

**COLLECT:** O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON John 14:23-29** (NKJV)

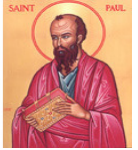
<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. <sup>24</sup> He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

<sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.

<sup>29</sup> "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.



*ST. Paul's CEC*  
charismatic evangelical sacramental together



**Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Birthday: May 10<sup>th</sup> = Zelanna Copsey**

**Get ready for the bottles.** Start saving your change for the baby bottle campaign we help out with each year. Women's Resource Medical Centers of Southern Nevada receives our support as a pro-life church on a monthly basis. We also help with the baby bottles which we fill with money between Mother's day and Father's day.

**Wednesday nights** we will continue our Bible Study with the book of Hebrews. Please read chapters 7 & 8 in preparation for this week's teaching.

Please remember to pray for those among us who have had recent medical procedures, are hurting from pain or suffering from illness; Pat Bird, Elton Blair, Elaine Heebner, Dorothy Hover

Ladies Retreat May 30 - June 1. Heart Spa: Restoring Women's Hearts by "Rooted and Grounded Ministries"  
Thursday night, May 30 at 6:30PM, Friday night May 31 at 6:30PM, Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM  
Food, beverages, snacks are provided.

**FIRST READING Joel 2:21-27 (NIV)**

<sup>21</sup> Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice.

Surely the LORD has done great things!

<sup>22</sup> Do not be afraid, you wild animals,

for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green.

The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the

vine yield their riches. <sup>23</sup> Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice

in the LORD your God, for he has given you the autumn

rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant

showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. <sup>24</sup> The

threshing floors will be filled with grain;

the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. <sup>25</sup> "I will

repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—the

great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and

the locust swarm—my great army that I sent among you.

<sup>26</sup> You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,

and you will praise the name of the LORD your God,

who has worked wonders for you;

never again will my people be shamed. <sup>27</sup> Then you will

know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God,

and that there is no other; never again will my people be

shamed.

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Hey.....got any spare change? We have a huge collection jug in the lobby. Please drop your spare change in that bottle every time you come to church, it will be cashed in and deposited into a benevolent fund for helping those in need.

**THE PSALM 67**

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face shine on us—

**\*so that your ways may be known on earth,  
your salvation among all nations.**

May the peoples praise you God;

may all the peoples praise you.

**\*May the nations be glad and sing for joy,**

For you rule the peoples with equity

and guide the nations of the earth.

**\*May the peoples praise you, God;**

**may all the peoples praise you.**

The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

**\*May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the  
earth will fear him.**

**SECOND READING Revelation 21:22-27 (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord

God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> The city

does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the

glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. <sup>24</sup>

The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the

earth will bring their splendor into it. <sup>25</sup> On no day will its

gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>

The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.

<sup>27</sup> Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who

does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose

names are written in the Lamb's book of life.