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Mary: Our Guide on the Path to the Father

The 5th Sunday of Easter in Year A provides a profound meditation on our spiritual destination. Taken from the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel of Saint John, Christ identifies Himself as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. For the faithful, this Sunday provides a moment to consider the divine order and the specific path we must follow as members of the Church. This year, the liturgy coincides with the commencement of May, a month traditionally dedicated in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who serves as the perfect model of one who walked that Way with unwavering faith.

The peace offered in this liturgy is defined by a sense of spiritual direction. In the Gospel, our Lord tells His disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." This is a direct invitation to rest in the certainty of His promise that He has prepared a place for us. This peace is rooted in the objective reality that Christ remains the bridge between the human and the divine. Throughout May, we look to Our Lady as the "Queen of Peace" to help us maintain

this internal stillness. Her life was a testament to the peace that comes from total surrender to God's holy will. For the soul today, this gift acts as a remedy for the restlessness of the age, providing a holy confidence that we are never truly lost as long as we remain in Him.

Once this peace is established in the heart, it must find expression through the duty of witnessing. To be a witness to "the Way" means to live with a visible integrity that points others toward the Father. During this month, our witness takes on a particular Marian character; we are called to imitate her humility and her prompt "yes" to God's plan. Just as Christ showed the Father through His actions, and Mary reflected the light of her Son, we are called to reflect the Gospel in everything we do. By standing firm in the faith and showing genuine charity, we provide a living testimony that the path to eternal life is open to all who seek it.

This vocation to be a witness is shared by the entire community. It is found in the way we handle daily trials, the kindness we show to our

families, and the steadfastness of our professional lives. As we begin our May devotions, perhaps through the Rosary or the crowning of a Marian statue, we remind ourselves that we are "living stones" being built into a spiritual house. Our lives become a reflection of the joy of Easter, showing that faith is a transformative reality that changes how we see our final end.

Ultimately, this Sunday reminds us that we are a pilgrim people with a definite goal. The peace we receive is a gift intended to be shared, and our witness is the primary way that the light of Christ reaches others. By focusing on these duties and seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we move forward with a clear sense of mission. As we begin this month, may we be strengthened as faithful witnesses to her Son. Guided by her maternal care, we look forward to dwelling in the heavenly rooms prepared for us. Through her example, may we persevere in grace, drawing ever closer to the eternal peace of the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,
11:00 a.m.

Rosters

Church and Toilets Cleaning

Tuyet Duong, Savelina Sikimeti

Flower Arranging

Patricia Robertson and Sharon Minns

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 2:

P. Zaiter, C. Buultjens, N. Chidiac

Readers

Vigil Ingrid Bifulco, Racquel La Rosa,
Gerry Pinto

10:00 a.m. Sisters, Mary Georges, Merlin
Sandhiya

Children's Liturgy

Armani Barakat and Victor Luu

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, John Borg,
Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmello Gioenco,
Evangeline Grabato, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter
Higgins, Terese Jones, Therese Khalil, Jacob Lee, Josephine
Magro, Zoe Mrzljak, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Ben
Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Don Provest, Ricardo
Tognini, Sam Wardan, Anthony Vella, Gerard Watts.



Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
by the grace of your Holy Spirit
cure the weaknesses of your servants,
and mercifully restore them to full health.

IN MEMORIAM

Victor Azzopardi, Joseph Baini, Carmen Bonello, Charlie
Bonello, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert
Camilleri, Les Camilleri, Tessie Camilleri, Christine Derwin, Joe
Paul Fehir, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John
Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Melissa Irons,
Salim Karaki, Paul Karam, Chini Maya Kc, Nouhad Khoury,
Kaye King, Thomas Lam, Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe, Mouna
Malkoun, Roy McDonald, Aileen McIntyre, Jack McIntyre,
Nancy McIntyre, Marie McDonald, Giovanna Mondello, Santo
Mondello, Anthony Newell, Jessica Nguyen, Vincent Nguyen,
Michael O'Brien, Peter Olsen, Zackary Orenshaw, Doris
Pickering, Edward Pidgeon, Robert Pidgeon, Sheila Pidgeon,
Anna Pham, Flory Pinto, Peter Robertson, Grace Saliba, Louis
Saliba, Garry Smith, Carlito So, Noel So, Emanuel Tabone, Alex
Taktak, John Toyé, John Vella, Peter Van Duc Vu, Graham
Wales, Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yasmine
Wehbe, William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter, Jessie Zammit

First Thursday Holy Mass in Latin

This Thursday, being the first Thursday of the month, Holy Mass in Latin will be said at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m.

The first Thursday of the month is traditionally offered as an act of reparation to the wounds of Our Lord and in honour of the Blessed Sacrament and as a day to pray for Priests in honour of Our Lord Jesus Christ, High and Eternal Priest.



A Call to Action: Your Parish Needs You!

Are you inspired to serve, or are you waiting for others to step forward? Our parish community cannot thrive—or even function—on the efforts of a few alone. We are currently at a critical point where we urgently seek volunteers for vital ministries, including altar serving, reading, cleaning, music, hospitality and children’s liturgy.

We must move beyond being a congregation of spectators. To be a living body of Christ, every member is called to active participation, not just attendance. Sharing your unique gifts is not merely an option; it is a vital responsibility to help build our parish and honour God through tangible, generous service. A parish is only as strong as the people who sustain it.

Please do not leave the work to someone else. We need your hands and your heart to ensure our mission continues. If you are ready to commit, please contact the parish office. Your service is essential. Use this Easter season to jump-start your vital parish service.



*Make frequent visits to Jesus
in the Blessed Sacrament
and the devil will be
powerless against you.*

—St. John Bosco

WEDNESDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:30 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance at Holy Cross Parish

Parishioners are encouraged to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Penance for the sanctification of their souls and spiritual renewal. Through humble confession and the priest’s absolution, we receive God’s mercy, purifying our hearts and restoring our union with the Church.

Confessions are heard each Wednesday at Holy Family Church from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and every Sunday from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. At Holy Trinity Church, the Sacrament is available every Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Come and experience the profound peace of Christ’s mercy.

Mass Offering Envelopes

Requests for Masses to be offered for various intentions can be sought by completing the Mass Offering envelopes which are located near the doors of the churches. Please clearly write the details of your intention on the envelope, and hand it directly to the priest before or after a Mass.

This will ensure your intention is not missed and will allow the priest to confirm your request.

Please ensure that the envelope is handed directly to the priest and not placed in the collection bags.

Holy Trinity Church Audio System Upgrade Appeal

For over twenty-five years, the audio system at Holy Trinity Church has been the backbone of our communications during Holy Mass. However, the equipment is now frequently malfunctioning and in need of upgrading. This essential upgrade is a continued part of our long-term refurbishment and restoration program, which has been effectively improving both parish churches for many years.

To ensure that every parishioner can hear the prayers and the Word of God with absolute clarity, we are embarking on this project to install a modern, professional-grade system throughout the building. This work will provide vastly improved sound coverage, ensuring no member of our community is excluded due to poor acoustics. We are seeking major sponsors and significant donations to fund this vital work for the glory of God.

While we understand current cost of living pressures may make it difficult for some to contribute, we invite those in a position to do so to consider a significant financial contribution. Please contact the Parish Office or speak with Fr. Galbert directly.



THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE REVEALED

On the Fifth Sunday of Easter, the liturgy brings us back to the intimacy of the Upper Room and the profound discourse of the Last Supper. Jesus speaks to His disciples—and to us—with a deep tenderness, sensing the confusion and fear that naturally accompany spiritual transitions and the prospect of His departure. "Do not let your hearts be troubled," He tells them. This command is not a dismissive platitude meant to ignore the reality of grief; rather, it is a divine invitation to anchor our trust in His personhood. In a world that frequently feels fragmented, unstable, and increasingly secular, Christ presents Himself as the singular point of orientation: the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The imagery of "many rooms" in the Father's house suggests a place of belonging and permanent rest that transcends our earthly experience. It reminds us that our existence on this earth is a pilgrimage toward a specific destination. We are not wandering aimlessly through history; we are being called home to a dwelling place prepared by God Himself. However, the path to this home is not a series of abstract philosophies, complex moral codes, or self-help techniques. It is a relationship. To know Jesus is to know the Father. By looking at Christ's mercy, His ultimate sacrifice on the Cross, and His glorious Resurrection, we see the very heart of God revealed in a way that human reason alone could

never fathom.



THE IDENTITY OF THE WAY

When Thomas asks, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?", he speaks for every person who has ever felt lost in the complexities of life or overshadowed by the mystery of the future. Jesus' response is revolutionary and remains the cornerstone of our faith. He does not point to a map, a book, or a distant horizon; He points to Himself. To follow the "Way" is to imitate His humility, His radical obedience to the Father, and His selfless service to others. It means intentionally choosing the narrow path of the Gospel over the broad, seductive roads of self-interest and modern convenience.

In our Catholic tradition, this "Way" is made visible and tangible through the life of the Church. The sacraments are the milestones and the necessary nourishment for the journey, providing the strength required to persevere when the road becomes steep. This path also requires a rigorous commitment to the "Truth." In an era of relative truths and subjective certainties, where everyone is encouraged to "find their own truth," Christ stands as the objective reality of God's love. He is the Truth that sets us free from the illusions of sin, the weight of shame, and the darkness of error. Finally, He is the "Life"—the source of

supernatural grace that begins at the moment of Baptism and finds its eternal fulfillment in the presence of the Trinity.



BUILT INTO A SPIRITUAL HOUSE

We are called to embody Christ's sacrificial love by becoming living stones in His spiritual house. This identity as "living stones" implies that we are not passive observers but active participants in the building up of the Kingdom of God. By supporting one another in faith, particularly those who are struggling or marginalised, we make the Father's dwelling place visible to those who are still searching for a spiritual home. Our unity in the Spirit serves as a powerful testament to the Truth that we proclaim. When we live as a community of love, we reflect the very nature of the Father's house, offering a foretaste of heaven to a world that often feels like a wilderness.



A CALL TO ACTION

Identify the specific anxieties that trouble your heart this week. Entrust these burdens to Jesus in prayer, asking Him to be your Way and your Truth. Trust that He has already prepared a place for you in the Father's kingdom. By walking with Him daily, you will find the peace that the world cannot provide. Through every trial, the Risen Christ remains our constant and faithful guide.



HOLY MASS IN LATIN

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

6:00 P.M.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Cnr. Randle St. and Bennalong St. Granville





HOLY CROSS PARISH

Easter Appeal

YOUR DONATION WILL ASSIST WITH THE CONTINUED
UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH CHURCHES AND FUNDING OF
FUTURE PROJECTS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.



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ONLINE DONATION

Saints & STUFF

St. Peregrine Laziosi

St. Peregrine, whose feast day is 4 May, offers an incredible story of conversion perfect for the Easter season. Born in Italy in 1260, he was initially a fierce opponent of the Church. During a political protest, he famously struck St. Philip Benizi in the face. When Philip responded by simply offering the other cheek in silent forgiveness, Peregrine was so overcome with remorse that he underwent a radical change of heart, eventually joining the Servite Order. He is most widely known today as the patron saint of those suffering from cancer and incurable illnesses. This patronage stems from a personal miracle; at age sixty, Peregrine developed a cancerous growth on his leg that required amputation. The night before the surgery, he spent hours in prayer before a fresco of the Crucifixion. He fell into a deep sleep and dreamt that Christ descended from the Cross to touch his leg. When he awoke, the wound was completely healed, and no trace of the cancer remained. He spent the remainder of his long life dedicated to penance and the service of the sick, proving that no one is beyond the reach of God's renewing grace. His life serves as a powerful reminder that through the Risen Lord, healing—both of the spirit and the body—is always possible.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Way, The Truth, The Life

459 The Word became flesh to be our model of holiness: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me." ... "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." No one comes to the Father but by him. On the mountain of the Transfiguration, the Father commands: "Listen to him!" Jesus is the model for the Beatitudes and the norm of the new law: "Love one another as I have loved you."

516 Christ's whole earthly life—his words and deeds, his silences and sufferings, indeed his manner of being and speaking—is Revelation of the Father. Jesus can say: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father", and the Father can say: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." Because our Lord became man in order to do his Father's will, even the least characteristics of his mysteries manifest "the love of God which is in Christ Jesus" for us.

1179 The whole Church is a "spiritual house" of living stones, built upon Christ the "living stone." ... In the Body of Christ, the whole community of believers is "a holy priesthood" to offer spiritual sacrifices.

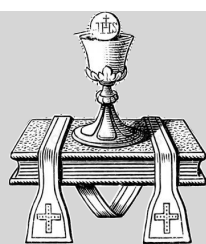
CATHOLIC Trivia

Faith on the Fast Track

Vatican City is rightly renowned for its Renaissance masterpieces and ancient liturgy, but it also fosters a surprisingly competitive spirit through *Athletica Vaticana*. Established in 2019, this first official sports association of the Holy See promotes a "culture of encounter" through athletic pursuit. By 2026, the association has matured, gaining official recognition from global bodies like World Athletics and World Cycling. This allows the small city-state to participate in international competitions, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with global sporting giants on the world stage.

The eclectic roster is a fascinating cross-section of Vatican life, including Swiss Guards, nuns, priests, and pharmacists. However, their mission extends far beyond the finish line. These athletes frequently participate in inclusive events, running alongside refugees and individuals with disabilities to champion social justice, peace, and essential human dignity.

For the Vatican, sport serves as a universal language that bridges cultural divides. It proves that even within the world's smallest nation, the pursuit of physical excellence and spiritual solidarity can share the same track, turning every single race into a powerful message of global friendship, hope, and lasting unity.



MASS MATTERS

The Sign of the Cross

The Mass begins not with a greeting, but with the Sign of the Cross. This significant action is a summary of our entire faith, invoking the Holy Trinity while marking our bodies with the instrument of our salvation. By tracing the Cross from forehead to breast and shoulder to shoulder, we clothe ourselves in the mystery of Christ's Sacrifice.

Historically, this gesture serves as a renewal of our Baptismal promises, acting as a spiritual seal. It reminds us that we belong to God the Father, were redeemed by God the Son, and are sanctified by God the Holy Spirit. As we begin the Liturgy, this simple yet profound movement centres our hearts and minds, preparing us to participate worthily in our sacred pilgrimage.

5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

The Readings

Introit

(Cf Psalm 97:1-2)

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading

The Acts of the Apostles

(Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7)

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. R. v.22)

℟. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. ℟.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. ℟.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. ℟.

Second Reading

First Letter of St Peter

(1 Peter 2:4-9)

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.

That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation

(John 14:6)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of John

(John 14:1-12)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am
you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so
how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

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

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be
satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus
to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'
Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'

Communio

(Cf John 15:1,5)

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,
alleluia.