

Church of the Assumption

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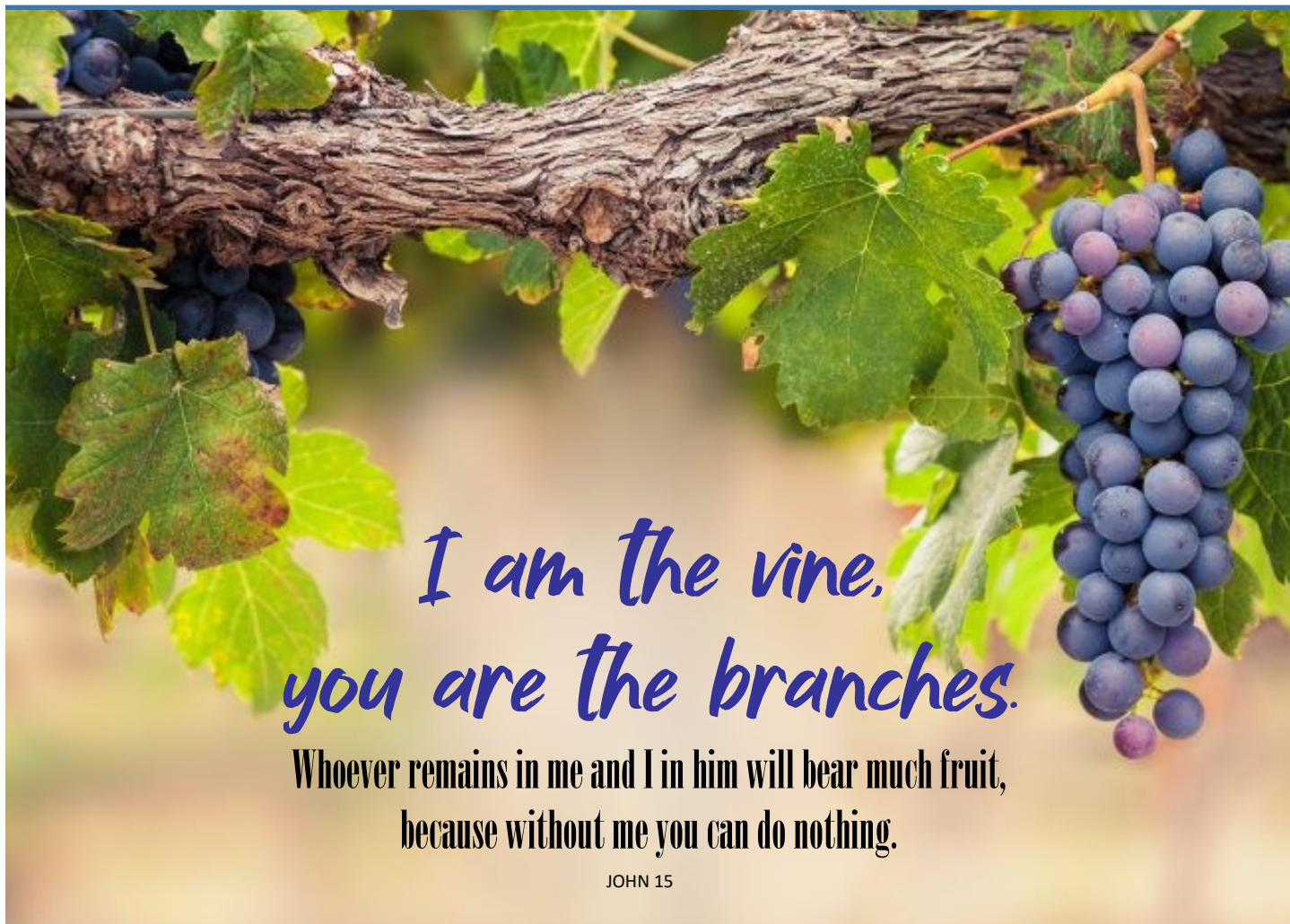
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12 noon
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

*Registration suggested
for weekend Masses.*

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Why does Jesus speak of himself as the true vine? The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel "as his choice vine" (Jeremiah 2:21). When Jesus calls himself the true vine, he makes clear that no one can grow in spiritual fruitfulness and moral goodness unless they are rooted in God and in his life-giving word. Jesus makes a claim which only God can make - he is the true source of life that sustains us and makes us fruitful in living the abundant life which God has for us. It is only through Jesus Christ that one can be fully grafted into the true "vineyard of the Lord".

Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him - the fruit of "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us. Do we trust in the Lord's healing and transforming power to give us the abundant life and fruit of his heavenly kingdom?

Readings for Sunday,

May 9, 2021

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17



Saint of the Week ... Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

James, Son of Alphaeus: We know nothing of this man except his name, and, of course, the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the disciples. This James is also known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater.

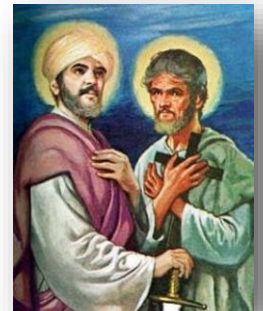
Philip: Philip came from the same town in Galilee as Peter and Andrew. Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was.

On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following him and wanted to give them food, he asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, "[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do" (Jn 6:6). Philip answered, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little" (Jn 6:7).

This story shows how it was necessary for these men who were to be the cornerstones of the Church to see the clear distinction between humanity's total helplessness apart from God and the human ability to be a bearer of divine power by God's gift.

As in the case of the other apostles, we see in James and Philip human men who became foundation stones of the Church, and we are reminded that holiness is entirely the gift of God, not a matter of human achieving. All power is God's power, even the power of human freedom to accept his gifts. "You will be clothed with power from on high," Jesus told Philip and the others. Their first commission had been to expel unclean spirits, heal diseases, and announce the kingdom. They learned, gradually, that these externals were sacraments of an even greater miracle inside their persons—the divine power to love like God.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: May 3

Special Mass to be Celebrated by Deacon Phillip



Deacon Phillip Szabo, who will be ordained to the priesthood on May 29, will celebrate a special Mass at our church on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, at 6 p.m. You can register for this Mass as you would other Masses.

Following the Mass we will present him with a monetary gift from our Parish. If you would like to contribute toward this gift, donations can be mailed to the parish or dropped in the offertory basket in an envelope marked for Deacon Phillip, now through May 25. Checks should be made payable to the Church of the Assumption.

Phillip's ordination will be held at St. James Catholic Church in Charles Town on Saturday, May 29, at 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend; there is no need to RSVP.

Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker

MAY 1




Like St. Joseph, may we learn how to work for Jesus...live for Jesus as he did—with love and for love—thus converting all our work and other ordinary daily activities into a loving encounter with Christ. Amen.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, May 1	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Larry DeMasi.....	Dena Turner
Sunday, May 2	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Bonnie Whetzel	The DeMasi family
Monday, May 3	No Mass		
Tuesday, May 4	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 5	No Mass		
Thursday, May 6	No Mass		
Friday, May 7	No Mass		
Saturday, May 8	4:00 p.m.	All Mothers, Living and Deceased.....	Assumption Parish
Sunday, May 9	8:30 a.m.	All Mothers, Living and Deceased.....	Assumption Parish

There will be no weekday Masses this week while Father is away attending a Diocesan priests meeting.



Teacher Appreciation WEEK

Please say a prayer of thanks for our religious education teachers for the outstanding job they do...especially with the challenges this past year has brought. Thank you for shining your light of faith on our children!

Julie Alt	Elizabeth McQuin
Jean Harber	Jane Placka
Bob Konka	Laura Pritts
Kelley & Jeff Kuhn	Erin Ravenscroft
Joe Maybury	Nancy Starcher

Collections & Attendance
April 24-25, 2021

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$1,714
Loose Donations.....	\$1,015
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$10
Total.....	\$2,739

Diocesan Collection

Catholic Home Missions	\$264
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Attendance

Saturday 4/24	58
Sunday 4/25	69
Total.....	127



Imagine this: Some magical entity says they will grant you a single wish. What do you ask for? Something practical, like your mortgage being paid off? Or something extravagant, like a never-ending supply of mangoes?

Now re-imagine that scenario with one slight difference: you already have everything you could ever need. Because, in a sense, you do. You are loved and have been redeemed by the all-powerful God of the universe, a reality we focus on throughout this Easter season. Even death itself has been defeated! When we live with acceptance of and gratitude for this mystery, our desires and wishes are transformed. We can't help but want to share the love with others. This is the fruit of "remaining in" relationship with Jesus, the vine that connects us back to the Father.

How do you desire to help our parish community? One big way you can contribute is through supporting our Catholic Sharing Appeal. Take some time this week to root yourself in the Lord, and see how He might be asking you to fruitfully support this important cause.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

- Saturday, May 8.....Celia Cole (L)
Anita Tetreault (C)
Sue & Jean Harber (U)
- Sunday, May 9.....Pam Williams (L)
Nancy Starcher (C)
Jeff & Kelley Kuhn (U)
- Saturday, May 15Kenny Brant (L)
Anita Tetreault (C)
Tom & Kathy Finnell (U)
- Sunday, May 16Alan Taylor (L)
Julie Alt (C)
Michael & Sonja Stan (U)

