

Fifth Sunday of Easter: May 03, 2026

Holy Father's Intention for May:

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Exercising our Priestly Call

“Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.” These are the words of St. Peter that we find in the second reading today. St. Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king” (CCC 1546).

What is the primary and essential act that priests perform? The answer is simply that priests offer sacrifices. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that “In exercising this office, [disciples] most fully realize the meaning of [their] Christian stewardship.

To be an authentic steward is to offer our God-given gifts back to God for the good of the Church and our parishes. Essentially, it is to sacrifice our lives for Christ, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. That is why He is the true, high priest that we strive to emulate. The USCCB goes on to say that “part of what is involved here for Catholics is a stewardship of time, which should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during the week whenever this is possible.” Let us conclude this reflection by asking ourselves, how well are we living up to the call of being part of the royal priesthood of Christ?

Summary: The Catechism says that “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king.” The primary and essential act that priests perform is to offer sacrifices. Let us strive to be an authentic steward by sacrificing our time and gifts for Christ, especially in the little things, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation.

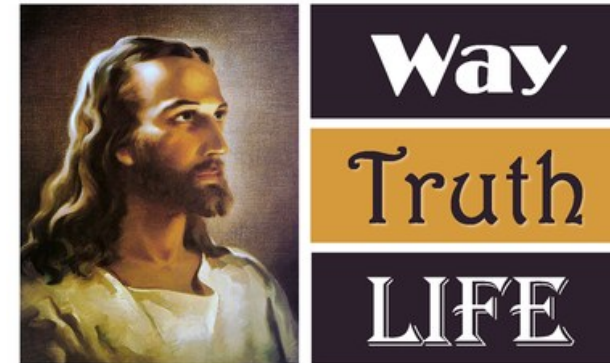
Bicentennial Jubilee Year.

This July the Archdiocese of St. Louis will celebrates its 200 years of faith in the Archdiocese. In preparing for this milestone and faith-filled event all are invited to come together in prayer: entrusting our gratitude, our petitions, and our hopes to the Lord. Prayers and intentions can be dropped to the box of *Prayer of the People* located at the back of the Church. Prayer intentions gathered from our parish will be presented together at the Jubilee Mass in July. Let your prayer be part of this historic act of communion.

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

Today's Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "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. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."



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"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"

Today, the scene we contemplate in the Gospel puts us before the intimacy that exists between Jesus Christ and the Father—but not only that. It also invites us to discover the relationship between Jesus and His disciples: "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" (Jn 14:3). These words of Jesus not only direct the disciples to the future, but also invite them to remain faithful to the course they had undertaken. Thus, in order to share with the Lord the glorious life, they must also share the same path that leads Jesus Christ to the Father's dwellings.

"Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (Jn 14:5). Jesus says 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" (Jn 14:6-7). Jesus does not propose a simple way, certainly; but He marks the path for us. Moreover, He Himself becomes the Way to the Father; He Himself, with His resurrection, becomes the Wayfarer to guide us; He Himself, with the gift of the Holy Spirit, encourages and strengthens us so that we do not falter on the pilgrimage: "Do not let your hearts be troubled" (Jn 14:1).

In this invitation that Jesus makes to us—to go to the Father through Him, with Him, and in Him—His most intimate desire and His deepest mission are revealed: "He who for our sake became like us in order to make us his brothers, now presents to his true Father his own humanity in order to draw all his kindred up after him" (St. Gregory of Nyssa).



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Offering for April 26, 2026

Total Sum. Collection \$3,906.00

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"If you know me, then you will also know my Father." Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

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Baptism: Arrangements must be made one week in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 8:30 am to 9:00 am or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to plan date of wedding.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sun 5/03: * Joseph Dung Bui by Loan Bui

* Dominic Long by family

* Dominic and Maria by 1 person

Mon 5/04: * Vu Minh Kinh by Phu Hoang

Tues 5/05: * All souls by 1 person

Wed 5/06: * Dominic by Hanh Lam-Trang Le

* John the Baptist, Maria, Ann, Peter, Theresa by Ho family

Thurs 5/07: * Paul, Isave, 2 Ann, Joseph, all souls by Hung Ha

* Joseph, John, ancestors both side & peace for family by Hoa Nguyen

Fri 5/08: * Joseph, Dominic & Vu Minh Kinh by Ly Nguyen

* John the Baptist by San Nguyen

Sat 5/09: * Thanksgiving and peace for family by Trinh

* John the Baptist by Lap Sam family