



“Do you love me?...Follow me.”

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church-Mercedes, Texas

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 4, 2025

BACKGROUND OF THE LITURGY

GENERAL THEME:

Our Scriptures include yet another instance of the risen Jesus coming to his disciples. We can easily relate to Peter's state of agitation. We know that our Lord deserves deference. He also intends to be close to us.

We may feel ourselves to be on edge when we contemplate our God. He deserves our complete devotion; yet we often forget about him. As the risen Jesus appears to Peter, he intends to bring him to a state of peace.

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

The authorities refer to “that name” and thereby concede its power. The apostles are only too happy to keep proclaiming “that name.” We can proclaim Jesus through our words, but also through a state of confidence in the Son of God who has entered human history.

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

Revelation gives us a view of countless living creatures in heaven. All of them find that the Lamb who was slain makes all the difference to them. We are invited to contemplate the irreplaceable value of the sacrifice of Jesus.

GOSPEL READING: John 21:1-19

What did Peter have to work through in his encounters with the risen Jesus? He was, no doubt, amazed that Jesus would still have confidence in him after he denied knowing him. If we feel inadequate, our Lord stays faithful to us, just as he stayed faithful to Peter.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 PM	English
Sunday	7:00 AM	Spanish
	9:00 AM	English
	11:00 AM	English
	1:00 PM	Spanish

DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
and 1st Friday's of the Month 7:00 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

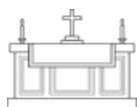
Every Wednesday beginning at 4:30 PM

Sacrament of Penance 4:45 PM to 6:00 PM

Or by Appointment

Vespers & Benediction 6:00 to 6:30 PM

Mass at 6:30 PM



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, May 3

5:00 pm (E): †Rudy Elizondo
†Robert J. Garza
†Mike Garza
†Mike Gomez Jr.
†Manuel L. Loya
†Vangie L. Martinez
†Eugene Saenz Jr.
†Sofia Vasquez
†Baby Lucia Vasquez

Sunday, May 4

7:00 am (S) †Raymundo Garcia & †Hilda Cavazos
†Juan F. Gonzalez
†Antonio & †Carmen Longoria
†Adalberto Marquez

9:00 am (E) Health of Danilo Balcos
†Mary Elizabeth de la Rosa
†Ben & †Rose Soto
†Mauro Vasquez Jr.

11:00 am (E) Pro Populo

1:00 pm (S): Birthday of Andres Ramoz
†Jesus Cardenas
†Luis Cardenas
†Manuel Guerra

Monday, May 5

7:00 am

Tuesday, May 6

7:00 am †San Juanita Pequeño

Wednesday, May 7

6:30 pm †Hortencia Enriquez
†Leonel Garcia
†Robert J. Garza
†Alberto Gonzalez
†Amalia Perez

Thursday, May 8

7:00 am

Friday, May 9

No Mass

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday, May 5, 2025:

Acts 6:8-15 Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 John 6:22-29

Tuesday, May 6, 2025:

Acts 7:51—8:1a Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab John 6:30-35

Wednesday, May 7, 2025:

Acts 8:1b-8 Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a John 6:35-40

Thursday, May 8, 2025:

Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 John 6:44-51

Friday, May 9, 2025:

Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 117:1bc, 2 John 6:52-59

Saturday, May 10, 2025:

Acts 9:31-42 Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 John 6:60-69

Sunday, May 11, 2025: Fourth Sunday of Easter

CCE Announcements

- ◆ Confessions for First Reconciliation Students is this week May 5 at 6:00pm and May 6 at 6:30pm. Parents, please review examination of conscience and prayers.
- ◆ Confirmation Rehearsal: Wednesday, May 7th, starting at 7:00pm right after evening Mass. Students and Godparents must be in attendance, please be prompt.

Leave a lasting legacy and support our church's mission by engraving a brick. God bless you.

4" x 8" Charcoal Brick



4" x 8" Red Brick



Pricing

Brick Size 4" x 8" \$100

Brick Size 8" x 8" \$250

Wood Replica 4" x 4" \$12

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4" x 4" Wood Replica



Order forms can be picked up at the parish office or downloaded from parish website and payment is required at time of order form submission.

NEW Deadline: Friday, May 16th

NEW JCDA Court starting in Mercedes!



Girls in middle school and high school interested in joining the Junior Catholic Daughters for service and prayer, may reach out to an existing Catholic Daughter for more information.

JCDA Mass on Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM

HOPE
IN THE
Lord
- ISAIAH 40:31

2025 CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

Are you ready to connect, grow, and be inspired? This is YOUR invitation a conference designed just for young adults! (Ages 18-39)

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Port Isabel, TX

Saturday May 24th

\$25 registration fee!



Scan the QR code for more information and Registration

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May 3-4, 2025



In Loving Memory of
† **Juan F. Gonzalez**