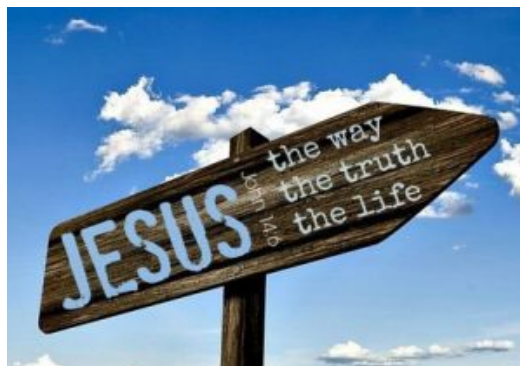


LIVING FAITH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026

THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY- JOHN 14:1-12



“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places.

If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

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

And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, 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, you will know my Father also.

From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?

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 say to you I do not speak on my own;

but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

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

but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.”

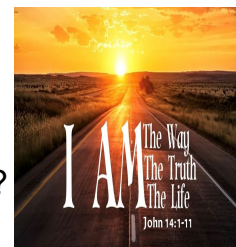
REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples for the time when He will no longer be with them physically. The disciples are anxious and afraid. Jesus comforts them, and reminds them that He has shown them the face of God. He reminds them that they know God because they know Jesus. They are friends of God because they are friends of Jesus. And then He assures them that they know the way to God because they know Him and love Him. He IS the Way, the Truth and the Life.

We know Jesus, and so we, too, know God, and have seen the face of God. We can show others the face of God every day by our acts of kindness, love and compassion.

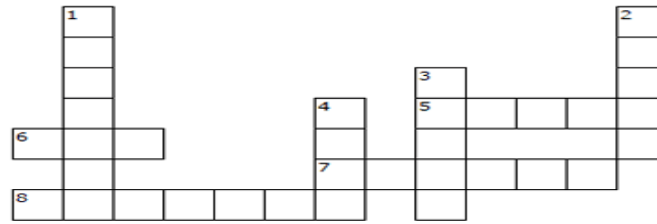
TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Have you ever experienced a “troubled heart”?
- How do you think that knowing Jesus can bring comfort to a troubled heart?
- How can you bring comfort to troubled hearts?



Finding the Way

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
 This puzzle is based on John 14:1-14 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. Areas in a building that have their own walls, floor, ceiling, and door
6. The route or path to follow to get to a place
7. The male parent
8. To accept something as being true

DOWN

1. To get ready for something that will happen in the future
2. A building in which people, usually one family, lives
3. The actual facts about something
4. The period between birth and death

TRUTH	WAY	HOUSE	ROOMS
BELIEVE	LIFE	FATHER	PREPARE

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Horizons of Hope

Horizons of Hope is a four week series that combines good video input from experts, helpful print resources and guided small group discussion. The series helps us to explore some of the questions that people often ask about care of people at the end of life's journey:

- How do we make good decisions when faced with life-limiting illnesses?
- How can we accompany and support those who are sick and dying?
- How might we make choices for compassionate care at the end of life?
- How does our faith in Christ help us to understand the human experience of dying and death?

Horizon of Hope will be offered on Thursday nights in May (May 7, 14, 21, & 28 from 7-9 pm) at St. Teresa's church, 120 Mundy Pond Rd. Registration is free, but required. To register, contact rafftcssr@gmail.com

THE CHURCH TEACHES

THE CHURCH IS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #782

Characteristics of the People of God

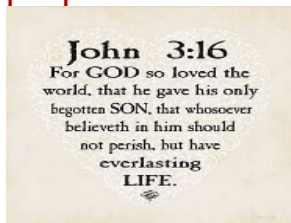
The People of God is marked by characteristics that clearly distinguish it from all other religious, ethnic, political, or cultural groups found in history:

It is the People of God: God is not the property of any one people. But he acquired a people for himself from those who previously were not a people: "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation."



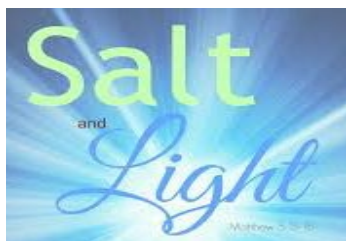
One becomes a member of this people not by a physical birth, but by being "born anew," a birth "of water and the Spirit," that is, by faith in Christ, and Baptism.

This People has for its Head Jesus the Christ (the anointed, the Messiah). Because the same anointing, the Holy Spirit, flows from the head into the body, this is "the messianic people."

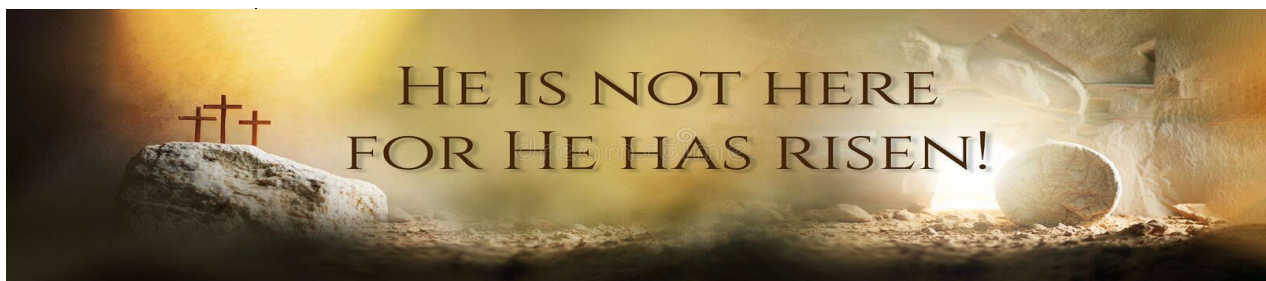


"The status of this people is that of the dignity and freedom of the sons of God, in whose hearts the Holy Spirit dwells as in a temple."

"Its law is the new commandment to love as Christ loved us." This is the "new" law of the Holy Spirit.



Its mission is to be salt of the earth and light of the world. This people is "a most sure seed of unity, hope, and salvation for the whole human race."

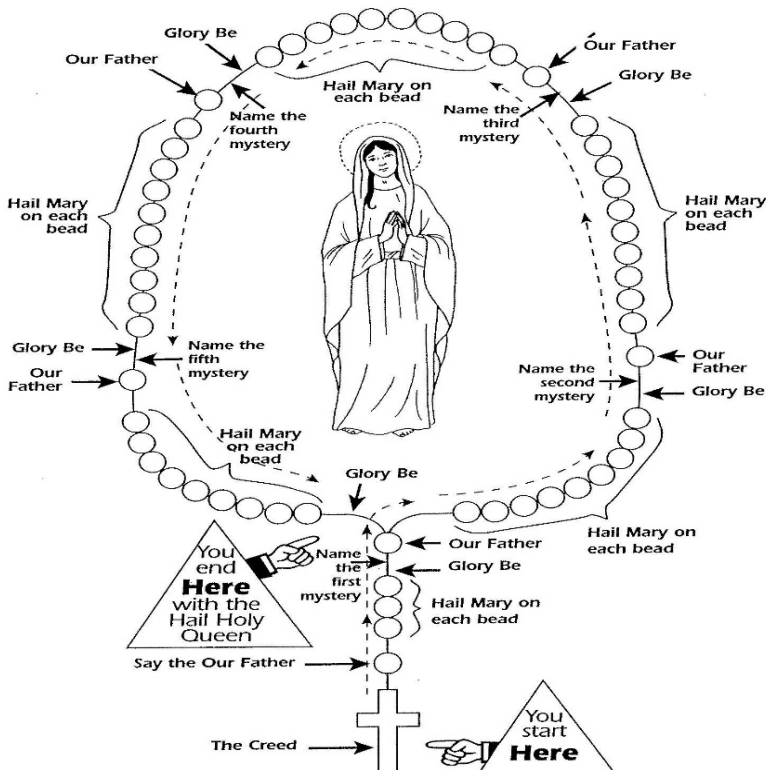


MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

SOME MARIAN DEVOTIONS AND PRAYERS FOR YOUR HOME

THE PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

How to Say the Rosary



THE HAIL MARY

HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH THEE. BLESSED ART THOU AMONG WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF THY WOMB, JESUS. HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, PRAY FOR US SINNERS, NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH.

AMEN.



REMEMBER,
O most gracious **Virgin Mary,**
 THAT NEVER WAS IT KNOWN
 THAT ANY ONE WHO FLED TO THY PROTECTION,
 IMploRED THY HELP
 or sought thy intercession, WAS LEFT UNAIDED.
 INSPIRED WITH THIS CONFIDENCE,
 I fly unto thee, *O Virgin of virgins*
 my Mother;
 TO THEE DO I COME, BEFORE THEE I STAND,
 SINFUL AND SORROWFUL
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
 DESPISE NOT MY PETITIONS,
but in thy mercy HEAR AND ANSWER ME.
Amen.

Hail! Holy Queen

Hail! Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
 our life, our sweetness and our hope.
 To you do we cry,
 poor banished children of Eve.
 To you do we send up our sighs,
 mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
 Turn then, *O most gracious advocate,*
 your eyes of mercy toward us;
 and after this our exile,
 show unto us the blessed fruit
 of your womb, Jesus.
O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, *O Holy Mother of God.*
 That we may be made worthy
 of the promises of Christ.