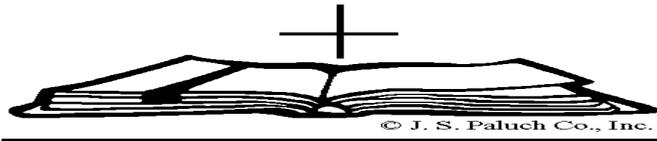


Fifth Sunday of Easter  
 May 2, 2021  
 Let us love not in word or speech  
 but indeed, and truth.  
 — 1 John 3:18

**BEARING FRUIT**

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, indeed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem, and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ, we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

**Mass Intentions**



- Sat., May 01, 4:30 p.m. Shirley Caminita (L)
- Sat., May 01, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Ida Perschall, Leon and David Ortemond, Evelyn White, Gene LeBlanc, George Olson, Mike Comeaux, Laurie Lee Kent, Nick Sita, Marylou Widmer, **and for the living**; In Thanksgiving, Karge Family, David Jenkins, For Healing, T.C. Vallee and Billy Still
- Sun. May 02, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri
- Sun. May 02, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners
- Sun., May 02, 11:00 a.m. Doris Letsch, Richard Letsch, Gary Joseph Treuil, Lawrence Louviere **and for the living**; Shirley Caminita, Andrew Danenhower, Billy Still, Fay Rome, Gerald Rome, Nicole Boroughs and Gene and Judy Vizzini
- Mon., May 03, 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
- Tues., May 04 NO MASS
- Wed., May 05, 8:00 a.m. Patrick Marchand
- Thurs., May 06, 8:00 a.m. Carol Pieri
- Fri., May 07, 8:00 a.m. Laurie Lee Kent

**PRAYER LIST**

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| Rosalind Baham     | Chuck Armstrong   |
| Deacon Frank Minor | Louise Cashmere   |
| Kenneth Vicari     | Yolanda Bourgeois |
| Tuck Tucker        | LeLe Kopfler      |
| Catherine Atkins   | Roxanne Troxclair |
| Robert Till        | Curt Stansbury    |
| Cindy Hebert       | Clarence Inniss   |
| Kim Gavin          |                   |



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**THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:**

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sanctuary:      | Mary Santopadre |
| Blessed Mother: | Ethel Baham     |
| St. Joseph:     | Virgil Baham    |
| St. Anne:       | Carol Pieri     |

We have some dates open for candles. If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle, please call 796-3806.

**Sanctuary Flowers are in memory of**

**Carol Pieri**

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

If you would like to place flowers in the Church Sanctuary to memorialize or honor your loved ones, stop by or call the Church office to purchase a flower arrangement. Dates available for purchase during the next three months are: July 10th, August 7th, August 21st, and August 28th.

## **MOTHERS DAY REMEMBRANCE**

If you would like your loved ones remembered in the month of May, please write their names in the remembrance book in the back of Church or on the entrance tables in Jonathan Hall.

## **CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH**

We welcome Father John P. Fischer of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. This ministry was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church's overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

## **RICE BOWL**

The Outreach Ministry and Catholic Relief Services would like to thank everyone who participated in our Rice Bowl program. Your donations of \$1,548.46 will help provide food and proper nutrition for the poor around the world. God bless you for your generosity!

## **THANK YOU**

Many thanks to the Outreach Ministry for organizing and collecting the Rice Bowl Campaign and for hosting the Coffee and Donuts this past Sunday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to our precious students who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 24th. They are Santiago Arias, Reese Breaux, Charlotte Garver, Joshua Lujan, and Luis Quintanar. May their hearts be filled with love and joy as they continue to grow in their faith!

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

St. John's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is planned for June 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Mass. Archbishop Gregory Aymond will preside along with priests and deacons who have served our Parish. Immediately following Mass there will be a reception with live music, food and drinks will be served. More information to follow.

## **FRIENDLY REMINDER!**

Please do not bring your unwanted religious items and drop off on any porch or doorstep at St. John's.

## **FEAST OF FAITH**

### **The Homily**

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

## **REMINDERS**

PSR Classes, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m., Jonathan Hall and Office Classrooms

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Weekly Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

On Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will study an extremely important figure who straddled the time periods Revolutions and Modernism and A World at War. That figure is G.K. Chesterton, a man who both befriended and challenged the modernists of his day in the best Catholic tradition. With wit and wisdom, with humor and deft intelligence, Chesterton evangelized both those within and without the Church.

## **POPE FRANCIS'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION**

### **The World of Finance**

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.