

# Dear Padre,

*I have one daughter and a grandchild who say they are bisexual and very much into the LGBTQ lifestyle, where they feel like they belong. I do not know how to handle all of this. They left the Catholic faith years ago. I do not believe they are atheists. Please help.*

You are not alone in your struggle to know how to “handle all of this.” It’s hard for parents when their children choose a different lifestyle.

Try not to confuse gender expression with faith. Try not to confuse sexual orientation with faith. Just because a person is attracted to someone of the same sex does not mean they are not a person of faith. They may believe in God and even worship God in their own way. It sounds like your daughter and grandchild are honest with you. If they are willing, perhaps talking with them about how they experience God in their lives would be a fruitful conversation.

Whatever you do, the best practice is to love. Love your daughter and grandchild. When they express to you what they believe to be true about themselves, they are not asking for your permission. They are entrusting you with what they believe they have learned about themselves. Perhaps that very openness with you is a lesson that you taught them and a sign that they want to share with you what is important to them. ●



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## Enough?

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**W**hen I was a child, my parents taught me to pray with my hands pressed together, fingers pointed upward toward God. But somewhere along the way, I learned a different posture for prayer: seated, with my palms facing upward on my lap. It’s a gesture of openness—an acknowledgment that I come before God in humble need, ready to receive whatever he wants to give.

In today’s gospel, Philip approaches Jesus in a similar stance of openness. “Show us the Father,” he says, “and that will be enough for us” (John 14:8). Jesus responds that Philip has already seen the Father because Jesus’ words and actions are the Father’s words and actions. Philip needs no more—he has already received “enough.”

Sometimes, I need this reminder myself. I long for a new insight into God that perhaps one more book or one more lecture will give me. Don’t get me wrong: lifelong learning is a wonderful thing, and there is always more of God to discover! But it is important to acknowledge that, like Philip, I have already come to know the Father through Jesus, and everything I need to live the Christian life is already in place. Rather than more knowledge, it is a question of putting into action what I’ve been taught.

Of late, when I pray, I have embraced a new prayer posture: turning my hands downward, resting my palms on my knees. It helps me remember that with Jesus as my shepherd, I “shall not want.” I already have all I need. ●



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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*We live in a time that rewards self-sufficiency, efficiency, performance. And yet, the gospel shows us that the measure of our humanity is*



*not given by what we can achieve, but by our ability to let ourselves be loved and, when necessary, even helped.*

*Jesus saves us by showing us that asking is not unworthy, but liberating.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

#### Monday

May 4  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 14:5-18  
Jn 14:21-26

#### Tuesday

May 5  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 14:19-28  
Jn 14:27-31a

#### Wednesday

May 6  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 15:1-6  
Jn 15:1-8

#### Thursday

May 7  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 15:7-21  
Jn 15:9-11

#### Friday

May 8  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 15:22-31  
Jn 15:12-17

#### Saturday

May 9  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:1-10  
Jn 15:18-21

#### Sunday

May 10  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
1 Pt 3:15-18  
Jn 14:15-21

### Reflect

What does “enough” mean to me?



[Jesus said to Philip,] “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

JOHN 14:9

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A) May 3, 2026

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 goes, 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.

**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 April 27, 2026**

Mon.	May	04	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	May	05	7:00 AM	SJ	Kristie Walz
Wed.	May	06	5:30 PM	SA	No Mass
Thurs.	May	07	5:30 PM	SB	Mark Pandorf †
Fri.	May	08	8:30 AM	SJ	Leo & Charlene Walz †
Sun.	May	10	8:00 AM	SJ	People of the Parish
Sun.	May	10	9:30 AM	SA	John McDonald †
Sun.	May	10	11:00 AM	SB	Richard Ridder †

**Blessed Marie Leonie Paradis (1840-1912) Feast Day May 3**

"Let us work... while we are on earth because this is all God asks of us. There is no better prayer that we could offer Him than our dedication to work."



- Suzanne DeLosh Amy 4<sup>th</sup>
- Deb Atkins May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Ramona Weatherly May 8<sup>th</sup>
- Chet Beshaler May 8<sup>th</sup>
- Shawna Frey May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Erin Fitzgerald May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Olivia Bollig May 9<sup>th</sup>
- James Pandorf May 9<sup>th</sup>

**Ministry Schedule**

Date: May 10	St John's	St Agnes	St Boniface
<b>Time</b>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>
<b>Hospitality</b>	Todd & Lyndi W.	Julie B.	Dan & Jo T.
<b>Lector</b>	Kristy O.	Evan B.	Caden P. & Rod B.
<b>Server</b>	Wyatt D. & Corbin W.		Newt O. & Olivia D.
<b>EMHC</b>	Jon & Molly W.	Evan B. & Gary M.	Seth & Tristan P.
	<b>Music:</b> Robin G.		<i>Communion to shut ins</i> Verla B.

**St. John's**  
*Our Gifts to God & Church*  
**April 26, 2026**  
Total Collection: \$433.40  
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**Obligation Ascension of the Lord**  
St John's May 14<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM

**St. Agnes**  
*Our Gifts to God & Church*  
**April 26, 2026,**  
Total Collection: \$210.00  
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**Thrift Store**  
Open May 15 9AM to 4PM  
CCD Wed MY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
Elementary 3:40 PM  
High School 7:30 PM  
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**St. Boniface**  
*Our Gifts to God & Church*  
**April 26, 2026**  
Total Collection: \$1379.20  
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**Obligation Ascension of the Lord**  
St Boniface May 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM

**Obligation Ascension of the Lord**  
St. Agnes May 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM

**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.

**May 8 – Saint Michael the Archangel**

