

**REFLECTION:**

A family tree illustrates how each of us belongs to a particular branch of the extended family of our ancestors. In this gospel, Jesus speaks about himself as the vine and of us as the branches that belong on the vine. We are the fruitful branches that are "trimmed by" the Father to produce good works in the world.

Without the vine, the branches dry up and die. But when we live by the words Jesus has given us, we produce abundantly all that is good.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS**

Like the good shepherd, the vine and the branches are an agricultural image. In biblical times, many people were familiar with farms and vineyards.

What images from modern life do you think Jesus might use to illustrate how we belong to him?

What evidence do we as families or as a parish give that we are branches of Jesus' vine?

Name some of the ways your family, school, and parish keep their branches alive and well.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK FEASTS AND SOLEMNITIES**

Visit: <https://www.usccb.org/>

**Turning to St. Joseph as Protector of Vocations**

The Holy Father, in his message for the 2021 World Day of Vocations, urges us to look to St. Joseph, during this Year of St. Joseph, as an exemplary model of faithfully fulfilling God's vocation for his life. Pope Francis suggests that there are three words we can find to inspire our individual vocation in life. First, dream. "Everyone dreams of finding fulfillment in life. ... If we were to ask people to express in one word their life's dream, it would not be difficult to imagine the answer: "to be loved". It is love that gives meaning to

**Parish Community Night Prayer:**

Join our parish Community night prayer at 9:00 pm (P.T.) every night.

To join: Dial: 339-207-6234

**THIS WEEK AT ST. EUGENE**

**Today: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Masses – 8:00 a.m. (Bilingual)

10:00 a.m. (Eng) & 12 Noon (Igbo)

**Fri:** No Mass

**Sat:** No Mass

**Sun: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Masses – 8:00 a.m. (Bilingual)

10:00 a.m. (Eng) & 12 Noon (Igbo)

All Masses are in the Parking Lot

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Sunday Collection - \$2016.00

For online offering: please visit parish website:

[steugeneparish.org](http://steugeneparish.org)

**THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Together in Mission 2021 as of 4/16/21

Parish Goal — \$16,175.00

Parishioner's Pledged — \$2,000.00

Amount Received — \$1,250.00



**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May**

**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 .

life, because it reveals life's mystery. Indeed, we only have life if we give it; we truly possess it only if we generously give it away. Saint Joseph has much to tell us in this regard, because, through the dreams that God inspired in him, he made of his life a gift," wrote the pope. Secondly, service. St. Joseph lived entirely at the service of others and never for himself, says the Holy Father. Every vocation requires that we give... <https://relevantradio.com/2021/04/turning-to-st-joseph-as-protector-of-vocations/>

**Bulletin Announcements:**

Request for bulletin announcements must be submitted to church office no later than Mondays for Fr. Jude's approval to go into the following Sunday's Bulletin.

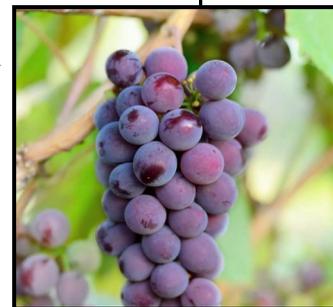
**UKA NKE ISE N'OGE NCHETA MBILITE**

**N'ONWU KRISTI, AFO NKE ABUO**

**SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021**

**EKPERE MMEGHE:**

Chineke anyi, nzoputa si n'aka Gi abiara anyi. I meela anyi umu Gi biakwa kwe ka anyi kwuru n'ihu Gi. Biko were obi oma Gi gee nti n'aririo anyi bu umu Gi I huru n'anya. Ebe o bu na anyi kwere na Jesu Kristi, nye anyi ezigbo inwere onwe anyi na anuri nke ndu ebighi ebi. Site n'Onyenweanyi Jesu Kisti.....AMEN.



**IHE OGUGU NKE MBU:** Oru Ndi Ozi 9:26-31

**The ogugu e wetara n'Oru Ndi Ozi**

Sol wee gaa Jerusalem. Choo uzo isonyere ndi nase uzo Jesu, ma ha nile turu oke egwu mgbe ha huru ya. N'ihu na ha ekwetaghi na o bu onye nase uzo Jesu n'ezikwu. Ma Banabas kpooro ya, duru ya jekwuru ndi ozi, kooro ha otu Sol si hu Onyenweanyi n'uzo, kokwaara ha na O gwala ya okwu. O kokwaara ha otu Sol si zisaa Ozioma n'aha Jesu na Damaskos, n'asoghi onye o bula anya. N'ihu nke a, ha wee nabata Sol, ya na ha wee nodu. O wee gagharia ebe di iche iche na Jerusalem, na-ezisa Ozioma n'aha Onyenweanyi, n'atughi egwu. O gwakwara ndi Juu ndi na-asu asusu Grik okwuchukwu, ha na ya ruritara uka. Ma ha gbasiri izu ike igbu ya. Mgbe ndi otu Kristi chopotara nzube ha, ha mere ngwangwa duru Sol duruo Sizaria, wee zilaa ya obodo ya bu Tasos. Nzuko Kristi di n'ala Judia na Galili, na Sameria dum nwere udo. O biakwara na-eto n'okwukwe; na-ebi ndu n'itu egwu nke Onyenweanyi, biakwa n-eweta ntasiobi nke Mmuo Nso.

**Okwu nke Oseburuwa** Ekene diri Chukwu

**ABUOMA NA AZIZA YA:** Ps. 21:26 -28M 30-32. Az. 26

**Aziza:** *Onyenweanyi, o bu Gi bu otito m n'ime Nzuko Gi.*

- 1. Aga m akwughachi ihe m kwere na nkwa n'ihu ndi na-asopuru Gi. Umu ogbenye g-erigide nri wee rijuo afo. Ndi na-acho Onyenweanyi ga-eto Ya. Obi ha ga adigidekwa ndu ruo mgbe ebighi ebi. **Aziza.**
- 2. Uwa nile ga-echeta Onyenweanyi, biakwa laghachikwuru Ya. Ezi na ulo nile no na mba

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Cycle: 2 YEAR: B**

**SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021**

**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, God for ever and ever..... AMEN.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 9:26-31

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:**

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.

**The word of the Lord.** —R. Thanks be to God

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

**R/. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. or: R. Alleluia.**

- 1. I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!" —R.
- 2. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him. —R.
- 3. To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust. —R.

nile ga-efe Ya. Ndi nile ji ike ochichi n'uwu nile ga-egburu Ya ikpere n'ala. Ndi nile narida n'aja ga-akporo Ya isi ala. **Aziza.**

3. Obi m ga-adi ndu maka Ya. Umu m ga-efe Ya. Ha ga-akoro ndudugandu na-abianu akuko banyere Onyenweanyi. Ha ga-akoro ndi a namubeghi amu ka Onyenweanyi si kwesi ntukwasa obi, wee si: ' O bu Onyenweanyi mere ihe nile ndi a.' **Aziza.**

**IHE OGUGU NKE ABUO:** 1 Jon 3: 18-24  
**The ogugu e wetara n'Akwukwo Ozi Mbu nke Jon di aso dere**

Umu m! Unu ekwela ka ihunanya anyi buru nani n'okwu onu, ma o bu n'egbugbere onu. Kama ka anyi na-egosi ya site n'okwu onu anyi na omume anyi. Site n'uzo di otu a, anyi ga-amata na anyi bu ndi otu eziokwu ahu. Mgbe ahu kwa akonuche anyi agahi ama anyi ikpe, o buladi ma anyi guzoro n'ihu Chineke. O burukwa na akonuche anyi agahi ama anyi ikpe, o buladi ma anyi guzoro n'ihu Chineke. O burukwa naakonuche anyi ama anyi ikpe, anyi ga-amata na Chineke kariri akonuche anyi; na O mazuru ihe nile. Ndi m huru n'anya, o buru na akonuche anyi adighi ama anyi ikpe, anyi ga-enwe ntukwasi obi iguzo n'ihu Chineke. Anyi ga-anatakwa n'aka Chineke ihe o bula anyi na-ario, n'ihl na anyi na-edebe Iwu Ya, na emekwa ihe nato Ya uto.

Nke a bukwa ihe ahu Chineke nyere n'Iwu: Ka anyi kwere n'aha Nwa Ya, Jesu Kristi; ka anyi huritakwa ibe anyi n'anya dika Kristi nyere anyi n'Iwu. Onye na-edebezu Iwu Chineke na-anogide n'ime Chineke. Chineke na-anogidekwa n'ime ya. Anyi na-amata na Chineke na Chineke bi n'ime anyi site na Mmuo Nso ahu O nyere anyi.

**Okwu nke Oseburuwa** Ekene diri Chukwu

**ALELUYA:** John.15:4-5

**Aleluya, Aleluya!** Brirnu n'ime M, otu M si biri n'ime unu. Onye o bula no n'ime M ga-amita mkpuru n'uju. **Aleluya!**

**OZIOMA:** Jon 15:1-8

**The ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere** Jesu gwara Umuazu Ya: Abu M ezi osisi vaini. Nna M bukwa onye oru ubi. Ngalaba o bula n'ime M nke na-adighi ami mkpuru, O na-egbupu ya. Ma O nakwacha ngalaba o bula na-ami mkpuru, ka o wee mikwuo mkpuru karia. Ugbu a, unu di ocha n'ihl okwu nile M gwara unu. Birikwenu n'ime M, dika

4. And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown. —R.

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 3:18-24

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint 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 from the Spirit he gave us.

**The word of the Lord.** —R. Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA:** John 15:4a, 5b

**Alleluia, alleluia.** Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit. —R.

**GOSPEL:** John 15:1-8

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:**

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

M si biri n'ime unu. N'ihl na dika ngalaba na-apughi imi mkpuru ma o buru na o o nogideghi n'ogwe osisi, otu ahu kwa ka unu na-apughi imi mkpuru ma o buru na unu anogideghi n'ime M. "Mu onwe M bu osisi vaini. Ma unu bu ngalaba nke M. Onye o bula nke na-anogide n'ime M, ma Mu onwe M kwa n'ime ya, ga-amita otutu mkpuru. N'ihl na e wezuga M, unu apughi ime ihe o bula. Onye o bula na-ebinyeghi n'ime M, a ga-egburu ya tupu, dika ngalaba; ka o kponwuo, ndi mmadu a chikota ya, tunye n'oku, o wee repia. Ma o buru na unu ebiri n'ime M, o burukwa na okwu M ebiri n'ime unu, rionu ihe o bula unu choro, a ga-emekwara ya unu. Site n'imi otutu mkpuru ka unu ga-esi enye Nna M otito. Sitekwa n'ime otu a, unu ga-abu ndi na-eso uzo M n'ezikwu.

**Ozioma nke Oseburuwa** Otito diri Gi, Kristi

**EKPERE NHUNYE:**

Onyenweanyi, site n'aja nsopuru nke a, anyi na-eketa oke na-adi ire karichaa n'ibu Chukwu nke I bu. I kuzierela anyi ezi okwu Gi. Biko, nyere anyi aka ibiputa ya na ndu anyi. Site na Kristi Dinwenu anyi....AMEN.

**EKPERE A NATACHAA ORIRI NSO:**

Onyenweanyi, were ebere nonyere anyi bu ndi nke Gi. I dubatala anyi n'ihl omimi nke eluigwe site n'aja nke a. Biko mee ka anyi site na ndu ochie anyi na-ebi, gafeta na ndu ohuru. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.....AMEN.

**Safeguard The Children 5/2/21**

**DID YOU KNOW**

Beware the dangers of online enticement  
The events of 2020 pushed most of our lives more fully online than ever before: working from home, virtual schooling, Zoom get-togethers. This past year also saw a dramatic increase in reports of online child abuse, including online enticement. Enticement involves an individual communicating online with someone believed to be a child, with the intent to commit a sex offense or to abduct the child. Online enticement can happen to any child using the internet. Parents should be very aware of what their children do online, including who they talk to and what sites they spend time on. For more information, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/blog/2021/rise-in-online-enticement-and-other-trends--ncmec-releases-2020->

much fruit and become my disciples." **The Gospel of the Lord.** Praise to you, Lord,

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:**

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord. ...AMEN.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.....AMEN.

**Pray for our parishioners:**

Winston Burns, Jacquelyn Cathcart, Lillie Celestine, Eldora Dixon, Theresa Ezeokoye, Ngozi Obika, Frances Johnson, Michele Johnson, daughter of Michael & Dorothy Johnson, Arlene Miller, Rita Palacio, Michael & Mark Smith, sons of Mary Hudson, James Spann, Barbara St. Julien, Travis Lewis Sr.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**8:00 am Mass**

1. For the Happy repose of Anthony Ukatu- By Bibiana Ukatu & Family

**12:00 noon Mass**

1. Thanksgiving and petition for 53rd wedding anniversary intentions of Luke & Louisa Ejike, - By Ngozi Ogoke & Family
2. Thanksgiving to God for answered prayers-By Rita Oriji & Family..
3. For the happy repose of soul of Chidi Ogalue. – by Emma and Ngozi Ofiabulu and family.
4. For the happy repose of souls of Ngozi Obika, Agatha Amadikwa, Innocent Ezeokoye, Marcelina Ezeokoye – By Callista Ezeokoye.
5. For the happy repose of soul of Veronica Mere - By Okey Mere & Family.
6. For the Happy repose of Josephine Onuoha, Peter Njoku, Comfort Oriji -By Rita Oriji & Family

**E**veryday, as long as this “today” lasts, keep encouraging one another. — Heb. 3:13