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Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Peter 3:15-18 / John 14:15-21



Good News!

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FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

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. ●

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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.-9	6:00PM	† Tomas Medellin by Alyssa Pena † Charlie & † Israel Ochoa by Family † Eleazar Pena (Heavenly birthday) by Romanos Family Julia Alaniz & Cristina Cornejo for their generosity by Saturday Morning Prayer Group
Sun.-10 Mother's Day	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
Mon.-11	8:00AM	Liza Ochoa's Family & Momo Ortiz's Family by Liza Ochoa
Tues.-12	8:00AM	Nurses and first responders
Wed.-13 Confirmation Mass	6:00PM	Confirmation candidates
Thurs.-14	6:00PM	Veteranos y los que sirven en el ejército
	6:30PM	Adoración
Fri.-15	8:00AM	Sanctity of Family Life

Masses for May 16 & 17

Sat.-16	6:00PM	† Feliciano Borrego, Jr., by Dalia & Carolina Borrego † Steve Meehan by Christy Meehan Original Members of the Saturday Morning Prayer Grp by Saturday Morning Prayer Group Birthday blessings for Kit Silva by Dad & Mom
Sun.-17	7:30AM	† Tino & † Eva Mendoza by Mary & Joe Ortiz † Freddy Serna, Jr., by Murray Family Living and Deceased Members of the Sociedad Guadalupanas
	11:00AM Graduation Mass	† Father Maria Susai by Anita Bazan 2026 Graduates Momo Ortiz's family & Family of Liza Ochoa by Liza Ochoa
	6:00PM	† Jose Rosario Becerril (2 ann.) por Maria Ordoñez Las familias de la parroquia

Thank you for your donation to the altar flowers

Patricia Boenning, Monica Charro, , Janet Graham,
Emily Hicks, Mary Ortiz, and Luz Paiz



Happy Mother's Day, to all of our mothers. May you each know God's deep love and delight in you!



Ministry Schedule for Mass

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May 16—6:00PM—Lector: Kim Rokohl
EM: Don Rokohl, Sharry Stipp, Mary Villarreal
Head Usher: Mike Schroedter

May 17—7:30AM—Lector: Lucille Klaevemann
EM: Maria Miller, Luz Paiz, Laura Gwosdz
Head Usher: Gerald Murray, Emmanuel Alejandro

11:00AM—Lector: Mitch Hippensteal
EM: Diana Aguilar, Maria Galvan-Gordon,
Dee DeLeon, Ernest Henderson
Head Usher: Lonnie Rodriguez

6:00PM—Lector: Margarita Velasquez
EM: Jesus Perez, Esmeralda Castro
Head Usher: Angel Isais

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:

Art Forbes, Tyler Forbes, Antonio Medrano,
Oscar Ortiz, Jr., Maria Rivera 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 honor our 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 so the packages can be delivered by July 4, 2026.

Please contact the parish office to provide a mailing address for your service member or veteran.

A Note From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Happy Mothers' Day!

This weekend, we celebrate two momentous events, the First Anniversary of our new Pope—Pope Leo XIV, and Mothers' Day. And while it might look as totally divergent events, there is a common thread that unites them - Responding to the Vocational Call.



How many women do we know who have given birth to a child, but they do not become a “mother” to their child? There is the biological “motherhood” in the generation of a new life and there is “True Motherhood” that is the loving and nurturing maternal care for a new life. Recently, I joined a couple with whom I have been close friends for over 35 years for an anniversary lunch. And as I was reflecting on this letter on Mothers' Day weekend, I thought of this woman, who has never given birth to a child, but has been a mother to children three times over. Christy is the oldest of four children in her family, and she simply responded to the call of caring for her younger siblings while she herself was still a young person. Her parents were very hard working to care for the family and were often at work, and unfortunately, missed some of the daily opportunities to be the mother / father to the children. And Christy stepped in to fulfill that nurturing and caring role – making lunches and meals, binding up scrapes and injuries, and comforting them in their distresses. She was being a mother without ever having given birth to these children. After her marriage to a wonderful man, she continued caring for her siblings and took on the additional caring for other older children in the extended family who came to live with them in their house due to all sorts of other situations and difficulties. She was mother to three young children all the way through their time in college. And then almost twenty years later, she and her husband received the blessing of adopting a child from a very young woman of her family who couldn't care for or keep the child. She is one I truly call a “blessed” mother. Motherhood is responding to the call for the caring and nurturing of children in love, hope, and faith.

On May 8th, Pope Leo celebrated his first anniversary as the Pope for our Catholic Church. One year ago, the Church asked him directly, “Do you accept the role and responsibility to be the next pontiff of the Church?”. Pope Leo had already responded to the vocation of priesthood, then the vocation as a bishop, and finally to the vocation of being a cardinal, and then once more called to serve the Church in yet another capacity as Holy Father. It has been an ongoing vocational choice that was being presented to him, to serve God and the Church. I am grateful that he accepted to be Pope Leo XIV. But with all of the ups and downs in his Pontificate over this last year - the war in Israel and Iran, and the recent tensions reported to us by the media between Pope Leo and our country's administration - I am sure that he is reflecting on “I didn't think it would be this difficult and stressful”. As the Head of the Universal Catholic Church, the popes have always striven to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and for peace and the common good of all humanity. As Pope Leo XIV, he must always avoid any nationalistic or political involvement, but also as Pope Leo, he must also proclaim the Church's teachings in light of current political situations. It is within the rights of every person, to offer our Catholic Church's position as alternative solutions to problems and needs in the world. Let us pray that our Holy Father will be strong in proclaiming our “Catholic Teachings of Peace and the Common Good” in all of his actions, deeds and words.

On this coming Wednesday, we as the Diocese of Corpus Christi pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Emeritus Rene Gracida, the fifth Bishop of our Diocese. We pray in thanksgiving for all the deceased bishops and retired bishops of our diocese who have striven to lead us in years past. And I ask you to join with me in praying fervently for Bishop Mario Avilés, C.O. - our new ordinary as he completes four months into this new call to lead our Diocese of Corpus Christi. We need to support him in all of his decisions and as a reminder to support the 2026 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal with a pledge for this year's campaign.

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Patrick

Deacon's Corner

Today is the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A. Normally we read the Gospel of Matthew, but in the special season of Easter we read the Gospel of John, like today. Today's readings are from Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; [1 Peter 3:15-18](#); and from the Gospel of John 14:15-21. It is difficult to determine which 10 cities Jesus visited, and you may have heard of Jesus' visits to the "Ten Cities." Consider these: Nazareth - Jesus' hometown where he grew up; Bethlehem - The birthplace of Jesus; Capernaum - A key location for Jesus' teachings and miracles; Jerusalem - The city where Jesus was crucified and resurrected; Bethany - Home of Lazarus, Mary, and Martha, where Jesus performed miracles; Gennesaret - A region near the Sea of Galilee where Jesus healed many; Tyre - A coastal city where Jesus visited and interacted with a Gentile woman; Sidon - Another coastal city where Jesus performed miracles; Jericho - The city where Jesus healed a blind man and met Zacchaeus; and Samaria - Jesus traveled through this region and spoke with the Samaritan woman at the well. The first reading today tells us the story of Philip, the Apostle who went into the region of Samaria, to the City of Samaria to preach the good news. The Samaritans were Jews who were estranged from the Jews of Judea. This little side-track was triggered by the first reading, where Philip goes into Samaria preaching about Jesus, and many healings accompany him. The writer of Acts, probably Luke, is teaching about the extension of the "Church" into Samaria. Jesus

had extensive contacts with Samaria. By "extensive" I mean that Jesus had more contact with Samaritans than most of the people of Judea. We are told that "Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans." (John 4:9). The entire passage of John 4 from verses 1 through 42 is the incident with the woman at the well, who he converts, and goes to the city to tell everyone about her encounter with the one who told her everything she had ever done. John 4:39. We also see in Luke 17:11-19, the tenth leper who was healed and came back to thank the Lord for the healing. We also see where Jesus was rejected by the Samaritans in Luke 9:51-56. And finally, the incident (parable) about the "Good" Samaritan, in Luke 10: 29-37. As we approach the Pentecost, we are learning from the Acts of the Apostles about the post-Resurrection Church growing to all the neighbors of Judea. I want to suggest to you that you see the Pope's visit to Western Africa on You Tube, and listen to his wonderful homilies about the love of the Lord, and listen to the testimonies of the Africans who give testimony of the importance of the Church in their areas. The Church in those areas speak French, Portuguese, Spanish, English and Arabic. The visit by the Holy Father gives us a true sense of the universality of the Church, the Church that was spread by the Apostles in the First Century, and which is described in the Acts of the Apostles. Many things have changed in the two thousand or more years since Jesus rose from the dead, but the truth of the message has endured. We belong to that same Church.
Deacon Cavada



Stewardship of Treasure

Week #44	COLLECTION	Totals Prior Week -	Goal	Actual	Total Annual Over / (under)	YTD Goal	TOTAL OFFERTORY
5/3/2026	Envelope Collection	\$ (7,717.88)	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,850.00	\$ (6,967.88)	\$ 92,400.00	
	Loose Collection	\$ 21,541.95	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 3,510.00	\$ 23,851.95	\$ 52,800.00	
	On-Line Collection	\$ 13,421.68	\$ 1,400.00	\$ (851.64)	\$ 11,170.04	\$ 61,600.00	
	TOTAL Collection	\$ 27,245.75	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 5,508.36	\$ 28,054.11	\$ 206,800.00	\$ 234,854.11



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.



Today's **SECOND** collection supports the summer electric fund.
As the days grow hotter, your generosity in keeping our buildings cool is appreciated!

Bishop's Stewardship Appeal 2026—Through the **Bishop's Stewardship Appeal**, you sustain the programs, pastoral services, schools, vocations, outreach, and care for retired clergy that serve every parish community across our Diocese of Corpus Christi. With your gift you are: Forming young minds and hearts, Forming disciples on campus, Preparing tomorrow's shepherds, Caring for retired priests, Growing in faith and formation.



SJoC 2026 BSA GOAL—\$22,629 **Current pledge** — \$3,920
% Participation — 5% of parish with 30 families of 616 registered families pledging

Parish Organizations

PARISH COUNCIL NEXT MEETING: MAY 11 @ 6PM

ALTAR SOCIETY NEXT MEETING: MAY 18 @ 6PM

ALTAR DUTY CLEANING SCHEDULE

May 14-16— Maria Castaneda, Rosa Castro, Daniella Rodriguez, Kathaleen DeLaPena
May 21-23—Mrs. Anita Suarez, Mrs. Patricia Bernal, Mrs. Lesley Rodriguez, Mrs. Kristina Lott, Ms. Maria Diaz



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



May is the month of our Blessed Mother Mary— In honor of Mary, the sisters from the Pax Christi Institute will host a workshop on the Apparitions of Mary on Saturday, May 23, from 8:30AM—1:00PM in the parish hall. Everyone is invited to attend. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the church foyer or call the parish office to let us know you plan to attend so that we can have enough materials and food prepared for the workshop.

Come join us as we learn how Mary still speaks to each of us today!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335 NEXT MEETING: JUNE 2, 2026



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, June 27.



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions at 9AM at
St. John of the Cross on Thursday, June 4
and at **St. Francis of Assisi** on Saturday, May 23.

Religious Education

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

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.

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.



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.



BISHOP EMERITUS RENÉ HENRY GRACIDA ENTERED INTO ETERNAL LIFE AT AGE 102

Let us join as Catholics to pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Emeritus Rene Henry Gracida.

At the age of 102, Bishop Rene Henry Gracida passed away on the morning of May 1, 2026.

Bishop Mario Avilés wrote, “It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Bishop Emeritus Rene Henry Gracida. He served as the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Corpus Christi from 1983 until 1997. We are deeply grateful for his faithful service as our shepherd for 14 years.”

Previously, he was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee in Florida (1975–1983) and as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Miami in Florida (1971–1975).

His **funeral arrangements** are as follows:

Monday, May 11, Most Precious Blood, Pro-Cathedral (3402 Saratoga Blvd):

Visitation, 5 - 9 pm

Most Holy Rosary 7 pm

Tuesday, May 12, Most Precious Blood, Pro-Cathedral (3402 Saratoga Blvd):

Visitation, 2:30 pm - 9 pm

Solemn Vespers for the Deceased, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, May 13, Most Precious Blood, Pro-Cathedral (3402 Saratoga Blvd):

Viewing 8:30 am - 10:30 pm

Funeral Mass 11 am

Military Honors will follow the Mass immediately (outside Most Precious Blood).

Interment/Entombment 2:30 pm, Emmanuel Chapel at Corpus Christi Cathedral

Due to limited space in the chapel, the public is encouraged to follow via livestream on the Diocese's YouTube Channel and Facebook page.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charitable organization particularly dear to Bishop Gracida, the Ark Assessment Center, 12960 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, TX, 78410



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,

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

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

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday

May 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

May 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22–18:1

Jn 16:12–15

Thursday

May 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

Friday

May 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9–18

Jn 16:20–23

Saturday

May 16

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday

May 17

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23

Mt 28:16–20