

MAY 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

By this is
my Father glorified,
that you
bear much fruit
and become
my disciples.

JOHN 15:8



Few activities are as disappointing as cultivating garden plants, watering them, and ensuring that they receive sunlight and nutrients, only to receive one or two vegetables or flowers to show for all the effort. Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches to describe how closely we are called to remain with him—so close that we bear the fruit of his life and love in the way we live. When we do this, Jesus says, we give glory to God the Father, which Jesus did perfectly through his life, passion, death, and resurrection. Like plants that rely on the sun and nutrients from the soil, we rely on the Lord Jesus through whom we can do all for which we are called. Without the Lord, we can do nothing.

LEARN FROM THE FIRST ONES

The story of the early Church that we hear from the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season is instructive and inspiring. We learn how the community grew in

their understanding of what it means to remain close to Jesus in the most challenging of situations. They lived in word and deed as Christ had taught and bore the fruit of their faith in their daily decisions, in small ways and in dramatic moments. Faced with Saul who had persecuted Christians and who presented himself as a disciple, Barnabas risked believing Saul's testimony. Through Barnabas, the community accepted Saul, with increasing numbers of people being led to belief in Christ as a result. We too are called to live in word and deed, taking to heart Christ's command to love one another, even when it is challenging to do so. We may find inspiration in the way the early believers drew consolation from the Holy Spirit, finding wisdom and strength to keep the commandments and do what pleases God.

Today's Readings: Acts 9:26–31; Ps 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32;
1 Jn 3:18–24; Jn 15:1–8

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Celebration of the Sacraments:

Mass: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday:
45 minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:

Contact the parish office six
(6) months prior to the
anticipated date 903-769-3235

Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Valerie Branch. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Yvonne Scott. Ulysses Cormier. Bollinger Family. Kate Guthrie. Charlie Parker. Molly Dunn. Regina Davies. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Shay Mikalonis. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Ed & Diane Stanley. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazio. Marsha Blahitka. Joshua & Chase Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Marty Blahitka.**

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

New active recruit, Dawn Quinn, US Army (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading: This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel: I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 5/01 J C Catalano+ (Mary Catalano)

Sun 5/02 Eloise Sanchez (K of C)

Tue 5/04 Pat Gallardo (K of C)

Wed 5/05 Barbara White (K of C)

Thurs 5/06 Parishioners

Fri. 5/07 Alphonsus Lambet+ (Legion of Mary)

Sat. 5/08 Mary Jane Snodgrass (K of C)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts through March 31, 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,642

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,364

Attendance 4/24 Saturday 53 4/25 Sunday 53

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.

Approximate Payoff:

Rectory: \$ 40,599.15

Parish hall: \$ 123,439.69

Pope's Intention for May:

The world of finance. Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God "prunes" us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly "pruned" by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials "pruned" him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

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Holy Spirit Food Donations: *We are in need of can vegetables for our food pantry.* Please place donations in plastic container in the Narthex between the parish hall and church hall.

Thank you,
*Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans
Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team*



Holy Spirit Garage Sale
June 4th & 5th

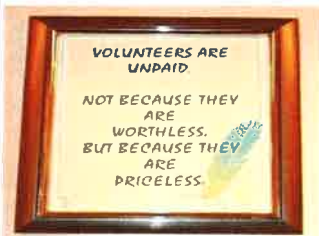
→ **MORE ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR SALE** ←

We've started pricing, you can **drop off items every Wednesday between the hours of 9:30—11:30am. NO CLOTHING or ELECTRONICS.** Call Jean Kelly 903-857-9868 if you have questions or unable to drop off items on Wednesday mornings.

May Second Collections: 1st & 2nd: "Building & Maintenance." 8th & 9th: "Monastery of the Infant Jesus." 15th & 16th: "Catholic Communications."

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

Legion of Mary— Pilgrim Statue: Thanks to a couple of parishioners, Our Lady of Fatima Statue was not in lockdown during Covid. Now She is ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749 or Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953. The Statue will be delivered to your home on the day of your choice and picked up at the end of one week. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.



WHAT IS THE LORD ASKING ME TO DO WITH MY GIFTS OF TIME AND TALENT?

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT MEN & WOMEN

ALTAR SERVERS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS, USHERS, CANTORS & CHOIR MEMBERS WITH MUSICAL ABILITIES

FOR ONE OR SEVERAL OF OUR MINISTRIES

LAST WEEKEND TO SIGN-UP MAY 1st & 2nd

EVERYBODY SIGN UP EVEN IF YOU SIGNED UP BEFORE—WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE YOUR MASS A SHARED EXPERIENCE

WATCH YOUR BULLETIN FOR DATE OF TRAINING

SERIOUS NEED FOR HELP ON OUR "HOLY CLEANING CREW" Sign-up sheet in Narthex.

Call Richard Boultinghouse 903-769-4257 or email rbhouse61@aol.com



Save the date **Sat., May 22nd at 9:00am** for a **Rosary Rally** outside Holy Spirit Church. Praying that lapsed Catholics may return to the Faith.



choir practice



Holy Spirit Choir Practice beginning this Sat., May 1st at 10:30am inside our church.



Please join us as we pray the **PATRIOTIC ROSARY FOR PEACE IN AMERICA**



First Saturday of each month after the 9:00am Mass

See you this Saturday May 1st

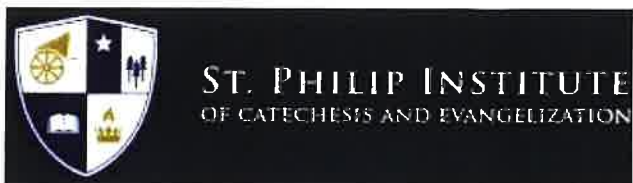
OUR CHURCH IS NOW OPEN WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASSES

Good News

Protocols still in place:

1. We are still alternating every other pew.
2. When we have an overflow, there is sitting available in the parish hall, (please do not move the chairs). The large screen television is setup to view our Mass. Someone from church will bring you communion in the parish hall.
3. We do ask, no socializing in the church or parish hall before, during or after each Mass. Please exit to the parking lot after Mass to socialize.

God Bless You,
Fr. Mike Snider



Steubenville Lonestar

St. John Paul II once said to a group of youth:

“The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.”

If you want to see what the Lord has planned for you, and how you can respond to the challenge of building a civilization of love, we invite you to join the St. Philip Institute for a powerful retreat in Dallas this summer.

Hear inspiring talks, receive the Sacraments, meet other Catholic youth from the Diocese of Tyler and beyond, and more!

Learn more about the conference <https://stphilipinstitute.org/events/steubenville-lonestar/>. (Register with the St. Philip Institute for the Diocese of Tyler package and rates.)

Diocese of Tyler Package Cost: Early Bird (Until May 15): \$335 Regular: \$350

Cost includes: Registration, housing, and transportation, all meals except lunch on Sunday

\$50 Deposit is due within 2 weeks of registering.

If interested or you need more information call Henry Troell @ 903-790-1717.



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