



## *Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church*

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## *Santa Clara Catholic Mission*

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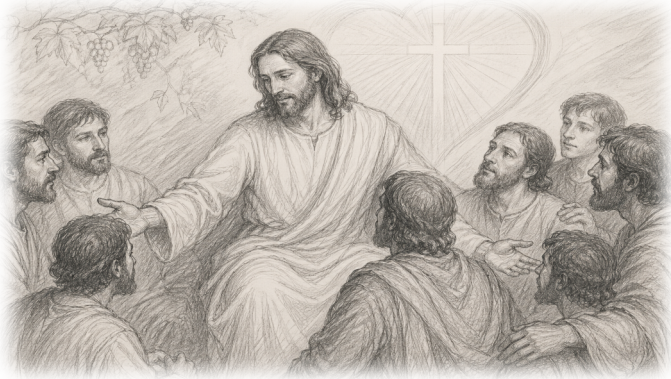
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Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2026

### **On the HORIZON**

May 3	First Sunday Breakfast Crowning of Mary
May 9	
9 am – 1 pm	First Communion Retreat
9 am – 2 pm	Full Communion Retreat
May 10	Change for Life Baby Bottle due
May 16	
10 AM	First Communion Celebration
May 24	Confirmation (8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:00 PM)

### **Background of the Gospel**

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

## Our Mission

To love and know more profoundly our Catholic faith, worship the Lord, minister to our members and to further spread our faith in the community.

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### Parish Pastoral Council

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### Greeting's Ministry

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### Music Coordinator

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### Office Hours

Mon. 9-6 PM (Wallace)

Tue. Day-off

Wed. 9-12 NN (Wallace)

Wed. 2-6 PM (Magnolia)

Thur. 9-12 NN (Wallace)

3-6 PM (Wallace)

Fri. 9-12 PM (Wallace)

Call to make an appointment

### Adoration

Mon. 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Wallace)

Wed. 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Magnolia)

Thurs. 9:30-10:30 AM (Wallace)

### Reconciliation

Mon. during Holy Hour

Thur. during Holy Hour

Sat. 4:30 PM or by appointment

### Weekend Mass Schedule

#### Transfiguration of Jesus

Saturday 5:00 PM English

Sunday 8:30 AM English

10:30 AM Spanish

#### Santa Clara Mission

Sunday 1:00 PM Spanish

### Weekday Masses

Mon, Thurs-Fri 9:00 AM (Eng.)

Mon 7:00 PM (Esp.)

Wed (Santa Clara) 7:00 PM (Esp.)

## The Pope's Monthly Intention (May):

### That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

## Pastoral Care of the Sick

Prayer Tree Requests should be sent to all three committee members. This is to ensure that no prayer request goes unanswered. Also, please make sure that permission is given by the person or family needing prayer, to send out the request.

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Dear Jesus, we turn to You in the time of illness. O dearest Comforter alleviate our worry with your gentle love. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge whatsoever you do, you do for the love of us.

The crowning of Mary is a long-standing Catholic devotion that honors the Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Its roots are found in early Christian tradition, where Mary was recognized not only as the Mother of Jesus Christ but also as sharing in His heavenly glory. This belief is reflected in Scripture, especially in Revelation 12:1, which describes a woman crowned with twelve stars—often interpreted by the Church as a symbol of Mary.

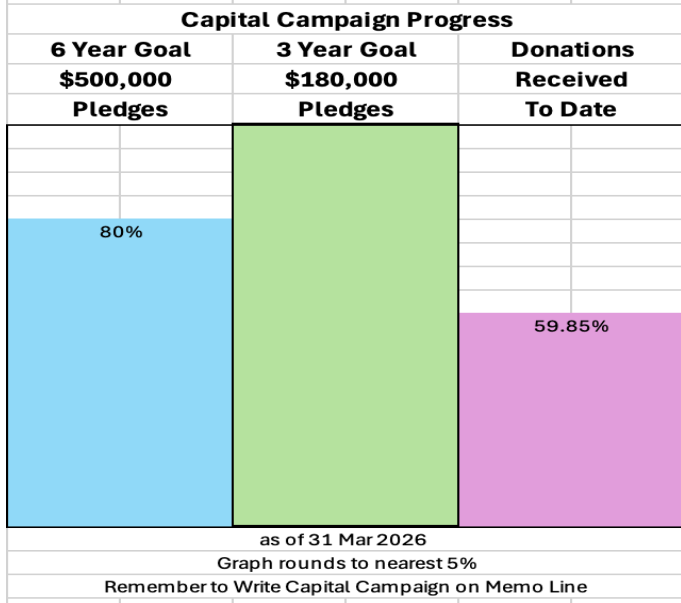
The formal practice of crowning images or statues of Mary developed during the Middle Ages, particularly in Europe. By the 12th and 13th centuries, Christians expressed their love and devotion through hymns, prayers, and symbolic gestures, including placing crowns of flowers or precious materials on Marian images. This act signified Mary's queenship and the faithful's desire to honor her virtues and role in salvation history.

The tradition became especially popular during the month of May, which is dedicated to Mary. "May Crownings" often involve children, especially those preparing for First Communion, who participate in processions, prayers, and the placing of a floral crown on a statue of Mary. This custom grew in prominence in the 18th and 19th centuries and spread widely through Catholic schools and parishes.

Spiritually, the crowning of Mary is not about elevating her above Christ but about recognizing God's work in her life. It invites the faithful to imitate her humility, obedience, and faith. By crowning Mary, believers symbolically place her as a model in their lives, asking for her intercession and striving to follow her example more closely.

## Parish Ministries & Committees

### Capital Campaign Progress Report



### Finance Committee (Monthly Financials)

	Mar Budget	Mar Actuals	Mar Expense
<b>Offertory</b>	\$19,890	\$21,065	
<b>Maintenance Others</b>	\$4,959	\$5,451	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,849</b>	<b>\$26,516</b>	<b>\$18,099</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>			<b>\$8,417</b>

\*Includes the Rectory Loan Payment of \$333.00

### First Sunday Breakfast May 3, 2026

We warmly invite everyone to bring a dish to share as we gather in fellowship as a parish family. Let us enjoy good food, meaningful conversation, and the joy of being together in community. All are welcome—come and share in this time of friendship and blessing!

**May 2 & 3  
after all the masses**

MAY  
CROWNING

Mark your calendar:  
June 2, 2026 at 6:30 PM



Dedication and Blessing of the New Altar

Warmest birthday wishes and joyful marriage anniversary blessings to all our parishioners celebrating in the month of May.



### CHANGE FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

Support Life Line Sampson, a pregnancy help ministry serving Duplin County, by filling a baby bottle (located in the church vestibule) with coins, dollar bills, or a check. Bring your bottle back to Mass next weekend (May 9-10). Thank you for your generosity!

**Weekly Schedule May 2 - 9**

Saturday 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions Vigil Mass (English) +Lita Hopkins requested by Mark Hopkins	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers:	Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14 R Ciuccoli M Francis D Conte, C Partyka D Conte, J Ciuccoli, C Partyka M McCarthy
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Sunday 8:30 AM	Mass +Dave Smith requested by Ed and Donna Schulz	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers:	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12 J & B Flatley M Masinick J Paquette, D Davis P George, M Orłowski, Deacon Mike Leah, Neil, Isaac
9:30 AM 10:30 AM	First Sunday Breakfast Sunday Mass (Spanish)	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers	Jorge, Tino, Jorge, Elias, Valentin, Alberto Jorge, Tino, Jorge Delmi, Olga L. Angela, Elias, Sheyla Jairo (M1), Dario (M2), Sofia (+)
1:00 PM	Sunday Mass (Santa Clara)		

Monday 9:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Mass: Elizabeth Schulz, Special Intention (Birthday) Adoration Online Rosary: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3836517593">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3836517593</a> Mass		Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday			Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Adoration Mass		Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday 9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Mass Morning Prayer/Adoration		Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday 9:00 AM	Mass		Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday 9-1:00 PM 9-2:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	First Communion Students Retreat (Seton Home) OCIA Retreat (Spanish – Founder’s Hall) Confession Vigil Mass		Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21