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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Weekends: Saturday.... 4 PM
Sunday.....11 AM
Weekdays:
Tuesday & Wednesday ... 8 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:
Consult the Mass schedule in the
bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday at 3 PM

Save the Date:

Here is a list of upcoming activities.
Listed below are some of the dates you
will want to reserve in the coming
months.

Bible Study: Wednesday's in the
Social Hall 9:00-11:00 AM

Ascension of the Lord

Holy Family: 5/12 7 PM
St. Anne: 5/13 11 AM

Graduation Mass

Holy Family: 6/6 11 AM
St Anne: 5/23 11 AM

Parish

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Bell 222U – it still uses a Jesus nut, but some newer helicopter models use different methods of holding the main rotor. Image credit: Meggar via Wikimedia(CC BY-SA 3.0)

MAY 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Eucharistic Minister: | **Saturday, May 1**

Lector: Dan Landini

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Houseman

11:00 AM | Sunday, May 2

Lector: Stan Materkowski

Eucharistic Minister: Armand Luzi

4:00 PM | Saturday, May 8

Lector: Dan Landini

Eucharistic Minister: Anne Page

11:00 AM | Sunday, May 9

Lector: Aleta Keegan

Eucharistic Minister: Tina Quinn

Saturday, 5/1

For: John Babilya

By: Fred & MaryAnn Cuter

Sunday, 5/2

For: Living and Deceased Members of Holy Family Parish

NO WEEKDAY MASS

Saturday, 5/8

For: Elizabeth Chopp

By: Andy Chopp

Sunday, 5/9

Mother's Day

For: All Mothers

Financial Report for 4/25/2021

Offertory: \$2237.00

Loose: \$35.00

Monthly: \$430.00 Accent: \$40.00

Candles: \$69.00 Good Friday: \$5.00

Ascension: \$10.00

Easter: \$60.00

Parish Income: \$2782.00

Parish Budget: \$4000.00

Under Budget: \$-1114.00

Total Offertory: \$2886.00

First Reading:

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. (Acts 9:26)

Psalm:

I will praise You, Lord, in the assembly of Your people. (Ps 22)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

And His commandment is this: we should believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as He commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

Gospel:

"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)

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

Observances for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Monday: Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles

Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

WORSHIP TOGETHER

5th Sunday of Easter – Over the last several weeks we've been hearing from John's Gospel. And what we've been hearing is known as the Last Supper Discourse – Jesus' Farewell talk with His Apostles. In a sense it is Jesus way of telling them what He wishes to leave them once He is no longer in the world – a Last Will, sort of.

What we hear today is that intimate bond / relationship that He wishes to exist between He and they – just as that intimate bond exists between Father, and Son, and Spirit. All three Scripture selections for this weekend tie in with that idea of intimate bond a bond that exists into eternity.

I came across the following as I was doing research for this weekend's reflection. I never heard this before, but I share it with you as we look at the readings for this Fifth Sunday of Easter – particularly the Gospel passage in which Jesus is referring to Himself as the vine and we the branches on the vine.

The "Jesus nut," also called the "Jesus pin," is the nut that holds the main rotor to the mast of some helicopters, such as the UH-1 Iroquois helicopter. The long and strong metallic fans of the helicopter are fitted to the main rotor of the mast. The "Jesus nut" is a slang term first coined by American soldiers in Vietnam; the technical term is MRRN or *main rotor retaining nut*. The origin of the term comes from the idea that, if the "Jesus nut" were to fail in flight, the helicopter would detach from the rotors and the only thing left for the crew to do would be to pray to Jesus before the helicopter crashed. Today's Gospel explains why Jesus must be the pivotal point in our lives, through the little parable of the vine and the branches.'

Jesus took for granted that His Jewish faith needed laws and institutions like the Temple if it was going to transmit its message to the next generation. And so He knew that His Church must be built on the rock of Peter; then God would preserve it from all its enemies. But in today's Gospel selection, Jesus tells His disciples at the Last Supper (in what is known as the Last Supper Discourse) that if they are to survive they must remain close to Him. He takes the image of the vineyard, which was used to represent Israel in the Old Testament, and in a sense identifies Himself with it by saying: "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser."

Anyone who has ever raised grapes and had an arbor is familiar with the time and work involved in developing healthy and productive grape-vines. It is a plant which needs a great deal of attention if the best fruit is to be gotten out of it. The ground should be kept as free of weeds as possible, many times trained on trellises. A young vine usually is not allowed to bear fruit for the first three years and each year the vine is cut drastically back to develop and conserve its life and energy. The vine cannot produce the crop of which it is capable without drastic pruning.

Jesus realizes that if the disciples are going to survive then they must be closely connected to Him – much as branches on a vine / an much as the "Jesus pin" which holds the main rotor to the mast of some helicopters. And just as a vine is pruned to make it more productive, the disciples will also grow by being tested in their faith. Jesus tells them to remain close to Him and have the "living sap" flowing in their branches, or else they will shrivel up. He insists that at the heart of their faith there is this close personal relationship with Him: "*Make your home in Me, as I make Mine in you.*" As they are united in Christ so they will be united through Him to the Father.

But this experience is not just for special members of the Church, like the apostles. The Spirit is given to everyone. All of us are called to have this "mystic" experience of being so close to Jesus in their daily life that they produce good fruit.

How can we produce the fruit that will show that Christ's Church is alive and well? And what is this fruit? We do not need to be mystics like some of the great saints. Instead, all we need to do is make sure our practice of the faith – whether it is going to Mass or saying our prayers – is firmly based on a close personal relationship with Jesus. We don't, at first, have to do anything other than trying to be at peace in His presence – allowing Him to dwell in us. Then we can share a deep communion with Him as we receive His body and blood in the Eucharist. If we change the image from "the sap in the vines", we could say that His real presence in His blood gives us new life. If we do have this close relationship of the branch to the "true vine", then it will produce good fruits especially in the way that we love God and love and care for one another.

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World & for Peace

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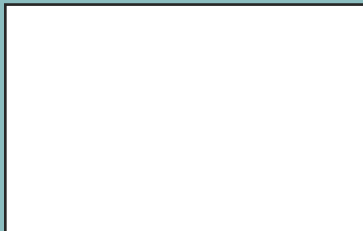
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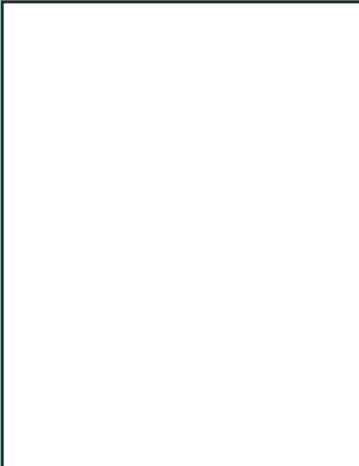
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