

PARISH CALENDAR

Fifth Sunday
of Easter

May 19, 2019

I am the vine,
you are the branches!

Saturday, May 19	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, May 20	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, May 21	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, May 22	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Mass - Feast of St. Rita / Pupu Pot-Luck
Wednesday, May 23	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 24	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, May 25	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, May 26	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:15:1-2, 22-29: The first church council resolves conflicts about Jewish practices

Rev:21:10-14, 22-23: The new Jerusalem will be a community for all

John:14:23-29: Jesus assures the disciples of his continuing presence and love



Comments on the Reading

Well, indeed. Jesus chose to speak of many things. At least that is how his farewell has been gathered up by John and handed on to us. It's a long farewell—four full chapters in John's Gospel. Today's reading is introductory to the long farewell, or the "last discourses," as they are often called. Scripture scholars tell us how this Gospel was a compilation of ideas and words gleaned over the years. We learn from them that the apostles didn't actually stay awake late into the night as Jesus poured out his soul. Rather, the writer of this Gospel gathered the best insights and put them here at the Last Supper. This setting is a signal of the crucial importance of the words, for they are the last will and testament of Jesus.

We need to remember that the apostles didn't know what was going to happen to Jesus, though they must have sensed the gravity of this night and the meal that gathered them. This anticipated Passover meal was more than the usually great Jewish celebration. Something more, something deeper, something more frightening ... this was a crucial night; this was a vital time.

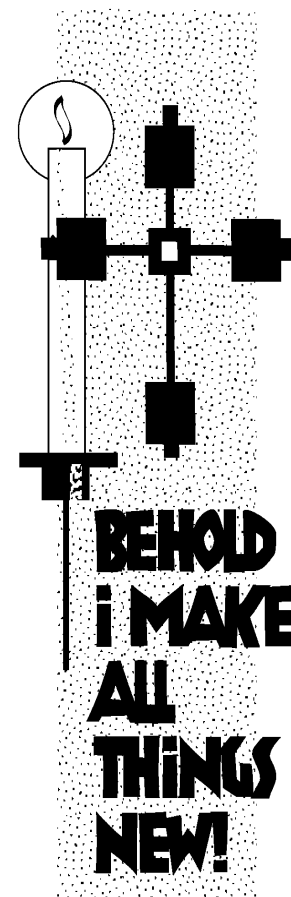
It wasn't until Judas left—mysteriously, to the remaining eleven—that a weight lifted. Then, Jesus spoke of his "glorification," which meant little to the eleven at the time—but everything after the Resurrection, when they looked back and remembered.

Jesus goes on to say that he must leave, and they must carry on as disciples. Further, the sign of their discipleship is their love for one another, which is patterned on his love for them. They don't know yet the lengths to which that love will go for them. They don't know about the cross. They have not experienced the Resurrection. Nor do they know about themselves—what they will be asked, how they will respond, how they will succeed and fail.

They don't know the ramifications of love and what they will be asked to do in the name of love. The first reading shows us how love shapes itself. It gets up and does something. Love takes practical steps; it shapes itself in action. The snippet from the Acts of the Apostles reads like a travelogue or a postcard written by a person in a hurry. "We went here and here and here." Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch twice, once to recall together that their missionary work would entail trials. Apparently there was a need for this reminder. Everything wasn't always just wonderful. The work the two missionaries describe is the work of establishing churches and shaping them so they can continue after Paul and Barnabas are long gone.

But, in general, the first reading is a success story; it cheers the spirit. The second reading does, too, for it paints a picture of the transformation of the whole world, heaven and earth. Something wholly new is formed and finished. Images pile up. A new Jerusalem appears on the scene. This holy city is like a bride ready to meet her husband. It is a vision of fulfillment. It is our idea of heaven. All the difficulties of an earth-bound existence are enumerated, and they are all over and done with.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEARTS AT REGINA PACIS

CONVENT: The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts at Regina Pacis Convent will remember our Parish during the week of **May 19th thru May 25th**. If you have a special intention that you would like the Sisters to pray for, please phone (808) 737-5822, or email at reginasscc@cs.com or Mail your prayer request to Regina Pacis Community 1120 fifth Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816-5828. As Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, their chapel is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to anyone who wishes to spend some time in prayer.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE 2019: The Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy is organizing a 3-day conference to be held at the Hawaii Convention Center on **May 24-26, 2019**. The conference theme - "Divine Mercy and the Message of Fatima" will focus on the connection of Divine Mercy to the messages given by our Lady of Fatima in 1917. For more information, please call 389-5764 or visit the www.divinemercyhawaii.org

WORD OF LIFE: "Patients need to be able to trust their doctors to always care for their lives and never deliberately cause death. . . .Patients facing serious illness may feel hopeless and depressed, as though their lives have lost meaning. Addressing psychological, emotional, and spiritual problems is essential to palliative care. Assisted suicide alleviates none of these problems, but gives in to them." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Killing the Pain, Not the Patient: Palliative Care vs Assisted Suicide"*

WEEKLY READINGS

May 19 Sun: 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts:14:21-27; Ps:145; Rev:21:1-5a; Jn:13:31-33a, 34-35

May 20 Mon: Easter Weekday

Acts:14:5-18; Ps:115:1-2, -3-5, 15-16; Jn:14:21-26

May 21 Tue: Easter Weekday

Acts:14:19-28-26; Ps:145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn:14:27-31a

May 22 Wed: Saint Rita, of Cascia

Prv:2:1-15; Ps:27: 1, 3, 4, 5, 11, 13; Rm:12:9-21; Jn:15:1-14

May 23 Thur: Easter Weekday

Acts:15: 7-21; Ps:96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn:15:9-11

May 24 Fri: Easter Weekday

Acts:15:22-31; Ps:57: 8-9, 10 & 12; Jn:15:12-17

May 25 Sat: Easter Weekday

Acts:16:1-10; Ps:100: 1b-2, 3, 5; Jn:15:18-21

REFLECTION

We don't think up things out of the blue, though they seem to come out of the blue. The insight that set the Evangelist's quill to papyrus came up out of the earth, right up out of the Church's early experience. The early community already knew how love renews, wipes away tears, opens one to new worlds. They had seen it in Jesus. They had seen it in his relationship with the beggar, the blind man, the embarrassed couple at Cana, the weary sinner. They had known his love themselves. They knew the shape of love Jesus talked about; they'd had a brush with heaven.

And they would soon know the cost as well as the rewards of choosing to respond with humble love. The first disciples gathered around the table at the Last Supper would soon be appalled by the forces of evil that would be unleashed and would break entirely over the earth. And they would see that the love that is stronger than death would reign in the end.

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NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's gospel Jesus makes a bold and clear statement to his disciples. "I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." We are called to love others as a sign of our discipleship in Jesus Christ. That includes even those "others" we might prefer to forget. We are so often tempted to draw lines between those who we will love and those who we consider not worthy of our love. This week take time to reflect on Jesus' love command. How often do we heed Jesus' love command? What change in our lives must take place in order for us to obey this command? (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

Farewells

If you have ever had to bid another farewell, you know how difficult it is. The settings may be prosaic. You may be standing on the lawn next to the house you once called home, bidding farewell to your neighbors as the truck pulls out with everything you possess. Or you may be preparing a farewell speech for a vast assembly of co-workers and employees. Whatever the case, you know how hard it is to find and utter the right words. You know how tempted you are to slip out quietly, or just say, "See you around." Well
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