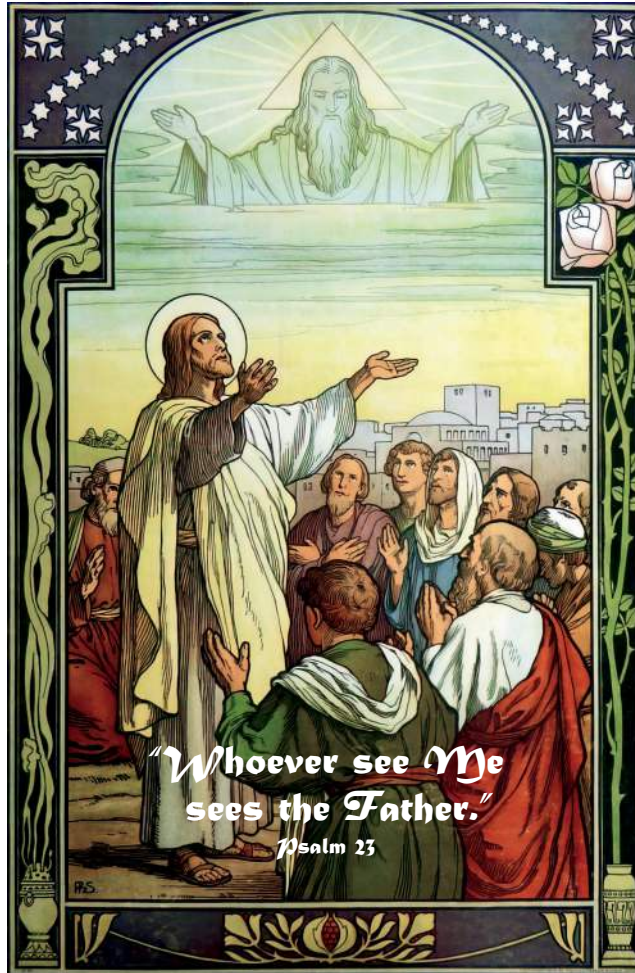


The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples 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.



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Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Patrick: 4:00 PM
Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Thomas: 5:30 PM
Holy Day Vigil @ St. Thomas: 6:30 PM
Weekday Masses @ St. Thomas: 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
CONFESSIONS @ St. Thomas: 30 Minutes before Masses or by Appointment

Sunday Masses @ St. Thomas: 8:30 AM & 11 AM
Holy Day Mass @ St. Thomas: 12:00 PM Noon

Divine Mercy: Fri. 11:45 AM
Holy Rosary: Thurs. 11:40 AM

CONFESSIONS @ St. Patrick Mission: 3:30 PM

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

John 14: 6

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

4:00 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
 †Kay Havelka by C.B. & Kathleen Trial
 5:30 PM: **Collective Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
 †David Tajchman, Sr. (AOB) by Susie Tajchman

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: **Collective Holy Mass**
Stephanie Pagano (Birthday) by Pat Landreth
Suzanne Yeats (Birthday) by Pat Landreth
Henzlee Landreth (Birthday) by Pat Landreth
 †Zaragosa Salinas (AOB) by David & Delma Tamez

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: *Brandon Landreth (Birthday)* by Pat Landreth

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: *Callie (Birthday)* by Pat Landreth

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †All Souls in Purgatory by Yolanda Peña

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †Aida Deases by John & Annette Freeman

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

4:00 PM: **Collective Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
Gabriel Kimmel by Confirmation Prayer Warrior
Brisella Cantu by Confirmation Prayer Warrior
Ayden Saenz by Confirmation Prayer Warrior
Brayden Loa by Confirmation Prayer Warrior
 5:30 PM: **Collective Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
Kaylee Olivarez by Confirmation Prayer Warrior
Olivia Hinojosa by Confirmation Prayer Warrior
 †Kristi Stark (AOB) by Danny & Roberta Kurtz
 †James Kurtz by Danny & Roberta Kurtz

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

MOTHER'S DAY

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: **Mother's Day Novena**

Please Pray for ...



All the homebound, all the sick and suffering of our parish, and especially pray for all those who have asked us for prayers.

Cathy Sikes, T. J. Williams, Larry Bryant, Frances Hicks, Eileen Champine, Dalia Gutierrez, Annette Freeman, Fred Nemeck, Harold Prejean, Mary Elva Estrada, Dee Molina, John Bowman, Wallace and Judi Prukop, Jeanette Respondek, Shannon Clubb, Courtney Dodd, Ruthie Weathersby, Marty Douglas, Simon Bucknall, Charlie & Jean Chapman, Beckie Ranly, Yolanda Peña, Cindy Cleavelin, Todd Crawford, Tyler Skidmore, Tommy Lopez, Dawn Sherek, Brady Scarborough, Richard Osburg, and Bill Wilson.

Please call/email the parish office to include a person on the 2026 PRAYER LIST.

LECTORS for MAY 9-10, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Annette Freeman
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Terri Kimmel
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Velma Garcia



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - MAY 9-10, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Matt Kimmel, Fred Ramos
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Jesse Garcia, Bill Kelly

ALTAR SERVERS for MAY 9-10, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Grace Landry, Matthew Cortino, Michael Cortino
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Miles Shimek, Joseph Hess, Gabriel & Cyprian Kimmel
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Morgan Boatright, Liam Sanchez, Eliana Garza

USHERS for MAY 9-10, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: D. Kurtz, W. Riebschleager, E. Flurry, J. Freeman
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: B. Gwynn, M. Rektorik, M. Reilly, T. Schumacher
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: R. Polasek, D. Dusek, T. Brown, D. Brown

BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

The Bishop's Stewardship Appeal is a way to give financially to the ministries of our Church. It is our opportunity to come together as Catholics across the Diocese to initiate many acts of kindness and mercy. It provides the funds necessary to sustain the programs, pastoral services, schools, vocations, outreach, and care for our retired clergy that serve every parish and community across the Diocese of Corpus Christi. Gifts to this appeal are a visible sign of unity, faith, and love in action. Together we can do extraordinary things. On behalf of Bishop Mario Avilés and all the ministries who benefit from the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal, we thank you for your support.

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INFORMATION CORNER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Altar Flowers: Contact the parish office to schedule flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or for a special occasion.

Baptism: Contact the parish office to register for the Sacrament of Baptism. All paperwork must be completed before attending class or scheduling Baptism. See website for more information.

Bulletin: Bulletin announcements are due on Monday by 1:00 PM.

Confession: Religious Education Student will have confessions on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:30-8:30 PM.

Religious Ed: For registration and questions contact the parish office or the DRE Michele Hoelscher at 361-244-2138.

Scripture Study: Sunday's after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the KC Bldg.

Catholic Daughters of America Court #2290: Contact Cynthia Garcia, Regent at 361-537-4470.

Knights of Columbus Council #9318: Contact Tony Arredondo, Grand Knight at Tonyent62@gmail.com or 361-947-8036.

LITURGY OF THE DAY

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (John 14:1-12)
(continued from page 1)

FAMILY CONNECTION

Members of the same family often bear close resemblances to one another. Sometimes physical resemblances are shared within a family, but often the similarities are behavioral characteristics and mannerisms. We hear this observation affirmed through a number of common phrases: “He’s a chip off the old block” or “She’s her mother’s daughter.” Today’s Gospel points to a mystery of faith that might be examined in light of these familial relationships. In Jesus we see and know the Father. Likewise, the Father is known through the life and work of the Son, Jesus.

Talk together as a family about whether people outside of your family recognize common traits of your family. Are there physical resemblances that people recognize and so know each individual as a member of your family? Are there mannerisms that are shared by members of your family? What are some common interests and work that people might associate with your family? As you read today’s Gospel, John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual. What does Jesus tell his disciples about his relationship with the Father? The relationship between the Father and Jesus is so close that Jesus says that those who have seen and known Jesus have also seen and known the Father. Jesus promises his disciples that because of their faith in him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did. End your discussion by praying together that others will recognize in your family the work of the Father. Pray together the Lord’s Prayer.

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Holy Mass Readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter

**Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12.**



LOST AND FOUND

A set of keys and key fob were found in the church on a weekend. If you have lost your keys, call the parish office at 361-387-1312.

Parish Office

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND DIPLOMAS

There will be a special offering to support the Senior Religious Education Program for Scholarships and Diplomas the weekends of **May 2-3, and May 9-10**. Your support is truly appreciated.



Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS

at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

May Crowning

Sunday, May 10, 2026 at 11:00 AM

Confirmation

Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM

First Confession

Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Senior Mass

May 17, 2026 at 8:30 AM

First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 11:00 AM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 22-26, 2026.

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Rachel Unterbrink, LifeTeen Coordinator

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