

Happy Mother's Day

Fifth Sunday
of Easter

May 10, 2020

I am the vine.
you are the branches!

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:8:5-8, 14-17: People of Samaria are baptized and receive the Holy Spirit

1 Peter:3:15-18: Called to witness, but gently.

Jn:14:15-21: The promise of the Holy Spirit.

We will be live streaming this Sunday Mass at 10 a. m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream> or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/

There are many opportunities to view Mass via live stream while public Masses are cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak. Weekday and Sunday Mass will be live-streamed from various churches in our diocese.

OAHU

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu

Sundays at 9 AM, Bishop Larry Silva presiding

Mondays to Saturdays at 8 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica>

or www.hictv.com

Sacred Heart, Punahou

Sundays at 8 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartpunahou>

St. John Apostle and Evangelist, Mililani

Saturdays at 5 PM and Sunday at 11 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/saintjohnmililani/live>

St. Joseph, Waipahu

Daily at 7 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/StJosephChurchWaipahu/>

St. John the Baptist, Kalihi

Mass in Spanish on Sundays at 8 AM

Para misa en Español, seguir este enlace. Estará disponible el domingo a las 8 AM.

<https://www.facebook.com/kalihicentral/>

MAUI

Christ the King, Kahului

Sundays at 9 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/ctkchurchmaui/>

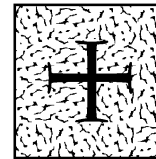
or Maui radio station 105.5 FM

St. Anthony, Wailuku

Sundays at 9 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/stanthonymaui.org/live>

Rebroadcasts of Sunday Mass available at <https://stanthonymaui.org/>



The STONE
rejected by the
builders has become
the cornerstone

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Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis' Masses: www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIdsefjlgg9A5SGWA4FuGIA

Catholic TV Mass. . . www.watchthemass.com/

EWTN Daily Mass. . . <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule>

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. . . www.nationalshrine.org/mass/

Catholic Faith Network Masses. . . www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses

Prayers

Pope Francis' Prayer with Mary for COVID-19 . . .

<https://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2020/text-of-popes-prayer-to-mary-during-coronavirus-pandemic.cfm>

Archbishop Gomez Prayer for COVID-19. . .

<http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/usccb-president-reflection-and-prayer-during-coronavirus.cfm>

Spiritual Communion. . . (<https://www.archny.org/acts-of-spiritual-communion/>

COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity. . .

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/covid-19-prayer-of-solidarity.cfm>

Light a Candle Online (from the National Shrine of St. John Neumann). www.stjohnneumann.org/faith-miracles/light-a-candle-online

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEARTS AT REGINA PACIS

CONVENT: St Rita Parish Ohana will be remembered expressly in the prayers and works of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts at Regina Pacis Convent during the week of **May 17 to 23, 2020**. If you have a special intention that you would like the Sisters to pray for please contact them by phone @ 737-5822, email @ reginasscc@cs.com Or Mail at Regina Pacis Community/1120 Firth Avenue/Honolulu, HI 96816-5828.

ST. RITA'S PRAYER GROUP: Aloha Mai Kakou St. Rita Ohana. Join our virtual prayer group on Thursday evenings. Send Mele Ahuna your email address (via e-mail ahuna@hawaii.rr.com) and we can invite you to our Google Hangout! Hope to see you soon! A Hui Hou! St. Rita's Prayer Group.

WORD OF LIFE: "O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"*

WEEKLY READINGS

May 10 Sun: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts:6:1-7; Ps:33; 1 Peter:2:4-9; Jn:14:1-12

May 11 Mon: Easter Weekday

Acts:14:5-18; Ps:115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn:14:21-26

May 12 Tue: Easter Weekday

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

May 13 Wed: Easter Weekday

Acts:15:1-6; Ps:122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn:15:1-8

May 14 Thur: Easter Weekday

Acts:1:15-17, 20-26; Ps:113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn:15:9-17

May 15 Fri: Easter Weekday

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

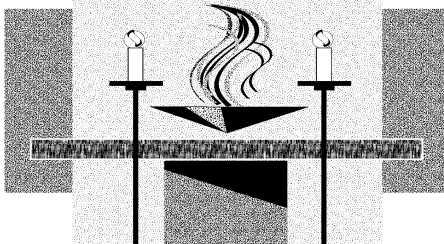
May 16 Sat: Easter Weekday

Acts:16:1-10; Ps:100; 1b-2, 3, 5; Jn:15:26-16:4a

Building a Home

Have you ever noticed the progress of a house under construction? If it's on a route you go by regularly, you can learn much about the routine of new construction. There has to be leadership—usually a general contractor. It is this person's responsibility to coordinate all the work. Each person brings his/her own gifts to the job site. First the foundation is built. Block by block it rises, each block depending on the previous one—each one bound distantly to the first block. Once the foundation is done, frames for subsequent rooms are nailed and filled with wires, pipes, and insulation. Drywall covers the interior as the house heads toward decoration and ultimate completion. Today's readings show us a similar construction plan.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people of the Lord's own,
so that you may announce the praises of
the Lord who called you into the light.



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NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

*In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles we see how the first community of Christians gathered together to discern and resolve how to care for each other's needs. As good stewards of the sisters and brothers who gathered around the Eucharistic table, the community of faith selected those among them who were to ensure that no one was neglected. How are we helping to serve the needs of our parish family? How do we ensure that those who might be perceived to be the least of our brothers and sisters are not left alone and neglected during these unsettling times? **International Catholic Stewardship Council***

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

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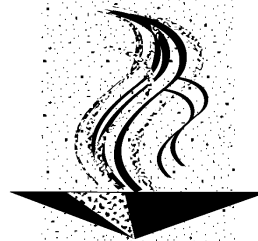
REFLECTION

When we run into obstacles in life—at work, with our families, in volunteer work—we look for a new and creative approach to solve the problem. This involves looking at the situation in a new way. It seems that musicians are among some of the most creative people we know—and they should be. After all, they only have twelve notes to work with, but look at all they do with them! They look at these same notes differently each time they create a new composition. As living stones of the Church, we are invited to look at things in a new way. We are called to be open and creative in our view of the world, to be enthusiastic about our mission. Our mission is but one block in the construction of the whole Church, small and inconsequential when we view it individually; but an integral part of a significant structure. If we accept our place in this foundational structure, we are promised a room in the Father's house. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved

Exult
you just
in the LORD

Praise from
the righteous
is fitting.

Give thanks
to the LORD



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Living Stones

Almighty God, master builder,
your Son is the foundation of our lives.
If the world seems to crumble and fall,
keep us anchored in faith, hope, and love.
Smooth and polish our hearts
until they gleam
and radiate your glory dwelling within us.
Build us up in holiness,

and fit us together so securely
that evil cannot fracture us
nor pain and death break us.
Fashion others into living stones, too,
until all people are part of your
house forever.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Dwelling

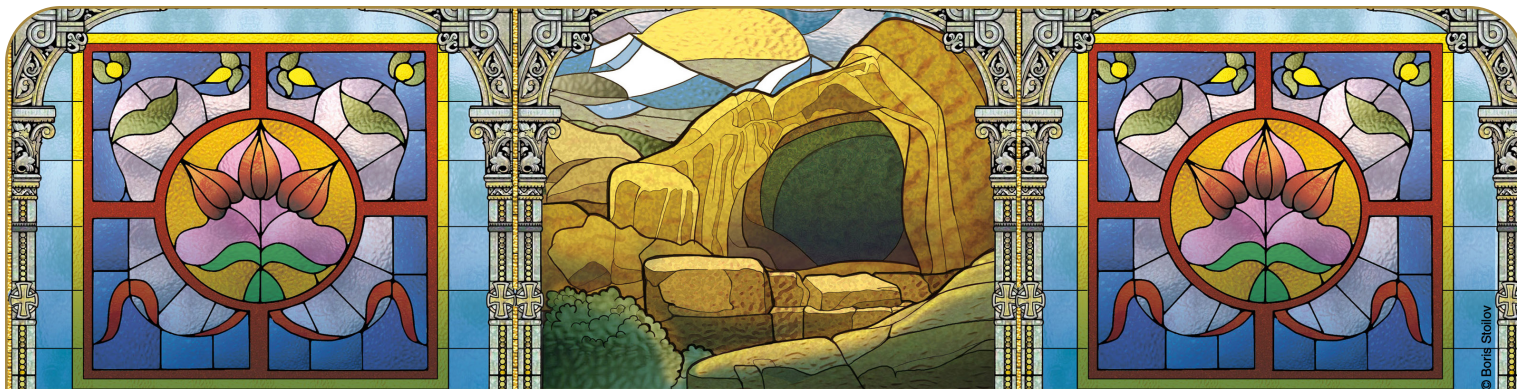


Today's Readings: Acts 6:1–7; Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19 (22); 1 Peter 2:4–9; John 14:1–12. Although God was understood to dwell in the Jerusalem Temple, that stone structure was a sign that God dwelled among his people, his “royal priesthood” and “holy nation.” As Jesus explained to his disciples, he fully reveals God’s presence and is the means by which people enter that presence. As God’s Son, Jesus is God’s place of dwelling and the one through whom we will dwell with God forever.

Jesus also tells us that there is endless space in his Father’s house. Jesus, the foundation of a living and eternal temple, has room for everyone to build their lives upon him. This living, growing dwelling place is so vast that it is ulti-

mately unavoidable: those who want to go around it can’t. There is no avoiding God’s presence, no hiding from his wonderful light.

As people build themselves on Christ, there’s the danger that parts of this structure will weaken. In the reading from Acts, we hear that some members of the community were not receiving the material assistance they needed. Once the problem was pointed out, however, the Apostles acted quickly. They not only ensured that help was given, they shared their Christ-given authority with others to prevent such problems from happening again. We must do the same. By showing others that Christ dwells among us, we will help them—and us—to dwell with Christ forever.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 11

The Best of Intentions

The people who worship Paul and Barnabas recognize that something wonderful has happened, but their faith is misdirected. They need instruction on how to interpret and respond to the healing they witnessed. They need the Advocate, who will teach and guide them. This Advocate, the Holy Spirit, continues to guide the Church to this day. Ask God for the Spirit's help in discerning where and how God is acting and how you can best respond. *Today's Readings: Acts 14:5–18; Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16; John 14:21–26.*

Tuesday, May 12

Eternal Peace

Jesus offers a peace that no suffering or hardship can take away from us. His peace rises from God's salvation: we who believe in our Lord's triumph over sin and death no longer have anything to fear. St. Paul demonstrated confidence in this gift of peace when he resumes his mission right after nearly being killed for preaching the Gospel. Pray that whatever happens in your life, your faith in God's gift of peace may remain unassailable. *Today's Readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab, 21; John 14:27–31a.*

Wednesday, May 13

Bearing Fruit

The first serious challenge to the unity of the Church was the question of whether Gentile converts had to obey the Jewish law. Since Jesus was Jewish, some people thought that those who believed in him must also become Jewish. Although the Church concluded that Christians did not also have to become Jews, we follow laws, such as the Ten Commandments that were given to the Jews. By obeying such laws we bear fruit, which Jesus, our true vine, commands us to do. What can you do to show you are bearing fruit? *Today's Readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.*

Thursday, May 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Jesus reminds his disciples that he chose them; they did not choose him. This remains true when the disciples choose an Apostle to replace Judas. After narrowing the list of candidates, the disciples cast lots as a way of inviting God to choose between the two men. Do we readily invite God into our decision-making? Do we pray with the Scriptures and consult people who are faithful and wise? Do we open our hearts to God for a clear look at our motivations? *Today's Readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20–26; Psalm 113:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; John 15:9–17.*

Friday, May 15

Love One Another

Jesus tells us to “love one another,” but how exactly do we do that? One example is the way the Church dealt with the question of whether Gentile converts to Christianity had to become Jews. The Apostles wanted to ensure that both groups could come together for ritual meals in which they worshipped Christ. By resolving the dispute in a way that acknowledged the concerns of both parties, the Apostles brought more people into the peace and friendship of Christ. In what specific way can you fulfill Christ's commandment to love? *Today's Readings: Acts 15:22–31; Psalm 57:8–9, 10 and 12; John 15:12–17.*

Saturday, May 16

Respect

It seems hypocritical for Paul to have Timothy circumcised when he previously said that Gentiles did not need to be. What Paul understands, however, is that Timothy, whose mother is Jewish, must honor his Jewish heritage. By upholding Jewish practices, Paul and Timothy also show their fellow Jews the continuity between Judaism and faith in Christ. Try to learn something more about Judaism today. *Today's Readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.*

