



FIFTH SUNDAY OF Easter

MAY 2, 2021

I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in them will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

THE FRUIT OF FAITH

In today's Gospel, Jesus likens our relationship with him to a plant with many branches. We, the branches, are called to remain so close to Jesus that we bear fruit, loving one another as Christ loves us. Saul bore the fruit of his faith through powerful witness that drew others to Christ. And the branches that grew into the early Church were extraordinarily fruitful. What is the fruit of your faith in Jesus Christ?

VINES, BRANCHES, AND FRUIT

Few activities are as disappointing as cultivating garden plants, watering them, and ensuring that they receive sunlight and nutrients, only to receive one or two vegetables or flowers to show for all the effort. Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches to describe how closely we are called to remain with him—so close that we bear the fruit of his life and love in the way we live. When we do this, Jesus says, we give glory to God the Father, which Jesus did perfectly through his life, passion, death, and resurrection. Like plants that rely on the sun and nutrients from the soil, we rely on the Lord Jesus through whom we can do all for which we are called. Without the Lord, we can do nothing.

LEARN FROM THE FIRST ONES

The story of the early Church that we hear from the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season is instructive and inspiring. We learn how the community grew in their understanding of what it means to remain close to Jesus in the most challenging of situations. They lived in word and deed as Christ had taught and bore the fruit of their faith in their daily decisions, in small ways and in dramatic moments. Faced with Saul who had persecuted Christians and who presented himself as a disciple, Barnabas risked believing Saul's testimony. Through Barnabas, the community accepted Saul, with increasing numbers of people being led to belief in Christ as a result. We too are called to live in word and deed, taking to heart Christ's command to love one another, even when it is challenging to do so. We may find inspiration in the way the early believers drew consolation from the Holy Spirit, finding wisdom and strength to keep the commandments and do what pleases God.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 9:26–31
Psalm 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32
1 John 3:18–24
John 15:1–8

Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co. Inc.
Photos: © Wikimedia:
By Gerd Eichmann -
Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
© 2001, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970, CCD.

**IN PERSON MASSES IN PARKING LOT OF ST. BRENDAN
8:00AM, 9:45AM & 11:30AM**

LIVESTREAM SUNDAY MASS 9:45AM WWW.STBRENDANLA.ORG

Like us on facebook at [saintbrendanlosangeles](https://www.facebook.com/saintbrendanlosangeles).

Subscribe to YouTube Saint Brendan Los Angeles.

ST. BRENDAN PARISH IS A WELCOMING COMMUNITY, BUILT ON FAITH, COMMITTED TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH, INCLUSION AND LIVING THE RICHNESS OF THE CATHOLIC TRADITION THROUGH WORSHIP, EDUCATION, SERVICE AND OUTREACH, AS EXPRESSED BY THE GIVING OF OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

PARISH OFFICE

310 SOUTH VAN NESS AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
90020

TEL: (323) 936-4656

FAX: (323) 936-9058

EMAIL:

INFO@STBRENDANMAIL.ORG

WEBSITE:

WWW.STBRENDANCHURCH.ORG

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY &
FRIDAY: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM

THURSDAY: CLOSED

SATURDAY: BY APPOINTMENT

SUNDAY: 11AM-3PM

ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL

238 SOUTH MANHATTAN PLACE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
90004

TEL: (213) 382-7401

PRINCIPAL:

MRS. COLLETTE YOUNG

BAPTISMS

PARENTS MUST BE REGISTERED PARISHIONERS FOR THREE MONTHS BEFORE SCHEDULING A BAPTISM. PARENTS AND GODPARENTS MUST ATTEND A BAPTISM CLASS PRIOR TO THE CHILD'S BAPTISM.

CLERGY

PASTOR

REV. BRIAN CASTANEDA

PASTOR EMERITUS

MSGR. TERRY FLEMING, S.T.D.

STAFF

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

VICTOR WHEELER

stbrendanmusic@aol.com

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT &

BULLETIN EDITOR:

LINDA BURKETT, EXT. 221

WEDDING COORDINATOR:

ANN MEHREN

annmehren@gmail.com

COMMUNITY

REFRESHMENTS SUNDAY MORNINGS:

CARMIE CASAL 8:00 AM

carmiecasal@yahoo.com

APRIL MALOLES 9:45 AM

LOU ABILO 9:45 AM

GIFT SHOP

KATHI GENEWICK

WEDDINGS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS BEFORE DATE OF MARRIAGE. ONE PARTY MUST BE A REGISTERED AND ACTIVE PARISHIONER FOR SIX MONTHS BEFORE BOOKING A WEDDING AND MUST BE CONFIRMED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

*Gluten-Free Host
Is Available For
Those With
Gluten Allergies.
Just ask the priest
and he will
accommodate
you.*

SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:

TOM OLENIACZ, LCSW

KATHY RUSSELL ENRIGHT

MIVEN TRAGESER, MFT

EUCCHARIST FOR THE HOME BOUND:

TONI HODGKISS (323) 936-0480

HIV/AIDS PROJECT- AFRICA:

JANE PAULSON

hughespaulson@gmail.com

HOPE NET:

ELIZABETH BRADLEY

missionariesoftheheart@yahoo.com

MEALS ON WHEELS:

MARIA FAZIO

mcfazio@sbcglobal.net

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING &
REFERRAL SERVICE:

HELEN LAND, LCSW, PH.D.

YOLANDA OLENIACZ, LMFT

CALL RECTORY FOR APPT.

Why Is It Important to Register With the Parish ?

At various times in a Catholic's life, it is beneficial that you be able to show that you are a "practicing Catholic."

This is possible by confirming your parish registry.

Here are some of the situations to which this may apply:

Marriage in the Church

Baptism of a Child

School Registration of a Child

Becoming a Godparent or Sponsor

We urge you to:

Register at the Rectory

Inquire about using your talents for the good of the parish

Use your Sunday envelopes so that your generosity can be recorded.



Does Someone In Your Home Need Special Help?

Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups 1-888-425-2666 Nicotine Anonymous 1-800-642-0666
Gamblers' Anonymous 1-213-386-8789 Debtors' Anonymous 1-310-822-7250
Narcotics Anonymous 1-323-933-5395 Alcoholics Anonymous 1-800-923-8722

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading One Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Reading Two 1 Jn 3:18-24

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 from the Spirit he gave us.

Gospel Jn 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 of May 2 - 9, 2021

Sunday:

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday:

Ss. Philip and James

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Cinco de Mayo

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

National Day of Prayer

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

First Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday:

Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

MASS INTENTIONS


Sunday, May 2nd
8:00 am

Anna Courtney
 Milagros Trinkfass †
 Melizza Lerma †
 Eliseo Cervantes †
 Anita S. Watson †
 Wayne Gritton †
 Betty & Eumelia Mitra †
 Mely Mitra †
 Ofren Macasieb †
 Joanna Shin †
 Francisca Yang Jung †
 Lauro Tecson Jr. †
 Linda Rozales
 Annie Ibanez
 Tess Rosales
 Edeline Cumad

9:45 am

Fr. Charles Carolan †
 Fr. Noel Ryan †
 Suh Hoo Bong †
 Suh Bun Yea †
 Victorino & Catalina Morales †
 Nanette Valencia †
 Nerissa Ordinario †
 Ciriaca Manlapaz †
 Teresita Rabin
 Rogarciano Rabin
 Dante Guevarra

11:30 am

Eumelia Guzman †
 Jean Medina †
 Paciano Gomez Jr. †
 Lauro Tecson Jr. †
 Socates Canapi Jr. †
 Pacita Martinez †
 Lilia Geronimo †
 Fidel Portes Tuyco †
 Jean M. Palaima †

Roben Bustos
Luz Sarmiento
Mark Sanchez
Glenn Hoskins
Arlene Tan
Meilani Rodriguez
Marlyn T. Rodriguez
Hyuk Jin Kwon
Anna Raval
Francine Raval
Aida Tomines
Stacey Seablade Hoskins
Joel Rivera
Gilrose Pereda
Jaime De Jesus
Enrique Honrado Cabrera
Adoracion Layco
Jocelyn Mercado
Feliciano Manansala
Margaret Cherene
Bob Lass
Michael Sauer

Santos Angeles
Andrew Fenady
Fernando Rojas
Judy Francisco Herrera
Maria Sol Elazegui
Madge Broadbelt
Ramon R. Casal Jr.
David Ines
Hortensia Ines
Manuel Orquia
Mila Agpaoa
Joseph Vogl
Mary Bottum
Mercedes Perez
Therese Holz
Caroline Laquer
Jacqueline Cavanagh
Yelba Chilingar
Lucy Torroba
Dickie Olsen
Lauro Tecson Jr.
Roberta Stuppy
Thomas LaBonge
Josephine Breen
Maria K. Wagner
Oscar Pacquing

Dear St. Brendan Parishioners,

In the spirit of "Good Neighbor Relations",
 we will now be lowering the volume of the sound system
 at all outdoor services and events.

We appreciate your patience and understanding
 as we work to respect both our parish and city
 community members.



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS NOVENA FOR PROTECTING AND HEALING FROM ABUSE

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, during this month a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil.

Together, for the next nine days, let's pray that the vulnerable are protected from abuse, and that survivors of abuse may be accompanied on their paths to healing.

Novena

for Protection and Healing from Abuse

Intercessions

- Day 1:** May the most vulnerable be protected from all types of abuse and exploitation.
- Day 2:** May those who have been sexually abused receive comfort and healing.
- Day 3:** May those who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.
- Day 4:** May those who provide help for the abused act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.
- Day 5:** May all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.

- Day 6:** May all those who have committed abuse acknowledge the harm they have done, repent, and accept justice that ultimately comes from God.
- Day 7:** May those who have been abused receive the courage to tell their story, and may they be believed and supported.
- Day 8:** May Church leaders, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promote justice and healing for survivors of abuse.
- Day 9:** May our Holy Father, Pope Francis, fulfill his role as good shepherd and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.

Prayers

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Prayer for Healing

Prayer for Healing

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in
them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.

Soothe their restless hearts with
hope,
steady their shaken spirits with
faith.

Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

