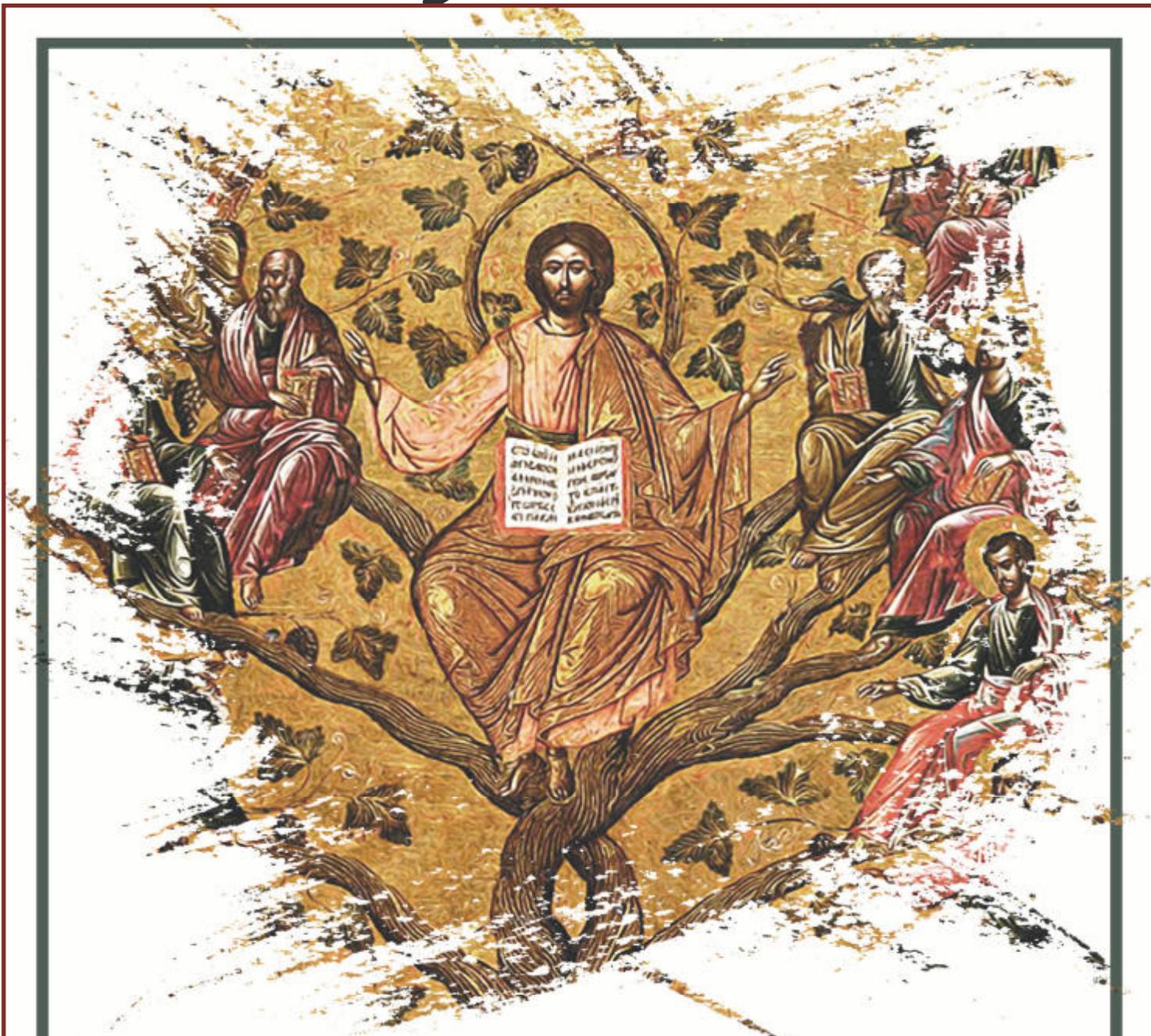


May 2, 2021



Cristo Rey Catholic Church



“I AM THE TRUE VINE, AND MY FATHER IS THE
VINE GROWER.” —JN 15:1

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“YO SOY LA VERDADERA VID Y MI PADRE ES
EL VIÑADOR”. —JN 15, 1

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 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

May 8- Saturday - Easter Weekday
4:30pm †Angie Lynch (2nd) - Lynch Family
†Frances Noedel, †Maxamina Mendez (BD) & †Charles Ortiz (BD) - Grace Vigil
†Rose R., †Mike & †Kenneth Cruz - Gloria Roybal

May 9 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day
10:00am †Ernestine Babcock - Angela & Anita
†Pete & †Margaret Smiley - Smiley Family
†Virginia Lucero (1st) - Steve & Victoria Arias
For the People of the Parish

- READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021**
- SUN 5/02** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8
- MON 5/03** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
- TUE 5/04** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/ Jn 14:27-31a
- WED 5/05** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
- THR 5/06** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
- FRI 5/07** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
- SAT 5/08** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- SUN 5/09** 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



**GOSPEL MEDITATION
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-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.



Prayer Intentions

God's help is only a prayer away

Please call the parish office, 983.8528, with the names of family members or friends for whom you would like us to pray. Please pray for the following: Christopher Gonzales, Ben Salazar, Carlos Rodriguez, James Salazar, Benji Anaya, Sue Moraz, Socorro Rodriguez, Ed Vigil, Jeff & Ann Marie Mascarenas, Julie Montoya, Isaac Oliveres, Shirley Archer, Margaret Trujillo, Thelma Hagman, Steve Alire, Marcos Mendes, Christopher Browne, Catherine Brown, Carl Cox, Lucy Saiz, Rosie Saiz, Michele Lowrance, Florence Sanchez, Helen Keller, Mel Ortiz, Albert Rivera, Valentino Rivera, Joe Madrid, Salomon Sena, Francisco D. Gonzales, Manuel Montoya, Kathleen Kennedy, Josie Lopez, Lucas Tapia, Marla Sanchez, Billie Branham, Peggy Vigil, Phil Bove, Cheo Gonzales, Rosina Medrano, Cindy Laursen, David Perlowin, Mabel Roybal Trujillo, Tony Lalli, Joe T. Roybal, David Gomez, Deacon Tom Van Valkenburgh, Dennis McSadden, Edward Ganzo Gonzales & Tina Herrera

LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Luke tells us how the conversion of Saul (Paul) and the acceptance by the disciples of him helped facilitate peace in the Church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria. What do you think is needed to bring about peace in our Church today?

Second Reading

John teaches his community that believing in Jesus and loving one another is the heart of God's commandment. How would you assess yourself in following this two-fold command?

Gospel Reading

Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus urges his disciples to "remain in me" in order to bear good fruit and thereby glorify God. What would be some examples of "good fruit" that you have produced?

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

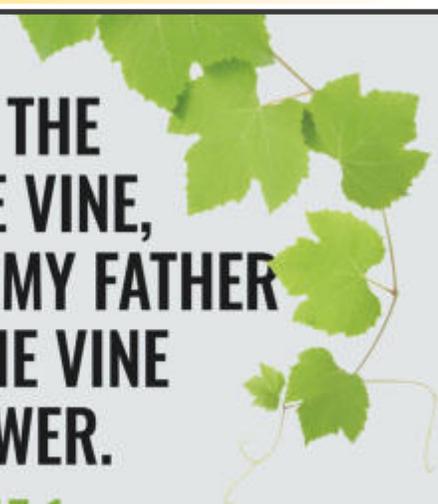
First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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