

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, May 10

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Live Stream Mass at 9:00am

Monday, May 11

Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Live Stream Mass at 8:00am

Adoration/Benediction at 12:00pm

Tuesday, May 12

Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Live Stream Mass at 8:00am

Adoration/Benediction at 12:00pm

Wednesday, May 13

Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Live Stream Mass at 8:00am

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Adoration/Benediction at 12:00pm

Thursday, May 14

Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

Live Stream Mass at 8:00am

Adoration/Benediction at 12:00pm

Friday, May 15

Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Live Stream Mass at 8:00am

Adoration/Benediction at 12:00pm

Saturday, May 16

Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Live Stream Mass at 8:00am

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Adoration/Benediction at 12:00pm

Sunday, May 17

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Live Stream Mass at 9:00am

**ALL WEEKEND AND DAILY
MASSES ARE CANCELED
UNTIL May 31st (inclusive).
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Live Stream our Masses**

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

4/27 – 5/3

Sunday Offering	\$ 0.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 0.00
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 0.00
Coffers	\$ 0.00
Online Offertory Giving	\$ 1,274.00
Total Offertory	\$ 1,274.00

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance (Online also)	\$ 75.00
Mass Intention	\$ 0.00
Candle Donation	\$ 0.00
Others (Gallery, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 0.00

Total **\$ 1,349.00**

Living the Liturgy

- Name the ways you spread the Word of God.
- What is the way of life that we are asked to imitate as disciples? How does the Spirit help us?
- Peter says we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood. Moses told the Chosen People, "You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation" (Exodus 19:6). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "The baptized have become 'living stones' to be 'built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood' (1 Pt 2:5). By Baptism, they share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission. They are 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that [they] may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called [them] out of darkness into his marvelous light' (1 Pt 2:9). *Baptism gives a share in the common priesthood of all believers*" (1268). Reflect on what that means for us as baptized followers.

Sharing Faith

- What is the way Jesus has invited you to follow? How have you found life along the way?
- Have you ever felt restless or anxious following Christ? What has caused that?
- We are called into service and ministry by our beliefs. Where are you serving now? Where else might God be calling you to minister?

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 (John 14:3 – 4).

May 10, 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Acts 6:1-7 | Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 | 1 Peter 2:4-9 | John 14:1-12

In this Sunday's Gospel, Thomas asks Jesus how the disciples will know the way if they do not know where Jesus is going. As a follower of Jesus, one would expect Thomas to know the answer to this question. In typical fashion, John uses uncomprehending characters to allow Jesus to explain something far deeper than first imagined. He reminds them they know the way to the life he is promising. Thomas disagrees, seemingly asking for a roadmap for Jesus' coming journey. To that, Jesus responds that he is the way, the truth, and the life.

The image of the way has a rich scriptural history. It occurs over 150 times in the psalms, beginning with Psalm 1 which says, "Happy those who do not . . . go the way of sinners" (Psalm 1:1) and "The Lord watches over the way of the just, /but the way of the wicked leads to ruin" (Psalm 1:6). Jesus' way is the way of the just, a way of life that the disciples are to imitate. To accept Jesus as our way, truth, and life means to open ourselves to his dwelling in us and follow his way.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Sixth Sunday of Easter"

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 | 1 Peter 3:15-18 | John 14:15-21

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

My Beloved Parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy on this Easter Season!

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14: 5

Our voices continue to shout, Jesus is Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia, Jesus is Risen!

We live in a world where we find too many people directing our lives. Our minds and hearts end up confused. And we think the best way to resolve these confusions is just to listen to our selves and say, "my life, my way." But, how many times we end up still searching for directions? Why is it that after doing everything in our capacity to live the best of our lives, we have more questions than answers? Well, it is because "my way" is not the "best way."

We have observed in these past Sundays how great are the works of God in Jesus. He who suffered and died rose from the dead to end sin and death. He who, after all the things they did to Him, scourging, nailing, crowning with thorns, mocking and crucifying, never did he have any bitterness in His heart. Like a lamb sacrificed, He offered His blood that we may have life and have it more abundantly. Like a shepherd, He calls, leads, and guides us to the truth that gives life. For so indeed, He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The difficulties we experience in life can put us down and find life burdensome. Just think about what we are all experiencing today with this dreadful coronavirus. We are all affected, regardless of who we are. As much as we can do, we can still find meaning in all these when we gaze our eyes of faith upon our Lord. The way to true life is the way of the Lord. That is, embracing every difficulty with courage, hope, and inspiration whatever that may be. The truth to adhere to is no other than the truth of Jesus, the Son of God, who taught with authority and boldness. And, the life He offers with every one of us is a life of abundance, of hope, of joy, of peace, and love.

Jesus showed to his disciples everything that they needed to see. He told them what they needed to believe in. He gave up His life to prove to them that He meant what He said. But do you think He intended that only for them? No. He intended that to anyone and everyone. The only difference and what matters is that they entrusted their lives totally to Him. Can we do the same?

May we continue to relive the joy of the Easter Season and continue to open up ourselves to Him that we may be His witness to the world today.

Your friend in the Lord,
Fr. Pascual