



# ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**MAY 1, 2021**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## MASSES

**SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM**

**SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 10:30AM**

**WEEKDAY MASS: CHAPEL**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM**  
(ROSARY AFTER)

**FIRST SATURDAY 8:00AM**  
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK &  
NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 PM**

**SUNDAY: 7:15 - 7:45AM**  
**9:45-10:15 A**

(OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT)

## ADORATION

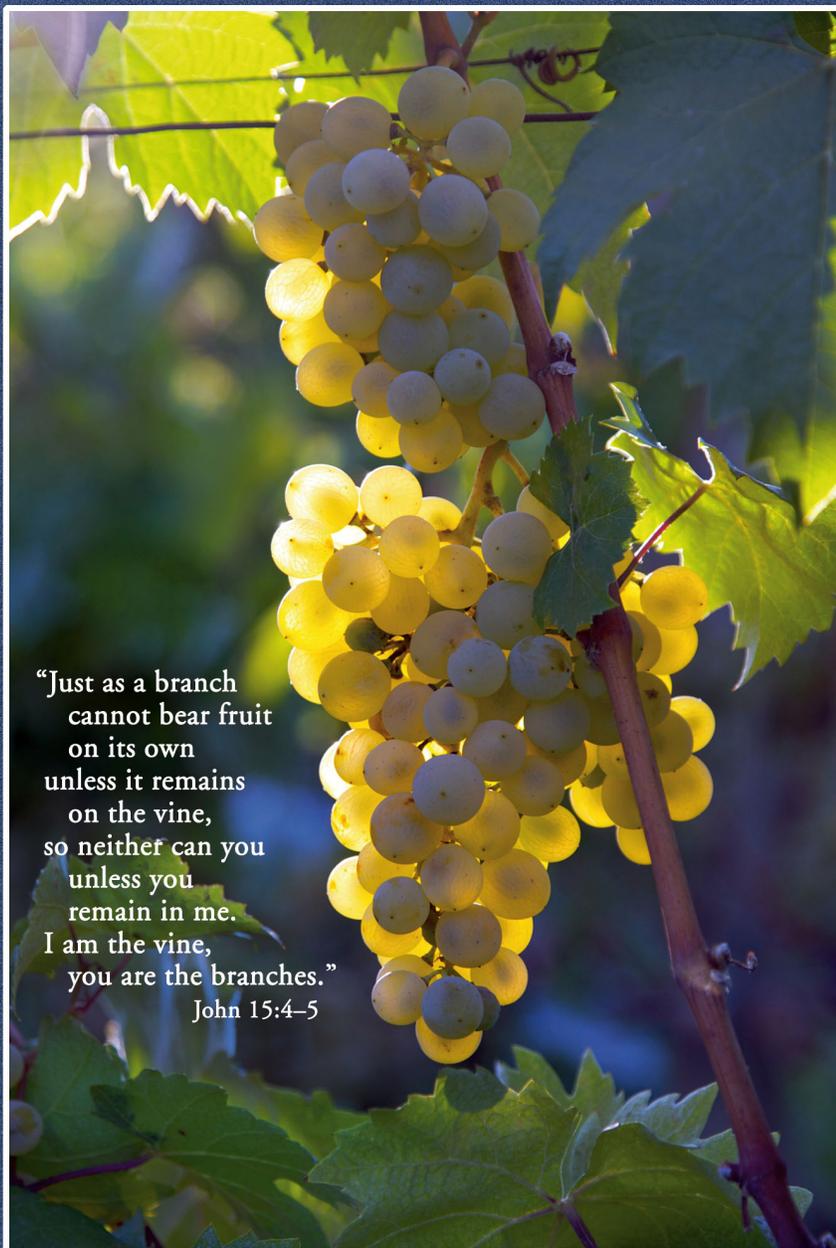
**TUESDAY: 8:00AM-6:00PM**

**FRIDAY: 8:30AM-9:30 AM**  
(DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART)

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-12:30 PM**

**Laura E. Rhode, Secretary**



“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.”  
John 15:4-5

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## Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel passage emphasizes the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity, and holiness. Jesus uses this image of the vine and branches to help his disciples understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of maintaining it.

There are numerous Old Testament passages which refer Israel as vine: "You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it" (Psalm 80:8). "For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel..." (Is 5: 7). Ezekiel 15 says about the useless vine. "Yet I planted you a choice vine" is God's message to Israel through Jeremiah (Jer 2:21). "Israel is a luxuriant vine..." Hosea 10:1. The vine-Israel had been planted in the fertile soil but disappointed her God and she began to produce sour grapes (Is 5:1-4). The Lord complained: "I planted you a choice vine, but became a wild vine (Jer 2:21). Therefore, he took a painful but necessary decision to punish her. "now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it" (Is 5:5-7).

Now Jesus is the true Vine, because the old vine, the original chosen people, was succeeded by the new Vine, the Church, the Mystical Body whose Head is Christ (Col 1:18). To be fruitful, one must be joined to the new, true Vine, Christ. It is living the life of Christ, the life of grace, which gives the believer the nourishment which enables him or her to yield the fruits of eternal life. This image of the Vine also helps us to understand the unity of the Church. St. Paul explains that we are Christ's Mystical Body in which all the members are intimately united with the Head and united to one another.

As part of the Vine, we shall be able to grow and bear fruit only if we remain in Christ, the source of our life. The vine does not produce grapes for herself, but for others. The branch finds its fulfillment when it is alive, when it sees the buds, flowers, leaves and sweet grapes sprouting.

The Christian does not produce works of love for himself, for the self-satisfaction of his own moral perfection nor to get a prize from God. He is like the Father who is in heaven: loves without expecting anything in return. His reward is the joy of seeing someone happy, verifying that the love of God was manifested through him. Nothing more, but nothing less: for this is the joy of God, and when he will have reached in all the fullness, it will be the kingdom of God.

## Today's Readings

### First Reading (*acts 9:26-31 (53B)*)

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 Psalms (*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.**

### Second Reading (*1 John 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 (*John 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."

## Catholic Sharing Appeal

In the pandemic year 2020 did you know that the Church provided \$742,000 in housing and utility assistance? Over 2 million pounds of food was distributed to the those in need. Over 200 infants were provided with basic care items. Over 400,000 people in South Mississippi were helped in one form or another through the Church and your generosity of prayer and financial support. Thank you! Please help us continue the work of Jesus by "Witnessing the Eucharist Within Us," and supporting this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal.



**May 16th, 2021  
12:30pm**



Frances Adams	
Michael & Toddy	Patsy Ladner
Arceneaux	Verna Mae Ladner
Nelsie & Johnny	Larry Lind
Banks	Walter Lonnbour
Emilee Battaglia	James Lovett
Marge Blaisdell	Layla Mallett
Gene Breazeale	Woody Mauffray
Ida Brown	Charles Meador
Claud Burk &	Kathleen Micell
Linda Burke	Barbara Moran
Garland Cuevas	Mary Louise &
Michael Girdinia	Sonny Moran
Eugene, James,	Warren Moran
Jerry, Gretchen,	Belinda & Kenny
Tessa, Jo Ann,	Morgan
Jude, Shirley	Shirley Morris
Cucurullo	Patrick Murphy
Margaret Cuevas	Bernadine Necaise
Howard Edwards	Janet Necaise
Ivan Garza	Tyrone & Faye
Peggy Glynn	Necaise
Christine Green-	Christopher Nugent
wood	Joy Patin
Merle Haas	Brooke Rolison
Jennie Hoda	Tina Roundtree
Amanda Jones	Karrie Schultz
Mary Kenney	Jerry Shavers
Donald Koenenn	Mike Shubert
Shelly Koenenn	Timothy Scott Steen
Barbara Ladner	Maura Strong
Shelia Ladner	Josie Thomas
Willard & Cecile	Denise Walker
Ladner	Shaylynn Whitfield

## Welcome Back to Mass

Bishop Kihneman has lifted the exemption given from participating in the Holy Mass from Sunday, March 28, 2021. Please come back to the church on Sundays and days of obligation. You are also allowed to listen to our broadcasting FM 91.1 and receive Holy Communion at the entrance.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, May 1**  
4pm - Aline & Agnel Moran † & Family

**Sunday, May 2**  
8:00am - Parishioners  
10:30am - John Laux †

**Monday, May 3**  
8:00am - Lottie Malley †

**Tuesday, May 4**  
8:00am -

**Wednesday, May 5**  
8:00am -

**Thursday, May 6**  
8:00am -

**Friday, May 7**  
8:00am - Ketah Simpson

### Financial News

Insurance	\$42,034.01
Diocesan Support	\$23,058.96
School Supplement	\$23,536.83
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$140,879.28
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$229,509.08
Amount needed each Week	\$4,413.63
Last Sunday Collection	\$4397.42
Shortfall	\$16.21

## Attention

Applications are invited for a part time Secretary/Bookkeeping job at Annunciation Catholic Church, Kiln.  
(Contact Office 228-255-1800)

**Annunciation Catholic Church Barbeque**

June 6th, 2021  
After 10:30 Mass  
Pickup at the Parish Hall  
Dine in or Carry out

Orders will be taken after each weekend Mass.  
Or you can stop by the office, during office hours.

Plates will include a Leg Quarter, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Bread & Dessert.

Plates are \$12.00

If you are unable to come in the Church, sit in the parking lot and listen to our Broadcasting on **91.1 Fm**.

You can also listen to a Portable radio in Church if you have trouble hearing.

### PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

Amir Darwis \_\_\_ US Army National Guard  
Drew Ladner \_\_\_ US Marine  
Darrell Little \_\_\_ US Army  
Devin Nelson \_\_\_ US Army  
Brandan Witt \_\_\_ USAF  
Evan Cameron \_\_\_ USAF  
Dillon Lacoste \_\_\_ US Navy  
Lance Cuevas \_\_\_ USAF

*Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

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