

# 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. ●



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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

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 6:1–7 / 1 Peter 2:4–9 / John 14:1–12



## Enough?

ANN M. GARRIDO

**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.

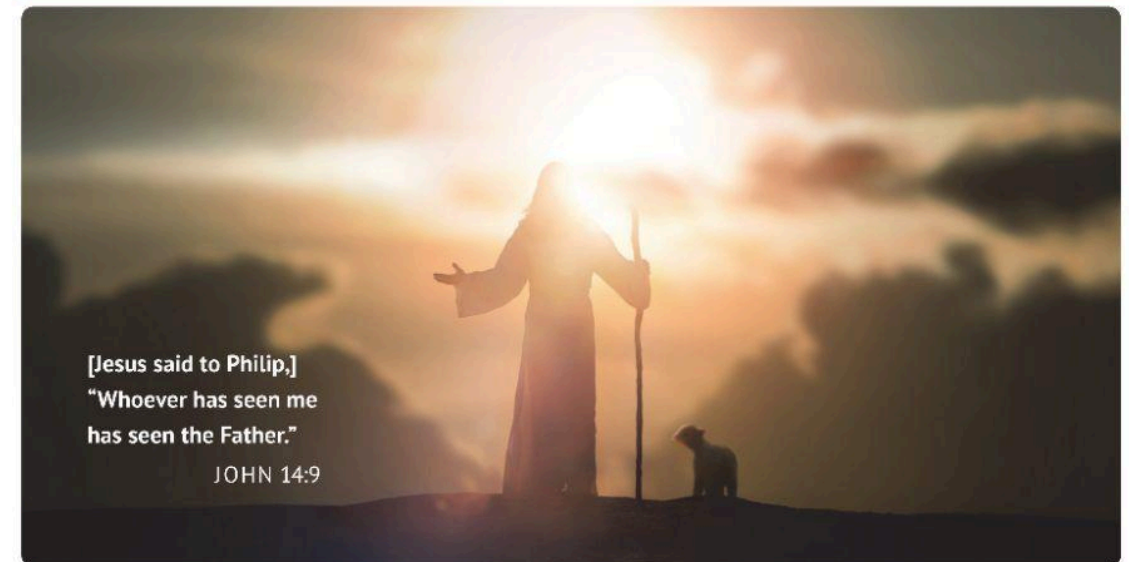
Of late, when I pray, I have embraced a new prayer posture: turning my hands downward, resting my palms on my knees. It helps me remember that with Jesus as my shepherd, I “shall not want.” I already have all I need. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

### Reflect

What does “enough” mean to me?





# Weekly Bulletin

May 2-3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Website: [stritacatholicranger.org](http://stritacatholicranger.org)

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY COLLECTION - Thank you!

Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their discernment journey! Your generosity of prayers and financial support during Good Shepherd Sunday will be a help to our seminarians as they continue to study and discern God's call for their vocation. There's still time to give by visiting [bit.ly/FWSeminarian](http://bit.ly/FWSeminarian). For a deeper connection with seminarians consider learning more about the St. John Paul II Shepherd's Guild at [bit.ly/StJPIIShepherds](http://bit.ly/StJPIIShepherds).

## St. Andrew Breakfast - May 16th

The next St. Andrew Breakfast will be on Saturday morning May 16, 2026 at **St. Patrick Cathedral**, 1206 Throckmorton St, **Fort Worth**, TX 76102, at 8:00 AM. The day will begin with Mass followed by breakfast and fellowship. We encourage young men in high school and college in the Diocese of Fort Worth to attend. *Please reserve your spot by May 14, 2026, through the Vocations Office or by calling 817-945-9321.*

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick: Donna Boschart, Jane Dooly, Jax Jordan, Larry Owings, Cathy Wallen

## MASS INTENTIONS

For the repose souls of **+Eddie Clay**, requested by Holy Rosary Altar Society, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Cisco.

## POPE LEO PRAYER INTENTION

May 2026 -

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

## STEWARDSHIP

April 25 & 26, 2026

St. John	\$ 565	\$ 193
St. Rita	\$ 714	\$ 185
St. Francis	\$ 528	\$ 275
Holy Rosary	\$ 1,599	\$ 228

Good Shepherd

## EASTLAND FRIENDSHIP MEAL - May 5th

The Eastland Friendship Meal is this Tuesday, May 5th, from 6 to 7 pm at the First Baptist church in Eastland; 405 S. Seaman, Eastland. All are welcome.

## ROGATION DAYS - May 11th, 12th, & 13th

Hosted at St Boniface in Dodson Prairie, Rogation days start Monday the 11th with blessing of the tools, Tuesday the 12th there with blessing of the seeds and animals, and Wednesday the 13th there will be prayers and no Mass. Regular daily masses are canceled for the week of Rogation.

## FIRST COMMUNION - May 16th

Our First Communion students this year will celebrate at St. Rita in Ranger on **Saturday, May 16th at 10:00 a.m.**

## 2026 VOCATION AWARENESS PROGRAM - June 12th to 14th

A Weekend of Discernment, June 12-14, 2026 **University of Dallas**, Irving  
Discernment is not a journey you need to make alone. Since 1990 the annual Vocation Awareness Program has provided a unique and proven opportunity for *single Catholic men and women, 18-40*, to join others in seeking answers to questions they have about life as a Priest, Sister, Brother, or Consecrated Lay Woman. The weekend includes presentations, panel discussions, Q&A periods, and one-on-one dialogue with Priests, Sisters, and Brothers. Rooms are provided for no fee, and no one will pressure you or seek a commitment. *Learn more or to apply contact the Diocese Vocations Office, 817-945-9321.*

**Application Deadline is May 26, 2026.**

### STRAWN - ST. JOHN

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM: Mass

Wednesday

4:00 - 4:30 PM:

Confession/Adoration

4:30 PM: Mass

2nd Thursday - Monthly

St. Boniface, Dodson Prairie

4:00 PM: Confession/ Adoration

4:30 PM: Mass

### CISCO - OUR LADY OF

THE HOLY ROSARY

Sunday

8:00 AM: Mass

Wednesday

8:30 AM: Confession/Adoration

9:00 AM: Mass

### RANGER - ST. RITA

Sunday

9:45 AM: Mass

Tuesday

5:30 - 6:00 PM:

Confession/Adoration

6:00 PM: Mass

### EASTLAND - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Sunday (Español)

11:15 AM: Mass

Thursday (Español)

6:30 - 7:00 PM: Confession/Adoration

7:00 PM: Mass

1st Friday - Monthly (Español)

7:00-8:00 PM: Adoration

3rd Saturday - Monthly (Español)

9:00 AM: Mass

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