



May 3rd, 2026

Watch over me, Father, so
that everything I do may
be with the intention of
pleasing Jesus.
~ St. Bernadette

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The Apostles were sad at hearing Jesus say to them: I go. Are not we so, too? we who, thanks to the sacred Liturgy, have been in such close company with him ever since the day of his birth at Bethlehem. Yet a few days, and he is to ascend into heaven, and our year is to lose the charm it possessed of following, day by day, the actions and words of our Emmanuel. Still, he would have us moderate our sadness. He tells us that in his stead the Paraclete, the Comforter, is about to descend upon the earth, and abide with us to the end of time, in order that he may give us light and strength. Let us make good use of these last hours with our Jesus: we shall soon have to be preparing for the divine Guest who is to take his place.

By these words, which were spoken shortly before his passion, our Savior does more than tell us of the coming of the Holy Ghost; he also shows us how terrible this coming will be to them that have rejected the Messiah. His words are unusually mysterious: let us listen to the explanation given of them by St. Augustine, the Doctor of doctors. When the Holy Ghost is come, says our Lord, he will convince the world of sin, because they believed not in me. How great must, indeed, be the responsibility of them that have been witnesses of Jesus' wonderful works, and yet will not receive his teaching!



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“Building His House” : Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

By His death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father’s house.

His Father’s house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ’s body.

As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today’s Epistle, Jesus is the “stone” destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God’s dwelling on earth (see Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16).

Each of us is called to be a living stone in God’s building (see 1 Corinthians 3:9, 16). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be “holy priests” offering up “spiritual sacrifices”—all our prayer, work and intentions—to God.

This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt.

God’s covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see Exodus 19:6). By our faith in Christ’s new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies (see 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Romans 12:1).

In today’s First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the “ministry of the Word.”

The Lord’s Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today’s Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father.

His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see Acts 19:20) and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see 1 Peter 1:23).

Scott Hahn



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know:** Bella Mally, Jim Moore, Jane Soars, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

3pm – Confessions

4pm – Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass

9:00am – Holy Mass

11:00am – Holy Mass

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact the parish office by email to arrange a baptism, marriage, or funeral, or to request a certificate.

To request the offering of the Holy Mass for your intention, please email the office or leave your intention in the Sunday collection basket.

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Office Hours.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

9AM-12PM

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE

MONDAY, MAY 4TH

5:30pm Mass *Donna DeMotte*

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH

8:00am Mass *Jacqueline Ross*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Janice Ives (Rest of Soul)*

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH

8:00am Mass *Jean Snyder (Rest of Soul)*

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH

7:30 am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*

9:00am English Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*





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All women - retired, widowed, single and married - are invited to join.

Activities and volunteer possibilities include:

- Contributing to food prep for after mass socials during the warm months
- Organizing parish picnics + potlucks
- Organizing + providing food for catechesis nights for children and adults
- Formation of Bible studies + small groups
- Corporal works of mercy for the sick and elderly
- Other misc. needs of the parish

If you are interested in taking an active role in creating a vibrant parish community, please email st.bernadette.women@gmail.com

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Jerusalem will be told that the Holy Ghost has come down upon the disciples: and she will receive the news with the same indifference as she did the miracles which proved Jesus to be her Messiah. The coming of the Holy Ghost will serve as a sort of signal of the destruction of the deicide city. Jesus adds: The Paraclete will convince the world of justice, because I go to the Father, and ye shall see me no longer. The Apostles, and they that believe their word, shall be just and holy by faith: they will believe in him that is gone to the Father—in him whom they are to see no longer in this world. Jerusalem, on the contrary, will remember him only to blaspheme him: the holiness, the faith, the justice of them that shall believe, will be her condemnation, and the Holy Ghost will leave her to her fate. Jesus continues: the Paraclete will convince the world of judgment, because the prince of this world is already judged. They that follow not Christ Jesus, follow Satan: he is their prince, but his judgment is already pronounced. The Holy Ghost warns the followers of the world that their leader is already in eternal torments. Let them reflect well upon this; for, as St. Augustine observes, “the pride of man has no right to reckon upon indulgence; let it but think of the hell into which even the angels were cast because they were proud.”

Commentary from The Liturgical Year by Dom Prosper Guéranger O.S.B. (1805-1875)

St. Florian, Martyr Patron of Firefighters May 4th

There is much evidence that Florian was a high-ranking officer in the Roman army stationed at Noricum, which is part of modern Austria. It is also clear that he suffered martyrdom in the time of Diocletian about 304. The Acts of his martyrdom date only from the 8th century, but while regarded as legendary they are also assigned a definite historical basis by scholars.

These state that while the soldiers of Aquilinus the governor were in the process of arresting Christians in their area, Florian surrendered to the governor and admitted that he too was a Christian. He underwent a horrific scourging in a futile effort to have him renounce his Faith.

When the Saint remained steadfast to the Lord, a stone was placed around his neck and he was thrown into the river Enns, achieving his martyrdom. His body was recovered and brought to the Augustinian Abbey of St. Florian near Linz. Later, the body was transferred to Rome.

In 1138, Pope Lucius III gave some of the Saint's relics to King Casimir of Poland and to the Bishop of Krakow. Devotion to this Saint grew throughout Central Europe. Many miracles of healing are attributed to his intercession, and he is invoked against danger from fire or water. He is also a Patron of Poland and Upper Austria.

PRAYER: God of power and mercy, through Your help St. Florian has overcome the tortures of his passion. Help us who celebrate his triumph to remain victorious over the wiles of our enemies. **Amen.**





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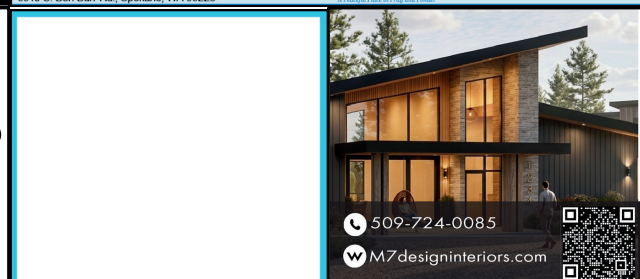
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


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