



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

Reading I: Acts 9: 26-31

Reading II: 1 John 3: 18-24

Gospel: John 15: 1-8

Revised Roman Missal: 674

Gospel Summary

Jesus uses the image of a vine and its branches to help his listeners understand the interconnectedness and relationships between God the Father, Jesus, and all followers of Jesus. Jesus is the vine and we, the followers, are the branches that grow from that vine. The way we glorify God is by bearing much fruit and by becoming disciples of Jesus.

Reflection for Parents

Today's Gospel invites you to consider what you are doing in your domestic Church, the Church of your home, to remain connected to the vine (Jesus) and to the vine grower (God the Father). Have any attitudes, behaviors, choices, or practices crept into family life and weakened or broken your connection to Jesus, the vine? If so, what can you do to re-establish or strengthen the connection?

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Bring your "Reflection for Parents" into a family discussion of what you are doing to remain strong in your connection to the vine (Jesus) and to the vine grower (God the Father). Then talk about things that are happening that could potentially weaken your connection to Jesus, the vine. For example, the Sunday sports schedule is taking precedence over attending Sunday Mass and religious education classes. Or, the busy pace of weeknights has crowded out time for family prayer at the end of the day. Make a plan to re-energize your connection to the vine, and work together to accomplish the plan!

Discussion Starters

Use today's discussion time to take a walk together. Notice new growth on the trees and bushes, and pause in your walk to name ways you are growing in faith and bearing good fruit. Continue walking, and point out any dead branches or leaves that have fallen away from the trees. Pause to quietly pray for forgiveness for any ways in which you have turned away from Jesus, the vine.

“ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”

◆ **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection for the upkeep of the Church and its surroundings. Thank you for your generosity and support.

◆ **CHANGE IN MASS TIME**

The daily Mass on Friday, 3rd May will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. and not at 12:15 noon.

◆ **VICARIATE FRIENDSHIP DAY**

COOL will be hosting this year's VICARIATE FRIENDSHIP DAY which will be held on Sunday, 26th May. Children from aged 8 to 12 years old are encouraged to join. Registration fee is \$ 12.00 per child inclusive of food and goodies. Please register before or on Saturday, 12th May 2024 using the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdluvAlbdicSxJ28CRjRc_VmZblCrT_Ealx3FHxmHSgRROLfA/viewform?usp=sf_link

◆ **ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY**

The environment ministry is looking for enthusiastic parishioners to show their talents in decorating the Church for Church events. If you are willing to help, please contact the Parish Office.

CONFESSION: Half-an-hour before Sunday Mass.

DEVOTIONS

HOLY HOUR—NO Holy Hour on Wednesday, 1st May 2024.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—The next Eucharistic Adoration is on Friday, 3rd May 2024

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP—NO Novena on Saturday, 4th May 2024.

DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY—The First Saturday of the month on 4th May will be devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

INFANT BAPTISM: Every third week of the month. Please register at the Parish Office during office hours.

GUIDELINES FOR MARRIAGE

Please meet the parish Priest 6 MONTHS before the intended date of marriage. For more details and clarifications, contact the Parish Office admin.

8 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO KYUSHU, JAPAN (7—14 OCTOBER 2024)

TOUR COST—\$3968 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARING

Rev Fr. Robert Leong will be leading a pilgrimage to Kyushu, Japan.

If you wish to join, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

DAY	MASS & OTHER EVENTS	READINGS	TIME
Monday 29	5TH WEEK OF EASTER	Acts 14: 5-18 Jn 14: 21-26	5:30 PM
Tuesday 30	5TH WEEK OF EASTER	Acts 14: 19-28 Jn 14: 27-31	5:30 PM
Wednesday 1 MAY	5TH WEEK OF EASTER NO HOLY HOUR	Acts 15: 1-6 Jn 15: 1-8	5:30 PM
Thursday 2 MAY	5TH WEEK OF EASTER	Acts 15: 7-21 Jn 15: 9-11	5:30 PM
Friday 3 MAY	PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES (FEAST) EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	1 Cor 15: 1-8 Jn 14: 6-14	5:30 PM
Saturday 4 MAY	5TH WEEK OF EASTER DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	Acts 16: 1-10 Jn 15: 18-21	5:30 PM
Sunday 5 MAY	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4: 7-10 Jn 15: 9-17	9:00 AM 6:00 PM