

Dear Parish Family,

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, the Gospel brings us into the heart of Jesus' farewell discourse, where He speaks words meant to strengthen His disciples—and us—before His departure. "Do not let your hearts be troubled." These are not just comforting words; they are an invitation to trust.

In a world filled with uncertainty, fear, and change, it is easy for our hearts to become anxious. Yet Jesus points us to something deeper: faith in Him. He reminds us that He goes to prepare a place for us. Our lives are not random or without purpose—we are destined for communion with God.

Thomas asks a question that perhaps many of us carry: "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" And Jesus responds with one of the most profound statements in all of Scripture: "I am the way and the truth and the life." He does not simply show us a path—He is the path. To follow Jesus is to walk in truth, to live in love, and to move toward eternal life.

Philip, too, desires clarity: "Show us the Father." And Jesus gently reminds him—and us—that to know Him is to know the Father. God is not distant or hidden; He is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, in His words, His actions, His mercy, and His sacrifice.

This Gospel also calls us to mission. Jesus tells His disciples that whoever believes in Him will do the works He does—and even greater ones. This is a striking reminder that our faith is not passive. We are called to be living witnesses of Christ in our families, our parish, and our world.

As we continue through this Easter season, let us renew our trust in the Lord. When our hearts are troubled, let us turn to Him. When the path seems unclear, let us follow Him. And when we are unsure of God's presence, let us remember: He is already with us.

May we be a community that reflects the love, peace, and truth of Christ to all we encounter.

Blessings to you and your families,
Fr. Rolando