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## Fifth Sunday of Easter



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### Hard Lessons

“We must undergo many trials.” —Acts 14:22

At the close of the very first Christian missionary journey, Sts. Paul and Barnabas instructed their disciples: “We must undergo many trials if we are to enter into the reign of God” (Acts 14:22). Trials, in fact, many trials, are a given for a disciple, even though Jesus gives a yoke that is easy and a burden that is light (Mt 11:30).

Life is hard. This is not the Lord’s idea. He did not make original sin, “death or mourning, crying out or pain” (Rv 21:4; see Wis 1:13). He will eventually abolish all these evils. By our sins, we have made life hard, and the Lord has permitted this to continue.

By sin, we harden our hearts. Hard objects can be broken up by other harder objects (see Prv 27:17). The Lord can use hard lives to break up and open up our hard hearts. So He lets us “learn the hard way” so that we might repent (see Mk 1:15), give our lives to Him, and not enter the everlasting hardness of hell.

“Oh, that today you would hear His voice: ‘Harden not your hearts’ ” (Ps 95:7-8). Repent of any hardness of heart and go to Confession. If your heart is so hard that you refuse to repent, may the hard life you are making for yourself shatter the hardness of your heart.

Then, if we open our hearts to the Lord, He will let us share in the hard sufferings of His cross (see 1 Pt 4:13) so as to open the hardest hearts.

### Lecciones Dificiles

“Es necesario pasar por muchas tribulaciones” (Hechos 14:22).

Al final del primer viaje misionero cristiano, Pablo y Bernabé instruyeron a sus discípulos: "Es necesario pasar por muchas tribulaciones para entrar en el Reino de Dios" (Hch 14:22). Las pruebas, de hecho, muchas pruebas, son un hecho para un discípulo, aunque Jesús da un yugo que es suave y una carga que es liviana (Mt 11:30).

La vida es difícil. Esta no es la idea del Señor. Él no cometió el pecado original, "muerte o lágrimas, queja o dolor" (Ap 21:4; ver Sab 1:13). Él con el tiempo abolirá todos estos males. Por nuestros pecados, hemos hecho la vida difícil, y el Señor ha permitido que esto continúe.

Por el pecado, endurecemos nuestros corazones. Los objetos duros pueden ser destrozados por otros objetos más duros (ver Prov 27:17). El Señor puede usar vidas difíciles para romper y abrir nuestros corazones duros. Así que Él nos permite "aprender por las malas" para que podamos arrepentirnos (ver Mc 1:15), entregar nuestra vida a Él y no entrar en la dureza eterna del infierno.

"Ojalá hoy escuchen la voz del Señor: ‘No endurezcan su corazón’" (Sal 95:7-8). Arrepiéntete de cualquier dureza de corazón y ve a confesarte. Si tu corazón es tan duro que te niegas a arrepentirte, que la vida dura que te estás haciendo destroce la dureza de tu corazón.

Entonces, si abrimos nuestro corazón al Señor, Él nos hará partícipes de los duros sufrimientos de Su cruz (ver 1 Pe 4:13) para abrir los corazones más duros.

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Si se ha mudado y tiene nueva dirección, o si su número de teléfono ha cambiado, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial para obtener su información actualizada. Esto nos ayudará a mantener nuestros registros actualizados.



If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary #25, 40, 50, 60+ and would like to receive a blessing during Mass, please contact the Parish Office a week in advance to let us know.

Si celebra un aniversario de bodas #25, 40, 50, 60 o más y desea recibir una bendición durante la Misa, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial con una semana de anticipación para informarnos.

**Please Pray For: Por favor recen por:** Patrick Tomez, Ann Tomez, Mildred Syzdek, Ryan Colins, Belen Ibarra, Judy Parker, Bridget Crowley, Jacob Rivera, and Jaxson Rivera.

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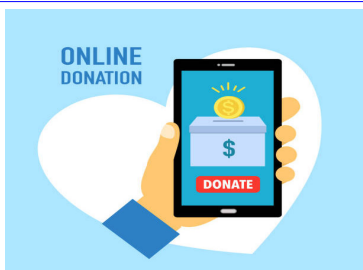
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### Regular Confessions

Wednesday/miércoles

8:30 am

Saturday/sábado 4 pm



### Daily Mass Schedule/Intentions

Sat/17 5 pm (Eng) †  
Sun/18 8 am (Sp) †Jesus Falcon  
10:30 am (Eng) Alejandro Sanchez's family  
12:30 pm (Sp) †Para las almas del purgatorio  
Tue/20 9 am (Eng)  
Wed/21 9 am (Eng) †Nalo DeJesus  
Thu/22 9 am (Eng) †  
7 pm (Sp)  
Fri/23 9 am (Eng) †

### Eucharistic Minister

May 17 5pm: Omar Duran, John Dupont, Silvia Muir  
May 18 10:30am: James Donellan, Ann Smith, Gail Nichols, Carol Riley, Renee Dunning  
May 24 5pm: Omar Duran, Alice Howren, Armas Courville  
May 25 10:30am: Theresa McKewen, Gail Nichols, Ann Smith, Danielle Donellan, Aida Willis  
May 31 5pm: Omar Duran, John Dupont, Kathleen Hughes  
June 1 10:30am: James Donellan, Theresa McKewen, Danielle Donellan, Aida Willis, Carol Riley

## Collections

May 11, 2025  
Regular Collections

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Mass               | 5,327           |
| Building Fund      | 652             |
| Mother's day Dance | 815             |
| Online             | 3,925           |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$10,719</b> |

Tuition Assistance 1,432

### Next weekend's 2nd Collections

May 18: St. Andrew Charity

May 25: Ladies Guild



## Lectors

|                |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| May 17 5pm     | Gerald Reuter, Gerald Reuter        |
| May 18 8am     | Felipa Hernandez, Vicente Velazquez |
| May 18 10:30am | Kandee Allen, Steven Willis         |
| May 18 12:30pm | Gustavo y Rosario Hernandez         |
| May 24 5pm     | Janet Knox, Janet Knox              |
| May 25 8am     | Antonia Aguilar, Maria Alvarado     |
| May 25 10:30am | Brad Hlozek, Alec Reyes             |
| May 25 12:30pm | Alfonso Bautista, Juan Barron       |
| May 31 5pm     | Linda Anderson, Linda Anderson      |
| June 1 8am     | mire su agenda                      |
| June 1 10:30am | Children, Children                  |
| June 1 12:30pm | mire su agenda                      |



### Help Us Furnish the St. Andrew Rectory

Thanks to your support, the rectory at St. Andrew's has received some much-needed freshening up — with new paint, flooring, and updates that make it a more welcoming and comfortable space for our beloved pastor, Father Joby.

Now, it's time to furnish it! If you'd like to help, we are creating a registry at Target with items selected to complete the rectory. The registry is under the name "Father Joby Thomas". It should be completed this week, so if you log on and don't see any items, just give us a day or two and check back, we will have it completed.

You're also welcome to make a monetary donation, which will go directly toward furnishing needs. We also need help assembling some furnishings. If anyone would like to volunteer, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are available call Mandy Watson, 254-493-4059.

Father JB gives so much of himself to our parish. Let's come together as a community to show how much we appreciate his dedication and care. Thank you for your generosity!

Support Expectant Mothers Through Gabriel Project Baby Bottle Drive — Mother's Day to Father's Day.

Join us in supporting Gabriel Project, a ministry dedicated to helping pregnant mothers in need. Beginning Mother's Day, baby bottles will be available for pickup at the back of the church. Please take one home, fill it with change, cash, or a check (made payable to Gabriel Project), and return it no later than Father's Day.

Your generous gifts will provide hope, resources, and compassionate care to mothers who have chosen life for their babies. Together, we can make a powerful difference — one bottle at a time!

Thank you for being a light to mothers and babies in need.

Vengan a mi todos ustedes que están cansados y agobiados, y yo les dare descanso.  
Mateo 11:28

## Retiro Para Hombres

FECHA: 13-15 DE JUNIO DEL 2025

### LUGAR

PARROQUIA DE SAN PATRICIO  
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