

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

I am the vine,  
you are the branches!

*El mensaje de Pascua: ¡Cristo ha resucitado!, se repite en cada una de las lecturas de la Misa. San Juan nos lleva a la entrada del sepulcro vacío, que es la garantía de nuestra fe, o bien, san Lucas nos habla del encuentro con el Resucitado en el camino y bebido con Jesús después de su resurrección y, por lo tanto, puede afirmar con seguridad que Dios resucitó a su Hijo (PRIMERA LECTURA). San Pablo nos habla del cordero pascual sacrificado, que es Cristo, y nos recuerda que si hemos resucitado con el por el bautismo, debemos vivir de su nueva vida, en espera de su regreso (SEGUNDA LECTURA).*



## Masses For The Week

- sab 02 Vigilia del V Domingo de Pascua**  
04:30 pm +Manuel & Hilaria L. Trevino (Sus Hijos)  
+Anna María Martínez (Chita Mayorga)  
+Reynaldo & Ernestina Torres (Herminia Torres)  
+Ofilia Gutierrez (Children)  
+Zoila S. Meza (José Luis Martínez & Family)
- Sun 03 V Sunday of Easter**  
11:30 am Missa Pro Populo
- Mon 04 NO MASS**
- Tue 05 Easter Weekday**  
08:00 am +Maria & Ramon Lopez, Jr. (Herminia Torres)
- Wed 06 Easter Weekday**  
08:00 am +Juanita Lerma (Herminia Torres)
- Thr 07 Easter Weekday**  
08:00 am +Jesús & María González (Herminia Torres)
- Fri 08 Easter Weekday**  
08:00 am +Judge Louis Bruni (Herminia Torres)
- Sat 09 Easter Weekday**  
08:00 am +Arturo Andrew (Herminia Torres)

## The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in  
Thanksgiving to Saint Jude (Maria Perusquia)

# Good News!

May 3, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)  
Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Peter 2:4-9 / John 14:1-12  
ANN M. GARRIDO

When I was a child, my parents taught me to pray with my hands pressed together, fingers pointed upward toward God. But somewhere along the way, I learned a different posture for prayer: seated, with my palms facing upward on my lap. It's a gesture of openness—an acknowledgment that I come before God in humble need, ready to receive whatever he wants to give.

In today's gospel, Philip approaches Jesus in a similar stance of openness. "Show us the Father," he says, "and that will be enough for us" (John 14:8). Jesus responds that Philip has already seen the Father because Jesus' words and actions are the Father's words and actions. Philip needs no more—he has already received "enough."

Sometimes, I need this reminder myself. I long for a new insight into God that perhaps one more book or one more lecture will give me. Don't get me wrong: lifelong learning is a wonderful thing, and there is always more of God to discover! But it is important to acknowledge that, like Philip, I have already come to know the Father through Jesus, and everything I need to live the Christian life is already in place. Rather than more knowledge, it is a question of putting into action what I've been taught.

Of late, when I pray, I have embraced a new prayer posture: turning my hands downward, resting my palms on my knees. It helps me remember that with Jesus as my shepherd, I "shall not want." I already have all I need. ●

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# Dear Padre

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*I have one daughter and a grandchild who say they are bisexual and very much into the LGBTQ lifestyle, where they feel like they belong. I do not know how to handle all of this. They left the Catholic faith years ago. I do not believe they are atheists. Please help.*

You are not alone in your struggle to know how to "handle all of this." It's hard for parents when their children choose a different lifestyle.

Try not to confuse gender expression with faith. Try not to confuse sexual orientation with faith. Just because a person is attracted to someone of the same sex does not mean they are not a person of faith. They may believe in God and even worship God in their own way. It sounds like your daughter and grandchild are honest with you. If they are willing, perhaps talking with them about how they experience God in their lives would be a fruitful conversation.

Whatever you do, the best practice is to love. Love your daughter and grandchild. When they express to you what they believe to be true about themselves, they are not asking for your permission. They are entrusting you with what they believe they have learned about themselves. Perhaps that very openness with you is a lesson that you taught them and a sign that they want to share with you what is important to them. ●

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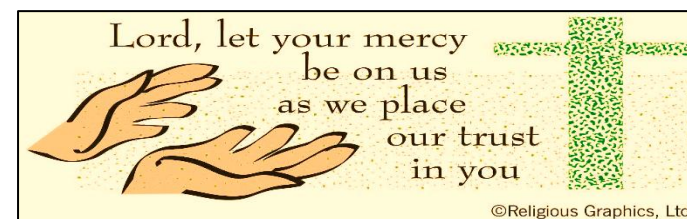


## MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE

Pick up your Mother's Day Mass Remembrance envelopes located in the entrances of the church. Please deposit them in the collection basket. Mother's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 10, 2026. Remember to include living and/or deceased.

### Commemoración de la Misa de las Madres

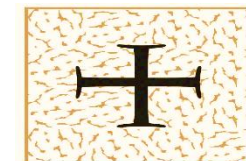
Recoja sus sobres de Comemoración de la Misa de las Madres que están en las entradas de la iglesia. Dépositelo en la canasta de la colecta. El día de las Madres se celebrará el domingo, 10 de mayo 2026. Recuerde de incluir vivas y/o difuntas.



**SECOND COLLECTION--CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS**  
Next week please give generously during the second collection, which supports Catholic Communications.

### Segunda Colecta--Comunicación Católica

La próxima semana por favor responda generosamente a la segunda colecta que apoya la Comunicación Católica.

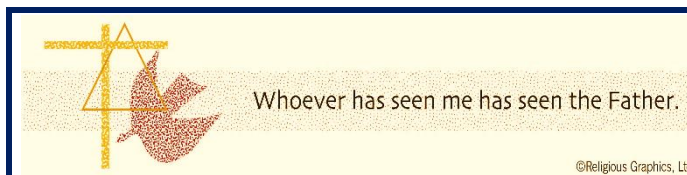


The **STONE** rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone

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### LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Oscar Noriega, Justin Pecina, Irma Santos, Gerardo Castro, Guadalupe Ortiz, María E. Maldonado, Alicia Guardiola, Delia Hinojosa, Rebecca Quintero, Herminia Torres, and Vladimiro Checchin.



Colecta de la Semana Pasada

Envelopes: \$ 1,546.00

Loose: \$ 425.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 15.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,986.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$2,774.94



# Blue Mass

TO HONOR THE WORK OF ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

The Diocese of Laredo will be celebrating the Annual Blue Mass at San Agustín Cathedral on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 12:00 pm, noon. The Annual Blue Mass honors men and women in law enforcement who admirably fulfill their duty to serve and protect our community. Everyone is invited to attend!

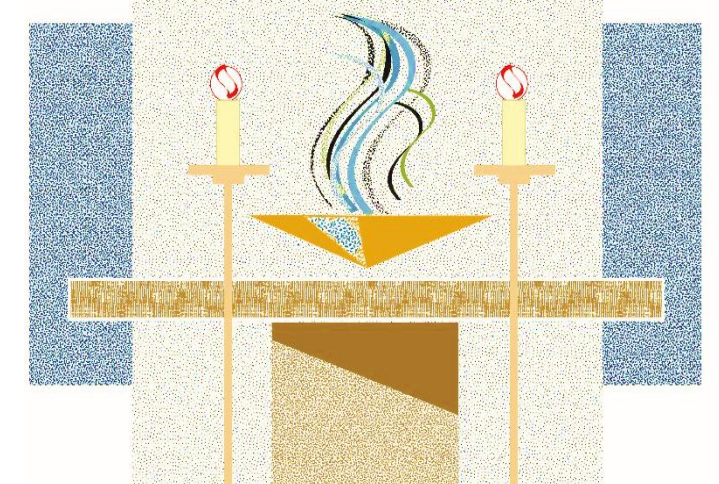
## 2026 Catholic Sharing Appeal as of March

### HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH



\$ 1,030.00 - Our Gifts to Date/Nuestras Donaciones  
\$ 16,175.00 - Our Pledges to Date/Nuestras Promesas  
\$ 14,900.00 - Our Parish Goal/Nuestra Meta  
82 - Families Participating/Familias Participantes

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of the Lord's own, so that you may announce the praises of the Lord who called you into the light.



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