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THE BEAUTY OF OUR DESTINATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 3, 2026

The Gospel of today's Liturgy (Jn 14:1-12) is taken from Jesus' last discourse before his death. The disciples' hearts are troubled, but the Lord speaks reassuring words to them, inviting them not to be afraid: do not be afraid. Indeed, he is not abandoning them, but is going to prepare a place for them and to guide them towards that destination. The Lord today thus shows all of us the wonderful place to go, and, at the same time, tells us how to get there; he shows us the path to travel. He tells us where to go and how to get there.

First of all, where to go. Jesus sees the disciples' distress, he sees their fear of being abandoned, just as happens to us when we are forced to separate from someone we care for. And so, he says: "I go to prepare a place for you ... that where I am you may be also" (vv. 2-3). Jesus uses the familiar image of home, the place of relationships and intimacy. In the Father's house — he says to his friends, and to each one of us — there is room for you, you are welcome, you will be received forever with the warmth of an embrace, and I am in Heaven to prepare a place for you! He prepares for us that embrace with the Father, the place for all eternity.

Brothers and sisters, this Word is a source of consolation, and it is a source of hope for us. Jesus did not separate himself from us, but rather opened the way for us, anticipating our final destination: the encounter with God the Father, in whose heart there is a place for each one of us. So, when we experience fatigue, bewilderment and even failure, let us remember where our life is headed. We must not lose sight of the destination, even if today we run the risk of overlooking it, of forgetting the final questions, the important ones: where are we going? Where are we headed? What is worth living for? Without these questions, we flatten our life only into the present. We think we must enjoy it as much as possible and end up living day by day, without purpose, without a goal. Instead, our homeland is in heaven (cf. Phil 3:20); let us not forget the greatness and the beauty of our destination!

Once we have discovered the destination, we too, like the apostle Thomas in today's Gospel, wonder: how can we get there? What is the way? At times, especially when there are major problems to face and there is the sensation that evil is stronger, we wonder: what should I do, what path should I follow? Let us listen to Jesus' answer: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6). "I am the way". Jesus himself is the way to follow to live in truth and to have life in abundance. He is the way and therefore faith in him is not a "package of ideas" in which to believe, but rather a road to be travelled, a journey to undertake, a path with him. It is following Jesus, because he is the way that leads to unending happiness. Following Jesus and imitating him, especially with gestures of closeness and mercy towards others. This is the compass for reaching Heaven: loving Jesus, the way, becoming signs of his love on earth.

Brothers and sisters, let us live the present, let us take the present in hand, but let us not be overwhelmed. Let us look up, let us look to Heaven, let us remember the goal, let us think that we are called to eternity, to the encounter with God. And, from Heaven to the heart, let us today renew the choice of Jesus, the choice to love him and to walk behind him. May the Virgin Mary, who following Jesus, has already reached the destination, sustain our hope.

May is the month of the Rosary: we all are encouraged to pray the Rosary everyday in union with the Blessed Virgin Mary, by ourselves, in family, or with friends.

Mayo, mes del Rosario: Durante este mes dedicado a la Virgen, recemos el Rosario todos los días, individualmente, en familia o con amigos.

Preparación para el sacramento de Confirmación: Comenzará el sábado 23 de mayo a las 5:00pm. Escribir a oficina@parroquiaguadalupe.ca para registrarse.

ENGLISH SCHEDULE

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 2 **5:00 PM**
+Stella Dombroskie

Sunday, May 3 **9:00 AM**
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Tuesday, May 5 **11:00 AM**

Wednesday, May 6 **11:00 AM**
St. Francois de Laval

Thursday, May 7 **11:00 AM**

Friday, May 8 **11:00 AM**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 9 **5:00 PM**
+Gerald Dombroskie

Sunday, May 10 **9:00 AM**
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

HORARIOS EN ESPAÑOL

V Domingo de Pascua

Sábado 2 de mayo **7:00 PM**
+Marvin Castillo Courtade

Domingo 3 de mayo **11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**
Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Martes 5 de mayo **12:00 PM**

Miércoles 6 de mayo **12:00 PM**
St. Francois de Laval

Jueves 7 de mayo **12:00 PM**

Viernes 8 de mayo **12:00 PM**
Acción de gracias: Rocio Hernández

VI Domingo de Pascua

Sábado 9 de mayo **7:00 PM**
+Pedro Antonio Molina

Domingo 10 de mayo **11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**
Por la Comunidad Parroquial

The National Week for Family and Life Sunday, May 10 to Sunday May 17, 2026, with the theme "I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20) Families are encouraged to take time during this week to celebrate their families, express gratitude, offer forgiveness, and/or share meaningful moments with loved ones across generations. This week is an opportunity to uphold the value of life and to live out our calling to love one another within our homes, communities, and the world. Resources can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan website. Watch the video celebrating the week as a family here: [National Family and Life Week 2026 \(May 10–17\) | Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS Time is running out to register to join Bishop Joseph Dabrowski in celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2026. The Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 31 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm.** (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday, May 3, 2026. This year's Catholic Education theme is, "Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness." The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.