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**5th 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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May 2, 2021

‘Go Out to All the World and Tell the Good News’

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 1 **St. Joseph the Worker**

9:00 - Latin Mass - English Readings

4:00 - Sharon Galligan - *Memorial*

Intention to End Abortion

Anne Wilson - *Memorial*

Antonio and Manuel daRocha - *Memorial*

Deceased Members of the Hayes Family

Sunday, May 2

8:30 - Living & deceased Members Milewski Families

10:00 - Shirley Smith - *Memorial*

12:00 - Joseph Russell - *Memorial*

Margaret Lynch - *Memorial*

Robert A. Dignan, Sr. - *14th Anniversary*

Deceased Members of the Belyea and DeGusto families

Living Members of the Whitney Family

James Alfonso (*living*) In Thanksgiving for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

Monday, May 3 **Sts. Philip and James**

7:00 - Latin Mass - English Readings

9:00 - Kerry McKiernan - *6th Anniversary*

Tuesday, May 4

7:00 - Latin Mass - English Readings

9:00 - Kathleen Elliott - *Memorial*

Geraldine Familitti (*living*) celebrating 100yrs.

Wednesday, May 5

7:00 - Abbot Xavier Connelly, OSB - *Month's Mind*

9:00 - Saint Adelaide Parishioners and Friends

10:00 - Requiem Mass

Linda Noonan - *Month's Mind*

Carl S. Peterson - *45th Anniversary*

Lillian M. Peterson - *38th Anniversary*

Marie O'Connell Murray - *49h Anniversary*

Thursday, May 6 **National Day of Prayer**

7:00 - Latin Mass - English Readings

9:00 - **NO MASS UNLESS ANNOUNCED**

Friday, May 7

7:00 - Latin Mass - English Readings

9:00 - Elizabeth And Leo Gidare - *Memorial*

Saturday, May 8

7:00 - Latin Mass - English Readings

4:00 - Paul Galligan - *Memorial*

Frank Pellegrino - *Memorial*

Idalina and Jose daRocha - *Memorial*

Living Members of the Maher Family

Maureen Sheehan - *1st Anniversary*

Josephine Henderson - *Memorial*

Mary Kocincki - *Memorial*

Sunday, May 9 **Mother's Day**

8:30 - Allesandro DeSimone - *Memorial*

Gabrele Sirignano - *Memorial*

10:00 - Rosalie C. Doherty - *Memorial*

12:00 - Antonio Rossetti - *Memorial*

Angelina Pione - *Memorial*

Living Members of the Wallace Family

Living Members of Tony and Trisha Reilly fam.

Michael, AnnMarie, David and Carol Sullivan (*living*)



A Sanctuary Candle in the Church is lit to the Glory of God in loving remembrance of **Shirley Smith**.

Prayers are requested for the soul of **Kenny Yutzy** who died last week. We thank God for the gift of his life and pray he is now at peace.



We welcome **Brynn Healey** into the family of God here in St. Adelaide's Parish. May her Guardian Angel watch over her.

Readings for the 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, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



“When you have received him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence.”

~ St. Francis de Sales



Gospel Meditation - May 2, 2021

Fifth 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-checkered 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.

We Welcome the Daughters of Mary to our Collaborative of St. Ann and St. Adelaide Parishes

The Daughters of Mary, also known as Bannabikira Sisters Bwanda, are coming to St. Ann’s Rectory. The Sisters were approached by Austin Prep to teach various subjects beginning in the Fall, 2021. Five Sisters will be arriving sometime in early July and will be living in the Rectory.

The Daughters of Mary is a Pontifical religious congregation of women within the Catholic Church. The congregation was founded by Archbishop Henry Streicher of the White Fathers in 1910, assisted by the founding Mother General Mechtilde who was a member of the Missionary Sisters of Africa. Together they placed the new congregation under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Bannabikira Sisters are currently working in 16 dioceses in East Africa. They are the first indigenous group of women religious in the sub-Sahara region of Africa. Their mission is to evangelize the people of God in Uganda and beyond through the work of catechesis, education, care of the sick, and social work.

In 1899, Archbishop Streicher and 6 White Fathers and Sisters (Congregation of the Holy Ghost) came to work in Uganda, teaching and evangelizing. Gradually, many of the girls in their schools began to ask the White Sisters whether Religious Life was only for white women or was it possible for black women as well. The White Sisters’ reply was: “*God does not discriminate among people or among nations. You can enter Religious Life if God calls you.*”

The girls full of joy went to Archbishop Streicher and said to him: “Your Lordship, we too, would like to be like our “mothers”, (The White Sisters). We have talked to them and they said it is possible.” Bishop Streicher selected 11 candidates to start the formation of the Bannabikira Congregation with Mother Mechtilde. The Congregation now has 730 religious sisters in 73 convents located in Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.

The Sisters who will be teaching this fall at Austin Prep. have all been educated in the United States and have achieved graduate status in their educations. We wish them all success and welcome. We pray that their apostolic endeavors at Austin Prep will bear abundant fruit.



Saints Philip and James' Story

James, Son of Alphaeus: We know nothing of this man except his name, and, of course, the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, his Church. He is not the James of Acts, son of Clopas, “brother” of Jesus and later bishop of Jerusalem and the traditional author of the Letter of James. James, son of Alphaeus, is also known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater.

Philip: Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the “one about whom Moses wrote” (Jn 1:45).

Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was. On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following him and wanted to give them food, he asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, “[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do” (Jn 6:6). Philip answered, “Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little [bit]” (Jn 6:7).

John’s story is not a put-down of Philip. It was simply necessary for these men who were to be the foundation stones of the Church to see the clear distinction between humanity’s total helplessness apart from God and the human ability to be a bearer of divine power by God’s gift.

On another occasion, we can almost hear the exasperation in Jesus’s voice. After Thomas had complained that they did not know where Jesus was going, Jesus said, “I am the way. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him” (Jn 14:6a, 7). Then Philip said, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us” (Jn 14:8). Enough! Jesus answered, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father” (Jn 14:9a).

Possibly because Philip bore a Greek name or because he was thought to be close to Jesus, some gentile proselytes came to him and asked him to introduce them to Jesus. Philip went to Andrew, and Andrew went to Jesus. Jesus’s reply in John’s Gospel is indirect; Jesus says that now his “hour” has come, that in a short time he will give his life for Jew and gentile alike.

Reflection

As in the case of the other apostles, we see in James and Philip human men who became foundation stones of the Church, and we are reminded again that holiness and its consequent apostolate are entirely the gift of God, not a matter of human achieving. All power is God’s power, even the power of human freedom to accept his gifts. “You will be clothed with power from on high,” Jesus told Philip and the others. Their first commission had been to expel unclean spirits, heal diseases, announce the kingdom. They learned, gradually, that these externals were sacraments of an even greater miracle inside their persons—the divine power to love like God.

Pray for Vocations

Role of Families in Promoting Vocations By Cardinal Sean O'Malley, O.F.M., Cap.

Traditionally, Catholic homes have been a privileged place for a vocation to grow and be nurtured by parents who understood the importance of priesthood and religious life. My own family was a great source of encouragement for my vocation. Today we need to appeal to parents and teachers to instill a sense of vocation in our young Catholics. They should not confine themselves to asking their children, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" They must also ask, "And what do you think God wants you to be?" We must help young people look beyond careers and professions and answer a call from God to be holy.

For most young Catholics the call is going to be to married life. We must do all we can to help prepare them for that vocation. We can also be certain that some of our young people are being called by God to lives of special service in the Church, to priesthood, permanent diaconate and religious life. It is particularly challenging to present the commitment of consecrated life and priestly ministry in the context of contemporary culture. Without support, these vocations will go unheeded. Parents can do so much by praying with their children and teaching them to seek God's will in their lives through vocational discernment. Parents need to have a sense of vocation and mission themselves to pass on to their children. Parents receive their children from God and must be willing to give them back to God for service of his people. In faith, parents need to understand that their children's true happiness depends on a generous response to God's call and that God is never outdone in generosity and love.

Holy God,

With gratitude in our hearts,
We praise you for your love and your fidelity.

You have shown us the way to holiness
Through Mary and Jesus
And many faithful witnesses

You continue to call men and women to dedicate
their lives through the vows of poverty, chastity, and
obedience.

Give them courage to respond generously
To your call with "Here I am, send me!"
Blessed by your Spirit,
May we always proclaim your love with our
lives .Amen

What is a Priest?

A priest is a man, taken from among men, who is consecrated by God for the sacred action of sanctification. The Catholic Priesthood was instituted by Christ at the Last Supper as a means by which those men whom He calls to stand in His place carry on His ministry in the world, through His Church. Pope Saint John Paul II once said that "A priest is a man who offers his whole humanity to God so that God might use him as an instrument of salvation." God ordains the man to serve, as Christ came to serve, and to lead people to their greatest good, heaven. The priest does this in many ways, but the dignity and essence of the ordained priesthood resides not first in what he does, but in who he is:

An Icon of Christ in the World.

Man of God, chosen by God

"The Priesthood is a call, not a career; a redefinition of self, not just a new ministry; a way of life, not a job; a state of being, not just a function; a permanent, life-long commitment, not a temporary style of service; an identity, not just a role. We are priests; yes the doing, the ministry, is mighty important, but it flows from the being; we can act like priests, minister as priests, preach as priests, because first and foremost we are priests! Being before act!"

- Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, - NY
Priests for the Third Millennium

Living Instrument of Christ

"They have become living instruments of Christ the eternal priest, so that through the ages they can accomplish his wonderful work of reuniting the whole human race with heavenly power. Therefore, since every priest in his own way represents the person of Christ himself, he is endowed with a special grace. By this grace the priest, through his service of the people committed to his care and all the People of God, is able the better to pursue the perfection of Christ, whose place he takes. The human weakness of his flesh is remedied by the holiness of him who became for us a high priest 'holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners' (Heb. 7:26)."

~(Pastores Dabo Vobis, 21)

SAINT ADELAIDE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To proclaim the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ by catechesis, evangelization and energetic participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the church; and then missioned to bring Christ to the world and the world to Christ.



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

Saturday: 4:00

Sunday: 8:30, 10:00, 12:00 P.M. (Latin)

WEEKDAYS:

7:00 a.m. latin

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.

Thursday at 9:00 a.m. (*when announced*) 7:00 a.m. latin

First Saturday at 9:00 a.m. (Latin)

NOVENAS: *Following 9:00 a.m. Mass*

Monday - Miraculous Medal

Tuesday - Infant of Prague

Wednesday - St. Rita of Cascia

Thursday - St. Ann & St. Joachim

Friday - St. Philomena

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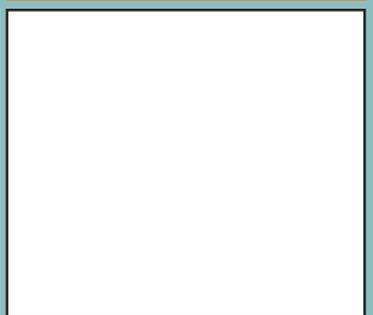
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