

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

Sing a new song to the Lord!

Después de su conversión en el camino de Damasco, san Pablo se presentó a los apóstoles para que su misión fuera autentica en el seno de la Iglesia (**PRIMERA LECTURA**). San Juan nos habla después de la esencia de esta misión de apostolado, cifrada en la intimidad con Jesús: “que creamos en la persona de Jesucristo [...] y nos amemos los unos a los otros, conforme al precepto que nos dio” (**SEGUNDA LECTURA**). Luego, el mismo san Juan nos relata la parábola de la viña (**EVANGELIO**), en la que Jesús dice: “Yo soy la vid, ustedes los sarmientos”, para indicarnos que vivimos de su vida.



Intenciones de las Misas

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| sáb. 28 04:30 pm | Vigila del V Domingo de Pascua +Carmen M. Soto (Javier Soto) +Margarito Requejo (Su Esposa y Hijos) +Marcelina Martinez (Maria Luisa Ortiz) |
| dom. 29 10:30am | V Domingo de Pascua +Concepcion Torres (Esther Salinas) +Jesus Gilberto Trevino (Su Esposa y Hijos) +Hilaria y Manuel Trevino (Sus Hijos) |
| Sun. 29 12:30 pm | V Sunday of Easter Missa Pro Pópulo |
| Mon. 30 | NO MASS |
| mart. 01 08:00 am | Día de la Semana de Pascua +Eloisa Guerra (Herminia Torres) |
| Wed. 02 08:00 am | Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church +All Souls in Purgatory |
| juev. 03 08:00 am | Santos Felipe y Santiago, Apóstoles +Ramiro B. Lobo (Maria Luisa Ortiz) |
| Fri. 04 08:00 am | Easter Weekday Gloria Aguero (Herminia Torres) |
| Sat. 05 08:00 am | Easter Weekday +Clemencia Morado (Herminia Torres) |

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Memory of
Rosa Cavala
(Manuel Cavala)

Good News!

April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Jesus himself picked the image of the vine to describe the reality of our being united to him and the Father. And this was not lost on early Christians. One of the first images they used to mark their graves was the vine and branches.

An amazing thing about a vine and its branches is that you can't tell the difference between them. Look at a grapevine and try to determine which is the branch and which is the vine or trunk. You can't, since it appears as one seamless reality. Jesus invites us to be so close to him that we appear to be just like him—"other Christs," as our name Christian suggests!

Second, the sap that springs from the vine, runs through the branches, and matures in the fruit is all the same. The life in Jesus and the life in us as Christians are the same. He has given us the same Spirit that animated him, the Holy Spirit.

This is why Jesus can guarantee that, if we remain in him by listening to his word and following his Spirit, we will definitely bear much fruit. His word and Spirit cannot remain sterile in us.

The most important result of being united to Jesus and bearing fruit is that not only will we be united to him in this life, but this friendship will last for all eternity. That's why early Christians put vines on their tombs.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

© 2018 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in USA. Imprimatur: "In accordance with CIC 827, permission to publish has been granted on October 12, 2017 and December 1, 2017, by the Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituzzo, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication, nor is any liability assumed by this permission." No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from *New American Bible*, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. To order Liguori Sunday Bulletins, call 800-325-9521, or visit Liguori.org.

Dear Padre

April 29, 2018

Just last week, my parish ran a "join up" campaign at all the Masses. I felt guilty because I didn't sign up for anything. Do I have an obligation to join any of the parish organizations?

When you join any of your parish organizations, you will experience a network of people dedicated to building up the body of Christ through the various parish ministries.

According to the Code of Canon Law, the baptized are fundamentally united in the *communio fidelium*, "a dynamic reality requiring the active participation of all the faithful in the Church's life and mission" (Canon 209). It finds visible expression through public worship and through the exercise of obligations and rights. As a parish member, you are obligated to maintain communion with the Church; to fulfill your particular duties to the universal Church and your parish church; to live a holy life and promote the growth of the Church; to work to spread the gospel; and to follow what the pastor and bishops declare as teachers of the faith and leaders of the Church (Canons 209-212).

Laypeople are called to infuse their faith in Christ through all their undertakings in the secular world and within the Church. The various organized ministries of the parish offer ways that you, as a parishioner, can fulfill some of those obligations as you are able, in the Church's life and mission inside and outside your parish. Perhaps you will rethink your decision to not sign up for anything. It's never too late to become a parish volunteer!

Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Adapted from *Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask*,
© 2003 Liguori Publications

© 2018 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in USA. Imprimatur: "In accordance with CIC 827, permission to publish has been granted on October 12, 2017 and December 1, 2017, by the Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituzzo, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication, nor is any liability assumed by this permission." No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from *New American Bible*, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. To order Liguori Sunday Bulletins, call 800-325-9521, or visit Liguori.org.

MOTHER'S DAY BINGO

The Prayer Group will be sponsoring a Bingo on Saturday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The cost is \$10.00 for 3 cards. Tickets can be purchased from any Prayer Group member or at the door. Please help support our Prayer Group.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CANDY BRIGADE

The Knights of Columbus Council #12928 will be having a Candy Brigade on May 5 & 6, 2018 after each Mass. Donations collected will be used to continue support of the Diocese and Knights of Columbus charities programs. We thank you for your support.



PENANCE SERVICE

Penance Service for those receiving First Communion will be on **Friday, May 4, at 7pm.**

REHEARSAL FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Those receiving First Holy Communion on May 20 will have mandatory rehearsal on Saturday, May 19 at 9:00 am at the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

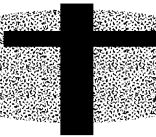
First Holy Communion will be held on Sun., May 20 at 12:30pm Mass.

REHEARSAL FOR CONFIRMATION

Those receiving Confirmation on June 3 will have mandatory rehearsal on Saturday, June 2 at 9:00am at the church.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sunday, June 3, at 12:30pm at the church.** Candidates and sponsors, including adults, must be in the church hall no later than 11:30am.

REMAIN IN ME  **AS I REMAIN IN YOU**
©Religious Graphics, Ltd.

Colecta de la Semana Pasada
Envelopes: \$ 2,400.06
Loose: \$ 340.41
Children's Envelopes: \$ 69.75

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 2,810.22

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 3,152.93

MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE

Pick up your **Mother's Day Mass Remembrance** envelopes located in the entrances of the church. Please deposit them in the collection basket. Mother's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 13, 2018. Remember to include living and/or deceased loved ones.

Conmemoración de la Misa de las Madres

Recoja sus sobres de **Conmemoración de la Misa de las Madres** que están en las entradas de la iglesia. Dépositelo en la canasta de la colecta. El día de las Madres se celebrará el domingo, 13 de mayo 2018. Recuerde de incluir a sus seres queridos vivos y/o difuntos.

THE ANNUAL BLUE MASS

The Diocese of Laredo will be celebrating the Annual Blue Mass at San Agustin Cathedral on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 12:00 pm. The Annual Blue Mass honors men and women in law enforcement who admirably fulfill their duty to serve and protect our community. Everyone is invited to attend!

MAY PILGRIMAGE TO SCHOENSTATT SHRINE

Rockport, TX on May 20, 2018. Round trip fare is \$38 per person. For information, please contact Herminia Torres at 791-5761 or Christina Sanchez at 723-8577.

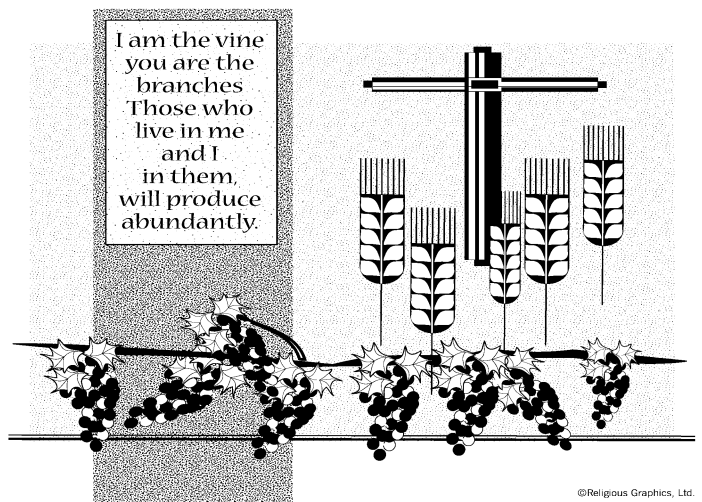
Let us LOVE
not in word and speech
but in deed and truth



©Religious Graphics, Ltd.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Eva Escamilla, Pedro Murillo, Lorenza Valdez, Ruby Ann Inocencio, Guadalupe Gonzalez, Oscar Noriega, Justin Pecina, Jorge Martinez, Fidela Ruiz, Dora Rodriguez, Pedro Malacara, Sister Thelma I. Gallegos, Ana Maria Trevino, Genoveva Ramirez, Deisy Garcia, Esther Salinas, David Riojas, Reynaldo Reyna, Victoria Carrillo and Chelo Ruiz.



©Religious Graphics, Ltd.