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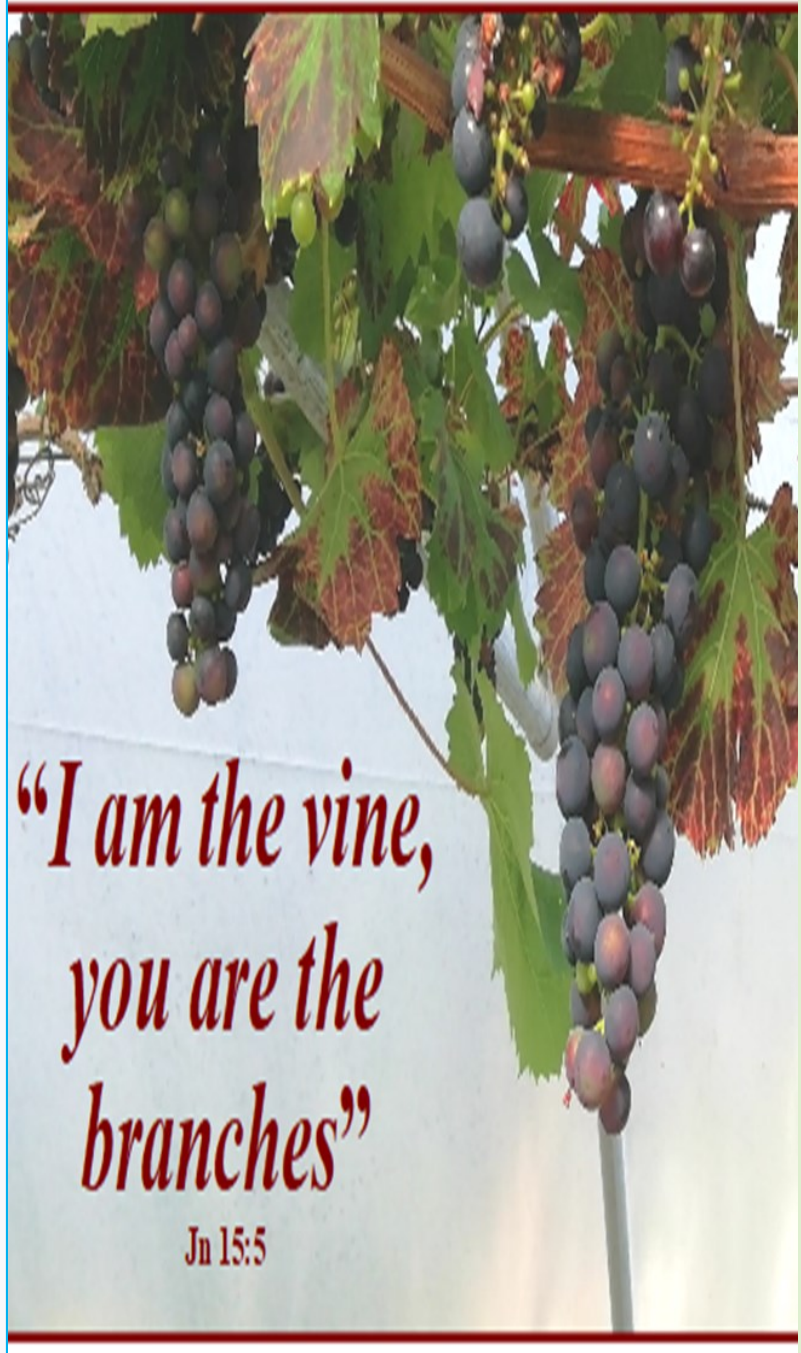
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**April 28, 2024**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**

**Masses**



*"I am the vine, you are the branches"*  
 Jn 15:5

- Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: (Chapel)  
 (Monday, Thursday, Friday (8:00am Chapel)  
 Wednesday (5:30pm Chapel)
- First Friday :  
 (of the Month) Anointing of the Sick
- Fridays: Devotion To Sacred Heart  
 Adoration 8:30 - 6pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm  
 (Before Sunday Masses and by Appointment)
- Office Hours  
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TODAY'S READING'S

**Reading 1 Acts 9:26-31**

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. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32**

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

**Reading 2 1 Jn 3:18-24**

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 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. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

**Gospel Jn 15:1-8**



Jesus said to his disciples: "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 every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. 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. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

**Reflections:**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be—the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see Sirach 24:17–24). In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist. Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see Matthew 7:16–20). We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness. Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us—as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness (see Hebrews 12:4–11). We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see Colossians 3:16), and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing. As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives.

What is the reflection on the 5th Sunday of Easter.

No branch of a tree can survive apart from its source, that is, the trunk and roots of the tree. In the Gospel text this Sunday, Jesus uses the image of a grapevine and its branches to express the truth that belonging completely to God assures us of spiritual survival and even life unending.

 <p>There will be a Church Clean-up day this Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th starting at 8:30am. Please come and help clean up around the church and rectory. Your help will be greatly appreciated!</p>	 <p><b>Wishing Fr. Mark a very "Happy Birthday"! Have a blessed day.</b></p>
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**Church Cleaning**  
Team 5 this week

There will be a 2nd collection this weekend for 'Catholic Home Missions Appeal'

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	April 27	4pm-	Marge Blaisdell +
Sunday	April 28	8:00am-	Barbara Moran +
		10:30am-	Parishioners of Annunciation
Monday	April 29	8:00am	
Tuesday	April 30		
Wednesday	May 1	5:30pm-	Anthony Lind +
Thursday	May 2	8:00am-	
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Last Sunday Collection	\$3,147.55
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YTD Collected	\$60,477.70
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