

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 29, 2018

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18

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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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).

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

Second Reading — Let us love not in word or speech, but indeed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,193.00	\$2,179.00
Number of Families contributing	140	116
Total Pledge for 2018	\$166,199.00	\$167,136.00
Pledged to Date (16 Weeks)	\$51,883.00	\$50,552.00
Received to Date	\$47,643.00	\$38,718.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,240.00	\$11,834.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$231.00	\$3,183.00

Twenty-nine ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2018 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$3,606.00
Amount Outstanding	\$22,099.00

Ten people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$0.00	\$1,385.00

No one made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$13.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$179.00.

29 **CHILDREN** contributed \$91.00.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS totaled \$326.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 110, and 7:00p.m. 150; Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 120.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near him and a lady got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside the Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went inside the church and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."

It was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured. He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins.

—Isaiah 52:4-5

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Duggan in loving memory of him on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
2. Hannah Marie and Family in loving memory of Danny Ho Mulholland on his 62nd Birthday;
3. John Michael and Family in loving memory of Winnie Girl Sherlock on her 60th Birthday;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER will be celebrated this Tuesday, May 1st, at 10:00 A.M. Everyone is asked to attend this Mass and bring tools to be blessed. To prepare ourselves for the feast, we shall begin a Triduum Prayer beginning this Saturday, April 28th.

MASTER'S TABLE The Youth Group is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master's Table in Augusta this Thursday, May 3rd. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Jack's Mary Rita.

FEAST OF BLESSED CEFERINO On May 4, 1997, Pope John Paul II declared Ceferino Blessed. Blessed Ceferino is very special to us. Hence it is our honor and privilege to celebrate his feast this Friday, May 4th at 10:00 A.M. mass. To prepare ourselves for the feast, we shall begin a Triduum Prayer on Monday, May 1st. All are requested to participate and have yourself blessed.

THANKS to four members for their donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

FORGET

*Forget who hurt you yesterday,
but don't forget those who love you everyday.
Forget the past that makes you cry
and focus on the present that makes you smile.
Forget the pain but never forget the lesson you gained.*

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The pastor was greeting folks at the door after the service. A woman said, "Father, that was a good sermon."

The priest replied, "Oh, I have to give credit to the Holy Spirit."

"It wasn't THAT good!" she said.

EVERYONE

Everyone may not be nice...
But there is something nice in everyone.
Never keep a fixed image for anyone...
Because people act differently with
different people.

REAL RELATIONSHIPS

Real relationships have fights, trust, faith, tears, pain, arguments, patience, secrets, jealousy, and above all love.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Pius V
Tuesday: St. Joseph the Worker
Wednesday: St. Athanasius
Thursday: Ss. Philip and James; National Day of Prayer
Friday: First Friday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: *Funeral.*
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Pat Raid Riley on the 16th Anniversary of his death.
Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Duggan on the 1st Anniversary of his death.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Rosie Girl Carroll on the 8th Anniversary of her death.

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

*Showers of blessings fall into our life,
In ways that are strange and unknown.
We take them for granted not thinking
Of the love that descends from God's throne.*

*The homes we live in, the clothes we wear,
Much food and good health day by day.
These are a few of god's blessings
That are constantly coming our way.*

*Start counting the blessings God sends you,
You'll find the total real high.
God always provides for His Children
With a vast and abundant supply.*

READERS

Sat. Apr. 28th, 4:00 P.M. Grace & Rita Riley
Sat. Apr. 28th, 7:00 P.M. Carolyn & Bridgette Anna
Sun. April 29th, 10:00 A.M. Theresa Maria & Jimmy Joseph
Sat. May 5th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie
Sat. May 5th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa
Sun. May 6th, 10:00 A.M. Miranda & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday Reed
Tuesday JonBenet
Wednesday Erin
Thursday Skylar
Friday Karen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 8:30 P.M. **April 28th**
Front Bridget Ann
Left Cup Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

April 29th **May 6th**
Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Mary Cat
Tuesday Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday Ann T.
Thursday Bibbie's Catherine Ann
Friday Bridget Ann

NEVER HOLD YOUR HEAD HIGH

**Never hold your head high with pride or ego.
Even the winner of a gold medal gets his medal
only when he bows his head down.**

SILENCE AND SMILE

SUCCESSFUL *people have two things on their lips.*

"SILENCE AND SMILE"

SMILE to solve the problem.

SILENCE to avoid the problem.

MOST VALUABLE PLACES

**The NICEST PLACE to be is in someone's thoughts and
the SAFEST PLACE is to be in someone's prayers.**

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

FILL US WITH YOUR JOY

**Lord Jesus, through the gift of Your Holy Spirit, You fill us
with an indomitable spirit of praise and joy which no
earthly trial can subdue. Fill me with Your resurrection joy
and help me to live a life of praise and thanksgiving for
Your glory. May I witness to those around me the joy of the
Gospel and the reality of Your victory over the grave and
gift of everlasting life. Amen.**