



I AM

THE WAY AND
THE TRUTH AND
THE *life.*

NO ONE
COMES TO THE

FATHER

EXCEPT
THROUGH ME.

John 14:6

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2020

May 10, 2020 Scripture Reflection

Dwelling places

During this pandemic, today's Gospel takes on special meaning. It is a comfort and a challenge. First, Jesus tells us "Do not let your hearts be troubled." And secondly, he gives us a map for entering the Kingdom. We learn that God is going to make everything alright in his perfect timing. It won't all make sense. It won't always be comfortable or enjoyable. Yet he asks us to trust him.

When the first believers gathered, they weren't called Christians. This would come later in Antioch. They were simply called "The Way." The disciples, notably Thomas and Philip are questioning Jesus about the Way. It seems logical that if Jesus is going away, they need more information about continuing his ministry. What is the destination? How can I program my GPS to get me somewhere if I don't know where I am going? How can I formulate objectives if I don't know the goals? Philip's question is similar: "Just give me a glimpse of the Father, let me see the Kingdom just for a second." Promise me that it's really there. We do the same thing in our daily lives. We wonder "Is this career or this person or this church or this company or this friend or this club going to give me what I need for my life? Will it be, in a sense, the Yellowbrick road, to an Emerald City or Wizard that promises some kind of fulfilled and happy life at the end?"

Instead of a roadmap, Jesus reassures his disciples which has become a sort of comfort for all of us to hang onto. Jesus answers may seem vague, but the disciples have been with him for years and know his works and teachings. Jesus knows his time among them is drawing to an end, and wants them to understand that they need not despair as a result. They are not being abandoned: on the contrary, the mansion with many rooms is being constructed; the mansion that is God's promise, that we are not alone in an indifferent and arbitrary universe. Jesus himself is all they (we) need; there is no need to panic, no need to desperately search for a secret map. Wherever there is life in abundance, this is Jesus' presence in our midst. Jesus is our blueprint.

Jesus tells them: "I am the way, the truth and the life." He's telling them (and us) that they need to look at his life. Follow his example. It's a relationship that they (and we) need to build. This is the deepest meaning of *faith*. There is a difference between knowing Jesus and belief in Jesus.

As for the many rooms in the dwelling place Jesus is preparing for us, I think of Teresa of Avila and her seven rooms in the mansion. Only when we truly understand and follow Jesus can we enter the inner room where the Father sits. As for me, I hope it's a beach house!

- reflection by Jan Reed, Pastoral Associate/DRE

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

"The Catholic Bishops of Ohio extend the temporary suspension of all publicly celebrated Masses/liturgies ending on May 29th, with the hope of publicly celebrating together the Solemnity of Pentecost on the weekend of May 30/31. Each of the bishops of Ohio, once again, dispense the Catholic faithful who reside in their respective dioceses and all other Catholics currently in their territories from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass during this time. We ask for the cooperation and adherence of all the faithful to the governor's directives during this period."

- Catholic Bishops of Ohio. April 28th, 2020

Please note:

Fr. Benoit celebrates a private Mass every day. Mass intentions scheduled by parishioners are honored at that time.

OUR LADY OF GRACE OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Office hours are uncertain at this time.
Please call 937-274-2107 and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

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Monday at noon

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REGIONAL CALENDAR

**NOTE: ALL PARISH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
CANCELLED THROUGH MAY 29, 2020**

TUESDAY May 12		
5:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Meal Food Truck	CC Carry out only
WEDNESDAY May 13		
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Our Lady of Grace Weekend Collection April 26, 2020

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OLOG \$4,485.00			
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Total \$6,620.00	\$3,250.00	\$3,370.00	(\$1,862.03)

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SHARE YOUR STORIES

We are inviting parishioners to write about their feelings and experiences during this COVID-19 outbreak. It is certainly one of the most unusual times in our lives. Our hope is to put these pieces in our newsletter booklet and/or share them in other formats. If you don't like to write you can tell your story to one of our staff and we will write it for you. Call the parish office at 274-2107, leave your name and phone number, and we will call you back. Your story may be just the boost a fellow parishioner needs to help them along this journey.

The Spirit gives us inner wisdom and strength. When have you experienced this?



Use this question for personal prayer, beginning a meeting, or conversation with others to prepare for the May 17, 2020 readings:

Reading I Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 *Philip in Samaria*
Reading II 1 Peter 3:15-18 *On Christian suffering*
Gospel John 14:15-21 *Promise of the Paraclete*



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

OHIO CATHOLIC BISHOPS SUSPENDING LITURGIES/MASSES THROUGH May 29, 2020

In an effort to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio have suspended all public Liturgies/Masses in Ohio through 29, 2020. All **Catholics in Ohio are dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass through May 29, 2020.** There is no sin involved from not attending Sunday Mass through May 29, 2020. Here are some suggestions taken directly from the bishops' statement: "Sunday remains a holy day, and we encourage the faithful to pray using the rich resources of our faith, including praying as a family or individually the rosary, divine mercy chaplet, the Liturgy of the Hours, stations of the cross, etc. We also urge you to participate in prayer by way of radio broadcast or televised or live-streamed Mass and make a spiritual communion. "

- The archdiocesan website, www.catholiccincinnati.org will be live-streaming a daily Mass and weekend Mass from the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. Daily Mass will be available online at 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday Mass will be live-streamed at 11:00 a.m.
- All live-streaming Masses will also be available on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicCincinnati/>.
- Daily Masses are also available on TV from EWTN.
- Daily Mass can be accessed any time at: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>.

Please check our parish website and Facebook page for additional resources and information.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN 2020?

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) in 2020 are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. These certificates will be distributed from our parish in August. To request your certificate visit the Office for Marriage & Family Life at www.catholiccincinnati.org, click Ministries & Offices, click Marriage & Family Life. If you prefer, you can call (513) 263-6692 before June 19 to request your certificate.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS 2020

Married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2020 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses:

- August 1, 2020, 4:30 p.m. St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, celebrant
- August 1, 2020, 4:30 p.m. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton, Bishop Joseph Binzer, celebrant

Visit the Office for Marriage and Family Life at www.catholiccincinnati.org, click Ministries & Offices, click Marriage & Family Life or call (513) 263-6692 before June 19th to register.

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PERMANENT DEACON INFORMATIONAL

EVENINGS - The Informational Evenings which were previously scheduled by the Office of the Permanent Diaconate will now be conducted as online video meetings. The dates for these two sessions will be:

- Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 p.m.

These meetings are intended to provide information about the diaconate, formation, pre-requisites and to answer any questions. Wives of those men who are interested are encouraged to attend with their husbands. You must register in order to receive the link to the online meeting by email. Please send your registration request to: deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org. Call Deacon Mark Machuga at 513.263.6641 for more information.

CAREGIVER NEWS - On March 13, 2020, Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio decided to suspend face to face support groups and educational presentations for caregivers, considering the vulnerability of the people they care for and the importance of caregivers keeping healthy during this time. Instead, we will be doing check in support phone calls in lieu of in person meetings until further notice. If you know of a caregiver who needs encouragement and support, please tell them about our Caregiver Assistance Network and have them call Angie Homoele at 513.672.3834 or visit <https://www.ccswoh.org/services/seniors/caregivers/>.

INSPIRING PRODUCTS FROM THE CATHOLIC

TELEGRAPH - Subscribe to The Daily Divina, a beautiful way to start each day focused on praying with God's word, and The Ember, a weekly email with relevant, local, and inspiring content that will keep you up to date on news that matters and help you connect your faith to daily life. Both are free and sent to your email inbox. Sign up at www.thecatholictelegraph.com/digital-subscriptions.

BRINGING THE FAITH HOME - With kids out of school and public Masses and religious education classes temporarily suspended, parents may feel cut off or overwhelmed with how to teach and share the beauty and joy of the Catholic faith. To help with this, the staff of The Catholic Telegraph has identified 7 fun resources to help parents and children learn and live their faith at home. Find these at <https://bit.ly/CTFaithHome>.

VOCATION VIEW

*In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places.
Prepare a place in the Father's Mansion by living
his promises her on earth. (John 14:2)*

If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmidtmeier@catholiccincinnati.org

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Pastor: Rev. Benoit Mukamba, CSSp

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We thank you for your kind consideration of our needs. Donations received last week totaled \$955.

All live-streaming Masses will also be available on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicCincinnati/> as well as the Archdiocese of Cincinnati YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/user/cincyArchdiocese>

2020 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS

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THE CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH BECOMES A MAGAZINE

After 189 years as a newspaper, The Catholic Telegraph will become a magazine beginning with the June 2020 issue. This new format will better enable the CT to bring the goodness, beauty and truth of the Catholic faith into the homes of Catholics throughout our archdiocese. The Catholic Telegraph was one of the first Catholic newspapers in the United States, established in 1831 by the first bishop of the then-diocese of Cincinnati, Bishop Edward Fenwick. Interestingly, the CT began in a time of another major health crisis, the cholera pandemic. It has continued its mission through times both good and bad. We are excited to launch this next exciting phase of its mission!

HONORING MOTHERS IS A CATHOLIC TRADITION

Mother's Day has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States on the second Sunday of May since 1914. But Catholics have been celebrating a sort of Mother's Day since the first few centuries of the Church. The fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday, traditionally was a time to return to your mother church (home parish) and leave an offering.

Also known as Mothering Sunday, it naturally evolved into honoring your mother as well. And devotion to Mary, the mother of God and our spiritual mother, in the month of May gives this holiday depth for Catholics that goes far beyond giving flowers or candy on Mother's Day.

In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and most of all, how to love.

As we honor our earthly mothers this month, let us honor our heavenly mother as well. Those devoted to her are always led to her Son. For her wise counsel tells us, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5)

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

"I thank you, Creator of us all, for my mother. I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those years. She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught me that it was okay to cry and that I should always tell the truth. Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace. Bless her this day with your love." Amen.

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