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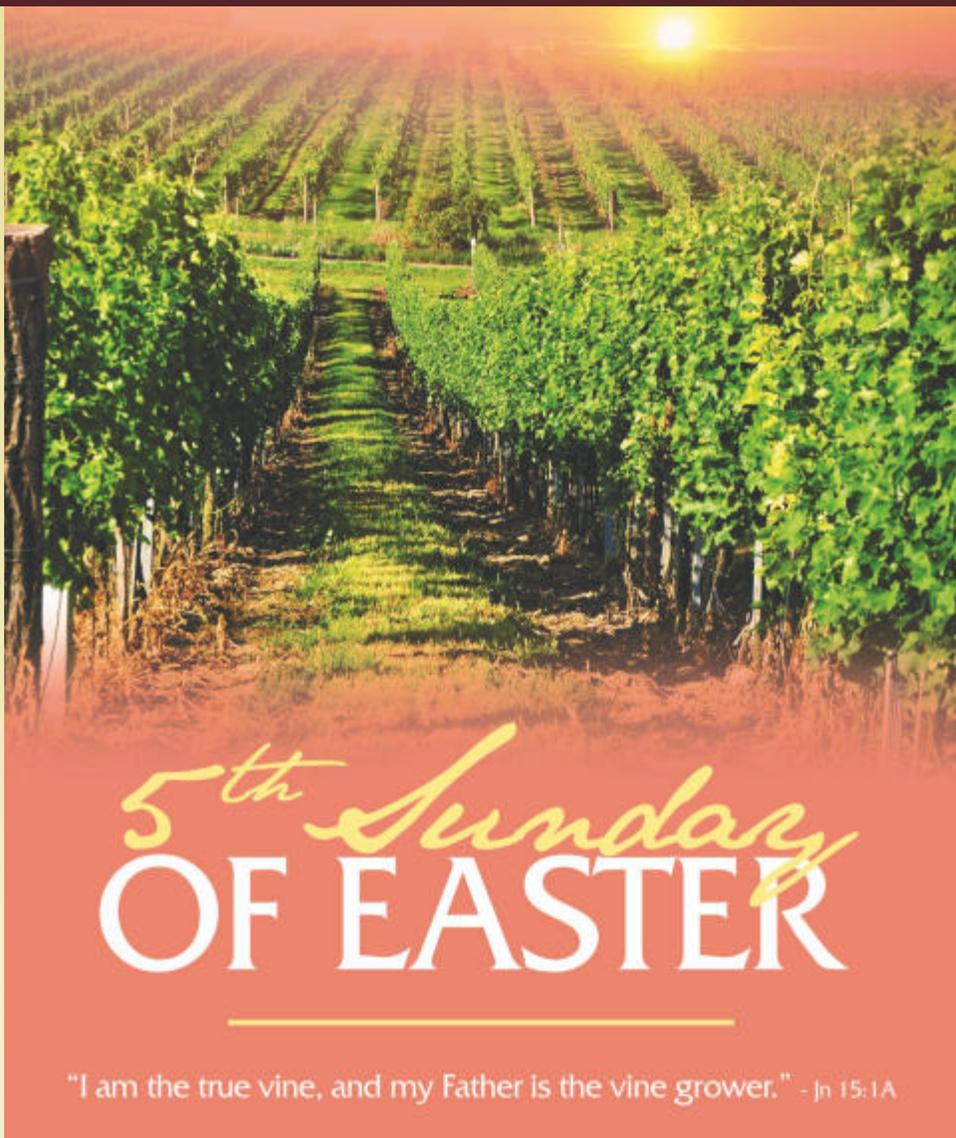
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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
OF EASTER

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.” - Jn 15:1A

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**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human. The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life. Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace. ©LPi



**JUST FAITH GROUP FORMING**

**Topic: Poverty**

JustFaith Ministries informs and transforms people of faith by offering programs and resources that sustain them in their compassionate commitment to build a more just and peaceful world. JustFaith Ministries invites and prepares people of faith for the life-changing and world-changing call of the Gospel to help heal the world and, in so doing, experience a deeper faith, a more fulfilling life, and a community of care and vitality. A group is forming to reflect on the issue of poverty. We will consider: Learning about the experiences of people in poverty and about the foundational postures we must assume to alleviate poverty in a way that honors God, ourselves, and those we seek to serve. For more information or to join this group, which will begin in early in May, contact --Deacon Jim Law at 618-406-5709.



**Welcome to Our Faith Family**

**Jayvion Tyree Holman**, son of Sierra Alexander Holman and **Colton Charles Theis**, son of Austin and Donyella (DeMarse) Theis, who were both Baptized last week.

**18th ANNUAL CURE for CANCER PRAYER DAY ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTION**

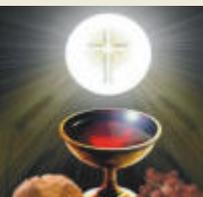
**Thursday, May 6, 2021**

Mass & Devotion at 8:00 am, Eucharistic Adoration following for one hour at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Due to Covid protocols reservations are required and can be made through “Sign Up” link on parish website or by calling the parish office at 397-2287. One may attend Mass and devotion and leave at any point during Eucharistic Adoration, but no coming and going during the prayer time this year. Call Anna O’Gara at 397-0111 to add names to prayer list, or for any additional information.



We welcome everyone to participate in this Prayer Day, in person or in spirit, so that we may cry out: **“A CURE AT LAST!”**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**



SATURDAY	May 1	4:30 p.m. (BS)	James Kassly, Martin C. Hart, Rev. Paul Stauder, Richard Wittenauer
SUNDAY	May 2	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Parish Family
		10:00 a.m. (QP)	Ben Poelker, Roger Smith, Kevin King
TUESDAY	May 4	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Cyril & Helen Schmisser
THURSDAY	May 6	8:00 a.m. (QP)	Bette Voss
SATURDAY	May 8	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Amelia Grass, Lavina Descher, Mary Wigginton, Adolph & Emma Auer
SUNDAY	May 9	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Parish Family
		10:00 a.m. (QP)	Jay DeRousse, Joseph & Marie Meyer



**COME WORSHIP WITH US EVERY SUNDAY**

Live Streaming Available Go to [bellevillecatholic.com](http://bellevillecatholic.com)  
**VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED!** If you are 65yrs and younger, we need your help! Without Volunteers we would be unable to attend Mass in person. **Reservations** are still required to attend. Go to "signup" on the main web page or call the parish office at 397-2287.

**A Message on Behalf of Mount Carmel and Holy Cross Cemeteries**

The historical and beautiful Catholic cemeteries of Mount Carmel in Belleville and Holy Cross in Fairview Heights are offering a 25% discount on pre-need grave and crypt sales during May and June. It shows prudent and practical foresight to pre-plan your burial arrangements, especially now with very affordable payment terms. Contact our Catholic cemeteries office staff at 618-397-0181 for additional information or to set an appointment.

**ST. AUGUSTINE BLOOD DRIVE**

Monday, May 10, 2021 from 2-6 p.m. in Kuhl Hall, 1900 West Belle, Belleville, IL. 62223.  
 Call 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter SAOC to schedule an appointment.

**SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE**

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline; 1-800-640-3044.

**Thank you to everyone who has continued to support your parish even if not coming to Mass. Every dollar of your donation counts!**

**Do you forget to send in or bring your envelope with you to church? Consider online giving.**

For On-Line giving Visit your parish WeShare log in:  
**QP: [qofp.weshareonline.org/](http://qofp.weshareonline.org/)**

**BS: [blessedsacramentbelleville.weshareonline.org/](http://blessedsacramentbelleville.weshareonline.org/) or scan the QR code.**

Go to On-Line Giving and follow the instructions. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!



<b>BS: March Budget \$34,000</b>	<b>Actual YTD: \$29,153</b>
<b>QP: March Budget \$34,000</b>	<b>Actual YTD: \$29,158</b>

**COSGROVE'S KITCHEN CASSEROLE PROGRAM**



QP St. Vincent de Paul is asking for your help. It is time for the quarterly collection for Cosgrove's Kitchen. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are unable to collect food items, so we are asking for monetary donations at this time.

The Kitchen and Drop-In Centers are in dire need of supplies. Between the two they serve 100 or more people a day. They provide breakfast and lunch; and provide a snack for those who come to the Drop-In Center at night.

If you are able to help, please put your check or cash donations in an envelope labeled SVDP Belleville Council and drop it in the collection basket at church. Please make checks payable to Belleville Council SVDP, and mark in memo "Cosgrove's Kitchen".

If you are not attending church, your donations can be sent to the Parish Office, 8707 West Main St., Belleville, IL. 62223. Please mark on envelope SVDP. We will be collecting donations until May 16th.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. In these difficult times our parishioners are always there to help those in need!

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP RESUMES**

The monthly meeting is held at 1:00 pm on the second Wednesday at Mt. Carmel Peace Chapel. All are welcome and no RSVP required.

**Do you have any prayers to share with our Prayer Chain?** Contact the parish office at 397-2287 or call Marian Meyer at 277-8155.



**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Gracious God,

You have called us through Baptism to discipleship, believing in your Son, Jesus Christ, who has sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to the world.

We pray to you, asking that you grant us more priests and religious who will help us build up your Church in the Diocese of Belleville and the world.

Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many of our youth. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves in service to our Lord Jesus and his people.

May a new generation of priests, deacons, sisters and brothers be a sign of your presence among us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 1,2 2021

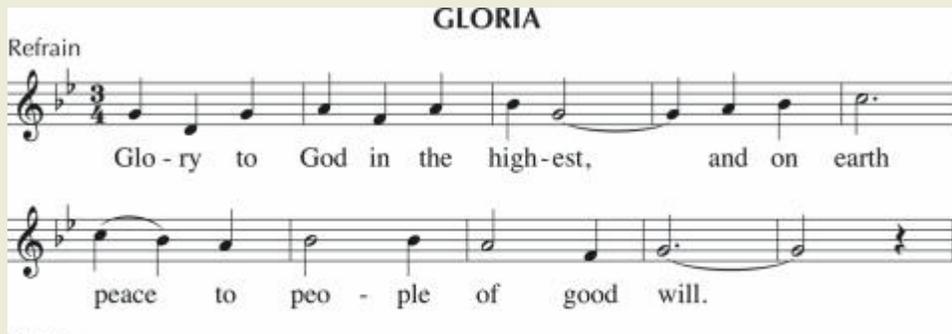
### Entrance Song: BB #549 *At the Lamb's High Feast*

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, He has washed us in the tide Flowing from his open side; Praise we him, whose love divine Gives his sacred blood for wine, Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the Paschal blood is poured, Death's dark angel sheathes his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.
3. Easter triumph, Easter joy, Sin alone can this destroy; From sin's pow'r, do thou set free Souls newborn, O Lord, in thee. Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise: Risen Lord, all praise to thee With the Spirit, ever be.  
Text: 77 77 D; Ad regias Agni dapes; Latin, 4th cent.; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt. Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750.

### Penitential Rite:

**GLORIA**

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth  
peace to peo - ple of good will.

### Verses

1. We Praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King.
1. Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
2. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Text © 2010, ICEL. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Music © 1984, 2010, GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

### Collect

#### The Liturgy of the Word

The readings can be found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**First Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31*

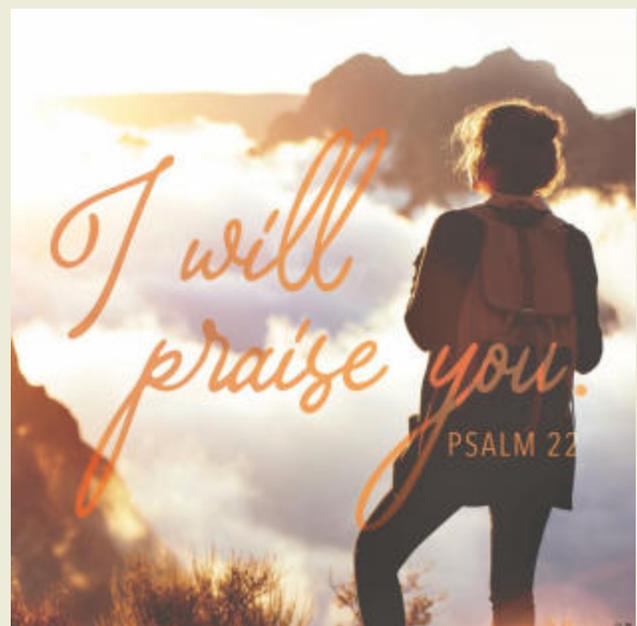
**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 22*  
*I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

**Second Reading:** *1 John 3:18-24*

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
*Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** *John 15:1-8*

**Homily**



## Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## Universal Prayer

### The Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Offertory Song: BB #184

#### *Be Joyful Mary*

1. Be joyful, Mary, heav'nly queen, Gaude, Maria: Your Son who died was living seen, Alleluia, laetare, O Maria.
2. The Son you bore by heaven's grace, Gaude, Maria: Did all our guilt and sin efface, Alleluia, laetare, O Maria.
3. The Lord has risen from the dead, Gaude, Maria: He rose with might as he had said, Alleluia, laetare, O Maria.

Text: 85 84 7; Regina Caeli, jubila; Latin, 17th cent.; tr. anon. in Psallite, 1901, alt. Music: Johann Leisentritt's Catholicum Hymnologium, 1584.

**Holy, Holy: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna,**

**Hosanna Hosanna in the highest.** Text ©2010, ICEL. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

#### Memorial Acclamation:

***When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.***

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**Great Amen: Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.** Text © 2010 ICEL, All rights reserved. Used with permission.

**Our Father Sign of Peace:** (Please offer peace without touching)

**Lamb of God:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat) Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. Text ©2010, ICEL. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

**Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.**

**Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**Communion Song: BB #351 *Vine and Branches***

***Refrain I am the vine and you the branches. Remain in me as I remain in you; you will bear great fruit in me.***

1. A new commandment I give you: even as I have loved you, now love one another.
2. No greater love is there than this: than to lay down your life, your life for your friends.
3. I am the living bread from heaven; if you eat this bread, you will live forever.
4. All those who eat my flesh and drink my blood remain in me and I remain in them.
5. The words that I have spoken are spirit and life, they are spirit and life.
6. And now as I have washed your feet, so you must do just as I have done. Text based on John 6:35–63; 13:14–15; 15:1–13.

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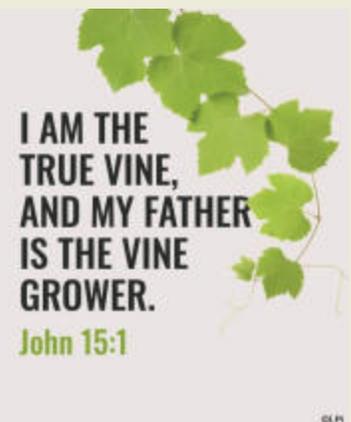
#### Prayer After Communion:

**The Concluding Rites: Final Blessing and Dismissal**

**Recessional: BB #583**

***They'll Know We Are Christians***

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. Refrain And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side, We will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son, And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. Text: 13 13 14 with refrain; Peter Scholtes. Music: Peter Scholtes. Text and music © 1966, F.E.L. Publications, Ltd., assigned 1991 to the Lorenz Corporation. All rights reserved. International copyright secured. Used with permission. 1796–1867.1830. Excerpts from the English translation of The Roman Missal © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Music used in this worship aid was reproduced with permission under license 400130-P ONELICENSE.NET.



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