

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 **BW** Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Ralph Drees

12:00 **BW** Howard Mushaben from Kay & Bill Russ

Monday, May 3

12:10 Nancy Klein from Rose Ann & Brian Wirth

Tuesday, May 4

12:10 John Schuler from Tom Perrino

Wednesday, May 5

12:10 Chriss Blatz from Carol & Larry

Thursday, May 6

12:10 Aloys and Augusta Wedekind from The Mohr Family

Friday, May 7

12:00 Bob Goldsberry from Louise Goldsberry

Saturday, May 8

12:10 **BW** Thomas Butler from JoAnne & Joe Dolwig

7:00 **BW** Don Huesman from The Sawma's

Sunday, May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 **BW** Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Ruth Ahaus from Elaine Ahaus

12:00 **BW** Dennis Barron from Barbara Juengling & Family

From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE REGISTER for Saturday evening and Sunday masses at strosecincinnati.org

ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation.

THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.

To join us for Live Streaming of mass go to our website STROSECINNATI.ORG and click on **WATCH LIVE**. I want to thank everyone who continues to support us with their generous contributions. God Bless, Fr. Barry

Here at St. Rose

Samuel Hosford Hamilton will be welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Just a Reminder now that Riverside Drive is Open: The space in front of the convent is a bus stop and, consequently, a no parking zone. To avoid receiving a citation, please do not park in front of the convent on Riverside Drive.

THROUGH (JESUS) LET US CONTINUALLY OFFER GOD A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE, THAT IS, THE FRUIT OF LIPS THAT CONFESS HIS NAME. ~Heb 13:15

Reflection. The hour has sounded for joyful chants: Alleluia.

Let us praise God with our life, with our voice, with our heart, and with our deeds.

~St. Augustine

Prayer. Heavenly Father, help me to give You constant praise in my heart. At the same time, let this attitude bear fruit in my life—producing truly Christian deeds.

SAFEPARISH – NEW CHILD PROTECTION PLATFORM STARTING JULY 2021
The Safe Environment Office would like to start getting the word out to all parish volunteers about the upcoming switch from VIRTUS to the new child protection platform called SafeParish effective July 2021.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT - Are you concerned about an aging parent? Is your spouse depending on you more and more due to their chronic illness? Do you have siblings or adult children who are struggling? Caregiver groups provide helpful resource information, understanding and encouragement. Consider joining a caregiver group or taking our caregiver self-care class so you can get the support you need! Caregiver groups are always open to new members and provide powerful tools for caregivers. Please call Angie Homoele at 513.672.3834 or visit www.ccswoh.org/programs/caregiver-assistance-network/ for our current calendar and more information. Sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging and the National Community Care Corps

Sunday Sunshine

I'd like to be 8 again....

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, watching his wife, who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off, he asked what she'd like as a gift. "I'd like to be eight again," she replied, still looking in the mirror.

On the morning of her birthday, he rose early, made her a nice big bowl of Coco Pops, and then took her to Adventure World theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Roller Coaster, everything there was.

Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling, and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake.

Then it was off to a movie, with popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M&Ms. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally, she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed, exhausted.

He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, "Well dear, what was it like being eight again?"

Her eyes slowly opened, and her expression suddenly changed.

"I meant my dress size!!!"



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 remains in the Spirit he gave us.

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Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
 constantly accomplish the Paschal 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.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Jesus gives us an image of the great intimacy and interdependence that exist between himself, his Father, and his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower"—and we are the branches.

The image of the vine is a radically nonhierarchical image of the people of God, for all the branches are so intertwined that when looking at a vine it is almost impossible to tell where one branch begins and another ends. All tangle together as they grow from the central stock, undifferentiated by anything but their fruitfulness. Such is the relationship of Jesus to the new community that grows from his death and resurrection. Such communities are also to be branching out, hospitable communities that live by and bear fruit through the surging sap of Christ's risen life.

To remain healthy and productive the vine must be pruned by our Vine Grower God. We must accept not only the short, sharp pain of God's snipping from our lives the small and withering infidelities, but also be willing to endure the more drastic pruning that is sometimes necessary. Sometimes what needs to be pruned in our lives is the parasite runner of individualism that wants to go its own way, or the sucker that feeds on self-interest; both draw life away from the vine. At other times, our vinedressing God recognizes our potential for greater fruit-bearing, and with this the need for heavy pruning. After such pruning, a vine may bear no fruit for several years, but it remains rooted and waiting, confident in the tending of the Vine Grower, until both are rewarded with a tremendous, bursting yield. When we yield such a harvest of good works, says Jesus, we give glory to the Father and are confirmed in our discipleship.

Closing Prayer

God the vine grower, we, branches on the vine of your son, Jesus, flourish and grow in faith. Remaining in you and with you, we will bear much fruit, and glorify you, who, with the Holy Spirit, are one God, forever and ever. Amen.

For Reflection:

• What "fruits" are evident in yourself, your family, your community that give glory to God?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Gospel

John 15:1-8

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."

Readings for the week:

5th Sunday of Easter
 Acts 9:26-31
 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 31, 31-32
 1 John 5:18-24
 John 15:1-8

Monday Sts. Philip and James
 1 Cor 15:1-8
 Ps 19:2-3, 4-6
 John 14:6-14

Tuesday
 Acts 14:19-28
 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21
 John 14:27-31a

Wednesday
 Acts 15:1-6
 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
 John 15:1-8

Thursday
 Acts 15:7-21
 Ps 98:1-2a, 2b-3, 10
 John 15:9-11

Friday
 Acts 15:22-31
 Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12
 John 15:12-17

Saturday
 Acts 16:1-10
 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5
 John 15:18-21

6th Sunday of Easter
 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
 1 John 4:7-10
 John 15:9-17