



# The Already and the Not Yet

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**T**he church celebrates again and again during the Easter season a core truth of Christian thought and belief: “the already and the not yet.” Jesus has already saved us, but we have not yet experienced the fullness of the kingdom. In this belief, there is tension, the experience of standing in the middle, where the tension is lived, and hopefully where balance is achieved.

What makes the tension bearable is that we know we have not been left as orphans. We are not on our own. The Spirit of God is sent to us and enables us to hold fast to what we have known and experienced and what is still unknown to us. Scripture and tradition, dogmas and doctrines, sacraments and sacramentals, practices and disciplines, all inspired by the Spirit of God, provide us with the necessary support and direction and help us remain balanced.

As wonderful as each of these gifts of the Spirit may be, each gift must be received, encountered, enabled, and lived. If the gifts are given but never received—and, even more important, used and shared—we not only refuse a gift freely given by our God but also deprive ourselves of the means to maintain our balance and remain on the path that leads to life and light. ●



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## Reflect

*Is there a gift from God I have not received or lived? How can I begin?*



[Jesus said to his disciples,]  
“I will not leave you  
orphans; I will come to you.”

JOHN 14:18

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## St. Thomas More Site

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## Holy Trinity Site

### Parish Office

212 S Main Street  
PO BOX 159  
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## Adoration Room at STM Site

Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

### Confession Info

Saturday morning, alternating  
between STM Site & HT Site  
in the Confessional between  
10:30 am-11:15am

### Church Office Info

Pastor: Father Thaddeus Tran

Pastoral Assistant: Melissa Pasillas

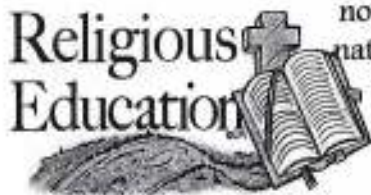
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### CCD Announcements

According to consensus, last Sunday first Communion Mass was wonderful. It could not be done without precious help from many people: Michelle Bickett, CCD Coordinator; all first communion teachers; Carol Lauer and other helpers. Therefore, we like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all the above people.



### St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of May 11, 2026

Monday	05/11			† No Mass
Tuesday	05/12	9:00 am	STM Site	† Joe Allen Kurtz
Wednesday	05/13	5:30 pm	HT Site	† Daisy Kopek
Thursday	05/14	9:00 am	HT Site	† Wes & Rita Hoscheid
Friday	05/15	9:00 am	STM Site	† Phil Maggio

### St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of May 16- 17, 2026

Saturday	05/16	4:00 pm	ST. Thomas More Site	† For the Parishioners
Sunday	05/17	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† Alan Hahn

# Mary- The Greatest Role Model For Christian Mothers

Mother's Day has a deep spiritual dimension. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the greatest of all mothers. Motherhood has always been a sacred and noble vocation, but Mary raised it to even greater stature when she became the Mother of God. As the mother who is "blessed among women" (Lk 1:42), Mary gives us the clearest and most inspiring picture of what the ideal mother should look like, and every Christian mother would be wise to take her cues from the one who excelled at motherhood like none other.



It was by the grace of God that Mary conceived. Every conception is a miracle, and every Christian mother knows that she is a partner with God in the ongoing work of creation, deeply aware that her child is a gift from God. As a result, when a Christian woman is blessed with a pregnancy, she rejoices in her child as Mary rejoiced in Jesus, she completes her pregnancy rather than end it in abortion, and cares for her unborn child with good nutrition, medical check ups, and the avoidance of smoking, alcohol, or any drugs that could have a harmful effect.

Several weeks after Jesus was born, Mary, along with her husband Joseph, presented their newborn Son Jesus to the priest in the Temple (Lk 2:22-38). By doing this, Mary consecrated Jesus to God, she acknowledged that God had a plan for her Son and agreed to do everything in her power to cooperate with God's intended purpose for Him. Likewise, Christian mothers consecrate their children to God in the Sacrament of Baptism, and promise to do everything possible to help their children do what God wants in their lives.

Mary and Joseph took their Son Jesus to the synagogue in Nazareth each week in observance of the Sabbath (Lk 4:16). For Mary, regular church attendance was automatic. Mothers who follow Mary's example go to Mass each week, and they take their children with them, because it is so important to pray with others and be connected to other faith-filled families.

The gospel says that Jesus was obedient to Mary (Lk 2:51), which implies that Mary was firm and demanding with her Son. Christian mothers do not let their children do whatever they want, but have high standards for Christian conduct, have a set of house rules, and insist upon them.

(excerpted from: archspm.org)

## Church Announcements

**Future Cursillo Activities:** There will be two future Cursillo events: the Men's Ultreya June 11-14 and Women's Ultreya June 25-28, if you are interested in participating please contact Jyll Pozzi or visit the website at: [Illinoisvalleycursillo.com](http://Illinoisvalleycursillo.com)

**The Nativity of the Lord Church:** is seeking information regarding St. Gertrude in Seatonville and St Benedicts in Ladd. Please contact Ann Draper at [illiniace89@gmail.com](mailto:illiniace89@gmail.com).

**From The Pastors Desk:** As many of you have already know, the Bishop has granted me "Senior Status" starting July 1st, 2026. As I look back the last 5 years I realize that serving the people of St. Barbara Parish has been a tremendous blessing from the Lord. The New Pastor will be Fr. Jeffery Small will be the new administrator. Works are being done to get everything ready for him to begin his service here. More information about Fr. Small will be posted at a later time.

Don't forget your Mother's Day Carnation

Latest Offering's  
May 3rd Weekend  
St. Barbara Parish  
Total Collections:  
\$1,968.00



Next Confessions  
Confession will be  
Sat. May 16th  
10:30 am- 11:15 am  
HT Site  
in the confessional

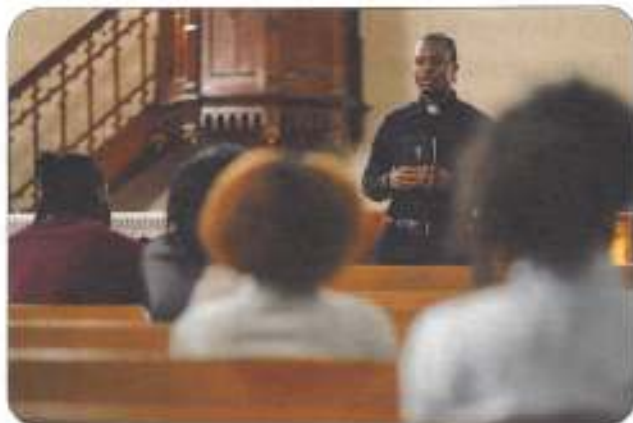
# Dear Padre,

## What are the role and responsibilities of a parish priest in his church and community?

Primarily, a parish priest is a teacher and sanctifier. As teacher, he is obliged to instruct people in the faith, especially through the homily and catechetical formation—the Catholic education of children and young adults. He fosters “works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice.” With lay assistance, he brings the gospel message “to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith” (*Code of Canon Law* 528 §1).

As sanctifier, he works “so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments,” especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Eucharist is central to the faith community by encouraging active participation in the liturgy and parish life so that it’s authentically celebrated. (See *CCL* 528 §2.)

His other pastoral obligations are in the area of governance. These duties include outreach to those entrusted to his care, especially the sick and dying. He fosters growth in the Christian life within the family. “[W]ith particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties.” Moreover, he is responsible for grounding his local community within the broader universal Church’s mission. (See *CCL* 529.)



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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*The Lord wanted us in this time filled with challenges that, at times, seem to exceed our strength. We are called to embrace these challenges, to interpret them evangelically, to experience them as opportunities to bear witness. Let us not flee from them! Pastoral commitment, like that of study, become for us a school to learn how to build the kingdom of God in today's complex and challenging history.*

ADDRESS TO THE CLERGY OF ROME,  
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### Do you have a question for the Padre?

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#### Monday

May 11

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26–16:4a

#### Tuesday

May 12

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

#### Wednesday

May 13

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 17:15, 22–18:1

Jn 16:12–15

#### Thursday

May 14

*St. Matthias, Apostle*

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

#### Friday

May 15

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 18:9–18

Jn 16:20–23

#### Saturday

May 16

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

#### Sunday

May 17

*The Ascension of the*

*Lord*

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23

Mt 28:16–20