

# Pastor's Letter

May 3, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Dear Church Family,

In our Gospel reading for today, Jesus makes a claim that many find challenging today. He says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus presents as evidence for his claim the many miraculous works that he has done. The fact of the resurrection is the supreme testimony that Jesus is one with the Father.

Christianity has always been very clear that ours is a historical faith. Jesus was a real person who lived and taught and died and rose again in history. The events of Jesus' life are not a myth or a fairytale. That's hard for some people to accept. They might admire his wisdom, or moral teaching or concern for the poor, but they don't buy the supernatural stuff like miracles or the resurrection or that Jesus was the divine Son of God.

The thing is, the core of the Church's faith has always been the identity of Jesus as the only begotten Son of God, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father. The things Jesus said and did are important because of who he is as the second person of the holy Trinity and because they are God's revelation of his own mind and heart. He is the Word that is God and is with God. Christ comes offering us, not a new philosophy, but a new relationship with himself.

This is a stumbling block for some, as Peter says in our second reading for today. A materialistic view of the world can close us off from the world of the spirit that we can't see or touch but is still very real. Our preconceived notions of how God is supposed to look and act can keep us from seeing him when he shows up in surprising ways. Jesus invites us to build our lives on him, to make our relationship with him the cornerstone of who we are and what we do, to make him the foundation of all our hopes and dreams. We do this by believing that he is who he says he is and that his promise to prepare a place for us in the house of our heavenly Father is trustworthy. May God help us to trust in him as the Rock of our salvation.

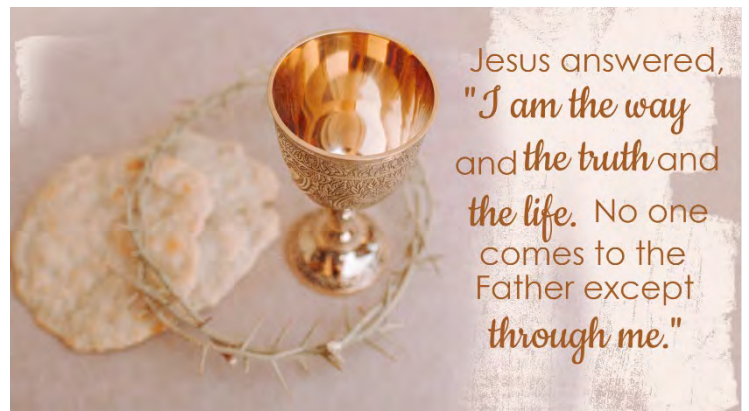
Blessings,

Fr. Scott



## **"Healing" Rosary**

Please join us in praying a "Healing" Rosary for all parishioners, family members and friends combating any illnesses at this time. It will be held Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church. Bring family members and friends. All are welcome!



Jesus answered,  
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