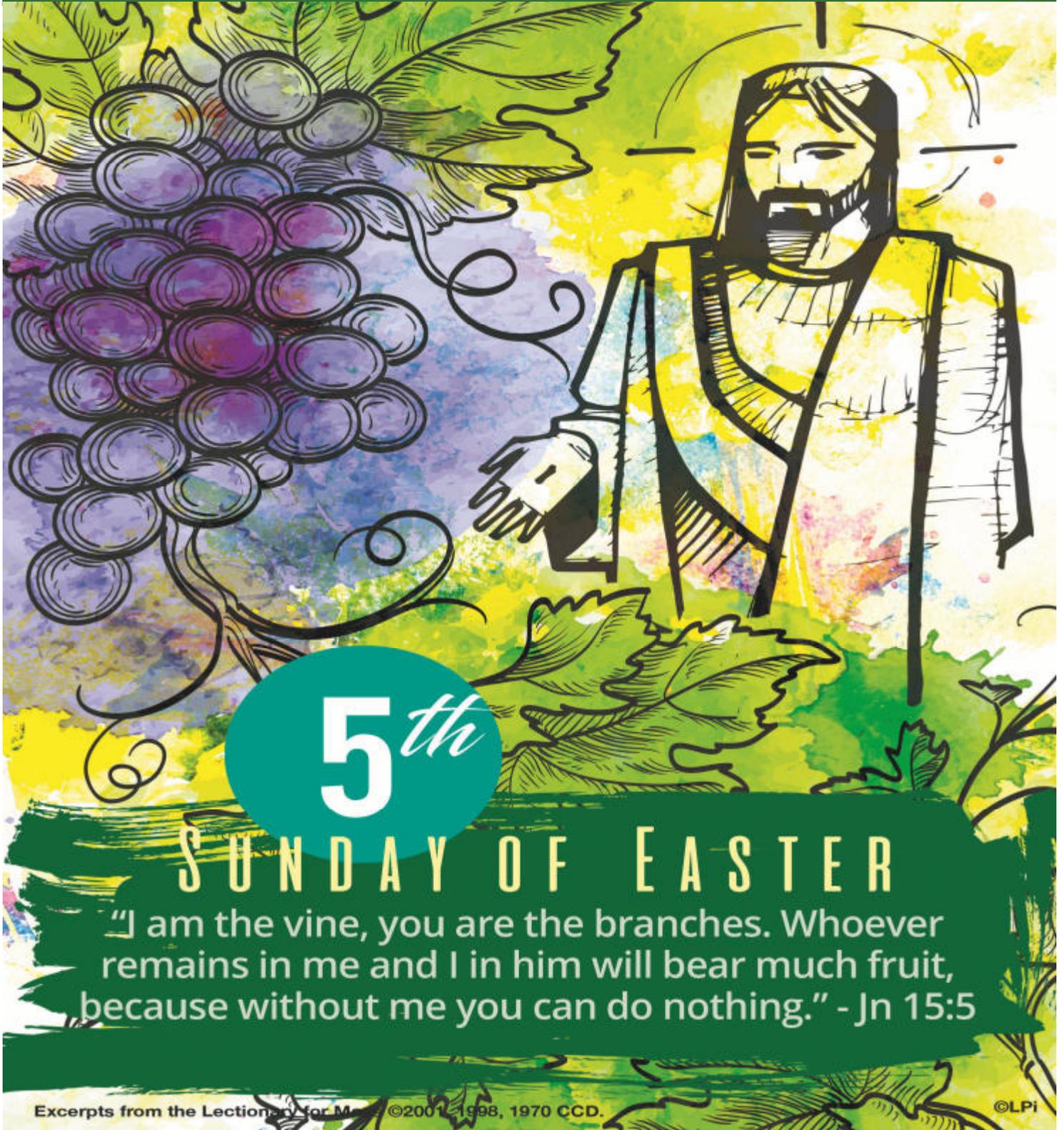


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Sunday, May 2, 2021



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SUNDAY OF EASTER

"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." - Jn 15:5

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Mission Statement

The Church of Corpus Christi, a welcoming parish community, making Christ present through sharing his message, celebrating the liturgy and challenging members to practice justice, peace and charity.

TAKING ANOTHER LOOK

Awaiting Your Call

Every May we are beckoned to join the whole Church in honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. A myriad of traditional and contemporary prayers, practices, reflections, and artwork are accessible to help us do just that.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus speaks these words to his mother from the Cross, "Woman, behold your son." And to the "beloved disciple" (John), there with her, "Behold your mother." With those words, Jesus asks them not to leave one another alone after his death, but rather to allow his death to redefine their relationship. He called them both to receive familial support and actively become that support for one another. To more deeply understand the significance of his words, we recall the context of their telling.

In the Gospel according to John, John is usually referred to simply as "the beloved disciple," the "one whom Jesus loved." This seems strange. Didn't Jesus love all of his disciples? Surely! Then why this peculiar title? Because, in this particular Gospel, the "beloved disciple" is a reference not just to one particular historical person but also to the reader of the Gospel. The author intends for you, his reader, to realize that you are Christ's *beloved disciple*, the one whom Jesus loves.

As such, Jesus' words to Mary and John at the foot of the cross are spoken also to you and me. "Behold your child, Mary. Behold your mother, my beloved disciple." You are family. Take care of one another. And so, we use the expression *Mary, Mother of the Church*."

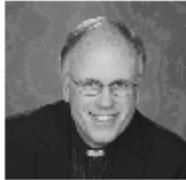
Many years ago, a missionary priest to somewhere in South America was telling me about the growth of Pentecostalism in his country, which had long been primarily Catholic. According to Father Tim, the Pentecostal ministers were quite aggressively anti-Catholic. And, he said, the number one aspect of Catholicism they publicly criticized and rejected was the fact that Catholics pray to the Blessed Virgin. To them, this was idolatry, the making of a false god.

To make that point, Father Tim claimed, they would continually make derogatory statements about Mary herself, portraying her in the most unfavorable light so that people would withdraw any connection to her. One day, upon such an attack against her name and person, Father Tim said to them, "You know, I'm not sure that Jesus would appreciate your saying those things about his mother. What's he supposed to do with that? She's his mother!"

According to Father Tim, the ministers stood speechless, not responding at all. But, he said, their behavior immediately changed. Never again did Father ever hear those particular ministers make insulting comments about Mary. So, why this change?

I'd suggest that they were never truly insulting Mary the person, but rather Mary the concept, the character in a story, a "Catholic thing." Their eyes were opened. She's real!

It's so easy to, in actuality, consider the whole story of Jesus, Mary, and all of the early disciples as kind of like a "fable we're supposed to believe in." A fable is a story told to teach moral or ethical lessons.



TAKING ANOTHER LOOK *continued*

For most of us, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, was first heard when we were little children. It was a part of the many stories told to us to teach us lessons. And so, we understood that we were supposed to be good boys and girls. The fables told us how.

Fables are good and useful fiction. But, they are fiction. The characters are concepts, not real people.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is not a fable, just a good and useful story. Those were real people, with real lives as human beings. And, the more we come to realize that, the more the vast graces of the story for us become realized and effectual in our lives. One such grace was addressed at the Cross itself, by Jesus himself that day long ago. In Christ, we are family. And, in particular, the real mother of Jesus is given to us beloved disciples as our mother also. Really!

Stop for just a moment right now and take that in. Mary, the very real mother of Jesus of Nazareth is also your mother, not as a character in a fable who teaches you a lesson, but as a gift to you, a gift beyond time.

She, who was created to bear the Christ to the world in time, right now wishes to bear Him to you in your time here. It's not just "what she does." It's who she is!

As Catholics, we speak of the Communion of Saints. Those who came before us are truly our family, to help us on our way. When we are in trouble or have important needs, we often ask other disciples to pray for us, to speak to God on our behalf. In our Catholic faith, we believe that physical death does not separate us from that connection. If you were to meet Mary on the street today and realize who she is, the mother of Jesus, you'd most likely ask her to pray for you and ask her to watch over you.

Exactly! This month, we recall this relationship with her, spoken of by Jesus himself at the Cross.

She's a real person with the very real desire to reach out to you and help you on your way. If you haven't already done so today, why not stop for a moment right now and just say hello to her. Ask her to pray for you *now and at the moment of [your] death*.

And then, say hello again tomorrow and the day after that! She'd love that. She's your mother!

PARISH NEWS

SYMPATHY

In your prayers, please remember those who have recently died, especially,

John Ackerman. Sincere sympathy is extended to his family.



WORSHIP AT HOME MATERIALS

The video can be found on the main page of our website, and is sent out via email as well. Recorded Mass will be available on Saturdays. We continue to update the Worship At Home materials, if you prefer to create your own Sunday worship experience.

www.ccmn.org/worship-at-home. Contact Sue at sue@ccmn.org for the link for the 10:30 Zoom.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

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

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION



It is a sure sign of spring when farmers' markets begin, and the Roseville Farmers' Market opens up this Tuesday in the Corpus Christi parking lot. Check out the early spring vegetables and the bedding plants.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

Tuesdays at St. John the Baptist 835—2nd Avenue NW, New Brighton, MN 55112, through May 11, 6:45 to 9 pm. The Topic for Mary 4 is *Complicated and Cumulative Grief*, Jack Hinrichs, M.A., L.M.F.T. Psycho Therapist, Nystrom & Assoc. There is no charge. Due to COVID-19, please wear a mask. Nancy Jahnke at 763-755-5335.



FAITH FORMATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School participant registration is now open on the Corpus Christi Preschool and Elementary Formation web pages. www.ccmn.org. Preschool - Fifth grade students are invited to join us for a week of fun and faith building **June 21st - 25th, 2021 from 9:00am - 12:00pm!** This year's theme of "Treasured" will take us on an adventure through the jungle and we will discover how we are treasured by God! Please **register on the website by May 24th** to allow for planning.



Students going into sixth grade - twelfth grade are encouraged to volunteer as youth leaders for the week of Vacation Bible School. Come spend time with and lead the elementary aged children through games, music, activities, all the while sharing your faith and love for Jesus! Please **register to be a youth volunteer on the Corpus Christi Middle School or High School web pages by May 24th**. Thank you for your willingness to help and contribute to a wonderful week at Vacation Bible School!

Questions? Email Laura at laura@ccmn.org.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

ABRIA LIFE IS WONDERFUL EVENT MAY 9 – JUNE 20

Support Abria's life-affirming work by donating or participating in our 6th annual Life is Wonderful 6-week long virtual event from Mother's Day, May 9 through Father's Day, June 20, 2021.

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WEEKEND MASSES—CHURCH RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Sunday.....10:00 am VISIT WWW.CCMN.ORG

DAILY MASS—CHURCH
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.....7:30am

BAPTISM
Congratulations! Catechetical class required. Please contact the Parish Center for more details and registration at 651-639-8888.

MARRIAGE
Congratulations! Please contact the pastor one year prior to scheduling a wedding date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE **MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Monday at 9:00 am Thursday at 9:00 am

Thursday, May 6



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 3

7:30 am—Mass—Church

TUESDAY, MAY 4

7:30 am—Mass—Church

8:00 am—St. Paul Farmers' Market—Parking Lot

9:30 am—Bible Study—Room 4

10:00 am—Bible Study—Room 5

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

7:00 pm—Mom's in Prayer—Zoom Meeting

7:00 pm—Bible Study—Skype Meeting

7:00 pm—Faith Formation Parent—Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 6 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

7:30 am—Mass—Church

SATURDAY, MAY 8

5:00 pm—Mass—Church

Reservations Requested *visit www.ccmn.org*

Walk-ins based on available space.

SUNDAY, MAY 9 MOTHER'S DAY

8:45 am—9:30am—Walk-Up Communion—

Enter School Door #1 by the Parish Offices

10:00 am—Mass—Church

Reservations Requested *visit www.ccmn.org*

Walk-ins based on available space.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3,

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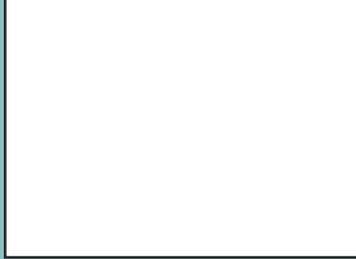
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