

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gospel reading today puts us back into the context of the Last Supper of Jesus with his Apostles. His 'hour of Glory' is imminent and close at hand.

In view of what is to come (as soon as He hands himself over into the hands of men), Jesus looks around his apostles and foresees how each of their lives will be turned upside down. The Apostles do not seem to be ready to face what is going to happen.

He could see them fearful and afraid, running away from the scene, scattered, and seeking their own security; disappointed after his arrest, devastated having watched Jesus helpless and humiliated, troubled and 'give up' after his ignominious death on the cross.

It is in this context, when fear of death knocks at the door, Jesus strengthens the Apostles and says 'Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in God and have faith in me...'

Jesus seeks to comfort the Apostles, and puts his concern for his scared apostles before his own pain and suffering and death that he would endure.

Even at this moment he shows his generosity. He reaches out to the timid apostles, rather than pitying himself with his own agony.

Jesus would still remain focused and resolute in his Mission and fidelity to God the Father. He explains why his going away from them in this way, is necessary:

- First of all, He is going to the Father;
- Secondly, He is going to prepare a place for us all, to intercede on our behalf to the Father.
- Thirdly, He will come to take us with him.
- Fourthly, so that the redemptive work assigned to him by God the Father is brought to completion:
- the ultimate goal: so that we can be with him where He is with the Father in Heaven.

Jesus has described and explained what heaven is like in terms of images we understand and are familiar with. Heaven is like a hidden treasure; a pearl of great worth; a wedding banquet a king has for his son; a state of condition where there is no sadness, or suffering or death; where we are forgiven, reconciled and in peace and harmony with God and the whole of creation.

This is comforting and inviting to think about and motivates us to live a holy life.

How do we get there? 'Jesus says: I am the way, the Truth and the Life... no one comes to the Father but through me.' In other words, 'Follow me' says Jesus.

QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

La lectura de hoy del Evangelio nos pone nuevamente en el contexto de la Última Cena de Jesús con sus Apóstoles. Su 'hora de Gloria' es inminente y está cerca.

En vista de lo que está por venir (en cuanto se entrega a manos de los hombres), Jesús mira su alrededor a sus apóstoles y prevé cómo cada una de sus vidas se convierten en una desventura. Los Apóstoles no parecen estar listos para enfrentar lo que está por pasar.

Él podía ver su temor y miedo, huyendo de la escena, dispersos y buscando su propia seguridad; decepcionados después de su arresto, devastados de haber visto a Jesús indefenso y humillado, preocupado y 'ceder' después de su muerte ignominiosa en la Cruz.

Es en este contexto, cuando el miedo a la muerte golpea a la puerta, Jesús fortalece a los Apóstoles y les dice 'No pierdan la paz, tengan fe en Dios y tengan fe en mí...'

Jesús trata de consolar a los Apóstoles y pone su preocupación por sus apóstoles asustados por delante de su propio dolor y sufrimiento y muerte que Él perduraría. Incluso en este momento muestra su generosidad. Él les llega a los apóstoles tímidos, en lugar de sentir lástima por Él mismo con su propia agonía.

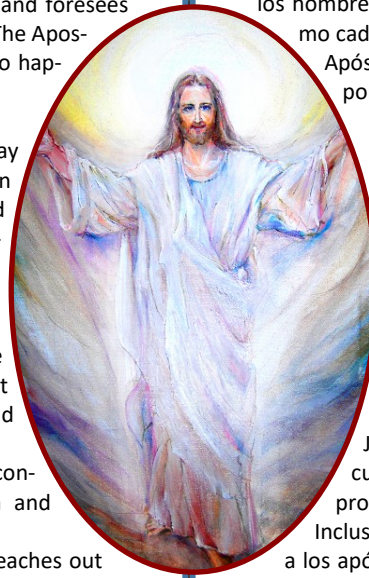
Jesús siguiera enfocado y firme en Su Misión y fidelidad a Dios el Padre. Explica por qué Se marcha lejos de ellos, de esta manera, es necesario:

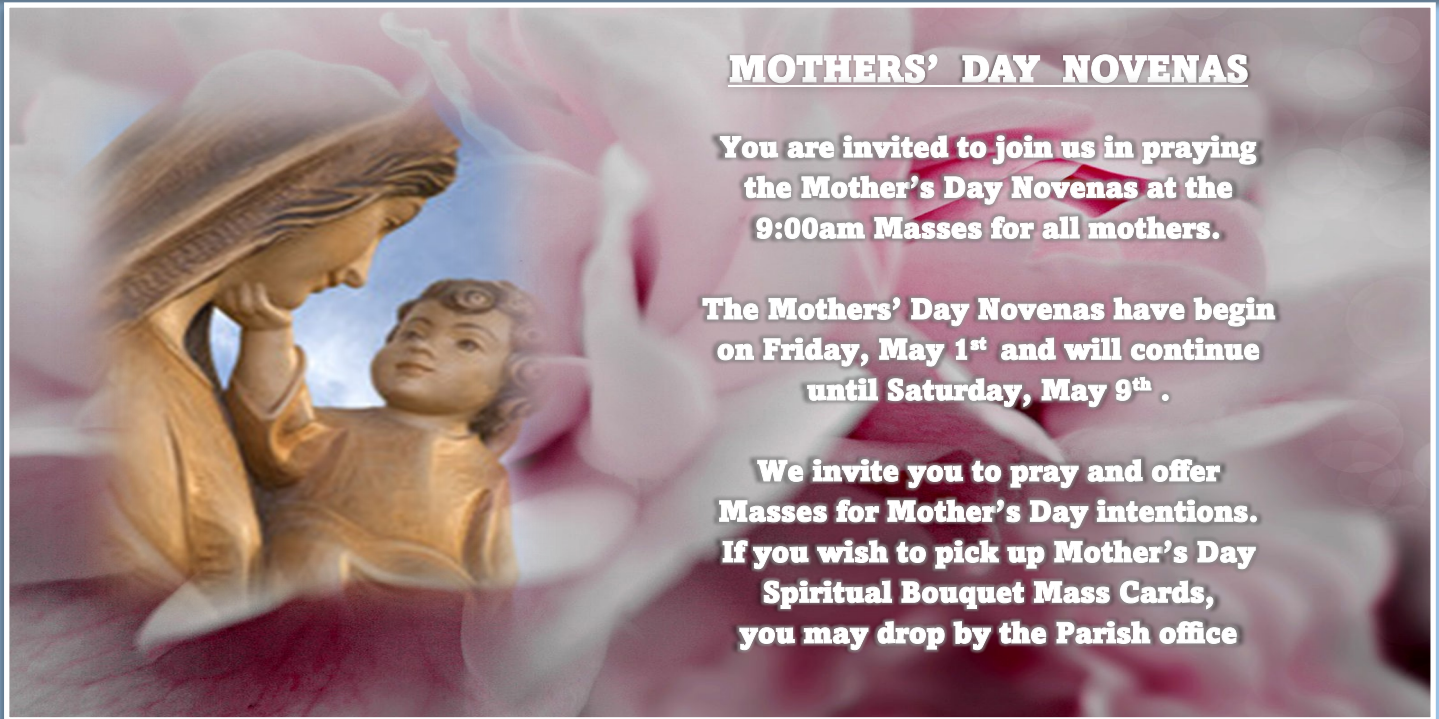
- En primer lugar, Él se va al Padre;
- En segundo lugar, Él se va a preparar un lugar para todos nosotros, para interceder en nuestro nombre al Padre.
- En tercer lugar, Él vendrá a llevarnos con Él.
- En cuarto lugar, para que la obra redentora asignado a Él por Dios el Padre es traído a la culminación:
- el objetivo final: para que podamos estar con Él con el Padre en el Cielo.

Jesús ha descrito y explicado como es el cielo en términos de imágenes que comprendamos y que nos sean familiares. El cielo es como un tesoro escondido; una perla de gran valor; un banquete de bodas que un rey tiene para su hijo; un estado de condición donde no hay tristeza, o sufrimiento o muerte; donde somos perdonados, reconciliados y en paz y armonía con Dios y toda la creación.

Esto es reconfortante e invitador de pensar y nos motiva a vivir una vida sagrada.

¿Cómo llegamos allí? 'Jesús dice: Yo soy el camino, la Verdad y la Vida... nadie va al Padre sino es por mí.' En otras palabras, 'Sígueme' dice Jesús.





MOTHERS' DAY NOVENAS

You are invited to join us in praying the Mother's Day Novenas at the 9:00am Masses for all mothers.

The Mothers' Day Novenas have begin on Friday, May 1st and will continue until Saturday, May 9th .

We invite you to pray and offer Masses for Mother's Day intentions. If you wish to pick up Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Mass Cards, you may drop by the Parish office

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

April 25 – 26, 2026

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 297.00
 Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,273.50
 Catholic Home Missions.....\$ 701.85

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

May 3: Reserve Fund
May 10: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
May 17: Catholic Communications
May 24: Catholic Charities CYO Appeal

A A A 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

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| Parish Assessment: | \$32,295.00 |
| YTD we paid: | \$ 5,402.65 |
| Balance we owe: | \$26,892.35 |
| Pledges Balance | \$ 2,095.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2 TO MAY 9

| SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
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| May 2, 2026 | May 3, 2026 | May 4, 2026 | May 5, 2026 | May 6, 2026 |
| <p>9:00am</p> <p>† Fr. Piers Lahey</p> <p>† Nathaniel Mendoza</p> <p>† Mercedes Juntilla</p> <p>Olazo Family</p> | <p>8:00m</p> <p>† Nathaniel Mendoza</p> <p>All Mothers 🌸</p> <p>Living & Deceased</p> | <p>9:00am</p> <p>† Manuel Simpliciano</p> <p>† Nathaniel Mendoza</p> <p>All Mothers 🌸</p> <p>Living & Deceased</p> | <p>9:00am</p> <p>† Benjamin Caceres</p> <p>† Nathaniel Mendoza</p> <p>All Mothers 🌸</p> <p>Living & Deceased</p> | <p>9:00am</p> <p>† Nathaniel Mendoza</p> <p>All Mothers 🌸</p> <p>Living & Deceased</p> |
| <p>4:30pm</p> <p>All Mothers 🌸</p> <p>Living & Deceased</p> | <p>10:00am</p> <p>† Jerry Dybdal</p> <p>† Mel Ventura</p> <p>All Mothers 🌸</p> <p>Living & Deceased</p> | <p>THURSDAY</p> <p>May 7, 2026</p> <p>9:00am</p> <p>† Rosario Mendoza 🎓</p> <p>Ada & Merlin Cayabyab</p> <p>† Nathaniel Mendoza</p> <p>† Sofronio Hannibal Ramirez</p> <p>All Mothers 🌸</p> <p>Living & Deceased</p> | <p>FRIDAY</p> <p>May 8, 2026</p> <p>9:00am</p> <p>† Genoveva Ibarra</p> <p>† Eduardo S. Genoves</p> <p>† Nathaniel Mendoza</p> <p>Ryan Cayabyab 🎓</p> <p>Sherman & Becca Bough</p> <p>All Mothers 🌸</p> <p>Living & Deceased</p> | <p>SATURDAY</p> <p>May 9, 2026</p> <p>9:00am</p> <p>† Nathaniel Mendoza</p> <p>All Mothers 🌸</p> <p>Living & Deceased</p> |
| <p>Click HERE for</p> <p>ONLINE GIVING</p> <p>Give Your Gift TODAY</p> | <p>12:00pm</p> <p>† Argentina Reyes</p> <p>† Juanita Queveda</p> <p>† Israel Escoto Garcia</p> | | | <p>4:30pm</p> <p>† Alfredo Cortez & Evarose Baron</p> |