

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

“Recognition is the sweetest grace of the New Testament.” —Bishop Flores



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

WE ARE PILGRIMS OF HOPE

From the Gusset—Easter Freedom

Happy Easter! A consistent feature of the **Resurrection** stories is that the risen Jesus was different (somehow **physically**) and this made Him—initially—**unrecognizable!**

The born storyteller – **St. Luke** – tells of our Lord's appearance on **the road** to **Emmaus**, to the two disciples. They only **recognized** Jesus when the Lord **took** bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes



were opened, and they recognized Him, but He vanished from their sight. Though the two had spent the afternoon **walking** with Jesus and listening to Him explain **the Scriptures** from **Moses** to the Prophets, the disciples did **not** know that it was Jesus! There was something about the way Jesus **handled the bread** at table – blessing, **breaking**, and giving **the bread** – that the light finally pops on in the disciples' noggins, and they realize that this stranger (*the only one not to know of the things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene in Jerusalem*) is the **Resurrected** Lord. But it is **not just** the two disciples on **the road** to **Emmaus**, who do not **recognize** the Lord – you and I, both, know many, many people, who do not see our Lord in **the Blessed Sacrament**. They are members of our own families, they live next door to us, we **work** with them, but by the mere fact that they do not go to **Mass** or do not wish to go through **RCIA** to become **Catholic**, simply means that the **Resurrected** Lord is still **unrecognizable** to them. This doesn't **stop** you from still coming to **Mass** this Sunday, and this does not **stop Fr. Randy** from continuing to **celebrate** the **Mass** to a mere fraction of the people, who claim to be **Catholic**; yet, it does make us both **realize** that God has given us **a special blessing**. You and I have received the **special blessing** (given only to a few) from God the Father, Himself, which allows us to **recognize** Jesus physically in a piece of **Bread (the Eucharist)** that is blessed broken, and given. That is why I love to pray **the Prayer of Gratitude** that we have been praying for the last four years, like clockwork, after receiving **Holy Communion**. We, like **St. Paul**, acknowledge that God has blessed us with a **blessing** that others have **not** been given (*there, but for the grace of God, go I – 1 Corinthians 15:10*); and so, we make a **Spiritual Communion** for them. Continue to **persevere** in your coming to **Mass** to watch Jesus take, bless, break, and give the **Bread** that is His Body to us. Make a **Spiritual Communion** for at least 100 people (**Fr. Randy** must make a **Spiritual Communion** for all of his parishioners from 3 **parishes** – plus his own family members and friends). God will give His **Eucharistic graces** to others – only because you asked Him to, and they will be saved – and all of us will **recognize** Jesus when the Lord takes, blesses, breaks, and gives us the Food of Heaven in His **Father's Kingdom!**

Happy Easter!

Yours on the Path Fr. Randy



Memorial Day Mass



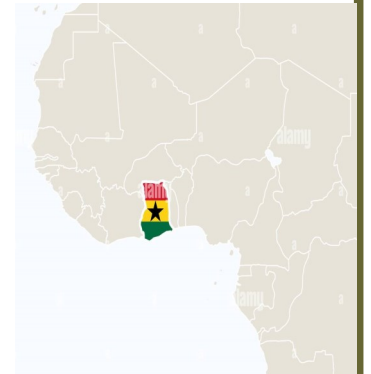
9:30 am
St. Mary's
Cemetery
in Sublette



MISSIONARY SUNDAY June 7th & 8th



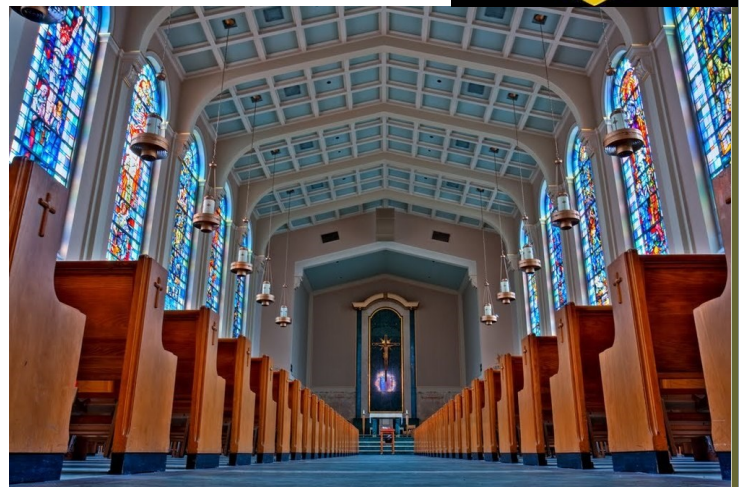
Fr. Benjamin Asibuo Kusi
from the Diocese of Goaso, Ghana
West Africa will be praying all the
Masses on Pentecost Sunday

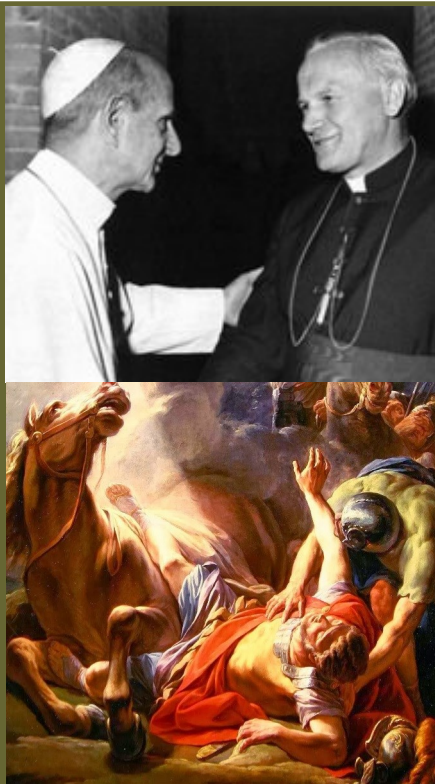


PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS

on June 7th at 11:00 am at
St. Peter's Cathedral in Rockford

The Diocese is reserving a few pews for young men, who are open to discerning a vocation to the priesthood. It is not often that a "front row seat" is offered for this momentous event in the life of the Church!





THE MASS AND THE SAINTS

Pope St. Paul VI was fond of telling the Faithful that the Church in their town was the fulfillment of the Scripture: Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, “*God with us.*” For not only is the Christ present when the Sacrifice of the Mass is offered and the Sacrament of the Eucharist is being received, but as long as the Eucharist is kept in the Tabernacle – God is with us! Don’t you find it interesting that during this Jubilee Year – yes, we can visit a Jubilee Church and obtain an Indulgence, but we can also spend an hour in front of the Lord exposed in the Monstrance by praying a Holy Hour and we can also adore our Lord behind the locked doors of the Tabernacle to obtain a Plenary Indulgence. That flickering flame of the Sanctuary lamp is all the proof we need to know that our Lord is present to restore our morality, nourish the virtuous life within us, console us during our afflictions, and provide us with the strength to do the Corporal and Spiritual

works of Mercy! Here we are celebrating the two thousand and twenty fifth Anniversary of our God taking on human flesh – the Catholic Church is begging Her prodigal sons and daughters to come home – to simply enter a Catholic Church and experience the Lord’s presence! We are not to be afraid to enter the Church; but rather, to make this practice of entering a Church so common place and practical—that we stop by not just on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, but a few times a week – that we are actually rehearsing our entering into Heaven one day.

Remember as St. Paul drew near to Damascus – he was blinded by the Light of God, and then as Ananias led Paul by the hand to the Baptismal font – things like scales fell from his eyes and Paul say clearly! We enter a Church and we see great beauty – God’s dwelling place; but when, we enter the House of God as His Saints, we will see even greater beauty, because our eyes will be fully opened – we will look upon things that God meant for us to look upon – God, Himself, in all His glory! Extremely bright and extremely humble, Pope Paul VI knew the power of simply walking into a Catholic Church. When the Catholic Church celebrates a Jubilee Year, in a Mother’s way, She is just trying to get Her children (you and I) to enter God’s House more often.

Whether you are prodigal like the younger son and haven’t been home in years or whether you are the older son, who won’t come in to eat supper with his father, because he is resentful and out working too hard Monday through Saturday – our Churches are always open – why not just walk in and say, “hi” to Jesus?!!



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Saturday, May 24th

(+) Nello & (+) Caroline Mucci/ Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Mixa

10:00 am, **St. Andrew Confirmation Mass/** Bishop Malloy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Richard & (+) Jeanne O'Connor &

(+) Earl & (+) Martha Stewart & (+) Mary Sparks/ Pat & Char O'Connor

5:30 pm, **SMA** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Sunday, May 25th Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) John Burke/ Mr. & Mrs. Jim Burke

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Fred & (+) Joan Schmidt/ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bulfer

12:15pm, **Woodhaven** (+) Elden & (+) Carol Blevins &

(+) Raymond & (+) Jean Ritola/ Fr. Randy &

(+) Al Wisgoski/ Maria Franklin

Monday, May 26th Memorial Day

9:30 am, **St. Mary Cemetery/ Sublette** (+) Mary Zapf/ Harold Bonnell &

(+) All Veterans/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, May 27th

(+) Larry Leffelman/ Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Henkel

Wednesday, May 28th

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Matt Gambrel/ Carlene Schuhler

Thursday, May 29th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Rita Haefner/ Sheila Halbmaier

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Phil Brunk/ Mary Schreiner

Friday, May 30th

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Floyd Wilson/ Velma Quest

Saturday, May 31st Visitation

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Thomas Berry at (+) Donna Vaessen/ Joni Walker

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Quin & Josphe Torri/ Charles Torri

Sunday, June 1st Ascension of the Lord

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) John & (+) Evelyn Ryan/ Family

10:30 am, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Living Mass Intentions:

OLPH: Pat & Char O'Connor 45th Wedding Anniversary, Mark & Tammy Henkel,

All living Veterans, Doug & Nicole Jones, Mike & Brenda Vaessen

SMA: Don & Teresa Farris, Mark & Judy Bresson,

St. Patrick: LaVerne Klein, Cole & Katie Faber



Recognition is the **sweetest grace** of the New Testament, and so we pray that the Holy Spirit be **poured** into our **hearts** this **Easter Season** – that we might hear Your voice whisper the words of **absolution** – that we might see Your Son in the elevation of **the Host** and in the breaking of **the Bread** – that the **sick** would feel Your gentle touch in **the anointing oils**; but most of all, may we all taste the **sweetness** of Your **love** when we receive You in **Holy Communion**. Fill our **hearts** to **overflowing** with Your **love** that we might **generously love** others as You, dear Jesus, **love** us! Help us to make **Spiritual Communions** for our family members, our neighbor, and the person who **sinned** against us last! Lord God, make us **Pilgrims of Hope** that we might **work** many **Plenary Indulgences** during this **Jubilee Year**. Give us the **Easter Freedom** that we have been seeking: the **Freedom** to **love** You our God with all our **heart**, and the **Freedom** to experience Your great **love** for us in **the Eucharist** of the **Mass**.

Amen.