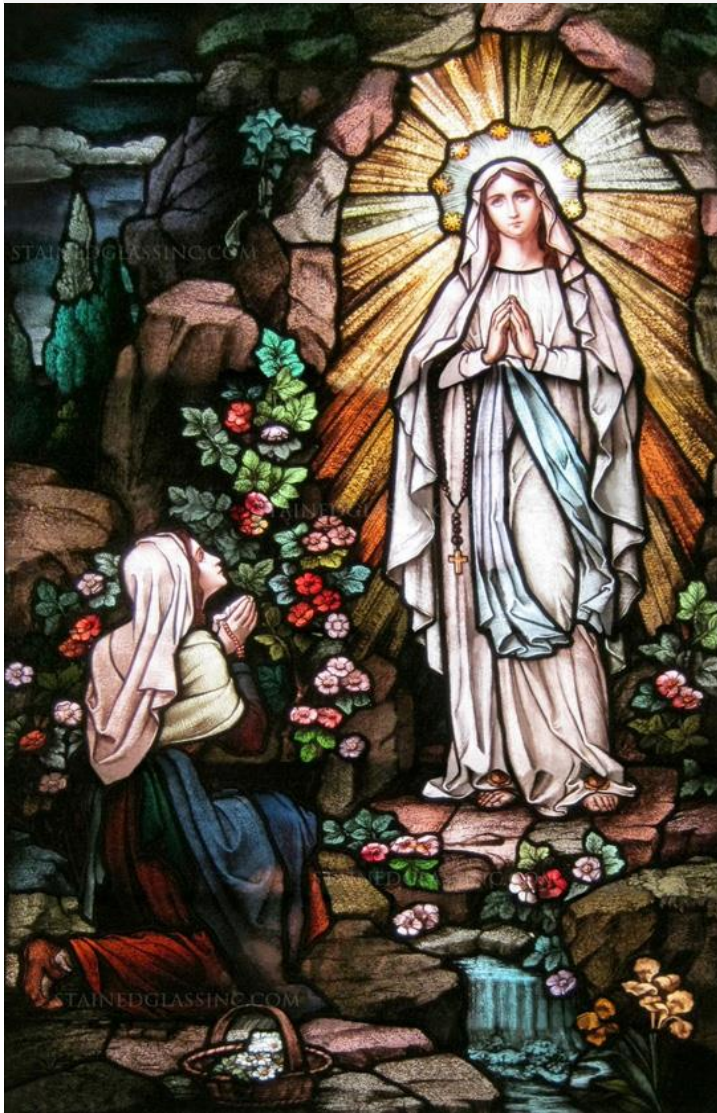


5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2023



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**WELCOME!**

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY**

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### **TUESDAY - FRIDAY**

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### **SUNDAY**

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS**

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment  
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.



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Maintenance Fund	\$30.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$6,139.00



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**\$36,577**



## THANK YOU!!

to all who attended the  
Knights of Columbus Pancake  
Breakfast last Sunday. It was  
GREAT to see our Parish  
communities gather together!

(Stay tuned for the next one!)



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# Only Christ Will Satisfy Our Hearts' Deepest Desires

Homily for 5th Sunday of Easter by Father Joseph Vu

From ancient times, philosophers have summed up the human condition as a quest to answer three fundamental questions: What should I do? What can I know? What can I hope for?

In response to the common-sense comment of doubting Thomas, Jesus Christ gives us the definitive answer to each one of these questions when he tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life.

Actually, Jesus doesn't just give the answers; he is the answers.

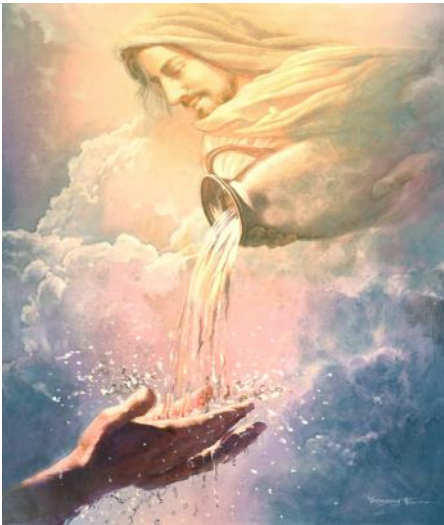
"I am the way" can translate into: "What should you do? Follow me! Do what I have done."

"I am the truth" means:

- "What can you know? You can know everything, if only you know me.
- "Knowing me, more and more every day, you know the secret behind the workings of the whole universe and the deepest yearnings of the human heart, because I made them both.
- I am the eternal Word, the very Wisdom of God."

"I am the life" means:

- "What can you hope for? In me, through me, you can hope for the fullness of life that you long for in the very depths of your soul.
- "You can hope for your very own room in my Father's house, in heaven - I have gone to prepare it for you.



- "In my Father's house all sorrows turn to joy, all weakness turns to strength, and life grows more alive as eternity unfolds. Christ is truly the living water that quenches every thirst.
  - He is truly the light that scatters every type of darkness.
  - The quest of every man and woman to satisfy the heart's deepest needs is the quest to seek his face.
- As St Augustine famously wrote, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in God."  
And Jesus Christ is God.

## Cultivating Peace of Heart

It is only because Christ has given us himself, his friendship, his own life, that he can give us true peace of heart.

At the Last Supper he commanded his Apostles, "Do not let your hearts be troubled," as we just read in the Gospels.

Today, he is saying the same thing to us.

And he can say it - for him it is not empty advice or wishful thinking.

- Jesus has suffered for us. Jesus has died for us. Jesus has paid the price of our sins.
- Jesus has gone to prepare us a place in his Father's house, a place that no one can take away or destroy.
- If we stay close to him, what do we have to fear, what can trouble us?
- St Paul wrote:
- "With God on our side, who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son... we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give..." (Romans 8:31-33).

It is hard for us to accept this wonderful truth.

But true it is.

- The whole universe is ours, because Christ is ours.
- In the midst of troubles, temptations, sicknesses, failures, and even our sins, Christ is always by our side, loving, guiding, and upholding us.

As we accept this truth, we begin to experience true peace of heart,

- the kind that doesn't depend on moods and circumstances,
- the kind that gives us the strength and joy of the martyrs, who sang hymns as they were burnt at the stake.

Today Jesus will renew his commitment to us in this Mass.

When he does, let's ask him to increase our faith in his goodness, so that we can follow him more closely and learn to obey his command: "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

## Worship & Meditation



### Gospel Meditation

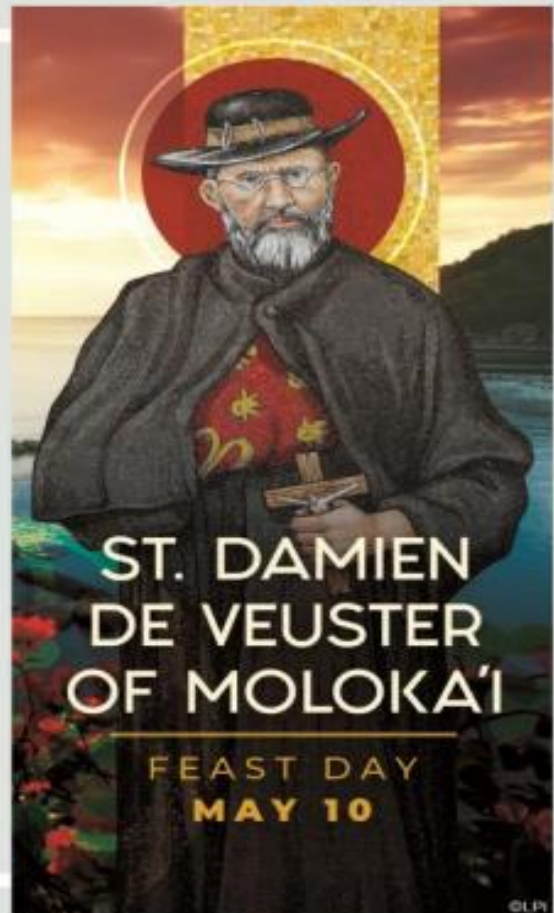
#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, "**You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood...'**" To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith.

— Father John Muir



### Saint of the Week

People may be familiar with leprosy from Biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i (January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastating disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love.

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

