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John

#### Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2018

**Sunday, April 29 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 **TH** Ron Koettters from the Family

10:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

12:00 **BW** Regina Ricciardi from Anthony

**Monday, April 30**

*St. Pius V, Pope*

12:10 Mary Anna Bottoni from Carolyn and Elmer Jones

**Tuesday, May 1**

*St. Joseph the Worker*

12:10 Jerry Stoeckle from Terri and Michael Hinckley

**Wednesday May 2**

*St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

12:10 Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, May 3**

*St. Philip and James, Apostles*

12:10 Najla Joseph from Marie

**Friday, May 4**

12:10 Harry Miles from the Butler Family

**Saturday, May 5**

12:10 Ron Koettters from the Family

**BW** 3:00 M Martin from Donna Dorger

**DE** 5:00 PM Susan Castleberry from Hap

**BW** 7:00 Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

**Sunday, May 6 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**NO MASSES—PIG MARATHON**

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

**Noah Emerson Wilkey and Mary Elizabeth Vollmer** were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism last week here at St. Rose Church.

*The collection for the Catholic Relief Services was \$6,836.45.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

Next week is the Flying Pig Marathon. There will be **NO SUNDAYS MASSES**. Masses on Saturday for the Vigil will be 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM, and 7PM.

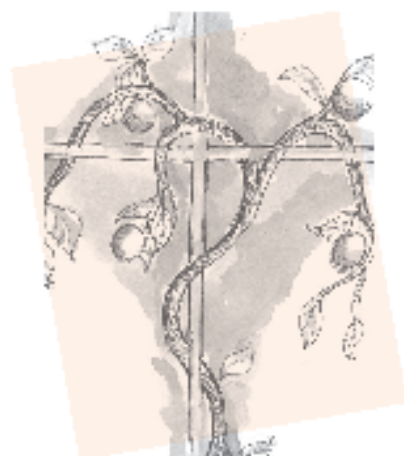
Today is the fifth Sunday of the month. The ushers will be at the doors for the St. Vincent DePaul collection.

**QUOTE FROM THE HOLY SEE—**"St. Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and love. 'Through the greatness and beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker' (Wis. 13:5); indeed, 'his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world. (Rom 1:20)...Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.'" (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, no. 12)

**Lay Catholic Studies:** The Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Pastoral Ministry Program is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and offers lay Catholics the opportunity to grow in faith, knowledge and skills through graduate and non-degreed programs. Since 1975, the LPMP has equipped ordinary Catholics to accomplish extraordinary things in the name of Christ. Weeknight and Saturday classes, flexible components and a supportive environment allow participants to maintain job, family and community commitments while answering a call to deeper discipleship. Interviews are now underway for fall classes at the main campus and Good Shepherd, Montgomery. 513-231-1200

**Bundle Sunday for St. Vincent DePaul is May 20th.** The truck will be here May 19th and 20th.

You are invited to join Fr. Barry for a **10-day trip to Italy** next fall, October 2-12, 2018 for five days in Florence and five days in Rome with side trips. If you are interested in an itinerary, call the office at 513-871-1162.



**Opening Prayer**

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Reflecting on Living the Gospel**

Grapes that are native to the United States are good for only one thing, grape juice. They do not produce good wine. On the other hand, many grapes native to Europe are excellent for producing wine. There are stories of nineteenth-century Italian immigrants coming to California with their grapevine cuttings, so they would be able to plant their own native grapes in this New World and have wine. These grapevine cuttings were precious reminders of the land, culture, and people the immigrants left behind; and these same cuttings, properly transplanted, cared for, and pruned, would provide life and happiness in this, the New World. And it turned out that California's climate, Napa Valley in particular, was ideal for growing grapes that would produce some of the world's best wines.

We can imagine something of this when Jesus says that he is the Vine. In typical Johannine fashion, we have here no parable about the kingdom of God being like a vineyard. For the Fourth Gospel, Jesus *is* the Vine! He goes a step further to say that the Father is the vine grower. Not only does the vine grower ensure its viability, but he prunes branches to produce fruit, and cuts away those that do not produce any fruit. In a stark vision of the end time, Jesus takes yet another step to say that those branches that have been cut away will be thrown into the fire to be burned. Such apocalyptic images are rare in this gospel, though they appear more frequently in Matthew. As vine grower, the Father tends his precious vine much like the immigrant bringing native cuttings to the New World. Once transplanted, the real work begins.

**Closing Prayer**

Hear our Easter prayers, O Lord. May your words forever be a part of us; may your peace forever reign over us; may your love forever unite us as your children. We ask these things in the name of your Son, the risen One. Amen.

**For Reflection:**

• How does our connectedness to Christ make our parish more than just another charitable or humanitarian organization?

**Suggestions for group and individual use:**

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect");
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection";
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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**Gospel**

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.

He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.

Remain in me, as I remain in you.

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,

because without me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither;

people will gather them and throw them into a fire

and they will be burned.



If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

**Readings for the week:**

5th Sunday of Easter	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Sts. Philip and James	Friday	Saturday	6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8	Acts 14:5-18 Ps 118:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 John 14:21-26	Acts 14:19-28 Ps 148:10-11, 12-15ab, 21 John 14:27-31a	Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 John 15:1-8	1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 118:23, 4-5 John 14:5-14	Acts 15:22-31 Ps 67:8-9, 10 and 12 John 15:12-17	Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 John 15:18-21	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17