



# Enough?

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**W**hen I was a child, my parents taught me to pray with my hands pressed together, fingers pointed upward toward God. But somewhere along the way, I learned a different posture for prayer: seated, with my palms facing upward on my lap. It's a gesture of openness—an acknowledgment that I come before God in humble need, ready to receive whatever he wants to give.

In today's gospel, Philip approaches Jesus in a similar stance of openness. "Show us the Father," he says, "and that will be enough for us" (John 14:8). Jesus responds that Philip has already seen the Father because Jesus' words and actions are the Father's words and actions. Philip needs no more—he has already received "enough."

Sometimes, I need this reminder myself. I long for a new insight into God that perhaps one more book or one more lecture will give me. Don't get me wrong: lifelong learning is a wonderful thing, and there is always more of God to discover! But it is important to acknowledge that, like Philip, I have already come to know the Father through Jesus, and everything I need to live the Christian life is already in place. Rather than more knowledge, it is a question of putting into action what I've been taught.

Of late, when I pray, I have embraced a new prayer posture: turning my hands downward, resting my palms on my knees. It helps me remember that with Jesus as my shepherd, I "shall not want." I already have all I need. ●



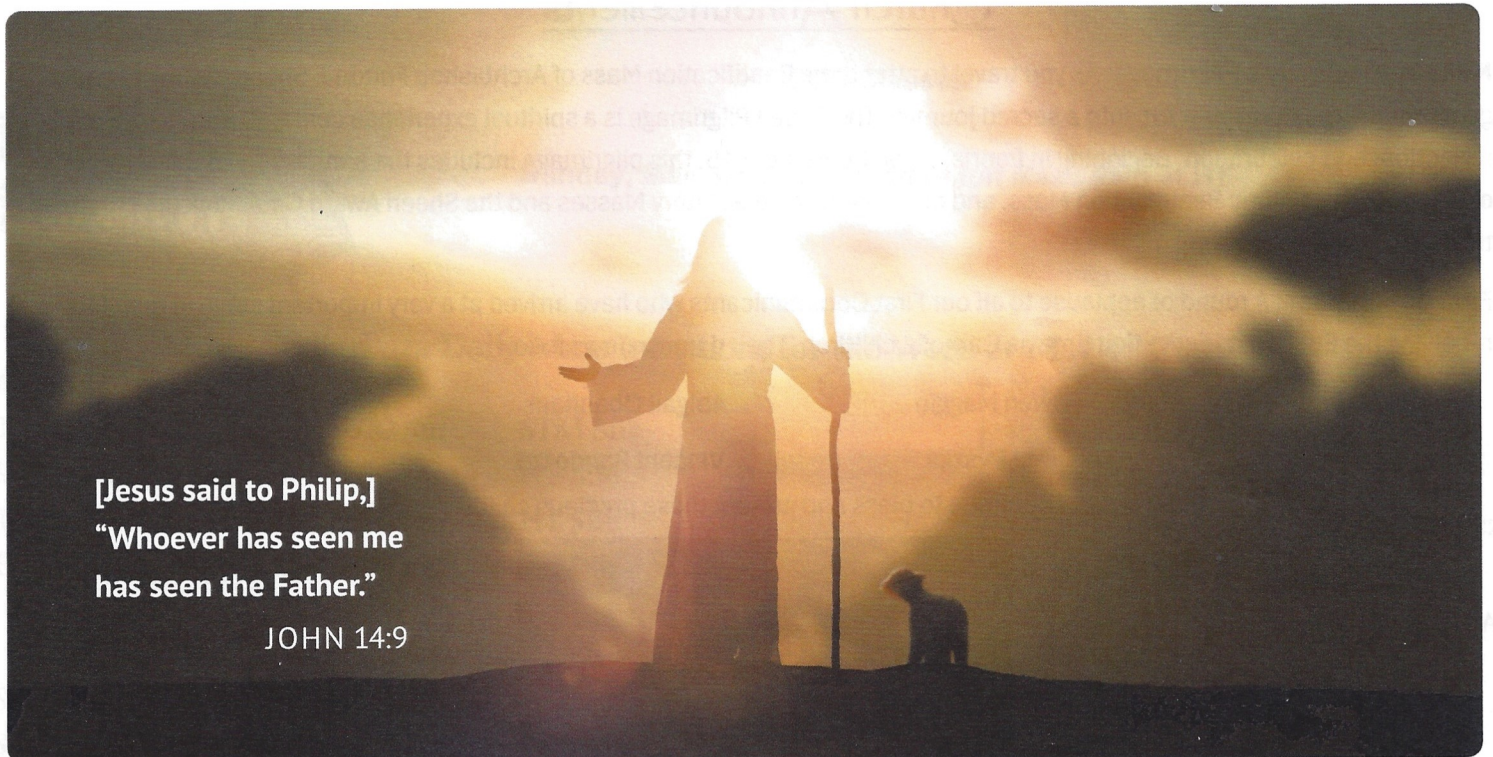
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## Reflect

*What does "enough" mean to me?*

[Jesus said to Philip,]  
"Whoever has seen me  
has seen the Father."

JOHN 14:9



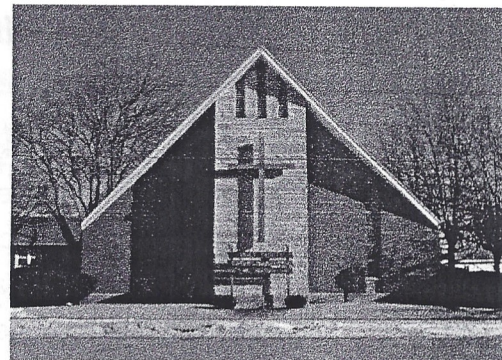
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## St. Thomas More Site

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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

## Holy Trinity Site

## Parish Office

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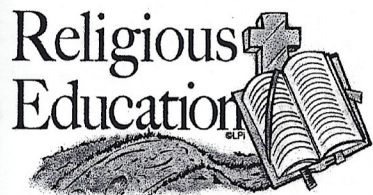
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## CCD Classes



**Sunday, May 3rd First Communion Mass 9am at HT**

## St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of May 4, 2026

Monday	05/04			† No Mass
Tuesday	05/05	9:00 am	STM Site	† John Balma
Wednesday	05/06	5:30 pm	HT Site	† Herman & Mary Hahn
Thursday	05/07	9:00 am	HT Site	† Lucille Pinter & Darlene Greskiwcz
Friday	05/08	9:00 am	STM Site	† George B. Skuby

## St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of May 9– 10, 2026

Saturday	05/09	4:00 pm	St. Thomas More Site	† Tony Panizzi
Sunday	05/10	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† For the Parishioners

## JESUS: OUR WAY, OUR TRUTH, AND OUR LIFE

In today's gospel reading ([John 14:1-14](#)), Jesus tells us something that we have heard numerous times, but that is always worth hearing again, and worth thinking about again: namely, that Jesus is our way, and our truth, and our life.

It is the second week in a row when we are invited to think about one of the "I Am" sayings in John's gospel. Last week, it was Jesus saying that He is the good shepherd, and the gate for the sheep. This week, it is Jesus saying that He is the way, and the truth, and the life. What does He mean by this? We will just take each in turn.

First, Jesus says that He is the way. After saying that, He also shows us how to get to that way: He blazes it; He prepares it; He provided. He is the way – the way to heaven. The way to a meaningful life. The way to finding our vocation, our purpose. Jesus doesn't just give us instructions. Ten steps to finding our purpose. He shows us, He accompanies us. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Come, He says. Follow me. I happen to be going that way. I will show you. I will walk with you.

Second, Jesus is the truth. And once again, He doesn't just tell the truth. He *is* the truth. But what does He mean? Truth is a recurring theme in John's gospel, going back to the first chapter, when we are told that grace and truth come through Jesus. In John 8, Jesus tells us that we will know the truth and the truth will set us free. In John 16, Jesus tells His disciples that when the Holy Spirit comes, the Spirit of truth, He will guide us into all the truth. And then, finally, in John 18, Jesus tells Pilate He came into the world "to testify to the truth." "Everyone," He concludes, "who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Jesus is the truth. He speaks the truth. He guides us to the truth. And by His truth, we will be set free. And what does He mean by all of this? One thing that he means by this is that it is through Jesus that we learn the truth about God.

And then, finally, Jesus is the life. Going all the way back to John 1:4, for example, when we learn that in Jesus, the Word, "is life, and the life was the light of all people." Whoever believes in Him, we learn in John 3, has eternal life. He gives the water that gushes up to eternal life. He gives himself as the bread of life, which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. He is the good shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep, and who came that we may have life and have it abundantly. And finally, near the end of John's gospel, we learn that all of this was written "so that [we] may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing [we] may have life in His name."

(Excerpted from: [mypastoralponderings.com](#))

## Church Announcements

**Make Your Journey a Pilgrimage:** As you travel to attend the Beatification Mass of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, we invite you to go deeper—transform your trip into a sacred journey. The Sheen Pilgrimage is a spiritual experience centered around prayer, reflection, and celebration. Beginning in Peoria, IL, on September 15, this pilgrimage includes the anniversary of Sheen's ordination, the historic Beatification Mass, and culminates in celebratory Masses and the Sheen Award Gala. Pick up a roster in the back of the Church.

**First Communion:** A round of applause to all our First Communicants who have arrived at a very important stage in their life: receiving the Eucharist for the first time as Catholic children. Their names are as follow:

Owen Maggio

Abigail Obenhaus

Olivia Pyszka

Vincent Randozzo

May the Lord continue to bless and protect these precious children of His.

Latest Offering's  
April 26th Weekend  
St. Barbara Parish  
Total Collections:  
\$1,890.25



### Next Confessions

Confession will be  
Sat. May 9th  
10:30 am-11:15 am  
STM Site  
in the confessional

# Dear Padre,

*I have one daughter and a grandchild who say they are bisexual and very much into the LGBTQ lifestyle, where they feel like they belong. I do not know how to handle all of this. They left the Catholic faith years ago. I do not believe they are atheists. Please help.*

You are not alone in your struggle to know how to “handle all of this.” It’s hard for parents when their children choose a different lifestyle.

Try not to confuse gender expression with faith. Try not to confuse sexual orientation with faith. Just because a person is attracted to someone of the same sex does not mean they are not a person of faith. They may believe in God and even worship God in their own way. It sounds like your daughter and grandchild are honest with you. If they are willing, perhaps talking with them about how they experience God in their lives would be a fruitful conversation.

Whatever you do, the best practice is to love. Love your daughter and grandchild. When they express to you what they believe to be true about themselves, they are not asking for your permission. They are entrusting you with what they believe they have learned about themselves. Perhaps that very openness with you is a lesson that you taught them and a sign that they want to share with you what is important to them. ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*We live in a time that rewards self-sufficiency, efficiency, performance. And yet, the gospel shows us that the measure of our humanity is*



*not given by what we can achieve, but by our ability to let ourselves be loved and, when necessary, even helped. Jesus saves us by showing us that*

*asking is not unworthy, but liberating.*

**GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2025**

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### Monday

May 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5–18

Jn 14:21–26

### Tuesday

May 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19–28

Jn 14:27–31a

### Wednesday

May 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1–6

Jn 15:1–8

### Thursday

May 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7–21

Jn 15:9–11

### Friday

May 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22–31

Jn 15:12–17

### Saturday

May 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1–10

Jn 15:18–21

### Sunday

May 10

Sixth Sunday of

Easter

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17

1 Pt 3:15–18

Jn 14:15–21

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