



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B

Reading I: Acts 9, 26-31;

Reading: 1 John 3, 18-24.

Gospel: John 15, 1-8.

Revised Roman Missal: 674

Gospel Summary

By using the image of a vine and its branches, Jesus helped his listeners understand the interconnectedness of relationships between the Father, Jesus, and his followers. Jesus is the vine and we, the followers, are the branches that grow from the vine. The gardener, the one who provided the growth and did the trimming, was God. When we are living examples of God's love and act as Jesus did, we provide much fruit. When we fail to do this, we create a lot of dead wood and produce no fruit.

Reflection for Families

For many of us, there are certain things we enjoy in our lives. There's a good chance that some of our pleasures stem from days before we became parents such as a weekly golf outing, shopping, a night out with friends, or short get-aways. Of course it is healthy to take care of ourselves, but this reading gives us an opportunity to see if there are some things that no longer contribute to our growth on the branches. The fruit we bear is faith and love. Do we need to do some pruning in order to show our children that we are truly fruit-bearing branches on Jesus' vine?

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

If your family can get to a real grape vineyard, that would be great! Otherwise, go for a walk in a park or your own yard and notice how bushes grow. Point out the new branches and look for dead branches—even parts of the bush that have fallen to the ground. Make connections as a family about what are the parts of your lives that are good, healthy, and fruit bearing. Look then at the dead wood and parts of the tree that have fallen away. What are those things in your lives? Take time to pray together as a family asking God to help you prune away the deadwood.

Discussion Starters:

- (1) I am good fruit on Jesus' vine because...
- (2) Sometimes I'm deadwood when...
- (3) I find comfort knowing I am a branch on the vine of Jesus, especially when...

“ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”

- ◆ There will be a **Second Collection** at all Masses for the Priest Retirement Fund. Thank you for your generosity.
- ◆ **ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY**
Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for an end to the pandemic. All families and communities are urged to pray the rosary daily either at home or at Church. The Rosary will be recited half an hour before all Masses.
- ◆ **CHANGE IN MASS TIME**
The daily Mass on Monday, 3rd May will be at 5:00 pm and on Friday, 7th May, it will be at 5:30 pm.
- ◆ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**
The Eucharistic Adoration will be on Friday, 7th May right after the daily Mass, from 6 till 8 pm. Everyone is encouraged to spend some time with the Lord.
Please note that there will be NO Holy Hour on Wednesday, 5th May.
- ◆ **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be on Thursday, 13 May at 6.30pm. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, which commemorates Christ's Ascension into Heaven on the 40th day after He rose from the dead.
- ◆ **RCIA CLASSES**
If you know of friends or family members who are interested to know more about the Catholic faith, please ask them to contact the Parish office.
- ◆ **INFANT BAPTISM**
Parents who wish to have their child baptized, please register at the Parish Office during office hours.
- ◆ **PARISH ID**
If you know of anyone who have registered for an ID in February and March 2021, please collect it before the weekend Masses or at the Parish Office during working hours.

Monthly Themes for the Year of St. Joseph

May Model of Workers

We must not simply intend love, we must labor to fulfill love's demands. Beneficence, laboring for the good of another, in Joseph's case was direct labor for God. Working in Adam's curse by the sweat of his brow was replete with purpose as it was all done to feed, to clothe, to shelter God Himself.

DAY	EVENT	READINGS	TIME
Monday 3	SS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES (FEAST)	1 Cor 15, 1-8; Jn 14, 6-14.	5:00 PM
Tuesday 4	5TH WEEK OF EASTER	Ac 14, 19-28; Jn 14, 27-31.	5:30 PM
Wednesday 5	5TH WEEK OF EASTER	Ac 15, 1-6; Jn 15, 1-8.	5:30 PM
Thursday 6	5TH WEEK OF EASTER	Ac 15, 7-21; Jn 15, 9-11.	5:30 PM
Friday 7	5TH WEEK OF EASTER <i>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</i>	Ac 15, 22-31; Jn 15, 12-17.	5:30 PM
Saturday 8	5TH WEEK OF EASTER	Ac 16, 1-10; Jn 15, 18-21.	6:00 PM
	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP</i>	Ac 10, 25-26. 34-35. 44- 48; 1 Jn 4, 7-10. Jn 15, 9-17.	
Sunday 9	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Ac 10, 25-26. 34-35. 44- 48; 1 Jn 4, 7-10. Jn 15, 9-17.	9:00 AM