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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.

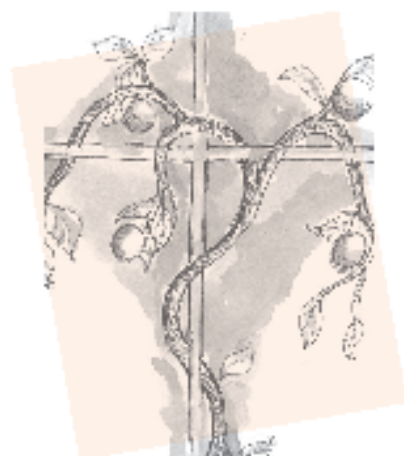
Today is the fifth Sunday of the month. The ushers will be at the doors for the St. Vincent DePaul collection.

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)

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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 Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8	Monday Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 John 14:21-26	Tuesday Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-15ab, 21 John 14:27-31a	Wednesday Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 John 15:1-8	Thursday Sts. Philip and James 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 118:23, 4-5 John 14:5-14	Friday Acts 15:22-31 Ps 67:8-9, 10 and 12 John 15:12-17	Saturday Acts 16:1-10 Ps 102:1b-2, 3, 5 John 15:18-21	6th Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17
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