

Dear Padre,

What are the role and responsibilities of a parish priest in his church and community?

Primarily, a parish priest is a teacher and sanctifier. As teacher, he is obliged to instruct people in the faith, especially through the homily and catechetical formation—the Catholic education of children and young adults. He fosters “works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice.” With lay assistance, he brings the gospel message “to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith” (*Code of Canon Law* 528 §1).

As sanctifier, he works “so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments,” especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Eucharist is central to the faith community by encouraging active participation in the liturgy and parish life so that it’s authentically celebrated. (See *CCL* 528 §2.)

His other pastoral obligations are in the area of governance. These duties include outreach to those entrusted to his care, especially the sick and dying. He fosters growth in the Christian life within the family. “[W]ith particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties.” Moreover, he is responsible for grounding his local community within the broader universal Church’s mission. (See *CCL* 529.) ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Lord wanted us in this time filled with challenges that, at times, seem to exceed our strength. We are called to embrace these challenges, to interpret them evangelically, to experience them as opportunities to bear witness. Let us not flee from them! Pastoral commitment, like that of study, become for us a school to learn how to build the kingdom of God in today’s complex and challenging history.

ADDRESS TO THE CLERGY OF ROME,
JUNE 12, 2025



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday May 11 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 16:11–15 Jn 15:26–16:4a	Thursday May 14 <i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i> Acts 1:15–17, 20–26 Jn 15:9–17	Sunday May 17 <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> Acts 1:1–11 Eph 1:17–23 Mt 28:16–20
Tuesday May 12 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 16:22–34 Jn 16:5–11	Friday May 15 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 18:9–18 Jn 16:20–23	
Wednesday May 13 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 Jn 16:12–15	Saturday May 16 Acts 18:23–28 Jn 16:23b–28	

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The Already and the Not Yet

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The church celebrates again and again during the Easter season a core truth of Christian thought and belief: “the already and the not yet.” Jesus has already saved us, but we have not yet experienced the fullness of the kingdom. In this belief, there is tension, the experience of standing in the middle, where the tension is lived, and hopefully where balance is achieved.

What makes the tension bearable is that we know we have not been left as orphans. We are not on our own. The Spirit of God is sent to us and enables us to hold fast to what we have known and experienced and what is still unknown to us. Scripture and tradition, dogmas and doctrines, sacraments and sacramentals, practices and disciplines, all inspired by the Spirit of God, provide us with the necessary support and direction and help us remain balanced.

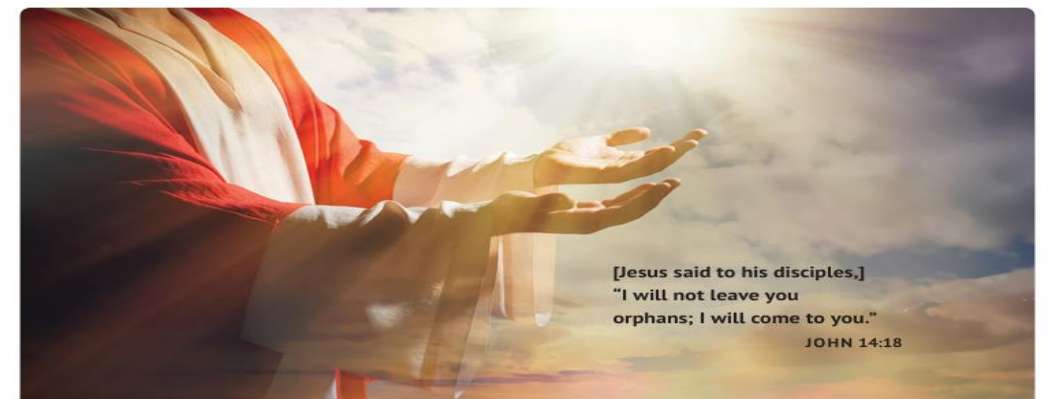
As wonderful as each of these gifts of the Spirit may be, each gift must be received, encountered, enabled, and lived. If the gifts are given but never received—and, even more important, used and shared—we not only refuse a gift freely given by our God but also deprive ourselves of the means to maintain our balance and remain on the path that leads to life and light. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

Is there a gift from God I have not received or lived? How can I begin?



[Jesus said to his disciples,]
“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”

JOHN 14:18

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A) May 10, 2026

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead, he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

If you would like to get church contribution envelopes next year and haven't in the past or if you don't want or use them, please contact the office ASAP. It is time to update the order.

**Mass Schedule & Intentions
For the week of May 11, 2026**

Mon.	May	11	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	May	12	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Wed.	May	13	6:30 PM	SB	Richard Ridder †
Thurs.	May	14	5:30 PM	SA	John McDonald †
Thurs.	May	14	7:00 PM	SJ	Vincent Venhaus †
Fri.	May	15	8:30 AM	SJ	Kerri Brosius †
Sun.	May	17	8:00 AM	SJ	All Souls †
Sun.	May	17	9:30 AM	SA	People of the Parish
Sun.	May	17	11:00 AM	SB	Graduates

Congratulations Kelsey Amos from St John's



Conner Kinderknecht
May 12th



Ministry Schedule

Date: May 17	St John's	St Agnes	St Boniface
Time	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>
Hospitality	Cody & Charli S.	Sue D. & Pam L.	Rod & Janel B.
Lector	Tara B.	Pam L.	Mike P.
Server	Avery B. & Bria B.		Charli P. & Ruby K.
EMHC	Steve & Cindy F.	Sue D. & Pam L.	Steve & Kristen B.
	Music: Kristy O.		<i>Communion to shut ins</i> Steve B.

St. John's
Our Gifts to God & Church
May 3, 2026
Total Collection: \$762.00

Obligation Ascension of the Lord
St John's May 14th
7:00 PM

St. Agnes
Our Gifts to God & Church
May 3, 2026,
Total Collection: \$1070.00

Thrift Store
Open May 15 9AM to 4PM
CCD Wed May 13th
Elementary 3:40 PM
High School 7:30 PM

Obligation Ascension of the Lord
St. Agnes May 14th 5:30 PM

St. Boniface
Our Gifts to God & Church
May 3, 2026
Total Collection: \$859.00

Obligation Ascension of the Lord
St Boniface May 13th
6:30 PM

Please join our graduates Erin and Dylan as we celebrate them with a potluck following mass May 17.

Totus Tuus registration
Click on the link here : [Totus Tuus](#) . Arnold will be hosting it June 21-26. For anyone who have completed grades K-12 by the summer of 2026. No code is needed.

Saint Epiphanius of Salamis (315-403)
Feast Day May 12
"We can tell the solution of any question not through our own reasoning, but from what follows from the Scriptures."

