



Easter

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) ♦ May 3, 2015

**Monday
May 4**

Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5–18
Jn 14:21–26

**Tuesday
May 5**

Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19–28
Jn 14:27–31a

**Wednesday
May 6**

Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1–6
Jn 15:1–8

**Thursday
May 7**

Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7–21
Jn 15:9–11

**Friday
May 8**

Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22–31
Jn 15:12–17

**Saturday
May 9**

Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1–10
Jn 15:18–21

**Sunday
May 10**

*Sixth Sunday
of Easter*
Acts 10:25–26,
34–35, 44–48
1 Jn 4:7–10
Jn 15:9–17

Many enduring images of
Church come

to us from the New
Testament. One is
Paul's image: "The
Body of Christ."

Another comes from
our gospel today: "The Vine
and the Branches."

Both are metaphors of living organisms. For
both, Christ is the most important element.
Christ is the head of the Body and the symbol
of authority and purpose. Christ is the vine that
brings life and nutrients to the branches that
produce fruit. Anyone who has visited a winery
knows the significance of the vine. If it's cut, the
branches wither and the crop fails.

Why is it important to have both images?
John's image reminds us that the Church can't
survive if it's separated from Christ. We can live
only if we remain in Christ so that the power of
grace can continue to infuse us with everything
we need to bear the fruit of love, compassion,
and mercy.



Paul's metaphor keeps us
humble. Regardless of
how this Body is
structured, Christ is
the true head; we are
to submit ourselves
to obedience to him
regardless of how important
we are in this world. We also

know we belong as a community to Christ and
in communion with one another.

There are many parts to the Body and many
clusters of fruit on the vine. To leave either is to
separate ourselves from Christ.

That's why praying together each week is so
important. It reminds us who we are and whom
we belong to.

Let us offer praise for this vine and for this
Body into which our baptism has called us.

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Today's Readings

Acts 9:26–31
1 Jn 3:18–24
Jn 15:1–8



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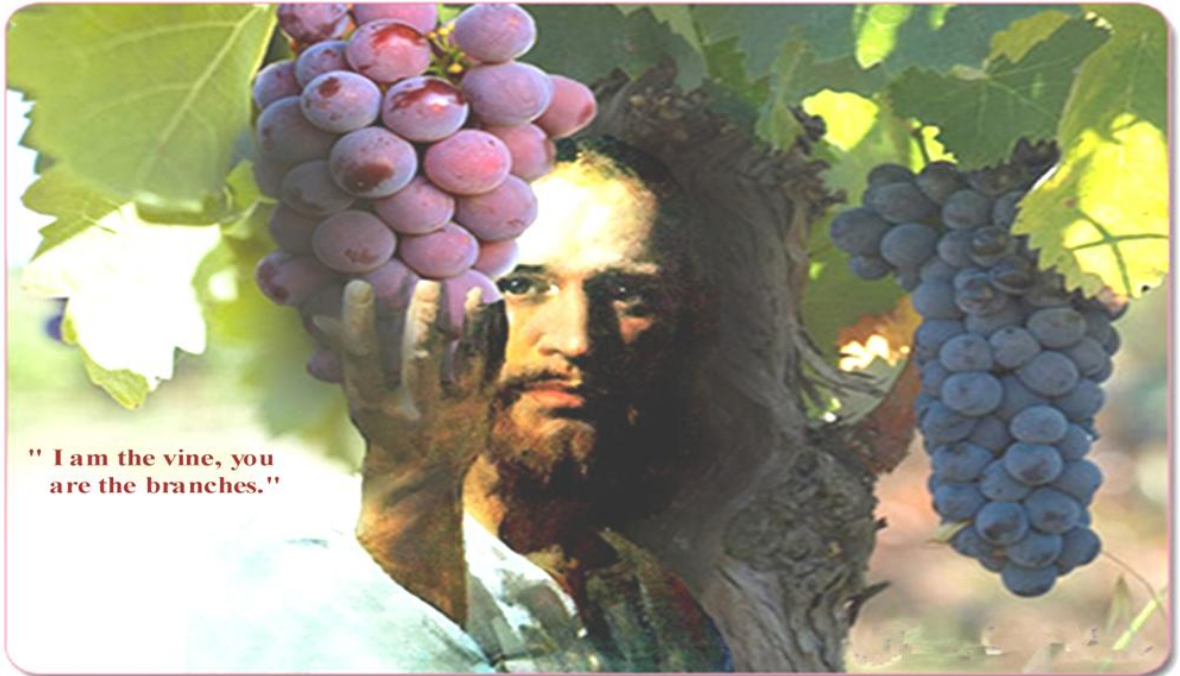
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**" I am the vine, you
are the branches."**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule

Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 5:00 pm +Lorvana Rymond

Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00 am +Fr Pete

Tues 8:00 am +Fr Pete

Wed 6:00 pm +Fr Pete

Thu 8:00am +Fr Pete

Fri 8am +Fr Pete

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Scripture for the 5th Sunday of Easter is about the gift of God's grace and our new life in Christ. The Gospel St. John speaks of the fruitful growth of the branches that are connected to the vine. This is really a description of those who are baptized into Christ Jesus and who accept the challenge to build the Kingdom by remaining open and accepting of the presence of the Risen Christ in their lives. "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." The second reading reminds us that attachment to Christ demands that we put our faith into practice: "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth". This teaching is John the Evangelist's beautiful explanation of the core meaning of our faith centered in Christ and how this faith leads to action and involvement in the community.

Belief and love; word and deed; faith and good works. In the Catholic tradition these dual elements are bound together as one reality: a committed life of faith. For a Catholic, faith (or being attached to the vine who is Christ) is not just about having a relationship with God. Faith is also a **virtue** that helps determine our relationship and behavior towards other people and how we view ourselves. Faith gives us an insight into who we are in Christ Jesus: we are children of God! Faith gives us a new understanding of the people around us who make up the world. Every human being who ever walked this earth was created in the image and likeness of God and every person deserves our acceptance, respect, and loving service. In addition every person is invited to share in the life of Christ. When we come to see ourselves in the Church as grafted into the vine (Christ), we come to realize

that we are to spend our lives assisting others to embrace this reality of new life as well. We have been given a mission and that mission is to evangelize the world by the way we live out the grace we have received from Christ. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes this in terms of the growth of the Church. That mission is still ours today. Let us pray for one another that we might live our faith "in deed and in truth."

First Communion

This weekend we celebrate ***First Communion***. Congratulations to all of our children receiving Eucharist for the first time this Sunday: Trish Holland, Jaseigh Page, Luca Jeanfreau, Karter McGill, Jaxon Nance, Kaiden McGill.

Thanks to all of our catechists and Robert Lizana for the time and talent that you have spent with our children in preparation.

May God bless all of us. Have a great week!

...Fr. Khoa

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Novena

We will celebrate the Novena Mass every day from May 10th through May 18th. If you would like to have your loved one share in the spiritual benefits of the Mother's Day Novena, please fill out the envelopes attached to the bulletin. If you want to send your mother a Mother's Day Mass Card, please pick up one in the office. Thank you.

Prayer for our Mothers

Lord Jesus, You have known a mother's love and tender care. We know that you will listen as we offer this Mother's Day prayer for our mothers most dear. Protect the lives, we pray, of those who have given us the gift of life. May our mothers know from day to day the deepening glow of joy that comes from Your presence. Bless our mothers both on earth and in heaven. AMEN

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat May 02 5pm	Dr Lanny Acosta	Rita Acosta, Lenell King, Doris Snowden	McKenna Katelyn Casey	Ira Necaize Doug	Patricia Lizana
May 03 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun May 03 9am	Sharon Leimer	Dale Babin, Carolyn Brewer Kim Wood	Carson Kaison McGill	Robert David	Jason & Lisa Necaize Family
Sun May 09 5pm	Henrietta	Mike West, Ellen West, Kay VanPelt	Boots Moran Katie Ladner	Doug August	Helen O'Neal & Gloria Armand
May 10 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun May 10 9am	Chantel Crabtree	Marlow Ladner, Helena, Derek Trosclair	Lilly Conner	Robert Pat Leimer	David Crabtree Family

Parish Picnic: We thank you Marlow Ladner, W C & Lennell King & their two grandchildren, Sharon Leimer, Gerard & Kay VanPelt, Mike West, the cooks, Altar Society, those who set up and clean up, everyone else, and all parishioners for making the parish picnic a great time for everyone.

Yard Sale will be on Sat May 16 and Sun 17 from 7am to 7pm. Please contact Beverly and Loretta for more information. Thank you.

Baccalaureate Mass...will be celebrated on Sunday, May 17, 2015

Lizana Light: For more information, please contact Sherry Money.

Catfish Festival: will be on May 28-31. If you have any question please contact Monica 861-2508. Please sign up for the concession stand.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:** 38Identifiable: **\$3,329.00**; Loose: **\$634.00**; Total: **\$3,963.00**; Building Fund: **\$74.00**; Catholic Home Mission: **\$50.00**

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Identifiable: **\$25.00**; Total: **\$25.00**.

Amount needed weekly **\$2,908.84.

Thank you for your generosity.

Bible Study: We study *the Book of Exodus*. Classes are on **Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, and on Thursdays from 9-10:30am at the office**. For more information, please contact **Ruth Schonewitz and Henrietta Ladner**.

Church Cleaning: Dianne Northrop and Marilyn Fairley will clean the church on April 26 and May 3. Marie Chasse will clean the church on May 10 and 17. Please call Ellen West at 341-0279 to sign up. Thank you.

Altar Society: Meet next Sundays, May 10.

Parish Council: Meet on 3rd Saturday after 5pm mass.

CYO: meet every other week on Sunday 6:00pm. You can visit St Ann CYO contact **Katelyn Moran** and **Danielle Ladner** or on the website **www.facebook.com/stannslizanaayo**.

RCIA: RCIA classes will begin in September.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Betty Pierce, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Janet Thompson, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, Julia Perronne, John Moran, George Brignac, and Pat Leimer.