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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." John 14:1

St Ann's Parish & Its Missions

Our Mission Statement

As a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Tucson, our mission is to spread the word of God. Our mission is to promote peace, love and unity to all the people of our community. The doors of Saint Ann's Parish and Its Missions are open to all who wish to enter.

Pastor

Rev. Joseph Esson

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St . Ann's Parish

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.

Assumption Chapel

Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

St Ferdinand's

Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at
9:00 a.m.

Entrance Antiphon

○ sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,
alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St. Ann's Parish

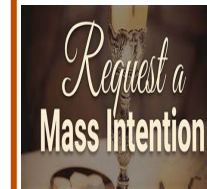
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held
on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays** of each
month from **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

All are welcome to come and spend time in
prayer before the Lord.



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The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or
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uing this long-standing practice, you may remember someone who has
died—whether recently or many years ago. Mass intentions are not only for
the deceased. They also make thoughtful and prayerful gifts for special
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answered.

To request a Mass intention, please call or visit the parish office. Mass intentions are \$10.00 each.

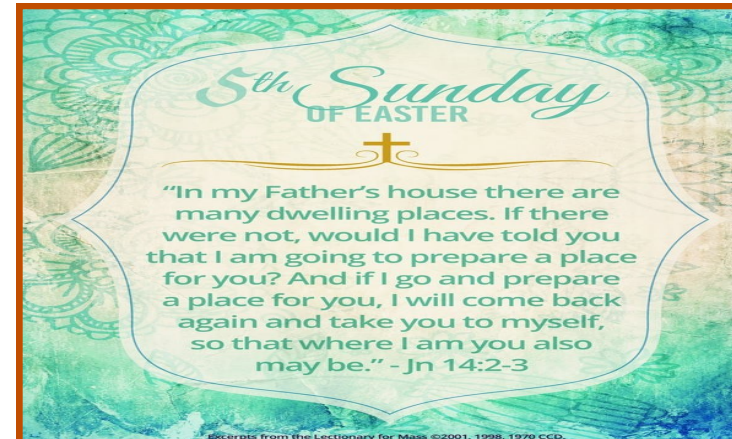
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May 3, 2026 STA Luis C. Martinez, Sr † & Consuelo Martinez †

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, the gospel passage contains one of the most succinctly stated reasons for seeking a close relationship with Jesus.

If we want to know the way to Heaven, we need to know Jesus. That is, in response to St. Thomas' inquiry, Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." [John 14:6-7]

Being active in the Church blesses us with *knowing* Christ, not just knowing *about* Christ. In the Sacraments we pray, "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit." When we listen to the gospel proclaimed, we hear Jesus speak to us. And when we serve each other and people who are in need, we are living lives of charity in God who is love.

We find the way to Heaven by embracing Jesus!

Yours truly in the Sacred Heart,
Father Pat



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. (Acts 6:7)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. (1 Pt 2:7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

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Virtues, Explained!

Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. It is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness.

Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
You have said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."
Bless me with Your peace.
Fill my heart with trust in You,
and hope in Your promises.
Be my rock in times of distress,
my light in times of darkness,
and my rest in the storm.
Amen.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How often do we contemplate the mercy of God, but fear it will run out? How often do we consider following the path of Christ and worry that it is too steep? But God has not overpromised. Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him.

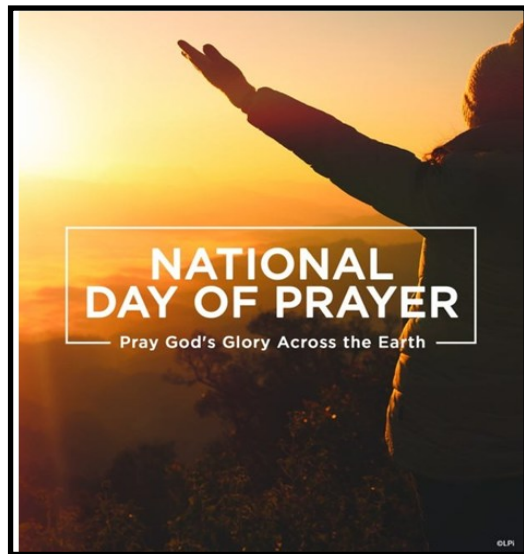
Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
- Tuesday:** *Cinco de Mayo*
- Thursday:** National Day of Prayer
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter;
Mother's Day

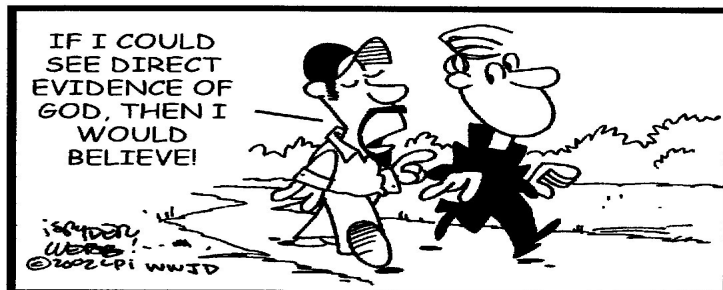
First Holy Communion

We joyfully share that five of our students — Hansel Espinoza, Jaelyn Espinoza, Julith Swanquist, Amaya Villa-Alegria, and Dale Winfield — will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the 5:00 PM Mass.

Let us continue to keep them in our prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey and grow closer to our Lord in the Eucharist.



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: There are lots of different routes to Heaven. But there's only one Way.

The Way

A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store.

This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing — God — even though they were going about the search in different ways.

I've thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It's not an untrue analogy — there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no "right" way to get to the grocery store, because it all depends on where you're starting from and what other errands you have along the way.

And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven — likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you're starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way.

There it is: the part that matters. *The way.*

Whether we're talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up — the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, "I'm lost. Which way do I go?"

See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there's only one. Don't worry, though.

You'll know him when you see him.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

Answer:

The mission of the Church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The Church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who, by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

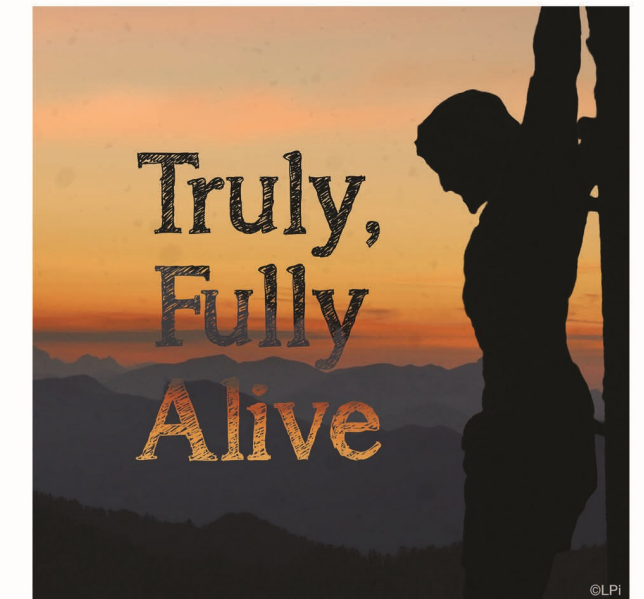
Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16
and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, **"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."** (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— Father John Muir