



Fifth Sunday of EASTER



3 May 2026 | Sunday



*I am the way and
the truth and the life*

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."



As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday, May 4

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Alfons Ruscitti

Tuesday, May 5

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † John Mignelli

Wednesday, May 6

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Therese & Joseph Theberge

Thursday, May 7

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Joe Monteleone

Friday, May 8

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Judy Sincich

Saturday, May 9

4:30 p.m. † Carmela Mignelli, Eugene Tamburri,
Annita & Vincent Cortese

Sunday, May 10

**6th Sunday
of Easter**

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. † Marisa Virtusio

5:00 p.m. † Benito DiDomenico

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.

DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

May 17

Pope's Pastoral Work



**MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR
FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!**

Sunday Collection April 26 - \$5,640
Repairs \$999.

Prayer Intention for the Month of May: 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.



DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary will be leading the prayers of the Rosary 30 minutes before the start of each weekend Mass. Please join and share your faith with us. Our Blessed Mother needs our prayers.



MAY: A MONTH DEVOTED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The month of May holds a special place in the hearts of Catholics as a time of deepened devotion to the Blessed Virgin



Mary. We warmly encourage all parishioners to honour Our Lady in a special way during this month. One beautiful tradition is the daily recitation of the Rosary, seeking Mary's intercession for our needs and those of the world. Placing fresh flowers before an image of Mary and the Child Jesus in your home is another simple yet powerful sign of love and reverence. You may also wish to pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, either privately or as a family. Let us renew our love for the Mother of God this May and open our hearts more fully to the graces she longs to share with us.

On Mothers Day weekend, May 9 and 10, **THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AT ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH – COUNCIL 17273** will be selling special mini Mother's Day Cakes for \$12, Chocolate Roses and Chocolate Teddy Bears for \$3 each after all masses.

Make Mom feel extra special with a sweet treat while helping to support our council's initiatives. Payments will be accepted in cash, cheque or e-transfer to kofc17273events@gmail.com More details can be found on the parish notice board.

Throughout the month of May, **THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1652**, 6990 Stanley Ave., Niagara Falls (next to Mount Carmel Monastery) will be hosting the Holy Rosary every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Columbus Club / Knights of Columbus Hall, beginning May 5 and continuing on May 12, 19, and 26.

COFFEE SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



First Sunday after all Masses Legion of Mary will hosts a family Coffee social in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!



BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

Please come out and support St. Thomas More Bingo **May 20**. Delta Monte Carlo Bingo Hall 4735 Drummond Rd.

Your support is greatly appreciated!
THANK YOU!



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

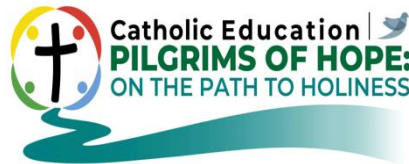
Will be holding a Mother's Day Basket Sale after all Masses on April 25-26 and May 2-3 to support our council's initiatives, including graduation scholarships for students in our feeder schools. Tickets are 3 for \$5 or 10 for \$10. The draw will take place on Sunday, May 3rd after the 5 p.m. Mass. Thank you for your generous support.

"For the first time, our Diocese is launching the **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: HEARTS ON FIRE**. Through this appeal, our Diocese is seeking to strengthen vital ministries, especially in youth and young adult outreach, and in evangelization and faith formation for people of every age and stage of life.

So many today are searching for meaning, belonging, and hope. As a Church, we are called to walk with them just as Jesus walked with the disciples and help them encounter the living Christ.

As a Diocese, we have a united goal of \$400,000. In the coming weeks, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you may be called to support this mission. Together, we can help set hearts on fire with the love of Christ in our Diocese."

Thank you so much for your support and cooperation. Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have! United in mission, Emma Mete, Manager of Stewardship and Engagement



MAY 3 – MAY 8, 2026

"As God who called you is holy, be holy yourselves." 1 Peter 1:15-16

MASS IN MEMORIAM *May 2*

For those who have died in the past three months and whose funerals were celebrated here. The following will be remembered in the Prayer of the Faithful and Eucharistic Prayer...



Ernst Frey
Elsie Stokoe
Frank Girhiny
Olinda Mastroianni

Behold, I will send you my angel who shall go before you and protect you on your journey and bring you to the place I have prepared. -- Exodus 23:20

"You have shown me a spark of your pure and simple love, and it has kindled in my heart a flame that devours me." -St. Catherine of Genoa.