

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITY

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER May 2nd, 2021

“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

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Daily Mass Schedule

Tues. 5:30 pm, Wed. 12:00 pm,

Thurs. 8:30 am, Fri. 8:30 am.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Friday 9:30 - 10:00 am

Or by appointment

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St. Luke's Vision Statement:

Joyfully living the Gospel through sacraments, service, and love.

BAPTISM: Baptismal formation sessions are held every other month. Parents must be active and registered in the parish for at least three months prior to the celebration of the sacrament. Please call the **Parish Office -919-848-1533** regarding Baptismal and Session dates.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: Conferred upon request prior to surgery or at any time of illness. Please call the **Parish Office 919-848-1533** to advise staff of illness or hospitalization of a family member.

MARRIAGE: Catholic parties should be registered and active parishioners for at least six months before the wedding to allow enough time for formation for the sacrament and selection of the wedding date. Please contact **Doreen Struble at dmstruble19@gmail.com (preferred) or 919-909-3689** to begin formation for the Sacrament or with any questions you have.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS: If anyone is discerning a call to serve as a priest, please contact the **Parish Office 919-848-1533**.



HOLY DAYS AND WEEKEND MASSES ARE ALL BY SIGN UP GENIUS FOR REGISTERED PARISHIONERS ONLY

SATURDAY, MAY 1 *First Saturday - First Communion*
St. Joseph the Worker

9:30 AM Chanelle Henderson *(B'day)*
By Mom
4:00 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, MAY 2 *5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

9:00 AM Mass Pro Populo
11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

MONDAY, MAY 3 *Sts. Phillip & James, Apostles*

No Daily Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 4

5:30 PM Msgr. Gerald L. Lewis *(60th Ann. Of Ordination)*
By Mike & Ginny Byrne

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

12:00 PM Stephanie Daugherty *(Healing)*
By Rich & Betty DiMassimo

THURSDAY, MAY 6 *National Day of Prayer*

8:30 AM +Peter Anthony
By Anthony Family

FRIDAY, MAY 7 *FIRST FRIDAY*

8:30 AM +John Walczyk
By Gene & Cecile Hosey
9:00 AM Adoration
9:30 AM Reconciliation
4:00 PM Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY, MAY 8

4:00 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, MAY 9 *6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MOTHER'S DAY*

9:00 AM Mass Pro Populo
11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo
12:00 PM **Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



COVID 19 Updates

Visit our website for updates on Mass celebrations, Adoration, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and all other Sacraments.
www.stlukesraleigh.org

For more information, please see the [Executive Order](#) (pdf) and also note the following Exemption:

Worship, religious, and spiritual gatherings, funeral ceremonies, wedding ceremonies, and other activities constituting the exercise of First Amendment rights are exempt from all the requirements of this Executive Order and Executive Order Nos. 121 and 138, notwithstanding any other provision of this Executive Order or of Executive Order Nos. 121 and 138.

Parish Weekly Calendar

Watch Our Live Streamed Masses here,
St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church Online Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3nofHqRJKGMf3yidxwMMOw/featured>

WEEKEND AND HOLY DAY MASSES ARE ALL BY SIGN UP GENIUS FOR REGISTERED PARISHIONERS ONLY

SUNDAY, MAY 2 *5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

ROSARY BEFORE MASSES8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
SUNDAY MASSES (SIGN UP).....9:00 and 11:00 AM
CONFIRMATION II - REHEARSAL @ ST. JOSEPH'S.....4:00 PM
CARPE DIEM.....4:00 PM
VITA NOVA.....6:30 PM

MONDAY, MAY 3 *Sts. Phillip & James, Apostles*

LEGION OF MARY.....6:30 PM
FAMILY ROSARY.....7:30 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 4

REGNUM CHRISTI.....9:30 AM
DAILY MASS (EVENING).....5:30 PM
METANOIA - EPISODE 5.....6:30 PM
ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION.....6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

BIBLE STUDY.....9:30 AM
DAILY MASS12:00 PM
CONFIRMATION @ ST. JOSEPH'S.....6:30 PM
KIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEETING.....7:00 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 6 *National Day of Prayer*

DAILY MASS.....8:30 AM
OPUS DEI.....9:30 AM
EXODUS 90.....8:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 7 *FIRST FRIDAY*

DAILY MASS.....8:30 AM
FIRST FRIDAY SACRED HEART DEVOTION.....9:00 AM
ADORATION.....9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
RECONCILIATION.....9:30 - 10:00 AM
BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.....4:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 8

OPUS DEI RETREAT.....8:00 AM
RECONCILIATION4:00 - 5:00 PM
ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....5:00 PM
SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL MASS (SIGN UP).....5:30 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 9 *6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MOTHER'S DAY*

ROSARY BEFORE MASSES8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
SUNDAY MASSES (SIGN UP).....9:00 and 11:00 AM
CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.....12:00 PM

Please Pray For Our Family, Friends & Our Parish

If you would like to have someone's name *added or removed* from our prayer list, please email: stlbulletin@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office. Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks, if they need to remain longer please contact the Parish Office. *Thank You*

Those Who Are Sick: Ro Marsiglia (Mike/Joanne Boyle), Michael Miklosko, Nick Rodriguez, Al Przytulski, Angela Debelak, Sal Morici (cousin of Grace Benigno), Charlotte Boland (Great Granddaughter of Bill/Jeanette Schultz), John & June Lefeber (parents of Michele Wallace) Walt & Liam Rollinson (infant grandsons of Bill/Anne Donnelly), Sue Schultz (daughter in law of Bill/Jeanette Schultz), Julian B., Joe Rothengast Jr. (son of Joe/Annick Rothengast), Lillian Hill, Vera Chapman, Lou Schultz (son of Bill/Jeanette Schultz), Barbara Schultz (sister in law of Bill/Jeanette Schultz), Mary Clo Carey (Sister of Mark Carey /Karin Perritt), Eduardo Rodriguez, Daniel Wallace (uncle of V. Rodriguez), Janet, Shannon Morock, Greg Lape, Joyce Ricci, Daniel Chorba, Margaret McGarry, Cathy/Butch Hallam (Vicky Loebach's sister), Susan Riordan, Lily Keas, Lynne Loebach, Letty Phillips, Jo Del Donno, Mark Kearney, Ashley Jack (Mike Struble's niece), Dominick Catalano (father-in-law of Lisa Catalano, Amanda Soisson (daughter-in-law of Ann Soisson), Saoirse Doherty granddaughter of Pat/Kathy Doherty), Lori Nussbaum, Luke Galligan (grandson of Bill/Jeanette Schultz), Luke Carusillo (nephew of Grace Benigno), Howdy McCreery, Marilyn Flowers, Dave Slater (brother-in-law of Marlene Loeffler), Rob Beyer (son of Julie Meese/Brother of Mary Carey), John Loeffler (grandson of Marlene Loeffler)

Repose of the Soul: Rudy (Rudolph) Michilek, Judy Moore (mother of Camille Conzola)



Those Who Are In The Military: Andrew Burgess-Wise., Garrett Barrios, Brice Anthony, Margaret Ireland, Jake Foscato, James Boland, Gregory Boland, Kathleen M. Mills; Madeline E. Chafin, Abbey Moran, Bret Morrow, Jeff Brizendine, Devon Zillmer, Joseph Carmona, Adam R. Thompson, Heather Prior, Joel Chapman, Michael McMorrow, Thomas Phillips, Ryan A. Beale, Peter A. Beale, Jeffrey A. Beale, Derek Heinz, Cathy Crilley, Sean Crilley, Kevin Crilley.



Altar Flowers
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Elizabeth Halasz
Donated by
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Mary's Corner

"Before her birth, the prophets proclaimed the glory of Mary. They compared her to the sun. Indeed, the appearances of the Blessed Virgin can be compared to a beautiful ray of sunshine on a cloudy afternoon." *St. John Vianney*



Want to learn more about the Legion of Mary?
Contact Denis Moya for more information.
Join us in the St. Charles Borromeo room on Mondays at 6:30pm

Liturgy and Prayer

Ministers of Hospitality	Bill Duffy	619-8471
Readers	Fellpa Mendez	805-0798
Extraordinary Ministers	Rick Beebe	418-0845
Family Rosary	Savage Family	431-9883
Altar Linens	Michelle Wolf	349-1750
Adoration	Mary Kate Travers	628-1068
Altar Servers	David Sofra	847-9978
Altar Preparers	Beverly Weiland	294-4398
Altar Flowers	Carol Blando	427-3865
Prayer & Healing	Betty Di Massimo	741-8099
Prayer Line	Teres Scofield	412-6542
Mass Co-Ordinator	Randi Ostack	559-7745

Outreach

Bereavement Meals	Molly Schubert	847-0282
Catholic Parish Outreach	Joe Jacobs	662-1640
	Joe Huray	678-1818
Hospital Ministry	Winnie Lewis	263-8102
Respect Life	Diane Masinick	971-7792
GIFTS	Grace Benigno	761-1797
Nursing Home Ministry	Cheryl Jacobs	662-1640
Habitat for Humanity	Jim Gay	426-6402

Parish Community Life & Facilities

Parish Hall/Kitchen	Missy Savage	431-9883
Landscaping	Jane Turro	848-1533
God's Housekeepers	Diane Johnston	847-2488
Knights of Columbus	Craig O'Brien	622-4333
Gathering Space Coord.	Jane Turro	848-1633

Evangelization

Legion of Mary	Dennis Moya	740-2471
Catechumen Coordinator	Mary Carey	454-3596

For a complete list of ministries see our website www.stlukesraleigh.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of May 2nd, 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

The **Retrouvaille Program** is for married couples with marriages that are struggling, not communicating well, and those who are considering marriage separation or divorce. It is also for those who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help. Some couples come to Retrouvaille during initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with the weekend of October 22, 2021, call 800-470-2230, or email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the web site at www.helpourmarriage.org.

Nine Choirs of Angels - in the March 28th bulletin/ Palm Sunday we spoke about two types of Angels, **Seraphim** and **Cherubim**. Along with Thrones they are the highest group of angels.

Thrones - Thrones are the Angels of Humility, Peace and Submission. They reside in the area of the cosmos where material form begins to take shape. The lower Choir of Angels need the Thrones to access God.

The second level, or sphere of angels are:

Dominions - Dominions are Angels of Leadership. They regulate the duties of the angels, making known the commands of God. They are charged with great and universal stewardships.

Virtues - Virtues are known as the Spirits of Motion and control the elements. They are sometimes referred to as "the shining ones." They govern all nature. They have control over seasons, stars, moon; even the sun is subject to their command. They are also in charge of miracles and provide courage, grace and valor.

Powers - Powers are Warrior Angels against evil defending the cosmos and humans. They are known as potentates. They fight against evil spirits who attempt to wreak chaos through human beings. The chief is said to be either Samael or Camael, both angels of darkness.



**Cristo Rey Research Triangle High School is still
accepting applications for Fall of 2021!**

*Cristo Rey Research Triangle is a college and career preparatory High School in the Catholic tradition for students with limited economic resources. We are unique! Our students integrate a **rigorous academic curriculum** with **four years of professional work experience** and **support to and through college**. Students spend one day a week gaining professional work experience in some of our top companies in the area. We are located at the **Historic American Tobacco Campus** in the heart of downtown **Durham, NC**. Open to all rising 9th graders.*

APPLY NOW! www.cristoreyrt.org



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is essentially an embrace with Jesus in which I say to him: "I am yours, and I ask you, please stay with me always." - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The devotion begins with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A priest or deacon removes the sacred host from the tabernacle and places it on the altar for adoration. The purpose of adoration is to highlight the presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist. When a consecrated host is placed in the monstrance, it is said to be a solemn exposition. Adoration ceremonies traditionally include Scripture readings, hymns, prayers, and time for silent adoration.

Monstrance: Sacred vessel used for the exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Luna: Glass enclosure that holds the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance.

Cope: Ornate, cloak-like vestment worn over a white alb and a stole by clergy at Benediction and processions.

Humeral Veil: Scarf-like liturgical garment about eight or nine feet long and over two or three feet wide, worn over the shoulders. The minister covers his hands with the ends of the veil so that it, not his hands, touches the monstrance at Benediction or during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

Incense: Graduated or powdered aromatic resin that, when sprinkled on glowing coals in the censer (thurible), becomes a fragrant cloud of smoke to symbolize prayer rising to God. Incense is used whenever there is Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and during processions with the Blessed Sacrament.

PARISH FINANCE & FACILITIES REPORT

Visit our parish website: www.stlukesraleigh.org

Parish Offertory Report

FY21 Weekly Offertory

Apr. Wk 3

Basket / Office = \$9,955

Online Giving = \$3,908

Total = \$13,863

April 2021 Offertory is below prior year totals. Online Giving is an easy and convenient way to support our parish.

Visit our website, scroll down to select Giving, and follow the prompts to make your gift.

The complete FY20-21 Weekly YOY Parish Offertory Report is available on our website: www.stlukesraleigh.org/give

Thank You!

Bishop's Annual Appeal

2021 BAA @ St. Luke

One Family in Christ

2021 Parish Goal:

\$111,148

+

100% Participation

Donate online at www.GivetoBAA.org

Thank you for your generosity!

Stewardship Prayer

S. Marie Schwan

Lord God, You alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of the universe, and the mystery of each human life. We praise You and we thank You for Your great power and Your tender, faithful love.

Everything we are and everything we have is Your gift, and after having created us You have given us into the keeping of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in His Spirit we may be bonded together into a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people.

In the Name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent, our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus. Amen.



FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

- Elementary** Last class: Tuesday, May 4th!!
- Carpe Diem** Next meetings... May 2nd & May 16th, 4:00-6:00pm
- Vita Nova** Next meetings... May 2nd & May 16th, 6:30-8:30pm
- R.C.I.A.** Contact Rebecca (dobnerrj.stlukes@gmail.com) for information.
- Journeyman** Currently meeting Saturday mornings; Current series: "The Wild Goose" with Fr. Dave Pivonka. You can email Jim Scofield at jim.scofield@gmail.com for more information.

KIDS CORNER

Unscramble the words from today's Gospel:

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joined
branch

Father
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The children of St. Luke's receiving their First Holy Communion will do so at the 9:30am Mass on Saturday, May 1st.
God bless you all!!



The Mass for our Confirmation class this year will be with Bishop Zarama at St. Joseph's, Wednesday, May 5th.
Come Holy Spirit, come!

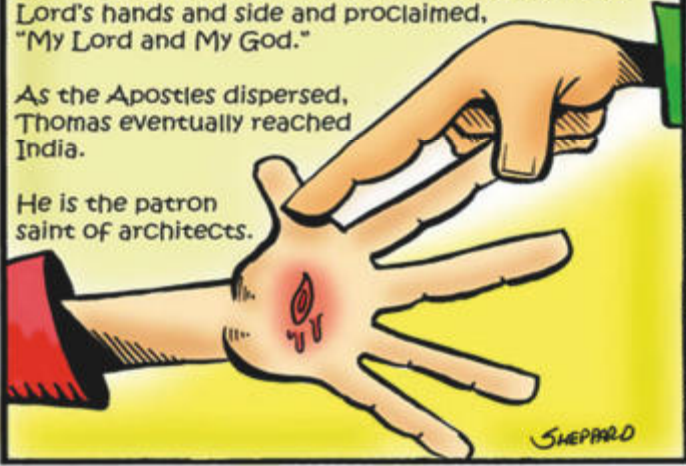
SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Thomas was one of the original Apostles. He was a dedicated follower of Christ. Thomas, unwilling to believe other Apostles had seen the risen Lord, he earned the title "doubting Thomas." On Christ's second apparition, Thomas saw the wounds in our Lord's hands and side and proclaimed, "My Lord and My God."

As the Apostles dispersed, Thomas eventually reached India.

He is the patron saint of architects.



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Confirmation Families

Confirmation II - Next meeting: May 11th "Where Do We Go From Here?"

Students for Years I/II: Bring your Bibles, and something to write in/with!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Luke's is planning to hold a Vacation Bible School the week of July 12th, 2021 - but it won't happen without our families and volunteers joining in! Please contact Rebecca Dobner if you are interested in being a part of planning this faith-filled week!

(Email: dobnerrj.stlukes@gmail.com)

They made it out just in time!!
Apr. 23rd
Vita Nova
Lock-in



...and our youth have dance moves, too.



Prayer for the week:
Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Pascal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

For more information regarding any Faith Formation Program, please contact the Parish Office at 919-848-1533

May 2nd, 2021 Worship Aid
5 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Introductory Rites

The congregation is invited to listen silently to the music during Mass,
as we are still being mindful of others' safety at this time.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Please remain seated)

Refrain: O Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia, alleluia.

Vs. 1 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy.

Vs. 2 Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

Opening Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Greeting

Penitential Act

Assembly: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

All strike their breast three times as they say:

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Assembly: Amen.

KYRIE

GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, Heavenly King, O God almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING 1

ACTS 9: 26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing 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 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 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 consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

PSALM 22: 26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)

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

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live on forever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my descendants serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his saving justice to peoples yet unborn: "These are the things the Lord has done." **R.**

READING 2

JOHN 3: 18-24

A reading from the first Letter of St. John

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.

The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 15: 4a,5b

Alleluia, alleluia. Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

JOHN 15: 1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

CREED

Priest: Please stand.

All: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(All bow at the following words up to and including 'and became man.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

All: Lord hear our prayer

Priest: For the Souls of the faithfully departed,....Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

All: May perpetual light shine upon them.

Priest: May they rest in peace.

All: Amen

All: Through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen. All: Hail Mary....

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Our parish relies on your generous support, as we serve you, all our parish family and pilgrims, as well as all those most in need during these challenging time. Please give Online through the following link. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1717>

Presentation of the Gifts - At this time, if you have an envelope or contribution please bring it to the front baskets.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis. Benedictus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again. Amen

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament, I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

-St. Alphonsus Liguori

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Memorare All: Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help and sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother, to thee I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate! Despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel All: Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Postlude

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Gospel Meditation - May 2nd, 2021 - 5th Sunday of Easter

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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