



CHURCH OF
CHRIST
THE KING

THE HERALD

May 2, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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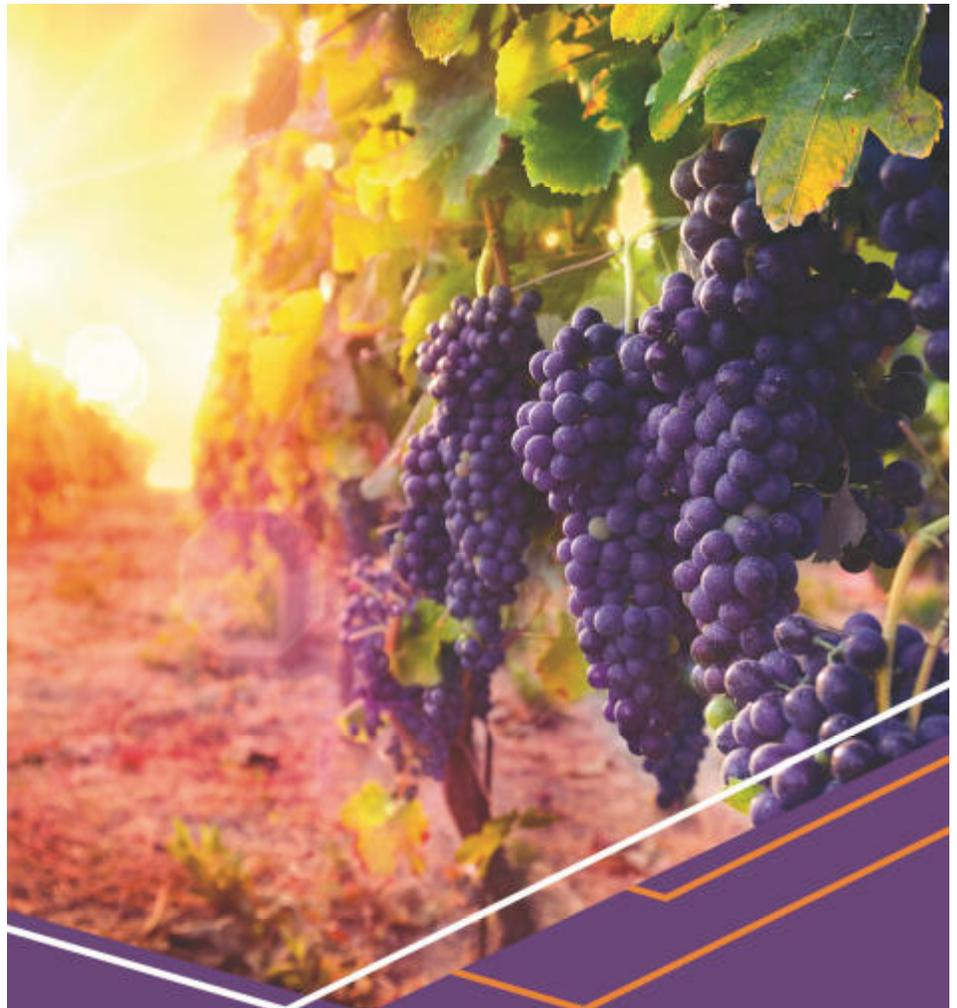
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PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Eucharist 4:30 pm . Saturday, 9:30 am Sunday. Registration required.
Virtual Mass available for viewing, Saturdays—4 pm
Communion –Sundays to your car—10:30 –11:15 am
Weekday Eucharist: 9:15 am, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Reconciliation: By Appointment



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“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 everyone that does he prunes so that
it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

Church of Christ the King

BEFORE I FORGET



Most people know the story of the pig and the chicken who wanted to give a party. "Let's serve scrambled egg," said the pig. "Splendid," said the chicken. "Let's make it ham and eggs." "Oh, no" said the pig, "For you it's a donation. For me it's a total commitment."

Christ does not ask us for a donation. He asks us for a total commitment.

Try to imagine the vine that Jesus talks about in this Sunday's gospel. When we look at a vine, which has been growing for several years, it soon becomes obvious that it is impossible to distinguish one branch from another. The branches twist and turn around one another, forming an intricate and strong plant. Their strength comes from the fact that they are all joined to the same branch. What a powerful image of the community of the Church.

There is a danger that we might interpret today's in a narrowly personal way, as if Jesus were simply talking to each of us as individuals. Jesus did not say, "I am the vine, you are the branch." Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches." His words are addressed to us as a community. It is true that each of us is part of that community, and each of us is called to unite ourselves to Jesus, but we are not to do it in a way that separates ourselves from the wider community.

This image of the vine and branches is a direct challenge to a spirituality that, by and large, excludes community. Sometimes we refer to this kind of spirituality as the "Jesus and me" kind of religion. In this approach, we treasure our quiet times with the Lord, but would rather not get involved with the messy worlds of other people. It is not a matter of one or the others – private prayer or community involvement. It is a matter of both. We need to nourish our relationship with Jesus as the source of our life, but at the same time, we need to be part of the community of those who call themselves Christians.

One of the key words in today's gospel passage is the word 'abide.' Even though it is a word that we rarely use in our everyday conversation, it is still a word that means something very deep to most of us. There is a warmth and intimacy to this word 'abide,' it means more than just staying with a person. When you abide with a person, you share your life with that person. There is a closeness and commitment that comes with this word. Jesus repeatedly asks us to abide in him, as he abides in us.

Remember that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other. They are in harmony by being tuned, not to each other, but to the standard. So one hundred, or one thousand, worshipers praying together, each one looking to Jesus Christ, are brought so very close to each other by abiding with Jesus.

St. Paul says it like this: "...the unity of the Mystical Body triumphs over all human divisions. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:27-28)

St. Augustine had these remarkable words to say: "Let us rejoice then and give thanks that we have become not only Christians, but Christ himself. Do you understand and grasp, brethren, God's grace towards us? Marvel and rejoice: we have become Christ." (Catholic Catechism par.795) Our union with Jesus is so strong that in some mysterious way, you and I become Christ. As branches united to the vine, we owe everything we have to the vine, to Jesus Christ. Jesus freely gives all that he has to us. Our oneness becomes mystical – a union so deep that we may not be able to fully understand it in this life.

Our being one in Christ has many consequences. Alone we may not be able to do a great deal. But, united with one another in Christ, we can be a powerful force in the world. In our history as a Church, we have seen how often people have joined together to help others in need. A great power is unleashed when people gather in love.

When we come together to celebrate the Eucharist, we are asked to go forth to love and serve the Lord. When we find ourselves loving Christ and being loved by Christ, the next step is to bring that love to other people. And so, as we go into our places of work, stores, offices, schools and homes, we go as branches abiding in the vine, Jesus.

Let me remind you that all of this requires that we continue to pray. Through prayer we allow the Lord to work within us; we become conscious of the needs of others; we see where we have to change so we can become healthier branches ---the Lord continues to prune us where necessary. All this is done when we bring ourselves before the Lord as branches seeking more life, and seeking to give more life to others.

Forward together and no one left behind,

Fr. Bill

May 2, 2021 —



CHRIST THE KING IS CELEBRATING! WE ARE SHARING THE EUCHARIST FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH THESE CHILDREN.

This weekend, on Saturday, May 1, we welcome to the Lord's table:

HELENA MARCHESI ANDERSON
MOLLY JENNIFER McDOWELL
ELENA BEATRIZ MENDOZA
RYAN ALEXANDER PEREZ

On Sunday, May 2, we welcome:

ISABEL PATRICIA KREMAK
BENNETT THOMAS GENNRICH
GRIFFIN WILLIAM GENNRICH
SULLIVAN JAMES GENNRICH
HENRY JAMES WALDECK
TIMOTHY WILLIAM WALDECK

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 4

9:15 am Mass

Wednesday, May 5

NO Mass

Thursday, May 6

9:15 am Mass with a CCS class

Friday, May 7

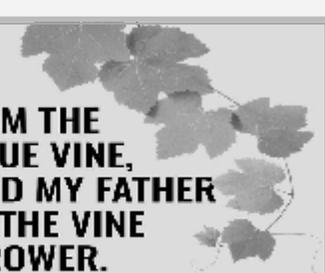
9:15 am Mass

Saturday, May 8

4:30 pm Mass in Church
First Communion

Sunday, May 9

9:30 am Mass
First Communion



I AM THE
TRUE VINE,
AND MY FATHER
IS THE VINE
GROWER.

John 15:1

CHRIST THE KING HAS 3 OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EUCHARIST:
ATTENDANCE AT THE 4:30 SATURDAY OR 9:30 SUNDAY MASS
VIEW THE VIRTUAL MASS ON YOUTUBE, AVAILABLE AFTER 4 PM SATURDAY.

COME TO THE PARKING LOT ON SUNDAYS, 10:30 –11:15 TO RECEIVE COMMUNION IN YOUR CAR.

For weekend Masses, you must reserve a spot via SIGNUPGENIUS or calling the office before 3 PM Thursdays.

USE THIS SIGN-UP FOR MAY:

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We are in the midst of developing a new website, so the May register for Mass is not available!

We will continue to observe CDC and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines ...that means, wear a mask, keep social distance from non-household members, sanitize hands on entry into church.

Looking for folks who can video our 4:30 Mass for live streaming and then post it for viewing for Sunday.

Some parishes are having success with live streaming and we would like to give it a try. Your help would be a great service to the community. It would be wonderful to be LIVE!

If you are interested or know someone who could do this, please contact Nadine at the parish office, parishoffice@ctkmpls.org.



RACIAL JUSTICE DISCUSSION GROUP

APRIL 25 MEETING POSTPONED

Due to a large number of conflicts, the Racial Justice discussion scheduled for this Sunday has been postponed to **Sunday, May 23** following the 9:30 Mass. Watch the bulletin for more information about topics for the discussion and actions we are taking. For more information, contact maryjanemitchell@msn.com.

Despite the guilty verdict in the Chauvin case, there is much yet for our parish to do in our quest for racial equity.

As Barack Obama said this week: "True justice is about much more than a single verdict in a single trial. True justice requires that we come to terms with the fact that Black Americans are treated differently, every day. . . It requires us to do the sometimes thankless, often difficult but always necessary, work of making the America we know more like the America we believe in."

Please consider joining our CTK racial justice group and help us do the necessary work.



A PRAYER FOR AN END TO GUN VIOLENCE

O God we are tired, tired of the names recited, the lives lost, and the dreams destroyed in the pestilence of gun violence.

We are tired of the stories cut short, the households shattered and the inability to act in justice and righteousness.

In your tirelessness receive the dead, comfort the grieving, move the mired, inspire the silent, and embolden the just.

Move us from thoughts and prayers to action and accountability; that in our day we may see the great day of peace.

Through Jesus Christ your promised peace. Amen.

CTK Prayer Corner



Brent Blackey; Fr. Doug Dandurand, Kelley Deshler, Joanne & Walter Dick, Nancy Dornbach; Mary Forsman Chuck Gorman, Mary Ann Hansen, Dolores Harrington, Sylvia Herkenhoff, Eileen Hoy, Dan Ivory, Steve Kean, Tomi Kean, Joan Kelly, Anna Kinney, Mary Koby, Mary Lee, Dolores Lutz, Jerry Murtaugh Rudy Perez David Podgorak, Annette Sadler, Ed & Gae Skager, Stefan Skorich, Lydia Spanier, Mary Jane Steinhagen, Angie Tucker, Pat Urick, Diane Wielinski

If you would like prayers said for you, a family member ill or in need of prayer, please contact Jim DeShane at 612-920-5030, ext. 19.

ASCENSION FOOD SHELF THIS SATURDAY, MAY 1



DROP TIME: 10 AM—NOON

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY DAYS

**MONDAY, MAY 3
THURSDAY, MAY 6**



PLEASE RETURN BADGES. THE PROGRAM IS MISSING THEM.



Carondelet Catholic School is still accepting applications for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8! Learn more about your parish school by contacting Megan Hower, Director of Enrollment at (612) 590-1940.

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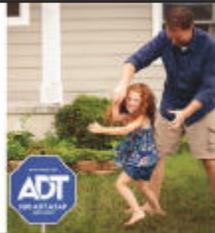
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