

# May 3rd: Philip and James, apostles

**Gospel text (Jn 14,6-14):** Jesus said, «(...) If you know me, you will know the Father also». Philip asked him, «Lord, show us the Father and that is enough». Jesus said to him, «(...) Whoever sees me sees the Father. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; at least believe it on the evidence of these works that I do (...)».

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## *Whoever sees the Son sees the Father*

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Today, to Philip's petition to show us the Father, Jesus Christ responds from a double perspective: whoever has seen Jesus, has seen the Father (interpersonal aspect), while adding that He is doing the deeds that the Father does (inter-operative aspect). In short: the Works the Father is doing are the works Jesus does, and vice versa.

This message continues all the way down, extending it in two directions to encompass the human dimension: an active one and a praying one. Active: whoever believes in Jesus will do the works that He does. Praying: whatever we demand in His name, He will do it. The first way underlines the faith ("He believes in me"); the second one, emphasizes the divine doing ("The works I do").

—Lord Jesus, introduce us into this infinite relationship that, as "terminal", it is You, and, as "originator", it is Your Father! And do that, rocked by it, in the Holy Spirit, all men are truly "brothers", being precisely one with each other.