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# St. Michael the Archangel Parish

*We are disciples who act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God.*

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**WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES:** 5pm Mon Tues Thurs Fri (English) & 6pm Wed (Spanish) at Immaculate Conception

**Adoration:** Wednesday 7:30am - 4:45pm / **Confessions:** Saturday 9am at St. Michael's Church

**WEEKEND MASSES:** Sat 4pm, Sun 7am, 9am, 1:30pm, 4pm / **SPANISH MASS:** Sun 11:30am

**Gift Shop Hours:** Mon - Wed - Fri 9:30am - 1:30pm & Sun 6:30am - 2:30pm

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading I - Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 | Psalm - 22:26-27,28,30,31-32 | Reading 1 John 15:4a,5b | Gospel - John 15:1-8  
Primera Lectura - Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 | Salmo - 21:26-27,28,30,31-32 | Segunda Lectura - 1 Juan 15:4a,5b | Evangelio - Juan 15:1-8



### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"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 everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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### Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading/Primera Lectura: **Acts (Hechos) 10:25-26,34-35,44-48**

Psalm/Salmo: **98(97): 1,2-3,3-4**

2nd Reading/Segunda Lectura: **1 John (1 Juan) 4:7-10**

Gospel/Evangelio: **John (Juan) 15:9-17**

## LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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### PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Aloha! Welcome to Our Parish** - We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. We encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the kiosk, or can be completed online at [saintmichaelparishkona.org](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org). To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy your stay in Kona and are blessed with safe travels home.



April 28, 2024

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 | 1 Jn 3:18-24 | Jn 15:1-8

Written by  
THE  
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DISCIPLE

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

“Where do they get their energy!” Maybe you’ve said that about your children as they run around the yard while you’re trying to wrangle them inside for bedtime. Jokes abound about how sugar and caffeine are what keep most adults going, but we know it’s proper nutrition, exercise, and rest that enable us to do well whatever it is we do. That is all relevant to us physically. What about spiritually? Bishop Barron, writing on the Gospel, says, “Jesus declares that he is the vine and we are the branches. He is the power and energy source in which we live.” (*Word on Fire Bible*, 548) Just as we see the effects of sugar and caffeine on people, we see the supernatural effects of Jesus’ love on, and in, people. As he nurtures us with his perfect love, and that flows into us who are grafted onto him, it changes us. It transforms us and converts us away from sin and toward God. We fill up on that spiritual fuel in the sacramental life of the Church and become a witness to it in how we go about our days – loving one another.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” These words from John in our second reading provide the perfect bridge between the ministry of Paul, about whom we heard in the first reading, and Christ’s message in the Gospel. With Jesus as “the power and energy source in which we live,” we not only can profess the truth, but live it. We not only give our own account of Christ working in us, as Paul did, who came to them speaking out “boldly in the name of the Lord,” but we stand beside one another, as Barnabas did, vouching for Paul to the Apostles. We are united in baptism, in love, in profession of faith, and in communion with one another. When we consistently act in a Christian manner toward others and keep God’s commandments, John says, we “remain in him, and he in [us], and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.” In other words, those who remain in Christ “will bear much fruit” – a tangible sign that easily answers the question, “where does he/she get her energy?”

**PRAY** Is there anything in your life that is an obstacle to Jesus being the power and energy source in which you live? Are your days fueled more by anger, frustration, or ambition than his love? Pray this week in thanksgiving to God for where he has given you conversion of heart, and ask him for the grace to see where improvement is needed and the will to make it happen.

# Life of Stewardship

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.

In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the faith. The work they were doing was “with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.” It was not their work alone, but the work of God.

We must ask ourselves, ‘how is God bearing fruit in my life?’ and ‘have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?’ The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord.

When we live a life like that - as a branch never separated from its vine - God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.

- *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship*

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## Parish News

### Joseph Dutton Special Collection

This week our special collection will be for the Cause of Servant of God Joseph Dutton, Layman. With your support, a humble Civil War lieutenant with a fervent desire to serve God may become Hawai'i's third saint. Your support will allow this important work to continue in the Vatican. Any contribution will make a difference. Envelopes are provided in this week's bulletin.

### St. Joseph School Collection - MAHALO!

MAHALO to everyone who contributed to our collection for St. Joseph School this year! We were able to bless St. Joseph School with \$20,000. These funds will go to continue to support and perpetuate Catholic education on our island.

### Hawaii Island Charity Walk

The Hawaii Island Charity Walk returns to the Waikoloa Beach Resort Queen's Marketplace on **May 11, 2024**. Runners start at 6:45am and walkers start at 7:30am. We are recruiting everyone to **join Team Catholic Charities** to fundraise and participate in the event. Fr. Lio has issued his annual challenge to his fellow priests in the West Hawaii Vicariate (and Fr. Steve Macedo) to raise the most funds. There will also be prizes for the top three fundraisers for Team Catholic Charities. **See the Charity Walk table before or after the weekend Masses on April 27/28, and May 4/5 for more informa-**

**tion or to donate.** You may also drop off your donation at the Parish Office.

The Charity Walk is sponsored by the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association to help support Hawai'i's local non-profit organizations. All monies raised stays here on Hawaii Island to support nonprofit organizations like Catholic Charities. Your donation ensures that Catholic Charities can continue to do their good work in our community! Last year, our Catholic Charities Team rallied together to raise almost **Eighteen Thousand Dollars**. Please help us to exceed that amount this year!

### Food Pantry & Diaper Ministry Drive

The monthly parish food drive in support of the Food Pantry is on **Monday, April 29 from 9-10am at Immaculate Conception Mission Hall**. Items needed are **Canned Fruit and Vegetables and Spam**.

Diaper Sizes needed are **sizes 3,4, 5 & 6 and Pull-Ups sizes 4T-5T Boys and Girls**.

### Young Adult Group starts on May 16th

**Beginning May 16th**, young adults (**ages 21-35**) are invited to gather at Grace Parish Center on **Thursdays from 6-7pm**. The first series will include reading through *Searching for and Maintaining Peace* by Fr. Jacques Philippe. No prior reading is required and books will be provided. Please email Cole or Juliann Hamblin with any questions at [stmichaelarchangel@rcchawaii.org](mailto:stmichaelarchangel@rcchawaii.org).

### Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jack Derzay. May he have eternal rest. Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, May 4 at St. Michael's. Visitation from 9-9:45. Mass at 10am.

### Immigration Ministry Seminar

The next Immigration Ministry Seminar will be held on **Sunday, April 28th at 12:30pm** in the Grace Parish Center. Attorney Evita will discuss federal immigration laws in an informational one-hour seminar. If you, or someone you know from any country in the world, are here in the USA without legal status and are not sure where to begin the process to become legal, this is a must attend. All immigration questions will be answered.

## Faith Formation

### Grades K-5

The last Faith Formation classes for Grades K-5 will be on Sunday, May 5th. Registration forms for next year will be available this weekend. - *Margaret Essex, Catechist*

### Faith Formation/Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Parents and Sponsors, keep up the good work of guiding your children on their Faith Journey and encouraging their relationship with the Lord. There are so many resources available online, contact me for digital links. Text 808-895-7015 or email [efujimoto@rcchawaii.org](mailto:efujimoto@rcchawaii.org). Keep watch for any upcoming retreats or fun days during the summer. - *Edwina Fujimoto, Youth Minister*

# Stewardship of Treasure

Apr 15th - 21st, 2024

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,770.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 12,153.25
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 10,170.20

## Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$4,996,832.88** for the Parish Center Campaign, which includes pledge payments.

*Mahalo* for your continued generosity.

**Offerings can be mailed directly to the parish office; or click on our website's "Online Giving" to share your blessings.**

## STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: **\$10,831.00**

MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST ASSESSMENT: **\$1,724.18**

The above amounts fund Diocesan ministries, as listed in *'Ohana in Christ* to help support our parishes, pastors, schools, service agencies, and communities within the Diocese of Honolulu.

## Online Giving

St. Michael's Church provides **Online Giving** - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - visit [saintmichaelparishkona.org](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org) and click our **ONLINE GIVING** tab. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

## Children's Rosary Club

The **Children's Rosary Club** will meet in front of the grotto on **Sunday, April 28 after the 9am Mass**. Together, we will pray one decade of the Rosary, followed by a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. Please encourage your children to join us.

## Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

The OCIA class will meet for mystagogy every Sunday after the 9am Mass until Sunday, May 19th.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, **"He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2)**. I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's

not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

- Father John Muir, ©LPI

## Treasures From Our Tradition

In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four Holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas. - Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## Everyday Stewardship - Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

"That's a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together."

I've never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can't recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it's usually the whole tree - perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don't usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that's because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father's glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That's all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I

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think that's true for all of us. We've given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too. It's a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

**Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments  
*Love in Deed***

It's a Wonderful Life is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film - not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make - to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning. - Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, ©LPI

# Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH**

- 4pm - Emma Faisca, Rest in Peace

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 7am - Necitas Revilla, Rest in Peace
- 9am - William, 56th Birthday Blessing
- 1:30pm - Mike & Mary Sotomayor and Henry Vasquez, Rest in Peace
- 4pm - Poor Souls in Purgatory

**MONDAY, APRIL 29TH**

- 7am - Sean, Lorraine and David Wilkinson, deceased, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Maria Rimkus, deceased, Birthday Remembrance

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH**

- 7am - Necitas Revilla, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Muyces Manarpaac, Rest in Peace

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST**

- 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO

**THURSDAY, MAY 2ND**

- 7am - Marilyn Cirrincione, deceased, Birthday Remembrance
- 5pm - For all Unborn Babies

**FRIDAY, MAY 3RD**

- 7am - Christopher Pesta, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Maria Bernithal, Rest in Peace

**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH**

- 7am - Necitas Revilla, Rest in Peace

## Requesting a Mass Intention

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **326-7771**. If you'd like to request a specific day and Mass time, ***please call well in advance of the date to secure it.***

***Mass cards are available.***

***"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat..."***

*—Matthew 25:35*

## The Food Pantry Ministry

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from **9 - 9:45am** at **Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot.**

# Human Beings, Not Human Doings

## *This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Acts 9:26-31 - Saul visits Jerusalem
- ▶ 1 John 3:18-24 - The actions of believers
- ▶ John 15:1-8 - The vine and the branches

We hear often from John's Gospel during the Easter season, and Jesus' message to us includes many invitations to abide, rest, and remain in him. The other Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke have Jesus giving us many directions for the actions we should be taking as his followers: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, love your enemies, forgive others repeatedly, turn the other cheek, etc. They are Gospels for "human doings." John's Gospel, on the other hand, is a Gospel for "human beings."

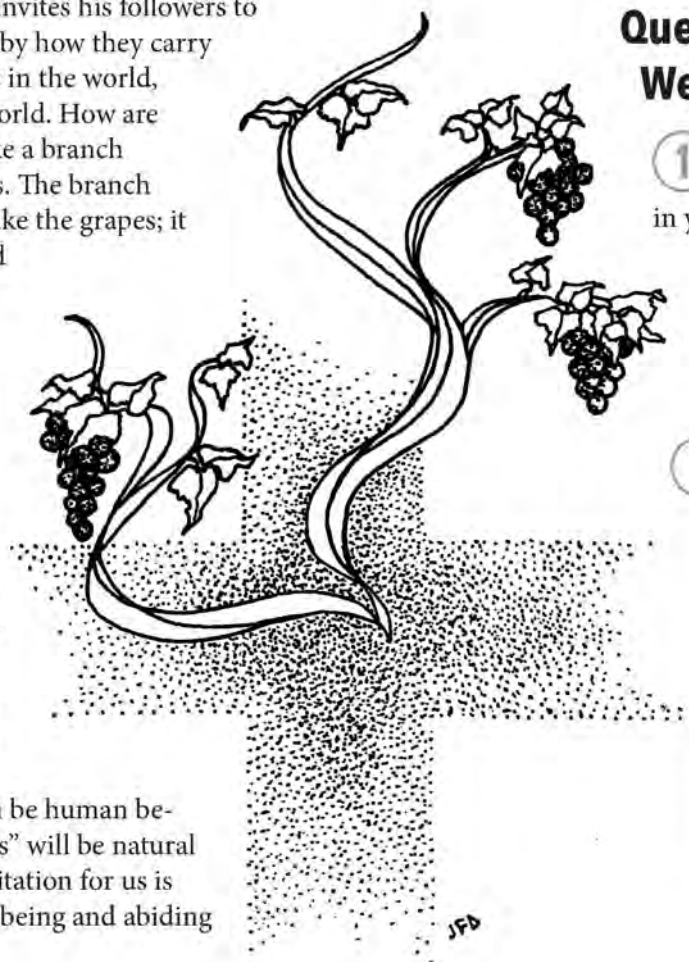
In John, Jesus repeatedly invites his followers to express their discipleship by how they carry themselves—how they *are* in the world, not what they *do* in the world. How are we to be in the world? Like a branch on a grape vine, Jesus says. The branch doesn't *do* anything to make the grapes; it simply remains connected to the vine and allows itself to be pruned. If the branch stays connected, all it has to do in order to bear fruit is to be open while God works the miracle of creating the grapes.

Jesus is calling us to trust that if we do our primary "work" of remaining in him and allowing him to remain in us, then God's works will automatically flow through us. If we can be human beings first, then our "doings" will be natural outcomes of that. The invitation for us is to relax into that sense of being and abiding with Jesus.



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"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."  
**Sheepish Question:**  
What rewards of my relationship with God can I share with others?



## Questions of the Week

- 1 Which do you more naturally gravitate toward in your sense of discipleship: "doing" things or "being" a particular way? Put another way, are you naturally more active or contemplative?
- 2 When you consider abiding with/resting in Jesus, what comes to mind for you? How might you build more time for that into your life?

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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Vine of Life

Lord Jesus,  
you are the vine of life,  
we are but branches  
yearning to give fruit.  
Grant that the Holy Spirit  
may nurture your people  
to remain in you

so that we may give the life  
that you have shared with us  
to those we meet,  
allowing them to be transformed.  
You live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, April 28, 2024  
Bearing Fruit



*Today's readings: Acts 9:26–31; Psalm 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–31; 1 John 3:18–24; John 15:1–8.* “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing,” Jesus tells his followers in today’s Gospel. Jesus is the vine of life. The father is the one caring for the vine. As branches, we are capable of bearing fruit. In the first readings, we hear of Paul, who had once persecuted Christians, seeking a place with the disciples. Paul changed his ways and became a participant in the vine of life.

When Paul turned from his former way of life, he “spoke out boldly in the name of Jesus.” After Paul’s conversion experience, he sought to keep the commandments and

remain in Jesus’ love. Only by remaining in Jesus was Paul able to preach and bear fruit, for as the Gospel reading states, without Jesus, nothing can be done. How do you envision your connection to God the vine grower and to Jesus the vine? Is there anything in your life that you need God to prune so that you can bear more fruit? Ask Jesus to cut away that which impedes your growth in relationship to him. Reflect this week on what it means to remain in God. Do you consider that the good that you do is dependent on your relationship with God? When you stray from your connection with God, does the good that you do seem to falter?



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

**Monday, April 29**

### Surrender

“Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him,” Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper. From her youth, St. Catherine of Siena, whose memorial the Church celebrates today, portrayed her love for God through service. Not only did she minister to the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, but she also confronted bishops and the pope and called for reforms in the Church. Today we ask St. Catherine of Siena to be our companion as we show our love for God through our work in the world. *Today’s readings: Acts 14:5–18; Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16; John 14:21–26.*

**Tuesday, April 30**

### True Peace

Not long before inviting the faithful at Mass to offer one another a sign of peace, the priest says, “Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church.” When the faithful offer one another a sign of peace, it is Christ’s peace, not their individual peace. In today’s Gospel, Jesus highlights the difference in the offerings of peace, saying, “Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” Discussing your spiritual struggles during the sacrament of penance can bring one Christ’s peace. Check your parish’s schedule for the celebration of the sacrament of penance. *Today’s readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab, 21; John 14:27–31a.*

**Wednesday, May 1**

### Faithful

Today we celebrate the optional Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. Little is known about St. Joseph, but the few verses of Scripture that mention him show his obedience to God and the care he gave to Mary and Jesus. Pray that, like St. Joseph, you

“bear much fruit” so that God is glorified. *Today’s readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.*

**Thursday, May 2, 2024**

### A Universal Message

After telling the disciples to keep his commandments, Jesus explains, “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.” For many, obeying the commandments may seem burdensome, but Jesus reveals that doing so is the way to remain in Jesus’ love and so is the path to joy. What does it mean for the Lord’s joy to be in you? Have you ever considered that God finds joy in you? *Today’s readings: Acts 15:7–21; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 10; John 15:9–11.*

**Friday, May 3**

### Feast of Sts. Philip and James

Today, on the Feast of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles, the Church honors two of the earliest followers of Jesus. At the beginning of John’s Gospel, Jesus finds Philip and instructs him, “Follow me” (1:45). Philip wastes no time spreading the news of the messiah and encourages Nathanael to “come and see.” May we take to heart the example of these apostles and invite others to come to know Christ. *Today’s readings: Acts 1 Corinthians 15: 1–8; Psalm 19:2–3, 4–5; John 14:6–14.*

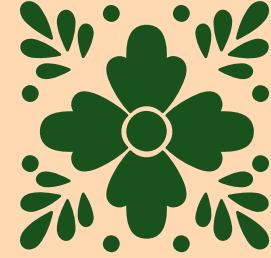
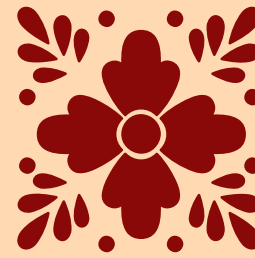
**Saturday, May 4**

### Do You Accept?

The words “serve the Lord with gladness,” in today’s psalm shows the disposition one should have even when rejected and persecuted for living as Christians. As Jesus sets before the disciples the work of spreading the Gospel, he tells them that they will be treated as he has been: “If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.” Are you able to live in gratitude to God even when others revile you? Pray to the Holy Spirit for such courage. *Today’s readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.*







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### PARISH EVENTS

(may change without advance notice)

#### MONDAY

- Friendly Place Lunches 10:30am-12pm
- Knights of Columbus 5:45pm  
(2nd Monday of the month)
- Church Cleaning 6:00pm

#### TUESDAY

- Coffee, Sweets & Tweets with Fr. Lio 7:30-9:00am
- Charismatic Prayer Group 6:30-8:00pm

#### WEDNESDAY

- Adoration 7:30-5:00pm
- Kupuna Ministry 8:30-10:30am
- Benediction/Evening Prayer 5:00pm
- Men of Faith 5:00-6:30pm

#### THURSDAY

- Spiritual Book Club 4:00-5:30pm  
(3rd Thursday of each month)
- Young Adults Group - 5/16 6:00-7:00pm

#### FRIDAY - NO EVENTS

#### SATURDAY

- Church Cleaning 7:30am
- Grounds Maintenance 7:30am
- Confession 9-10am

#### SUNDAY

- OCIA Mystagogy After 9am Mass  
(Apr 14-May 19)
- Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass  
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Consecration to God the Father After 1:30 Mass  
(1st Sunday of each month)
- Faith Formation (K-5) 10:20-11:20am
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