

May 3rd, 2026: 5th Sunday of Easter

Background on the Gospel Reading

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 is going, 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.

SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION:

A total of \$573.25 was collected from Sacred Heart Parish this past weekend. The society continues to be **Thankful and Appreciative** of your outstanding generosity each month. Please know that money raised goes toward Mary's Kitchen expenses, plus grocery costs associated with picking up and delivering food to those in need.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: **Fr. Lee Lainey**

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Diocesan website: rcchurch.com

Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10:00a.m.

BAD WEATHER – please call the office to verify if mass is cancelled & office closed.

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First Friday of each month at 2pm.

Reconciliation:

Before Mass or by request.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

April 25 & 26, 2026

Regular Sunday	1586.00
Loose Offering	123.50
Building Fund	20.00
Votive Candles	74.00
Cemetery Fund	200.00
Living with Christ	25.00
Mass Stipends	70.00
St. Vincent de Paul	25.00

MASS INTENTIONS

May 2 – 10, 2026

May 2 - Sat	The Late Michael Buckle The Late Brian Griffin & Mary Wheeler
May 3 - Sun	The Late Rochelle Hayes Dennis
May 5 - Tues	The Late Jack & Veronica Pike
May 6 -Wed	The Late Jean Buckle
May 8 - Fri.	The Late Joyce Family Members
May 9 - Sat.	The Late Ronnie Griffin The Late Annie & Anthony Gillis
Mothers Day – Sunday	The Late Bridget & Jordan Blackwood The Late Daphne Brake & Sarah Rose Brake

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 9 – Saturday

Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Joan Penney	Donna Mitchell

May 10 – Sunday

Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Mike Leonard	Bernadette Stone
Communion to the Sick – M.Pennell/E.Carew	

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE MEETING:

The next meeting of the committee will be on **Tuesday May 12, 2026 at 6:30pm** in the church meeting room. Anyone wishing to join are more than welcome to attend.

NO WEEKDAY MASSES:

As Father Lainey will be away from **June 23 to July 10th**, 2026, there will be **no weekday masses** during this time. As of today, Bishop Bart van Roijen will be presiding at weekend masses on June 27 & 28 and also on July 4 & 5th, 2026.

IN SYMPATHY:

The Parish family would like to send our warmest thoughts and prayers to Gerry and Sandy Buckle and all their family members on the passing of their son Michael. Let us remember him at prayer. May he rest in peace.

UNITED WAY – 211.CA:

Life can be hard, *finding help* doesn't have to be. When you need **community support for life's challenges**, visit 211.ca or call 211 on your phone. They offer a variety of support options such as financial aid, women's shelters, mental health support, housing services, and a variety of other services. It is free and confidential and available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

For more information go to 211.ca

CEMETERY DONATION:

As a thank you to all the Parish Committees' a donation has been made to Mount Cecelia Cemetery for its upkeep. We would like to thank Kathleen MacDonald for this lovely gift.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:30pm** in the church meeting room.

MAY BINGO:

The Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be having their **final bingo** before summer on Sunday **May 31st at 2-4pm.** at the **Sacred Heart Elementary School.** Doors open at 1pm. We will also be having the draw for the **Work of Art Ticket** fundraiser during this bingo. Remember this is a scent free area. Thank you.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER:

St Basil Indian Orthodox Church is holding a cultural day fundraiser (Harvestia 2026) at St Michael's Anglican Church – 22 Park Drive this **Saturday, May 2nd from 4 to 10 pm.** Everyone is welcome.

MAY MONTH - THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

As the Mother of God, we believe she plays a role in obtaining blessings and graces for us. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are inviting everyone to participate in this great prayer during the month of May.

It will be at the **Holy Redeemer Cathedral on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.** This will be in the new form for public recitation as presented by St Pope John Paul 11. It takes on the form of a little liturgy complete with scripture, prayer, chants and action! Do come and join us on these Wednesday evenings.

BAKE SALE:

On **Saturday May 30th at 10am. to 2pm.** we will be having a bake sale at **Sacred Heart Elementary School.** Whip up your baking skills and show us what you have with your donation. You **can drop off** your baked goods at the school on **Friday May 29th between 6-8pm.** Contact Marie Pennell for more information and to volunteer your time to help sell these delicious items. All are welcome.

HOLY FATHERS' INTENTIONS MAY MONTH:

That everyone might have food – Let us pray that everyone from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

REFLECTION:

Going home

Going to heaven!
I don't know when,
pray do not ask me how.

Going to heaven!
How dim it sounds!
And yet it will be done
as sure as flocks go home at night
unto the shepherd's arm.

If you should get their first,
save just a little place for me
close to the two I lost.

The smallest "robe" will fit me,
and just a bit of "crown",
for you know we do not mind our dress
when we are going home.

(Emily Dickinson)