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Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Peter 2:4-9 / John 14:1-12



Good News!

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ANN M. GARRIDO

When 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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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday:

7:30 AM & 11:00 AM ~ English

6:00 PM ~ Spanish

Daily Mass:

Mon., Tues., & Fri. ~ 8:00 AM

Thurs.(Sp.) ~ 6:00 PM

1st Saturday Mass: 8:00 AM

Adoration

Thurs.~ Spanish—6:30PM

Reconciliation

Thursday: 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday: 5:30 PM

Please contact Fr. Patrick by phone or email if you need to make an appointment for **Confession** or **Anointing of the Sick**.

Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs:

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

CLOSED FOR LUNCH
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

OFFICE IS CLOSED
Fri., Sat., & Sun.

Worship, Prayer, & Ministries

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat.-2 <i>St. Athanasius</i>	8:00AM	† Gary Graham by Graham Family
	6:00PM	† Sostenes Contreras by Luisa Mesa Birthday Blessings for Sarah Silva by Dad & Mom
Sun.-3	7:30AM	† Steve Meehan by Ellie Meehan Domino † Stephen Menard by Joe & Mary Ortiz
	9:00AM	First Holy Communion Students
	11:00AM	† Arturo Acuna, Jr. (Heavenly birthday) by Dad & Acuna Family † Margie Leon-Guerrero & † Maria Blas by Ellie Mankin & Leon-Guerrero Family † Irma Deanda Ulibarri by Diana Deanda Living and Deceased Members of the St. John of the Cross Altar Society
	2:00PM	First Holy Communion Students
	6:00PM	Las familias de la parroquia
Mon.-4	8:00AM	† John Graham by Graham Family For all the students receiving sacraments this year
Tues.-5	8:00AM	† Juanita Bazan (birthday) by Bazan Family
Thurs.-7	6:00PM	Para quienes cuidan a personas que se acercan al final de la vida.
	6:30PM	Adoration
Fri.-8 <i>St. Joseph the worker</i>	8:00AM	† David Gaza by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gaza & Family Birthday blessings for Raphael Pangilinan by Rexy Stewart

Masses for May 9 & 10

Sat.-9	6:00PM	† Tomas Medellin by Alyssa Pena † Charlie & † Israel Ochoa by Family † Eleazar Pena (Heavenly birthday) by Romanos Family Julia Alaniz & Cristina for their generosity by Saturday Morning Prayer Group
Sun.-10	7:30AM	† Margarita Guerrero (birthday) by Bazan, Leal & Hinojosa Families † Mae Gwosdz by Her Family † Enriqueta Puente by Her Loving Family Living and Deceased Members of the St. John of the Cross Cemetery Association
	11:00AM	† Loretta Gwosdz (3rd anniv.) by Nell Gwosdz & Family † Matilda Rios & † Rosa Rios by Jesus Rios † Fr. Maria Susai by Anita Bazan
	6:00PM	Las familias de la parroquia

The altar flowers are offered in memory of

Gemma Grace

by Travis & Bethany Wanoreck

Because of the increased cost, St. John of the Cross can no longer provide free copies of *the WORD among us* to our parishioners.

Parishioners may subscribe to the magazine by visiting
<https://my.wau.org/subscriptions/n1> or calling by 1-301-874-1700.

Daily readings are available online at uscgb.org.

Ministry Schedule for Mass

Ministry Schedule



May 9—6:00PM—Lector: Norma Cornejo
EM: San Juanita Gaza, Luis and Nora Romanos
Head Usher: Raquel S. Jimenez

May 10—7:30AM—Lector: Rick Svetlik
EM: Margie Svetlik, Jose Isais, Laura Gwosdz
Head Usher: Bart and Maria Miller

11:00AM—Lector: Diana Aguilar
EM: Diana DeAnda, Karol Kocurek, Janie Flores,
Volunteer

Head Usher: Tinker Villarreal

6:00PM—Lector: Manuel Rodriguez
EM: Joachin Ordenez, Albina Resendez
Head Usher: Paulin Becerril

Please let the parish office know if you can help as we need more lectors, eucharistic ministers, and ushers for all Masses.

PRAYER LIST

We continue to pray for the needs of those in our parish:

Rosa Arevalo, Beatrice Barron, Diana Cantu, Karen Elyasevich, Art Forbes, Tyler Forbes, Antonio Medrano, and Oscar Ortiz, Jr., and Eva Soliz



The names of newly added persons will remain for three weeks. Contact the Parish Office if names need to be added to the prayer list.

Praying for expecting mothers and their babies:

**Mama Cecilia, Ricki Rodriguez Choat,
and Celina Garcia**



Praying for our Military

**We remember these service personnel in each
'Mass for the Families of the Parish'**

Air Force: Vincent Gordon, Preston Holliday,
Christopher Lauer II, Alayah Moore,
Deborah Thomas, Audry Winstead

Army: Father Jim Craig, Madeleena Delaney,
Celine De Los Santos, Allen McDonald,
Jacob Madrid, Eduardo Perales, Robert Ponce,
Fernando Ramos III, Anthony Rios, and
Tyree Winstead

Coast Guard: Corey Bunton and Joshua Salinas

Marines: Aurora Alarcon, Hunter Frees, and
Andre Rodriguez

Navy: Cory Elyasevich, Diane Martinez, Aubrey McCown,
Andrew Saenz, Robert Silva, and Noah Vasquez



St. John of the Cross will send care packages to our parishioners serving in the military and veterans. Items requested include travel-size body wash, shampoo and deodorant, as well as chocolate-FREE snacks, reading material, puzzle books, and prayer cards. Please bring donated items to the church foyer or to the office by June 18 to allow time for distribution and to ensure the United States Postal Service can process the packages and deliver by July 4, 2026.

A Note From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,



As we end our year of religious education, Father Patrick asked that Terrie Silva, Director of Religious Education, and Laura Adams, Assistant Director of Religious Education, share the following:

Every spring we celebrate the sacrament of initiation at the Easter Vigil as well as those students receiving their First Holy Communion and those candidates being confirmed in their faith.

And so, this weekend we celebrate 24 children receiving their First Holy Communion.

We celebrate this sacrament as the Catholic Church around the world experienced record-breaking numbers of people being initiated into the Catholic Church at Easter. People today are spiritually hungry and find deeper meaning in life through this shared faith. These Catholic converts find renewed, intense focus on the Eucharist as a key factor in their search for true, objective presence in a chaotic world.

And our young candidates find peace in receiving the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. How appropriate that in today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus tell his disciples that he is "the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." These children, in receiving the body and blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist will come to know Jesus and the Father.

They spent two years learning and preparing to receive the body and blood of Christ in this Sacrament, two years of memorizing prayers, learning about the Mass, and growing closer to Christ.

And so, let us congratulate our First Holy Communion students:

Evelyn Diaz	Jonathan Huffman
Johnathan Cade	Joshua Huffman,
Audrey Cunningham	Logan Ivy
Andrew Diaz	Ava Kraatz
Henry Diaz	Nancy Lopez
Joselyn Diaz-Ordonez	Rowan Lopez
Natalie Diaz	Nancy Ordonez
Yessenia Diaz,	Porter Ortiz
Annalaya Gonzalez	Gabriel Resendiz
Lia Gonzalez,	Emily Saenz
Olivia Gonzalez	Bruno Zaragoza
Olivia Hippensteal	Viviana Zaragoza.

We extend sincere gratitude to our First Holy Communion teachers for preparing our students for this monumental moment: Isabel Alanis, Sue Alejandro, and Belinda Sanchez.

As our First Holy Communion students grow in faith and love with the Father through Jesus in the Eucharist, we pray that they continue on that path to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation which we will celebrate here at St. John on Wednesday, May 13, as 10 students and 3 adults will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Aviles.

This past week was our last class of religious education, and we invite the youth of our parish in grades kindergarten through fifth grade to plan to attend our Vacation Bible School: Let's go on a Road Trip -on the go with God July 20 – 24.

Please save the date for registration and orientation for our religious education program on August 26 and 31 as well as the first day of class on Wednesday, September 2.

We also want to express sincere gratitude for all of our religious education teachers, classroom helpers, attendance aids, and those who helped with/ provided meals. Their participation and commitment to guiding our youth in their faith journey is truly life-changing for these youth. With that, as we look forward to next year's religious education program, we will need at least three teachers to cover classes next year. If you are interested in learning more about how you can help in our religious education program, please contact the parish office.

Yours in Christ,
Religious Education Staff

Deacon's Corner

I think I named last week's article the Fifth Sunday of Easter, but it was the Fourth. Today, May 3, 2026, is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Happy Easter! We have three more weeks before the Pentecost—the 6th Week of Easter and either the 7th Week of Easter or the Ascension. In the Dioceses of the United States, we normally celebrate Ascension Thursday (we used to call it) on the 7th Week of Easter. When I was a child, we used to celebrate it on Thursday, 40 days after Easter. So if you count Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday as 2 days, and count to 40 you'll come to Ascension Thursday; and, it was a Holy Day of Obligation. I think the practice has been in the United States that a Holy Day that falls close to a Sunday can be celebrated on the immediate Sunday following, except for Christmas. The readings for this **5th Sunday of Easter** are from Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12. The first reading continues to give us a glimpse of the rapid growth of the Church. I think I mentioned last time about how the Church of today is growing. Here's what Scott Hahn says about today's church. It is a long quote but worth including in this meditation because our job is to reach out to families and evangelize them, as St. Peter tells us in the second reading: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." Here is what Dr. Hahn says: "The headlines were astonishing. Throughout Lent this year and last, one US diocese after another reported a record number of converts to the Catholic faith: Los Angeles, Fort Wayne-South Bend, Atlanta,

Lansing, Orlando, Mobile... It's a long list. And many that are not claiming all-time highs are at least noting a significant spike.... What was once a trickle is now a flood.... People are just showing up. And it's not just here in the United States. The bishops of France have even convened a council to address the surge in conversions there. In England, for the first time since the Reformation, more Roman Catholics than Anglicans were in church pews on Sundays." *Breaking the Bread*, by Dr. Scott Hahn, May 2026. The first reading today talks about the selection of the first deacons, and I wanted to meditate on the diaconate today, but I'll leave it for another day. From today's first reading I just want to quote this: "The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith." For more than 300 years after the Pentecost, we had no church buildings. The people met in their homes and celebrated their faith. " Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." I want to recommend that you read the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (at least the first 10 chapters), and see how the Church began to flourish, just based on the sayings of Jesus. That is what Resurrection really means—no more turbulence in our lives. We live in peace and are satisfied. We are not angry. We are not jealous. We do not complain. We seek to participate in "one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church," as Father Patrick said in one of his daily sermons. God bless you.
Deacon Cavada



Stewardship of Treasure

Week #43	COLLECTION	Totals Prior Week -	Goal	Actual	Total Annual Over / (under)	YTD Goal	TOTAL OFFERTORY
4/26/2026	Envelope Collection	\$ (6,769.88)	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,152.00	\$ (7,717.88)	\$ 90,300.00	
	Loose Collection	\$ 21,387.67	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,354.28	\$ 21,541.95	\$ 51,600.00	
	On-Line Collection	\$ 12,411.82	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,809.86	\$ 12,821.68	\$ 60,200.00	
	TOTAL Collection	\$ 27,029.61	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,316.14	\$ 26,645.75	\$ 202,100.00	\$ 228,745.75



To access the St. John of the Cross online giving portal, scan the QR code. As always, feel free to contact the parish office if you need any assistance with setting up your online giving.



The **SECOND** collection this weekend supports **Our Living Church Capital Campaign Building Fund**. Through your dedicated support, we have collected enough to move forward with the first two major renovations: the stucco and stained-glass window repairs. Contracts for these projects have been signed, and we are waiting for notice of scheduling of the repairs. Your continued support is needed as we will borrow the other half required to complete these projects.



There is a **SPECIAL** collection this weekend to support the retired priests of our diocese.



Msgr. Seamus McGowan

Through generous donations, those men who answered God's call to serve the church receive assistance, including medical expenses as well as living expenses at the St. John Vianney Home.



Fr. Prince Kuruvila

Parish Organizations

PARISH COUNCIL

NEXT MEETING: MAY 11 @ 6PM

ALTAR SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING: MAY 18 @ 6PM

Monthly processional - May 3 - Mary Villarreal



ALTAR DUTY CLEANING SCHEDULE

May 7-9—Mrs. Mary Ortiz, Mrs. Frances Matheny, Mrs. Janet Graham and Evy, Ms. Ashley Munoz, Mrs. Sugar DeLaPaz
 May 14-16—Maria Castaneda, Rosa Castro, Daniella Rodriguez, Kathleen DeLaPena

SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANA

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 15 @ 6PM

Hostess grp # 4: Isabel Alanis



Corporate Mass—May 17 @ 7:30AM

Rosary at 7:00AM Leader: Isabel Alanis Offertory: Aurora B. Garcia, Diana DeAnda, and Amanda Sanchez

Roses provided to Our Lady of Guadalupe—by Luz Paiz and Kathleen Garza

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335



NEXT MEETING: MAY 5, 2026

Rosary: 6:40 PM at the KOC Building Men 18 yrs. & older are welcome

CASA DE LUCY MEETS ON TUESDAYS @ 9AM



Case de Lucy Helping Hand Quilting Ministry sews Prayer Quilts for the terminally / critically ill persons needing prayers. Please contact the office if you know anyone in need of a quilt.

Works of Mercy

Loom Knitting ~ Parishioners are invited to meet in the parish hall on Mondays at 9AM to knit hats for patients at Driscoll Children's Hospital Oncology Department. Contact the parish office or Bertha Forbes for more information.

The next bread and pastries distribution will be at 9AM at **SJoC** on **Wednesday, May 13** and at **St. Francis** on **Saturday, May 9**.



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions at 9AM at **St. John of the Cross** on **Thursday, May 7** and at **St. Francis of Assisi** on **Saturday, May 23**.

Eucharistic Ministers / Lectors Training

There is a real need for more Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for all Masses. Deacon Cavada will host a training on **Tuesday, May 5, at 7:30PM in the church**. The training will be bilingual. All who are interested in joining in this ministry are invited to attend this training.

Reminder: All volunteers are required to complete the Safe Environment training which is available ONLY online. Please visit <https://diocesecc.safeenvironment.org/login/index.php>. You will be prompted to create an account, submit a criminal background check, and then complete the online training. Please contact the parish office for more information in completing the required diocesan training.

Religious Education

Confirmation Mass: Wednesday, May 13, 6:00PM, at SJoC.

Practice: Wed., May 6, at 6PM.

Thank you to our parish organizations, Altar Society, Casa de Lucy, Knights of Columbus, and the Sociedad Guadalupanas, for their contribution to the gifts provided to our sacramental students.

Senior Corner

Graduation Mass—

Sunday, May 17, at 11AM.

Please let the parish office know if your graduating senior will participate.

One Mission. One Movement.
One Million Connected.



Altar Servers

Attention Youth of the Parish!

The **SJC Altar Server Ministry** will hold our **Annual New Server Orientation** on May 16 at 9:30 AM in the church. Preregistration is **REQUIRED**.

Any youth of our parish grades 3-12, who has received the Sacrament of the Eucharist (FHC) and has a desire to serve the Lord in an active way at Mass is welcome join our ministry!

To preregister or for more information, please contact the Parish Office.



Community

AGAPE RANCH—Bed Build— May 9, 2026, 8AM—1PM, Corpus Christi

Many children in foster care have been wounded by trauma of their past. Agape Ranch reflects the heart of Christ by surrounding children and aged-out young adults from foster care with unconditional love, steady support, and intentional community. Through lasting relationships and a dedicated network of support, a space is created for deep healing and builds a legacy of hope that changes generations.

Agape Ranch has taken the initiative to provide a bed, a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. Through the Agape Ranch Bed Build events, we are able to build beds that support vulnerable children and their families with a safe sleeping space. Our 2026 goal is to build one hundred twin and twenty-five toddler size beds that will serve our community through requests from our partnering child serving agencies. Agape Ranch will provide all lumber and supplies while our volunteers bring their willingness to help and valuable time.

For more information or to register, visit: <https://www.agaperanch.org/bedbuild>.



Journey to Damascus (JTD) is a 3-day Christian weekend for those who want to deepen their relationship with God, strengthen their faith, and experience true Christian brother/sisterhood. It is open to all denominations and centers on renewal through prayer, reflection, and community.

JTD is for those seeking a stronger foundation in Christ and deeper unity with other believers and for those who want to grow spiritually, need time away from distractions to reconnect with God, and value community, faith, and encouragement.

The weekend is full physically, emotionally, and spiritually, so pilgrims should set aside outside responsibilities and come ready to be present.

The upcoming 2026 Weekend Schedule is

Men's: June 18-21 and Sept 17-20 / Women's: July 30—August 2 and Oct 15-18

Weekends are held at OLCC Campus on Lantana and the Weekend Fees are \$225 (assistance is available for those with need). More information can be found at www.journeytodamascus.org or you may contact Bud Coldwell @ (361) 779-1971.



Diocesan News

The Inaugural Corpus Christi Cathedral Gala a Family Reunion with Special Guest Speaker

The Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores Bishop of Brownsville

Friday, May 22, 2026, 7:00PM, at
the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel.



Tickets and more information
at cathedralgala.com

Celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Reception of the Bishop into his Cathedral and
consecration of the new altar

Thursday, June 4, 2026



Mass beings at 6PM with procession to follow.
This will be a truly historic moment in our
diocese.

Please save the date.

We look forward to celebrating with you united
as the Body of Christ.

High School Leadership Retreat ~ Applications are now available for the upcoming High School Diocesan Leadership program and retreat. The retreat will be on June 8th and 9th at Our Lady of Corpus Christi.

The cost is \$30 per person. Apply at <https://form.jotform.com/communicationsdofcc/leadership-liability>



Father Walsh's Summer Camp—designed for adults 10 yrs. and up with a special ability, blind, deaf, or hard of hearing.

June 9 –11

9:00AM—2:00PM

Check-in & Breakfast: 9:00AM

St. John Paul High School

Register at
<https://catholiccharities-cc.org/summercamp>



Registration ends May 15

Father Walsh's VBS—a fun-filled day of adventure and faith, designed for children ages 4-13 with a special ability, blind, deaf, or hard of hearing.

June 12

9:00AM—2:00PM

Check-in & Breakfast: 9:00AM

St. John Paul High School

Register at
<https://catholiccharities-cc.org/vbs>



SAVE THE DATE ~ CAMP ROOTED, Diocesan camp, will be held July 9th through July 11th at the Spirit Center. The cost to participate is \$75. Registration details are coming soon.

This will be an amazing experience and parish youth leaders are encouraged to bring their groups of teens to be a part of this gathering that will focus on leadership, fellowship, and faith.

Liturgy & Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request – please call the office. Any person who is sick (either homebound or in the hospital) or about to have surgery, is encouraged to receive Anointing of the Sick. As current Federal Law prohibits hospitals from the release of any patient's name. Father will not know you are in the hospital unless you call the office.

Baptisms of Infants: (0 to 5 yrs.): Please bring the child's civil birth certificate to the parish office to register the child, their parents & the Godparents for the one-hour Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class. Godparents must be able to provide Certificates for Catholic Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation, & if married, Marriage Certificate in the Catholic Church. Donation for the class and Baptism is \$30.00, for the class only is \$15.00. Date & time for the Baptism is scheduled after attending the Baptismal Class.

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confessions) is available on Thursday from 5:30 PM—6:00 PM and on Saturdays from 5:00 PM—5:30 PM and at any time by appointment with the Priest.

Quinceañeras: The honoree and their family must be registered and participating in the parish for two years prior to the year of the Quinceañera (or Quinceañero). The young person must have Baptism & Communion in the Catholic Church, & be attending the parish Religious Education Program. The family is strongly encouraged to contact the Church for **2 years** before the intended date.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made with the priest or deacon, preferably one year before the intended date, (minimum of six months in advance) to complete the necessary requirements. At least one person must be an active and registered member of this parish. No wedding date is guaranteed until ALL diocesan requirements have been fulfilled.

Blessing of Civil Marriages – If you were married before a judge, or a non-Catholic minister, and wish to be readmitted to Holy Communion, there needs to be a Blessing of your Civil Marriage. Please call the parish office and set up an appointment with Father Patrick so he can hear your particular situation and can guide you through the process. Father Patrick is always saying “Don't wait! Start the process NOW!”

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. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org



ANOVACS/BEAN / SHUTTERSTOCK

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



SHUTTERSTOCK

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 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