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**I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except
through me.” — John 14:6**

THE WAY

In today's Gospel reading we hear part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper as reported in the Gospel of John. "I am the way and the truth and life," Jesus assures his disciples. At that time they did not understand what he meant; they wanted easy answers. "Just show us the Father," Philip begged.

But the first and second readings show us how the early church came to understand Jesus' words. The amazing growth of the church led them to select seven men to do the works of service needed with so many new members. The followers of Jesus had grown in such numbers that Peter could exclaim in his Letter over the fact that Christ, the "rejected stone," was now the cornerstone on whom the salvation of all the world rests. Down to this present day, he is truly the way, the truth, and the life.

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COMMENT

The construction crew for the early Church was established in Acts. Some dispute arose about who would do what and who did more than someone else. The Hellenists accused the Hebrews of shortchanging their widows. The disciples stepped in to help the community determine who the leaders would be and what their responsibilities were to be.

In his letter, Peter further shows that the foundation is poured. Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of the Church. He is a precious stone to those who believe. For them, he will be the foundation. For those who reject the stone, however, he will be the rock that causes them to stumble.

The construction continues as John describes in the Gospel how Jesus goes before all of us to prepare our rooms. We can only imagine what the room will look like and how its construction takes place, but we know for sure that God has called us to come to that room if only we accept the Son, the cornerstone. We are the living stones of the Church. We bring new life day after day, generation after generation, century after century.

REFLECTION

When we run into obstacles in life—at work, with our families, in volunteer work—we look for a new and creative approach to solve the problem. This involves looking at the situation in a new way. It seems that musicians are among some of the most creative people we know—and they should be. After all, they only have twelve notes to work with, but look at all they do with them! They look at these same notes differently each time they create a new composition.

As living stones of the Church, we are invited to look at things in a new way. We are called to be open and creative in our view of the world, to be enthusiastic about our mission. Our mission is but one block in the construction of the whole Church, small and inconsequential when we view it individually; but an integral part of a significant structure. If we accept our place in this foundational structure, we are promised a room in the Father's house.

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GOD'S WORD TODAY

Today's Gospel very simply lays out for us the way to salvation. The disciples are troubled, perhaps because they sense Jesus' impending departure. Naturally they ask him the central question that most Christians eventually ask: "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus' response is quite simple. If we focus on knowing and believing in him, then we will find the way. That way leads to the place prepared for us in his Father's house. It all sounds so easy. Yet each of us knows that sin is the only easy way. We have a choice. Either we take the easy way, or we choose to take up the challenge to follow in the Lord's footsteps. The wonderful thing is that we never do this alone. We have our community of faith to support us as we all travel the journey that we hope will lead us all to the Father's house. From Saint Margaret Sunday Missal, copyright © J. S. Paluch Company

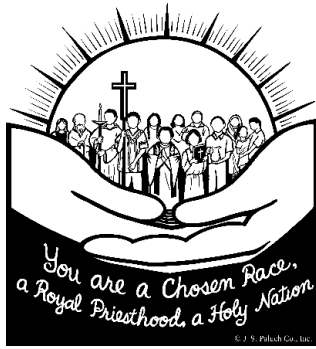
**Guadalupe Radio Network
Thirteenth Annual Fishers of Men Dinner
Saturday, October 10, 2026, 7:00pm
Odessa Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
305 E. 5th St., Odessa, Texas**

Keynote Speaker: Tim Staples, Catholic Answers;
Honoree: Gina Aaron

Early Bird - Buy your table by July 1st and you will be eligible to join us at a Special Meet & Greet with Tim Staples

• **MANUEL & REFUJIA HEREDIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** –You must be a 2026 Graduating High School Senior and a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Sweetwater, Texas to apply. Applications are available in the parish office.

Deadline: May 8, 2026



Saturday, May 2nd -

5:00-IHM Guadalupe living and deceased;
 +José Angel Zarate; +Juanita Morales
7:00PM – Roscoe – Por la Gente de Nolan County

Sunday, May 3rd –

8:00AM – IHM +Sarah Gomez, Eulalio y Panchita Olvera, Ysidro y Elvira Navarrette;
 +Christopher Cardoza; +Margarito y Carlotta Gomez
11:00AM – IHM In thanksgiving for the birthday of Rotimi Falana; +Martina Herrera; +Vicky Soto

Tuesday, May 5th st 9:00AM-HF

For Deacon Humberto Diaz

Wednesday, May 6th 6:00PM - IHM

Por nuestro seminarista Martin Luna;
 Por la salud de Pablo Almaraz

Thursday, May 7th 9:00AM-HF

In thanksgiving for Tanis Moreno's birthday

Friday, May 8th 9:00AM HF

+Manuela Solano

Saturday, May 9th -

5:00-IHM – For the People of Nolan County

Sunday, May 10th –

8:00AM – IHM – Por nuestras Madres vivas y difuntas
11:00AM – IHM – For our Mothers living and deceased

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
 Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
 Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;
 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

April 25/26, 2026 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$2,774.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1,391.48
CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL.....	806.00
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$4,971.48

Thank you for your generosity!

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

to all our May celebrants.

THANK YOU -- Sr. Tita, teachers, aides, and all involved in our religious education program. May God bless you for your time and continued dedication.

To all our PARENTS, we thank and appreciate your help and the sacrifices you make to ensure your child's regular class attendance

MOTHERS DAY – is Sunday, May 10th. "Mother's Day Mass Remembrance" envelopes will be available after the Masses this weekend. Please return the envelope to the office by Thursday, May 7th.

OCIA –Thursdays, 6:00pm at HF Hall, 507 Crane St.

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 7:30pm @IHM.

ULTREYA MEETINGS

Sunday, May 3rd - 6:00pm (*English*)

Monday, May 4th - 7:00pm (*Spanish*)

Both at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit

<http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html>

GRUPO MISIONERO - Meets on Thursdays, at 7:00pm at Immaculate Heart Hall

✓ MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Evening Masses

May 15th -- Celebrating St. Isidore the Farmer

May 22nd -- Honoring St. Rita

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

May 9 – Jamaica May 16 – Youth Group

FOOD DRIVE

The parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to one of our local food pantries. You can bring your donations to any of the Masses during the month of May. Let us share what we have with those in need.

God Bless you – Thank you!

COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS

La parroquia recolectará alimentos no-perecederos para donar a una de nuestras despensas de alimentos locales. Puede traer sus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas durante el mes de mayo. Compartamos lo que tenemos con los necesitados. Dios lo Bendiga - Gracias!

“2026 GRADUATES’ MASS”

High School and College Graduates' Mass is Sunday, May 17th, 11 o'clock Mass, followed by a reception. Please call the office – 235-3318 – to be included. Deadline to call–May 2nd.

“WEAR YOUR CAP & GOWN!”

Pope's May Prayer Intention:



Pope Leo prayed that the Lord may "awaken in us a new awareness: that we learn to give thanks for every food, to consume simply, to share with joy, and to care for the fruits of the earth as a gift from You, destined for all, not just a few."

He prayed that Jesus make us capable of "transforming the logic of selfish consumption into a culture of solidarity," through our communities by promoting concrete gestures, including awareness campaigns, food banks, and a sober and responsible lifestyle.

"You who sent us Your beloved Son Jesus, broken bread for the life of the world," Pope Leo prayed, "give us a new heart, hungry for justice and thirsty for fraternity." Pope Leo concluded by praying, "may no one be excluded from the common table, and may Your Spirit teach us to see bread not as an object of consumption but as a sign of communion and care. Amen."