



Fifth Sunday of Easter

| John 14:1-12



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Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter.

Our Gospel is from John 14:1-12. In this week's Gospel, Jesus speaks to His disciples about who He is - and that He and God are one and the same. The disciples have a hard time understanding what Jesus means by all of this! Jesus summarizes for them: "I am the Way, the Truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me!"

Many of us are familiar with this part of John's Gospel, but the next part is just as important! Jesus continues, "If you know me, then you also know my Father. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!"

What a wonderful message of hope and love! God has sent us Jesus in human form so that we might come to know and love our heavenly Father as He loves us! Jesus was sent to show us how much we are loved, and how willing God is to forgive us for all those things that might separate us from Him (sins).

Jesus also establishes the sacraments of our church as a means for us to draw ever closer to Him, and by doing so draw closer to God. To know Jesus - to read His words in the Gospel, to understand His life and His sacrifice for us - is to know and love God.

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★ Today is Mother's Day in the United States. We honor our Mothers, and in the month of May we also honor the Blessed Mother! On Wednesday of this week, May 13th, we remember specifically Our Lady of Fatima. Color in the next page and hang it in your window this week. Learn about the Blessed Mother's appearance in Fatima, Portugal and her message to the children she appeared to:

<http://www.theholyroary.org/fatimaapparitions>.

Find time this week to pray a Rosary with your family.