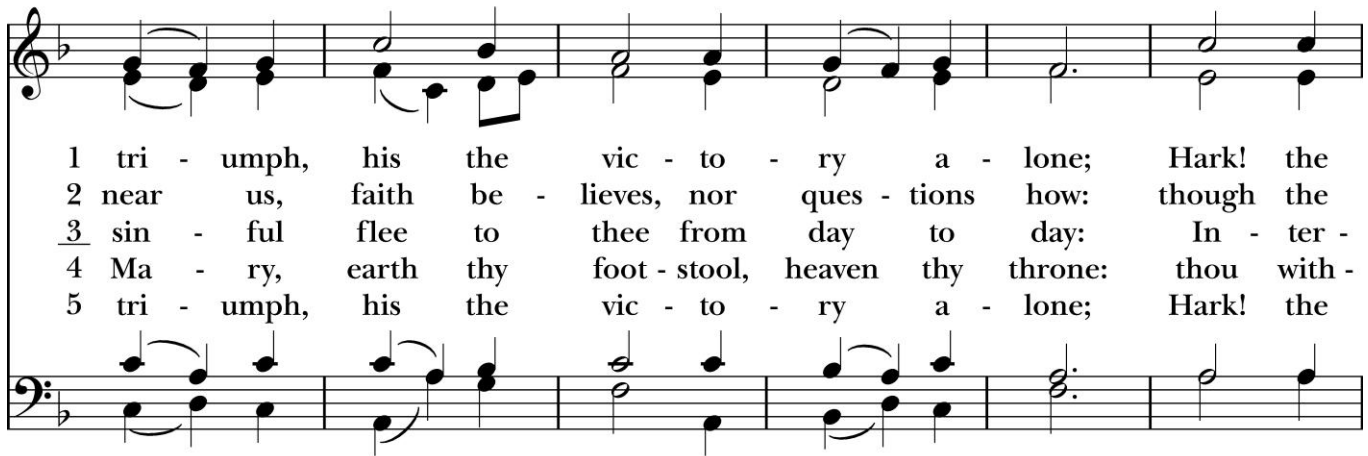
Recessional Hymn



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
5 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

Dismissal

Celebrant : Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Fugue in C Major (Jig Fugue)

Dietrich Buxtehude

The Order of St. Luke (OSL) invites parishioners to join us at Prayer Stations following Dismissal after each service.

For Power of Prayer requests, please email your prayer requests to Yolanda Naimoli, team leader, at powerofprayer@stmarysbonita.org. Please contact PoP and/or the church office if you know of anyone who is ill or in Hospital.

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev'd. Ryan Wright
Assistant Priest: The Rev'd. Dr. D. William Faupel
Assistant Priest: The Rev'd. Gail Tomei
Guest Organist: Robert Herrema
Crucifer: Andrea Foisy
Acolyte: Kathleen Palaia
Lectors: Betty Folkerth and Jonathan Wool
Ushers: Paul and Wendy Scheible
Greeters: Diana Dearth and Joanne Bursack
Altar Guild: Pam Stamper and Laura Bonanni

Intentions for the Prayers of the People

This week we pray: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer pray for the Diocese of Leeds, The Church of England; The Diocese of Lesotho, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Diocese of Southwest Florida – The Rt. Rev. Douglas Scharf; Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Companion Diocese of Georgia; Companion Diocese of South Carolina; Companion Diocese of Western Louisiana; Retired clergy of the Diocese of Southwest Florida; Episcopal Charities of Southwest Florida; Episcopal Schools in the Diocese of Southwest Florida, and the seminarians of the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

Your prayers are requested for members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Marj, Wayne, Holley, Paul and Dick and those on our Pastoral Care List.

This week we remember Saint Monica and her son Saint Augustine of Hippo

Notices for the week of May 5 - May 11

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Cherrill Cregar to the honor and glory of God and in thanksgiving for the blessing of having had Mother Gail as a member of St. Mary's clergy

Please join us for **Coffee Hour** after the 8 am service hosted by Joan Croteau. And please be sure to join us after the 10 am service when there will be a special celebration of Mother Gail's time with St. Mary's.

Bible study with Father Bill Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. This is the second session in a five week study of Joseph. A Zoom option will be available, however, class discussion will be limited to those physically present.

Daughters of the King (Bethany) invites you to Pray, Meditate and Reflect using our Labyrinth which is always available for meditation.

Meals of Hope needs volunteers this spring and summer. Just show up at their truck in St. Mary's parking lot on Monday afternoons at 1 pm and they will put you to work!

SUCCESSFUL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES

In January, I spoke to the congregation at all three services about the 2025 Stewardship Campaign. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I am pleased to let you know that pledges received to date allow the Parish to meet its expected operating budget obligations for this year. Thank you very much for your faithfulness and being cheerful givers! Saint Mary's is a special place with generous Christians who care about doing God's work and its mission.

There are always continuing financial needs in any Parish and items that unexpectedly crop up from time to time that need attention. Please remember Saint Mary's in your estate planning documents and consider a gift to the Endowment, a memory which you can leave behind for future generations. If you have any questions regarding an endowed gift, or other financial contribution for St Mary's such as the capital campaign for a new organ, please contact the Rector, Father Ryan Wright.

Thank you again.

Warmest regards,

Chris Davies, Chair

2025 Stewardship Campaign



HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO

Jason Adams (13), John Adams (26), Mary Ash (15), John Attwood (29), Sally Autenreith (28), Julie Basile (9), Candy Bergquist (23), Marion Besuden (8), Anastasia Burke (7), John Crawford (26), Laurie Dargusch (19), Trish Evans (26), Father Bill Faupel (28), Julia-Claire Franzen (5), Neil Frederiksen (9), Robert Gates (14), Sara George (29), John Goldsberry (15), Susan Gresh (10), Barbara Hadfield (10), Deb Haslouer (27), Joseph Jamieson (9), Virginia Kellogg (19), Jean Lewis (3), Cheryl Moulds (26), Curtis Orvis (3), John Otis (10), John Peters (30), Phyllis Plugge (31), Betty Salt (6), Shea Sammons (11), Gayle Sharp (5), June Sidebottom (23), Sally Sites (1), David Smith (12), Martin Tretheway (13), Jane Troup (6), Carol Velde (26), Dorothy Wilkinson (2), PhilipWilliams (4), Jerry Yates (7), Sandy York (27)



Betsy and George Baker (3), Richard and Ginni Cesta (17), Carol and Keith Geyer (2), Bill Gregory and Carolyn Saxton (27), Terri and Dennis Hermann (18), David and Pamela Hymer (22), Heidi and Rich Lewis (16), Janine and Roger Sandstedt (5), Carol and Rick Velde (24), Elena and John Velde (6), David and Denise Wallace (21)

This Week at St. Mary's

Monday		
May 5	1:00 PM	Prayers of Hope
	3:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Young People in AA
Tuesday		
May 6	5:30 PM	Recovery Eucharist
	8:00 PM	AA Empathy Meeting
Wednesday		
May 7	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	3:00 PM	Evening Prayer
May 8		Thursday
May 9		Friday
	3:00 PM	Evening Prayer
Saturday		
May 10	8:00 PM	AA Group Meeting
May 11		The Fourth Sunday of Easter
		Mother's Day
	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	6:30 PM	AA Group Meeting

Anyone wishing to make a confession with Father Ryan is asked to call the Church Office for an appointment.

