

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**  
**May 3 - 4, Third Sunday of Easter**

For the Church: may we, like the apostles in today's reading stand firm in our commitment to follow Jesus' teachings in caring for the poor, the hungry, the strangers in our midst. **Jesus who loves us, we pray.**

For the Cardinals: As they prepare to gather for the conclave, may they be filled with the Holy Spirit, discerning with humility and openness to God's will. **Jesus who loves us, we pray.**

That all over the earth, each of us will faithfully contribute to the healing of our fragmented world by treating each one we meet with kindness and respect. **Jesus who loves us, we pray.**

Bless all the young people at St. Anne's and Sacred Heart of Jesus who will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend. May they feel in their hearts your love for each of them and be drawn into your unending friendship. **Jesus who loves us, we pray.**

For the growth and vitality of our Church, that through our support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, and all our other charitable efforts, help us to serve people of all ages and backgrounds in every corner of our archdiocese. **Jesus who loves us, we pray.**

May all that we are and do in the world be an expression of our love for you. As did Peter in today's Gospel, help us to follow you with all our hearts. **Jesus who loves us, we pray.**

We earnestly pray for all those who are sick including Gabriela Sanchez and Patricia Lass. We pray also for all those who have died including Pope Francis, Sue Haslam, Howard Lewis, Helen Scrivanich, Jon Schalkle, and Phil Levan. May their souls rest in peace. **Jesus who loves us, we pray.**

We lift up to you the prayers of this community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts. **Jesus who loves us, we pray.**