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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

#### Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

#### Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)

9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)

11:30am English (organ & cantor)

1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

### Weekdays

#### Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

#### Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

## SACRAMENTS

### Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

### Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

### Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

# 2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MAY 3, 2026

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, May 4

8:30 a.m. Felipe Sanchez, Margarita Duran, Eliceo Sanchez Duran, Araceli Sanchez Duran Rudy Alvares (D), Johnny Rafael Castillo (D)  
12:00 p.m. Elena Abrea, Cirilo Abrea, Cresus Abrea, Jane Weiss (D)

### Tuesday, May 5

8:30 a.m. Felipe Sanchez, Margarita Duran, Eliceo Sanchez Duran, Araceli Sanchez Duran Rudy Alvares (D), Johnny Rafael Castillo (D)  
12:00 p.m. Joseph Kim & Ana Doan (D), Jane Weiss, Elena Abrea, Cresus Abrea, Cirilo Abrea (D)

### Wednesday, May 6

8:30 a.m. Felipe Sanchez, Margarita Duran, Eliceo Sanchez Duran, Araceli Sanchez Duran Rudy Alvares (D), Johnny Rafael Castillo (D)  
12:00 p.m. St. Michael, Almighty God, Divine Mercy, Holy Spirit, St. Raphael, Blessed Trinity, Antigua Nuñez (D)

### Thursday, May 7

8:30 a.m. Felipe Sanchez, Margarita Duran, Eliceo Sanchez Duran, Araceli Sanchez Duran Rudy Alvares (D)  
12:00 p.m.

### Friday, May 8

8:30 a.m. Felipe Sanchez, Margarita Duran, Eliceo Sanchez Duran, Araceli Sanchez Duran Rudy Alvares (D)  
12:00 p.m. Laura Anne Pullar (D)

### Saturday, May 9

7:45 a.m. Lorenzo Nguyen & Madalena  
7:00 p.m. Josefina Rosa, Nilda Acosta, Agueda Cruz (D), Nancy Cruz (D), Manuel Herrera Soto & Ofelia Soto (D), Juan Pimentel (D), Tara Holcon, Ana Suazo, Lourdes Suazo (D)

### Sunday, May 10

8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Maria Olinda Ramirez, Maria Josefa Parache, Dolores Hernandez, Maria Petronila Callado (D)  
9:30 a.m. Cesar Augusto Rojas Mendez (D), Agustina Lopez, Santa Diaz, Alicia Acosta (D), Mercedes Muñoz De Agudo, Matha Tolozano (D)  
11:30 am All Souls of Ancestors. Thanksgiving- Kasongo family  
1:30 pm Grace Archibald, Gabriela Cruz, Carmen Hernandez (D), Phero & Ana Thuy (D)

## READINGS

### First Reading:

The word of God continued to spread,  
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. (Acts 6:7)

### Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

*The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the  
cornerstone. (1 Pt 2:7)*

### Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

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## Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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**5th Sunday of Easter  
John 14:1-12**

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, "**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**" (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— *Father John Muir*

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**Pilgrimage of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish  
Following St. Augustine's footsteps in Italy:  
Rome, Cascia, Assisi, Florence & Milan  
Sept. 21st- Oct 1st, 2026 Spir. Dir.: Fr. Luis Vera, OSA**

- 21-Sep NY -Rome
- 22-Sep Parish of St. Aurea in Ostia, Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls
- 23-Sep Audience with Pope, St. Peter and St. Augustine Basilica, P. Navonna & Trevi
- 24-Sep Bas. of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Roccaponera, St. Rita of Cascia Basilica
- 25-Sep St. Rita of Cascia Convent, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, and St. Carlo Acutis
- 26-Sep St. Mary of Angels (Porziuncula), St. Gimignano
- 27-Sep Holy Cross, Di Santo Spirito and St. Mary the Fiore Basilica. Piazza de la Repubblica, Porcellino market and Ponte Vecchio
- 28-Sep San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro (skeletal remains of St. Augustine), Certosa di Pavia
- 29-Sep Cassago Brianza
- 30-Sep Duomo, St Ambrosio Basilica and Saint Lawrence Maggiore Parish.
- 01-Oct Departure to NY

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

How often do we contemplate the mercy of God, but fear it will run out? How often do we consider following the path of Christ and worry that it is too steep? But God has not overpromised. Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him.

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