

# Sacred Heart Cathedral



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### Cathedral Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm  
(We close for Mass and lunch 12:10 pm—12:40 pm)  
Friday 9:00 am — Noon

### MASS TIMES

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 7:00 am, 9:15 am & 11:15 am

#### **Daily Mass**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 12:10 pm  
Tuesday at 7:30 am

### CELEBRATION OF PENANCE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11:30 am — Noon  
Friday 4:45 — 5:30 pm and Saturday 2:30 pm — 3:30 pm

**May 3, 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday Of Easter**

Praised be Jesus Christ!

The Gospel this Sunday recounts the “Road to Emmaus” event, when the Risen Lord appeared alongside two disciples walking from Jerusalem to a small town named Emmaus. Their eyes were prevented from recognizing him, and so they openly discussed all of the recent events that had taken place regarding Jesus’ crucifixion, as well as an early account of his post-resurrection appearance to the women at the tomb.

After listening to them, Our Lord says: “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And then the Gospel notes: “[B]eginning with Moses and all the prophets, **he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures.**”

What an incredible Old Testament study that must have been! We can only guess as to the exact passages that Our Lord pointed during this conversation. But I think its reasonable to assume that the interpretations he gave were passed on in the early Church and included in the contents of the early apostolic preaching.

In fact, the first reading this Sunday is probably one such example.

In it, St. Peter is preaching on the day of Pentecost and during his “sermon” to all of the people gathered in Jerusalem, he references Psalm 16:

*I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore, my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, **because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.** You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.*

Note the specific line: “[You will not] suffer your holy one to see corruption.” This is a psalm of David, but Peter makes the point that this cannot possibly be a psalm about David himself

Why?

Because David died and was buried and the location of this tomb was known by all. David definitely “saw corruption!” Therefore, Peter reasons, this psalm must be a prophesy to be fulfilled in someone else. Peter then announces its present fulfillment in Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. He is the true Holy One, foretold from of old.

Every Sunday we say in the Creed that Our Lord “rose again on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures”—although most Catholics would probably be unable to point out exactly where in the Scriptures his resurrection was foretold! Our first reading today provides one such example.

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Peter Van Lieshout



**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of all of our faithful departed.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

**This Week's Sanctuary Candle**

*In Memory Of — Mariarosa & Giuseppe Lombardo  
Requested by — Rosa*



**Offering Envelopes**



**REMINDER**

If you attend another local Catholic church on the weekend, you can place your Cathedral envelope in their collection basket and your donation will be returned to us.

Laudato Si', Care for our Common Home Gathering

“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together” (Col 1:16-17).

Our world, our lives and our actions are interdependent and the outcomes of those actions have taken a toll on our planet in the past 100 years. Pope Francis encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, is an urgent call to humanity to recognize how our behavior has so altered our common home, with impact that especially affects the poor throughout the world.

The Finger Lakes Catholic Creation Care Covenant (FLCCCC), which has been meeting virtually for the past 2 years would like to invite parishioners throughout the Diocese of Rochester to join us for an afternoon of discernment and fellowship.

The gathering will be Wednesday, May 20th from 3:00pm - 5:30pm at St. Cecilia's Church Newcomb Center, 2732 Culver Rd, Rochester NY.

**Saturday, May 2, 2026—St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

*Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14*

2:30 pm—3:30 pm  
3:00 pm  
4:00 pm

Confession  
Rosary  
John Vorrasi—Family  
Anthony Brunette—Sisters  
Axel Hernandez—Audry Liao  
Phyllis Coogan—Joanna Sanguedolce

**Sunday, May 3, 2026—Fifth Sunday Of Easter**

*Acts 6:1-7, 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12*

7:00 am  
9:15 am

For the people of the Cathedral  
Deceased members of the Schlosser Family—Pryer Family  
Micky Kavanagh—John & Mary Jo Maurer  
Joseph Calcagno—Glen & Enza Willing  
Intentions of John & Dorothy Hayes—Mauer Family  
Matthew Lawrie—Mary & Joe Giorgi

11:15 am

**Monday, May 4, 2026**

*Acts 4:5-18; Jn 14:21-26*

11:30 am—Noon  
12:10 pm

Confession  
Intentions of Julie Gilman—Zimmerman Family

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

*Acts 14:9-28; Jn 14:27-31a*

7:30 am

Louis & Josephine Culotta—Culotta Family

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

*Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-6*

11:30 am—Noon  
12:10 pm  
7:00 pm

Confession  
Kathy Culotta—Culotta Family  
*Confirmation: We welcome the following parishes: St. Mark, St. Leo, St. Stanislaus, St. Paul, Nativity BVM & SEAS, Nativity BVM Migrant Community, Holy Apostles, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

**Thursday, May 7, 2027**

*Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11*

11:30 am—Noon  
12:10 pm  
7:00 pm

Confession  
Salvador Aguilar—Iluminada Villa  
*Confirmation: We welcome the following parishes: Transfiguration & St. Catherine & St. Pius X*

**Friday, May 8, 2026**

*Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17*

11:30 am—Noon  
12:10 pm  
4:45 pm—5:30 pm

Confession  
Maureen White—Griffen Family  
Confession

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

*Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21*

2:30 pm—3:30 pm  
3:00 pm  
4:00 pm

Confession  
Rosary  
Jose, Lydia & Luis Hernandez—Lydia Krasnoff  
Robert Hardesty—Friend  
Intentions of Valerie Lopez—Audry Liao  
For all living and deceased mothers

**Sunday, May 10, 2026—Sixth Sunday Of Easter**

**Mother's Day**

*Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21*

7:00 am  
9:15 am  
11:15 am

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**CRS Rice Bowl**



Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has almost ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. **Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the Cathedral Office. Our office is open Monday — Thursday from 9:00 am — 3:00 pm (we close from 12:10 pm — 12:40 pm for mass and lunch) and on Friday from 9:00 am — Noon.** If you would like to donate online, please visit [crsricebowl.org/donate](http://crsricebowl.org/donate).

**GIVING BACK TO GOD**

**Thank you for your generosity!**  
Your steadfast, sacrificial financial support keeps our Cathedral parish running and able to serve God and our neighbors.

*Parish Offertory for April 25 & 26, 2026*

Actual	Goal	Variance
\$9,945	\$9,750	+\$195
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\$410, 593	\$379, 000	+\$31,593

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**The Most Reverend John S. Bonnici, Bishop of Rochester  
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**Rosary and Potluck Cancelled for the Month of May**



Our Rosary and Potluck will be **CANCELLED** for the month of May, due to First Communion and the May Crowning of Mary.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**



Bernadette Anastasi, Shirley Atwell, Gary M. Butterfield, Manjo Das, Scott Davis, Muriel DeMartino, Robert DiFulio, Heidi Erb, Frank Campione, Deborah Hard, Sr. Joan Hilbert, RSM, Kristin Helms, Jon Herron, Andrew Mastin, John McGarvey, Irene Morgan, Fr. Thomas P. Mull, Susie Shoemaker, Sharon Springer, Susan Spinosa, Donald Stiner, Candice Verdon



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