

# Fifth Sunday Of Easter

April 29, 2018

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## We Are The Branches

The image in today's gospel can be understood in a number of ways. Jesus says that the branches that do bear fruit are pruned to bear more. For the vine grower, merely producing fruit is not enough. Each branch can produce more. And thus Jesus reminds us of the vine grower's role. The vine grower prunes branches to produce fruit, and cuts away those that do not produce any fruit. We are the branches, fully aware that we cannot produce fruit on our own. We must remain attached to the vine.



## First Friday May 4

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on First Friday in honor of The Most Blessed Sacrament. At the conclusion of Mass, **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will begin and continue until **Benediction at 5:00 p.m.**

*Sign-up sheets for Adorers are at church's main entrance.*

## Annual Church Picnic

The annual Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, May 6, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The menu for the picnic will be chicken, hamburgers jambalaya, potato salad and baked beans. Lemonade, fruit punch and tea will be served to quench your thirst. The picnic is **FREE** and provided by the church in celebration of our parish family. We are asking that you bring a dessert or small individual bags of chips. *Make sure you set the date aside and plan to join us for this wonderful family day at our church!!*

## First Holy Communion

First Eucharist will take place at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on May 13, Mother's Day. The children will also honor Mary with a **May Crowning** and placement of flowers at Mary's statue.



*If you regularly attend 8:30 a.m. Mass, but do not have a first communicant in your family, you may consider attending another Mass to accommodate extra seating for families who attend.*

## Baptized Into Christ

Born of water and the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism was **Kane Asher Knecht**, son of Dennis Knecht and Kacie Kerlec. With love and joy, we welcome **Kane Asher** into God's family.



## Offertory Giving

Jesus offers a quintessential stewardship statement in today's Gospel reading: "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Jesus Christ offers us the fullness of eternal life. Do our lives reveal that this is what we want? Do we believe that by hearing the Word of the Lord and responding we not only produce "good fruit," but abide in the very life of God.

<b>Weekly Budgeted Need</b>	<b>\$7,242.00</b>
<b>Last Sunday</b>	
Envelopes	\$2,539.00
Loose	4,236.00
On Line Giving	<u>250.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,025.00</b>
<b>Progress Report</b>	
Cumulative Budget	\$311,406.00
Cumulative Income	<u>292,059.69</u>
<b>Ahead &lt;Behind&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;\$19,436.31&gt;</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
<b>Diocesan Priest Ret</b>	<b>\$1,169.00</b>

## Second Collection—Next Weekend

The Catholic University of America is unique among universities in the United States. Established by Pope Leo XIII and the U.S. bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church. Catholic University claims one third of the U.S. bishops and 12,000 priest and religious as alumni In Washington, D.C., the University provides an education based in the Catholic intellectual tradition to 7,000 students through its 12 schools. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership of our Church and nation.

You can learn more at [collection.cua.edu](http://collection.cua.edu)

## Hope And Purpose-Life in the Spirit

Saturday, May 5, St. John of the Cross Church from 9 am to 3 pm. Presenters Deacon Larry and Andi Oney. All are welcome, bring a brown-bag lunch. No fee. Free-will offering.

## "You Are Not Alone"-Begins May 9

Community Education series on opioid abuse St. Margaret Mary in collaboration with Catholic Charities will begin on May 9. More to follow next week.

**Mass Intentions Requested****Monday, April 30***(Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)*

No Mass Scheduled

**Tuesday, May 1***(Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a)*

8:00 a.m. Altar Society Members

Living and Deceased

**Wednesday, May 2***(Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)*

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, May 3***(1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)*

8:00 a.m. George and Wanda Butko

**Friday, May 4***(Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)*

8:00 a.m. Frank and Janis Misuraca

**Saturday, May 5***(Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)*

5:00 p.m. James & Dolores Brewin†, J.C. Spiers†, Matthew Daniels, Eugene Blanchard Jr.†, Curtis & Vita Owens†, Rosemary Poche†, Tina Mangano†, Roszczyński Family, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Joseph D'Antoni Jr.†, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr.†, Imelda Gares†, Roger Doucette†

**Sunday, May 6***(Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17)*

7:00 a.m. Dorothy Meyers†

8:30 a.m. Joyce Ballay Wahl†, Andrew Lambert†, Larry DuBois†, Alyssa Ross, Henry & Margaret Jorns†, Dave Schouest†, Ruth Anderson, Deacon Richard Calkins, Janey Yates†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**Tabernacle Lamp**

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of the Karen Walsh Phillips.

**Pray For The Sick**

Lyn Adams, Ruth Anderson, Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, Mary Brown, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Fr. Warren Cooper, Deacon Pat and Cathy Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Fr. Bob KIELTYKA, Gloriette Kiern, Pam King, Elizabeth Kittel, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Carlene Ragusa, Norris Ripp, Ed Roszczyński, Adele Salzer, Cathy Smith, Lorraine Steilberg, Eola Veillon

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Legion of Mary**—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

**Tuesday Morning Rosary**—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

**Antonians**—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

**RCIA Tracks I & II**—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classroom

**Knights of Columbus**—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. after Mass in St. Anthony Hall

**Patriotic Rosary**—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**Child Abuse Prevention Month**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month first declared by presidential proclamation in 1983. Since then, April has been a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse.

LA Department of Children and Family Services toll-free number for anyone in the state to call and report child abuse or neglect is 855-452-5437.

Additional resources you may find helpful: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/resources/index.cfm>

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention**

“That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.”

**In Memoriam**

It is with deep sympathy that we inform you of the death of **Farrell Ripp** brother of Norris Ripp (Rae), who was called by God to his eternal reward. Please also remember **John Germar, Jr.** father of Susan Anderson (Dave, Jr.) Remember **Farrell and John** and all those who mourn them in your Masses and prayers.

**God's Special Children**

Mass Sunday, May 6—2:00 p.m.  
St. Francis Xavier Church  
444 Metairie Road

All Special needs individuals, families and friends are welcome. Refreshments will be served after Mass.



## Thank You For Your Support

The KC Council would like to thank those who supported the Pancake Breakfast for our Scholarship Fund. Because of your support, we will offer several scholarships for our parish high school seniors.

## Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp, burns on the Altar 24 hours a day, seven days a week (except Good Friday), is dedicated to the memory of a deceased person, family or group for a week. For a donation of \$10.00, you can have someone memorialized for the week. Contact the Church Office for details

## Bricks For Memorial Garden

With the order of fifteen bricks for the Memorial Garden, we can place an order. The cost of each brick is \$50.00. On the purchase form, you will be able to indicate the wording on the brick(s) and a preferred location in the Garden. Stop by the Church Office to order your memorial brick for that special someone.

## Catholic Women's Conference

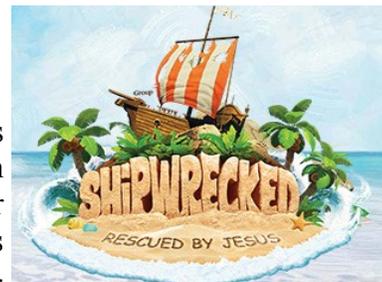
Join women from the greater New Orleans area and across the country for the Archdiocese of New Orleans' second WINE: Catholic Women's Conference co-hosted by WINE: Women In the New Evangelization and the Archdiocese of N.O.! Dynamic Catholic Speakers, ValLimar Jenson and Renee Bondi, will inspire you and musician, Lorraine Hess, will rejuvenate your spirit. The day will include time for Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gregory Aymond, confession, prayer, rest, socializing and shopping. Saturday, June 9 at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Metairie. Special group rate available, so bring your friends. For more information and to register, visit wineconference.org Early bird special \$55 ends on May 9 and space is limited.

## A Prayer For Strength

Almighty God, who has shown us in the life and teaching of Your Son the true way of blessedness, you have also shown us in His suffering and death that the path of love may lead to the Cross, and the reward of faithfulness may be a crown of thorns; Give us grace to learn these hard lessons. May we take up our Cross and follow Christ, in the strength of patience and the constancy of faith; and may we have such fellowship with Him in sorrow, that we may know the secret of His strength and peace, and see, even in our darkest hour of trial and anguish, the shining of eternal light. AMEN

## Shipwrecked Are You Ready

Come join us this summer at Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus." This FREE one-week program is filled with incredible Bible learning experiences that kids see, hear, touch and even taste! Team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the activities all children ages 3—11 will experience.



Vacation Bible School Registration is now open and will close **Wednesday, May 30**. This year's program will be held June 25-29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On Saturday, June 30, a closing celebration and covered dish dinner will be held in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. after Mass.

The program is open to children ages 3 (must be potty-trained) through 11 years old. Please use one registration form **per person**. Registration forms are available in the CCD Office, Church Office or at Church entrances. Return the completed form(s) to the Church Office, drop it in the collection basket at Mass, or in the drop box outside the Church Office door **NO LATER** than **Wednesday, MAY 30**.

Kids 12 and older can register as Youth Helpers.

Adults need to register as Adult Volunteers and must have completed the Safe Environment training.

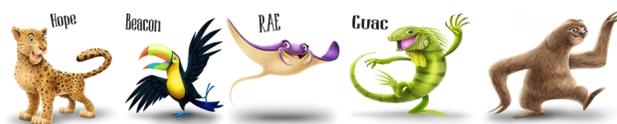
Registration forms are at Church entrances.

LIME GREEN—VBS Student 3-11

ORANGE—Youth Helper (**Must** be 12 or older)

YELLOW—Age 18 and Adult Volunteers

Please complete the form and return it **NO LATER** than **Wednesday, MAY 30**.



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## St. Catherine of Siena—April 29

Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
Patroness of Fire Prevention

The year 1347 witnessed the birth of St. Catherine, the most remarkable woman of her age. In her childhood she consecrated her virginity to God. However her parents, wishing to see her married, began to thwart her pious inclinations. She finally became an object of persecution in her own house. She bore her trials with fortitude and joy, and persevered in her resolution of giving herself entirely to the Divine service. Eventually her parents relented, and she was left free to follow her pious inclinations.

In 1365, at eighteen years of age, she received the habit of the Third Order of St. Dominic. In 1374, during the great pestilence, she devoted herself heroically to the care of the infected. Meanwhile, she was considered to be a power for good, for thousands were converted by her exhortations.

Two years later she went to Avignon to interceded with the Pope of Florentines, who had been interdicted for joining in a conspiracy against the temporal possessions of the Holy See in Italy. Through her influence Gregory XI returned to Rome, and she exhorted him to contribute, by all possible means, toward the peace of Italy.

She lived to see the beginning of the great schism. She wrote to the cardinals who were the cause of it and to several princes, in order to avert the terrible evil. The life of the saint who had been glorified by God with wondrous gifts and miracles was brought to a close on April 29, 1380, at the age of thirty-three.

St. Catherine has long been regarded as one of the finest theological minds in the Church—as shown by her outstanding work, *Dialogue*—and in 1970 Pope Paul VI declared her a Doctor of the Church.

## St. Pius V—Pope—April 30

Michael Ghislieri was born in Italy in 1504. His whole life was always guided by the most perfect maxims of Christian piety. At the age of fifteen he received the Dominican habit, and at once become a model of religious perfection. In 1528, he was ordained priest, and then taught philosophy and theology for sixteen



years. He also filled other important positions in his Order.

Pope Paul IV in 1556, promoted him to the united Bishoprics of Nepi and Sutri in the Papal States, and in 1557 the same Pope created him Cardinal, but his humility and other virtues only became more conspicuous in this exalted position. Pius IV, who succeeded Paul IV in 1559, moved him to the diocese of Mondori in Piedmont. At the conclave which was held on the death of Pius IV, St. Charles Borromeo united the suffrages in favor of Cardinal Alexandrinus, as Ghislieri was called, and he became Pope under the title of Pius V in 1566

His life as Sovereign Pontiff was as exemplary as it had been while he was a simple Dominican Friar. It was during his pontificate that the celebrated victory of Lepanto was gained against the Turks under Don John of Austria. As a result of this victory he ordered the feast of the Holy Rosary to be observed on the first Sunday of October. He died in the year after this victory, on May 1, 1572, and was canonized by Clement XI in 1712.

## St. Joseph The Worker—May 1

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In an address to the Catholic Association of Italian Workers, May 1, 1955, Pope Pius XII proclaimed May 1 (May Day) the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker. He thus imparted special religious significance to an observance that had been strictly secular—the proper feast of labor throughout the world—and one had been used by the enemies of the Church to further their evil designs.

Henceforth, May Day is to be “a day of rejoicing for the concrete and progressive triumph of the Christian ideals of the great family of labor. Acclaimed in this way by Christian workers and having received as it were a Christian baptism, the first of May, far from being a stimulus for discord, hate and violence, is and will be a recurring invitation to modern society to accomplish that which is still lacking for social peace.”

Thus the humble carpenter of Nazareth, who was the support and guardian of the Divine child and His Virgin Mother on earth, is now honored above all other men as the personification of the dignity of the manual laborer and the provident guardian of the worker's family.

*Lives of the Saints*



## ***St. John of the Cross Holy Spirit Novena***

***May 11th - May 19th, 2018***

*"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God"*

Romans 8:14

**Friday, May 11th**      **Father Sidney Speaks** - St. Matthew the Apostle, River Ridge  
**Music:**                      **Jamie Diliberto and Tongues of Fire**

**Saturday, May 12th**      **Father Alex Guzman** - St. Margaret Mary, Slidell  
**Music:**                      **Leslie Bertucci and the NoLoudRocks Band**

**Sunday, May 13th**      **Father Tony Rigoli** - Pastor Our Lady of Guadalupe, N.O.  
**Music:**                      **Donna Guidry and the Sacred Heart Choir**

**Monday, May 14th**      **Father Jeffrey Montz** - Notre Dame Seminary, N.O.  
**Music:**                      **Rita West**

**Tuesday, May 15th**      **Archbishop Gregory Aymond**  
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of New Orleans  
**Music:**                      **Linden Uter**

**Wednesday, May 16**      **Father Philip Scott** - Missionary of Jesus the Healer, Peru  
**Music:**                      **Collin MacIver**

**Thursday, May 17th**      **Father Philip Scott** - Missionary of Jesus the Healer, Peru  
**Music:**                      **Vince Vicidomina and the St. John of the Cross Choir**

**Friday, May 18th**      **Father Jose Viola** - Christ the King Monastery, Alabama  
**Music:**                      **(Mass & Healing Service - Confessions begin at 6:00 p.m.)**  
**Schneideau, St. Cyr, Brewer, and Bauer**

**Saturday, May 19th**      **Father Gil Martin**- Pastor St. John of the Cross  
**Music:**                      **Emily and Christian Strickland**

**Praise and worship begins at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Confessions begin at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Mass begins at 7:00 p.m. each evening.**

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