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

“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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## SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.  
(Church w/Sign  
Up & On-line)

## DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m.  
(Church w/Sign  
Up & On-line)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Sunday  
Closed until further  
notice

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I AM THE  
TRUE VINE,  
AND MY FATHER  
IS THE VINE  
GROWER.

John 15:1

**MAY 2, 2021**

# ON THE WAY.....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

The experts anticipate that we will need to practice social distancing for a few more months. The possibility of opening up the Church for all will be a moment of celebration. A question arises though: will people come back? Or maybe a better question: what do we need to do to encourage people to come back? For Catholics, the “sun and center” of the spiritual life is the Eucharist. People will come back to gather around the table of the Lord and share once again in the Eucharistic Banquet. Last week we looked at how Jesus gave the gift of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. This week we want to examine how the early church responded to the command of the Lord: “Do this in remembrance of me.”

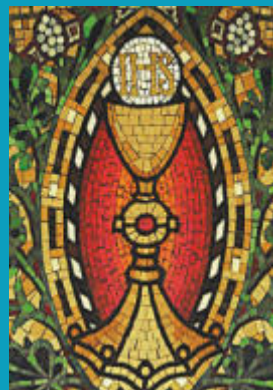
In the Gospel of Luke two companions (Mr. and Mrs. Cleopas?) encounter the Risen Lord on the road to Emmaus but they did not know who it was. It is only at the end of their journey when they gather for a meal that they “recognized him in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35). The memory of Jesus’ doing that at the Last Supper to distribute the first Eucharist was strong enough for them to realize that they were in the Real Presence of Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The Acts of the Apostles continues that same memory when it speaks of the early community. *They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer* (Acts 2:42). Breaking of bread had become a way of speaking of the Eucharistic celebration. Those earliest believers were, of course, all Jews and they continued in their traditional Jewish prayers and practices, even going to the temple to worship. The “breaking of the bread” was their way of establishing an identity specifically as followers of Jesus. Since there were no churches (nor even thoughts of churches at this point) for believers they “broke bread” at home. *Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God* (Acts 2:46). Temple was where they prayed as Jews but breaking the bread of the Eucharist made them Christian.

St. Paul was instrumental in broadening the followers of Jesus to include Gentiles, that is, non-Jews. The practice of “breaking bread” as the preferred way of gathering as Christians continued among the gentile communities. Apparently, the custom developed of having a meal after the Eucharistic celebration and the Apostle chides the Christians in Corinth because their practice violated the very meaning of the Eucharist. *I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it...one person remains hungry and another gets drunk... When you gather to eat, you should all eat together* (1 Corinthians 11:18,21,33). For St. Paul the experience of Eucharist which should have been the moment of greatest unity among the Christians was the source of division and, thus, a scandal. This early experience of the Church continues to challenge us to have our Eucharistic Celebrations be a true reflection of a genuine experience of community.



In the Most Holy Trinity,  
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

Sun 05/02	5th Sunday Of Easter	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Church w/Sign Up) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Debra and Shirley Barker - requested by Phyllis Barker</i> † <i>Kenneth Koestner - requested by the O'Shea family</i>
Mon 05/03	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY
Tues 05/04	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY
	7:00 p.m.	Evangelization Committee (On-line)
Wed 05/05	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council (On-line)
Thur 05/06	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY
Fri 05/07	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY
	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (On-line & Church w/ Sign Up)
Sun 05/09	6th Sunday Of Easter Mother's Day	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Church w/Sign Up) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Anna Marano - requested by Mena Marano</i> † <i>For the O'Shea Family for their mother, Anna Belle, on the anniversary of her death</i> † <i>Ellen Noble - requested by Crispin Thomas</i>



**Eucharistic Adoration**  
May 7, 2021 @ 7:00pm  
Numbers will be limited and done in accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines with respecting social distancing.  
Fr. John will hear confession during adoration from 7:30pm until 8:30pm.

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

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. (Acts 9:26)

## PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.  
(Ps 22) Or Alleluia.

## SECOND READING:

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.  
(1 Jn 3:23)

## GOSPEL:

"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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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter  
Monday: Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles  
Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo  
Thursday: National Day of Prayer  
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

## Seeing Race: Racism & Hunger

**Sunday**  
**May 16, 2021**  
**12:30PM**

**w/Cathy Moore, St. James Food Pantry**

**See "Zoom links" on website for Zoom link.**



**Meeting ID: 870 6934 0782**  
**Password: SEERACE**



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### ACTIVITIES:

Tastings - Seeds & seedlings - Tours - Activities for Kids

### DAY/TIME:

Saturday, May 8th, 2021  
9am-12pm

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## FIRST READING

Luke tells us how the conversion of Saul (Paul) and the acceptance by the disciples of him helped facilitate peace in the Church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria. What do you think is needed to bring about peace in our Church today?

## SECOND READING

John teaches his community that believing in Jesus and loving one another is the heart of God's commandment. How would you assess yourself in following this two-fold command?

## GOSPEL READING

Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus urges his disciples to "remain in me" in order to bear good fruit and thereby glorify God. What would be some examples of "good fruit" that you have produced?



## Coming to Church

Advance sign up for all masses and events is required.

You can access all sign-ups for masses and events, including Eucharistic Adoration through [Sign Up Genius](#) or on the Sign Up Genius tab on our website. If you do not have access to the internet you may call Amy at 872-703-4337.

Participants must follow ALL safety guidelines.



St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>

## In Our Prayers

<b>Our Home Bound:</b>	<b>Our Sick:</b>
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