

# St. Peter Claver Chapel

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter

Monday, April 27 | No Mass | **St. Peter Canisius, Within the Octave**

Tuesday, April 28 | No Mass | **St. Paul of the Cross, St. Vitalis**

Wednesday, April 29 | No Mass | **Octave Day of St. Joseph, St. Peter of Verona**

Thursday, April 30 | No Mass | **St. Catherine of Siena**

Friday, May 1 | 9:00am | **STS. PHILIP AND JAMES – FIRST FRIDAY**  
*Pro Populo*

Saturday, May 2 | 9:00am | **St. Anthanasius – FIRST SATURDAY**  
*Gustavo Griss - Anonymous*

• Sunday, May 3 | 9:00am | **FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter, St. Alexander I & Companions**  
*Pro Populo*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Collection

4/19 - \$285

- The sanctuary lamp burns this week for an anonymous intention
- Catechism will resume next Sunday
- There will be no Masses Mon-Thurs this week
- First Friday and First Saturday Masses will be at 9am

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter

The Third Sunday after Easter, known as Jubilate Sunday, presents a striking contrast between the initial burst of Paschal joy and the sobering reality of the Christian pilgrimage. The liturgy acknowledges that while the Resurrection has changed everything, the believer still dwells in a world of shadow and transition.

The Introit opens with a command to shout for joy, yet the Gospel passage from St. John introduces the mysterious concept of the "little while." This phrase serves as a bridge between the temporal and the eternal. Jesus prepares His disciples for His departure, comparing their coming sorrow to the pangs of a woman in labor. This metaphor is central to the day's reflection: the suffering of this life is not a dead end, but the necessary movement toward a new and permanent life. The pain is intense, but it is fundamentally creative and temporary.

In the Epistle, St. Peter provides the practical application of this theology by addressing the faithful as strangers and pilgrims. To live as a pilgrim is to maintain a certain detachment from the surrounding culture, recognizing that one's citizenship is elsewhere. This does not mean a total withdrawal from the world, but rather a commitment to honorable conduct that serves as a silent witness to the truth of the Gospel.

The collect for this Sunday asks God to grant that all who are counted members of the Christian faith may reject what is contrary to that name. It is a prayer for integrity during the "little while" of our earthly exile. The ultimate promise of the day is found in the assurance that the sorrow of the present will be transformed into a joy that no one can take away. This is the perspective of the Resurrection: looking through the lens of eternity to find the strength to endure the brief trials of the journey.