

# *Third Sunday of Easter*

*May 4, 2025*

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

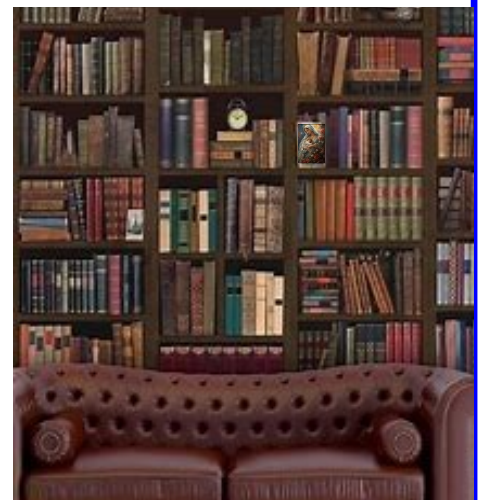


**JUBILEE YEAR 2025  
WE ARE PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

## From the Gusset—Easter Freedom

*Look to Hm that you may be radiant with joy, and your face not blush with shame. Psalm 34:5*

**Happy Easter!** Fr. Langridge was the Pastor of Holy Ghost parish in Balham, England, where I was assigned as a seminarian for my first summer in Europe. You see, seminarians at the North American College, we were not allowed to go home until after completing our second year of Theology. The U.S. Bishops had decided that we should explore the Catholic Church abroad and then come back home with a deeper understanding of the worldliness that the Catholic Church is. Fr. Langridge had a Marian spirituality, where he placed a little image of Mary in every room at the rectory. They were not large pictures – one, being contained in a 2-inch frame lost on the 3rd shelf of an eight shelf bookcase; yet, every room had an image of Mary in it. Whenever this priest entered the room, his eyes went to the picture of Mary as a greeting. He told me, “just as you would say ‘hello’ to your Mother when you went home, so Fr. Langridge would greet Mary whenever he came into the room.” You see, there it is – our Easter spirituality! Recognizing our Lord is the sweetest grace of the New Testament. Just as Fr. Langridge recognized Mary’s presence in the room, so we are praying this Easter that the Holy Spirit would open our eyes to see the presence of Jesus Christ in our life – especially in the breaking of the Bread – the Eucharist of the Mass. The fantastically beautiful line in Sacred Scripture – it comes from Psalm 34 – Fr. Randy has always based his spirituality (from day one) on this verse: *look up at the Lord with gladness and smile – your face will never be ashamed!* When you and I get to Heaven, we will look into the eyes of our fellow Saints – those who have preceded us into glory. Imagine the joy, the radiance of God's glory shining through them! We won't remember any of the sins they committed against us, nor will we remember any of the sins that we committed against them; but only joy – only gladness – we will only see the brilliance of the Divine love that God has glorified them with. The grace of God's love pouring out of their soul into ours as we greet each other in Christ, with Christ, and through Christ! Recognition is the sweetest grace of the New Testament – so let us ask God for the grace of the Holy Spirit to recognize Jesus in the Bread that is broken at the altar! We ask for the Easter Freedom to love God by receiving Him with joy in Holy Communion, by receiving Him with a joyful heart that recognizes all that our Lord has done for us in His Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension into glory!! We ask God for the Easter Freedom to work a Plenary Indulgence for one of our beloved dead – that when we finally get to Heaven – that we would look up at the Lord with them – radiant with joy and we would praise God together for all eternity. And you and I, the ones Pope Francis called: ‘Pilgrims of Hope’ – you and I would give the Lord special thankfulness that Jesus allowed us to work a Plenary Indulgence during this Jubilee year for so many of our brothers and sisters. That seated at the banquet table for all eternity – surrounded by those whom we made a dinner reservation for (those whom we made a Plenary Indulgence for), we will truly recognize the sweetness of God's love for us in the Eucharist. Happy Easter! Yours on the Path Fr. Randy



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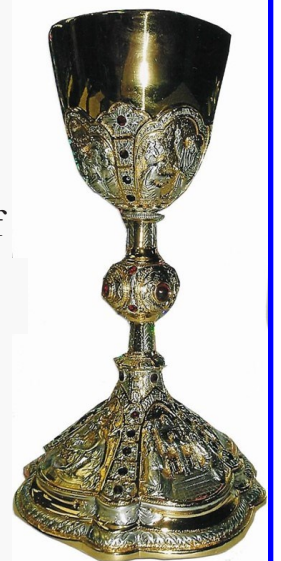
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# THE MASS AND THE SAINTS

In **the Mass**, we both **condemn** ourselves and we declare ourselves **unworthy** to receive **the Eucharist**; and yet and still, we do receive **the Eucharist** at **the Mass**. **St. Robert Bellarmine** said that there are two kinds of **unworthiness** that must be distinguished when speaking about the Sacrament of **the Eucharist**. The first **unworthiness** is that we have committed a **mortal sin**. In which case, we should avail ourselves of **the Sacrament of Mercy** – go to **Confession**. The other kind of **unworthiness** is that **the Eucharist** is so **excellently** the real, true, and substantial presence of God – that we feel our weakness (we are aware of our **unworthiness**) at being able to receive God's Son **under our roof**. I know, as **a priest**, that I should be **purer than the rays of the sun**, if I am to receive **the Eucharist** – for even **the Angels of Heaven** (themselves pure light) don't consider themselves worthy to receive **the Sacrament**. But this is why we pray so many **preparatory prayers** in **the Mass** – prayers that state our **unworthiness** before we would receive **the Blessed Sacrament**. Now many of these **preparatory prayers** are prayed by **the priest** himself as **silent prayers** or we also call them **secrete prayers**. For example, **the commingling prayer** – has **the priest** break **the Host** over the paten and place a small **piece** into **the Chalice** saying quietly (**secretly**): “may this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring Eternal Life to us who receive It.” **The priest** is using language as if, he would only **communicate** once in **his** life. That this one **Communion** (at the current **Mass**) would be sufficient to preserve each of our souls for **Eternal Life**. See, this is just another reason to go to **Mass** every Sunday, because we never know when this Sunday's **Eucharist** will wind up being our **viaticum** – the last time we will ever have Jesus **under our roof** – the last time we ever invited Jesus into our **souls**. So, when we receive **the Eucharist**, we ought to be so disposed that if we had to leave **the earth** at once and enter into Eternity—instead of going back home or to work or to dinner – that we would do so! For remember, just one reception of

**the Eucharist** is sufficient to **preserve** our **soul** for **Eternal Life**, and the Scripture proves this when It says: **a person on the housetop must not go down to get things out of his house!** (Matthew 24:17) Notice this is really the last thing **the priest** tells our **soul** at our **Funeral Mass**!

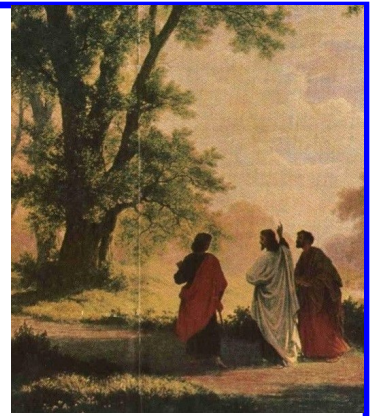


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**Saturday, May 3rd**

(+) Ronald Fronek/ Rick & Roger Fronek

4:00 pm, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Linda Carlson/ Mr. & Mrs. John Schmidt

**Sunday, May 4th Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Sylvia Montavon/ Mr. & Mrs. Westin Montavon &

(+) Joseph Quest/ Velma Quest

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Raymond & (+) Jean Ritola/ Mary Lynn Valentin &

(+) Leila Garland/ Garland Family

**Monday, May 5th**

(+) Poor Souls in Purgatory for whom we work a Plenary Indulgence/ Fr. Randy

**Tuesday, May 6th**

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Floyd Wilson/ Janet Widolff

**Wednesday, May 7th**

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) James & Candy Hanson/ Carlene Schuhler

**Thursday, May 8th**

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) June Jones/ Mr. & Mrs. Butch Jones

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Betty Henkel/ Mr. & Mrs. Larry Piper

**Friday, May 9th**

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Mary Helen Leffelman/ Family

10:45 am, **Stonecroft** (+) Corrado Farioli/ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mixa

**Saturday, May 10th**

(+) Rosa Dillie & (+) Thomas Palmer/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Richard Wertz Shawn Leffelman

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Rita Haefner/ Mr. & Mrs. John Corcoran

**Sunday, May 11th Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Delbert Bonnell/ Jeanne Shanyfelt &  
(+) Geraldine Fronek/ Roger & Rick Fronek



**Living Mass Intentions:**

**OLPH: Joseph & Diane Battisto, Abel Mumm,**

**Landon Jackson, Will Klein**

**SMA: Abigail Sindel, Olivia Perryman, London Jones**

**St. Patrick: Nolan Scully, Velma Quest**



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

**The Knights of Columbus, Council 8277,  
are treating our Moms to a Mother's Day  
Breakfast. Bring Mom and the whole  
family to the Hall in Sublette from  
8:00am to 11:00am on Sunday, May 11th!**

