

FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 2-3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Gospel Reading

Jn 14:1-12

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.

Where [I] am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves.

Intercession

May all who feel overwhelmed by fear, doubt, or hardship find comfort in Christ's words, "Do not let your hearts be troubled," and that through our support of the Catholic Ministry Appeal, may the Church continue to be a source of hope, healing, and compassionate care to those in need.

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Parables are an important part of Jesus' ministry. He uses these stories to convey God's love and mercy, to describe the Heavenly Kingdom, to teach us how we are to live lives of service and compassion. In today's Gospel, however, Jesus sets aside the parable format and states outright, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." He is the righteous path—the way—the one that leads us to everlasting life. He is wisdom—the truth; his words provide the light by which we live our lives. He is salvation—life; by his cross and resurrection he has wiped away our sins.

This bold proclamation is comforting, especially in uncertain times. Jesus reminds us not to let our hearts be troubled because our future is already secure in his love. And as his followers, we are called to walk his way, speak his truth, and bring his life into the world—especially to those who are searching for meaning and hope.

The Catholic Ministry Appeal helps our Church do just that—providing vital support to ministries that guide, teach, and care for others in Christ's name. Please consider a gift today to help others discover the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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Home is where we are known, welcomed, and loved unconditionally. It's where we can rest without fear and where we are reminded of who we are. Jesus knew his disciples were afraid, confused about what was ahead, so he calms their anxious hearts: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places... I go to prepare a place for you." He promises them more than a destination; he promises them a relationship: "I will come back again and take you to myself." He is bringing them home.

He speaks to his disciples with the simple and powerful image of home—a place of belonging, safety, and love. In a world filled with uncertainty, that promise still speaks to our hearts. Christ is the Way that leads us home—to the Father and to one another. And we, as his followers, are called to help others find their place in that same loving home. By supporting the Catholic Ministry Appeal, we help extend that sense of home to those who feel lost, forgotten, or alone. Your generosity opens doors—both spiritually and physically—to Christ's presence.



Social Media Post/Content

Photo: Jesus beckoning us to come to him

Header: "I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."—
John 14:3

Copy: Live today like Christ is coming back tomorrow! Through support of the Catholic Ministry Appeal, we can make Christ's presence known.