

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Why do we have to love our enemies? The number one reason is very clear: Jesus told us to do so (Matt 5:43). And this reason reveals another few other ones that we need to take into consideration:

1. We love our enemies because this is the best way to test the quality of our love. Love is not primarily an emotion but an act of the will; it is willing the good of the other, even when affection is absent.
2. We love our enemies because they tell us something about ourselves. There is a very good chance that the people who most bother us are those who reveal to us sometimes unsavory truths about ourselves we otherwise would like to conveniently overlook. Perhaps they are right, and it is we who are off-centre in our Christian reasoning, for as someone once asked, “Could it be that your enemy is in fact a kind of saint who is indirectly indicating your own weakness and lack of moral courage?”
3. We love our enemies because we might win them back, keeping in mind that we are impelled by the same Holy Spirit which drove Jesus into the desert to fast, into solitude to pray, into the villages to heal, and into Jerusalem to die and to rise from the dead.
4. And the final reason to love our enemies is because God has no enemies.

P.S. One more thing to keep in mind when you struggle with this tough request: “Don’t judge a book by its cover.” This truth tells us that appearance is only skin deep. There is more to discover when we go deeper, because relationships change when Jesus’ commandment becomes operative in our life. For example, we may listen to anger as a cry for belonging and we may see stubbornness as fear seeking welcome. So in those moments of truth, we are to strive to mirror Our Lord’s patience and perseverance, bearing the friction as a forge, not a blade, because Jesus Christ is the Life we live, the Truth we believe and the Way we must follow, for as someone once said, *“Drop everything and be with God for the sake of ‘your enemies.’”*

Fr. Slawek

MAY 3, 2026

Attention All Parishioners.



Only animals that certified as a guide dog or a service dog are permitted in the Church. Their owners must carry proper certification on them.



All pets that do not fall under these guidelines are not permitted.

Please respect the Church and all Parishioners.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 5

9 a.m. + **Rest** of the soul of John Luu Kim req. by Kim.

Wednesday, May 6

9 a.m. + **Rest** of the soul of Ellen Hanly req. by Bridget Murphy.

Thursday, May 7

9 a.m.. Private Intentions.

Friday, May 8

9 a.m. + **Rest** of the soul of Susana Manlapaz req. by Catherine Manlapaz
+ **Rest** of the soul of Bosco Lau req. by Rose Chin.
+ **Rest** of the soul of Luis Pereira req. by E. Fernandes.
Intentions of Christopher Yongkah Yun req. by Rose Chin
Intentions of hanksgiving for Theodora Vasques on her birthday req. by Arnulfo & Sylvia Vasquez.

Saturday, May 9

4:30 p.m. **Rest** of the soul of Anne Armeni req. by the Dunst family.

Sunday, May 10

9 a.m. **Intentions** of Derrick Noronho req. by the Noranho family.

11 a.m. **Intentions** of all Parishioners.

Parish Summer Camp



from 9 am to 3 pm.

Maximum 60 children ages 4 – 13 years old per camp week

Cost \$100 per child • \$175 with 1 sibling

Summer Camp days – Week 1 - June 28– July 3

Summer Camp days – Week 2 - July 6– July 10

Summer Camp days – Week 3 - July 13– July 17

Registration forms available from Claudia Marzo



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU MOVED ALREADY?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Holy Spirit Conference

Turning concern into action

Our Christian vocation demands that we help the Poor, the Hungry and the Homeless. Just as Jesus taught and did, we need to welcome them, identify their needs and satisfy them.

Your contributions to the Poor Box after Mass support the efforts of our Society 'Saint Vincent de Paul' to serve the needy in our community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!



Children's Liturgy:

Every Sunday

9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses.

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COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Everyone welcome