

Our Lady of the Sierra Parish



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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YEAR B

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MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is the month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady,"and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

In our observance of the Marian month we should take into account the season of the Liturgical Year which largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter. Our pious exercises could emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery and in Pentecost with which the Church begins. The pious exercises connected with the month of May can easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

From https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgical_year/overviews/months/O5_1.cfm



FIVE REASONS WHY WE HONOR MARY DURING MAY

1. Mary is Jesus' mother.
2. She is the first and most perfect disciple.
3. She is our Mom.
4. She loves us more that we can imagine.
5. Mary is advocate, helper, benefactress, and mediatrix.

A DAILY PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



Come to the
Crowning of Mary
On May 2, 2021
after the 11:30 am
Mass!



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MASS INTENTIONS

Tue 4	8:30 AM Mass for Janet Lumbrazo req Howard J DeMera
Wed 5	8:30 AM Mass for Asencion Gonzalez (RM) req by Cesar Gonzalez
Thu 6	8:30 AM Mass for Daniel Valeriano Jr (B) req by Erlinda Teisinger
Fri 7	8:30 AM Mass for Daniel Valeriano Sr (RM) req by Erlinda Teisinger
Sat 8	4:00 PM Mass for Betty Tamberi (RM) req by Norma Hickman
Sun 9	8:00 AM Mass for John Lynch (RM) req by the McMechans
	9:30 AM Mass for Fr Evan Harkins (RM) req by Rosemary McLeod
	11:30 AM Mass for All Parishioners 600 PM Emilio Villa (RM) req by David Villa
KEY	RM-Mass for the Dead; B-Birthday; req - requested

MASS READINGS

Mon 3	Sts Philip and James, Apostles Feast 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Tue 4	Easter Weekday Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wed 5	Easter Weekday Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thu 6	Easter Weekday Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Fri 7	Easter Weekday Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Sat 8	Easter Weekday Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Sun 9	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17

VINE AND BRANCHES LESSON PLAN

for your young children or grandchildren

Teaching Concept: *Jesus calls Himself the Vine and we are the branches. The reason He does this is to show that we are all united to Him closely as a branch is to a vine. Just like a vine bears fruit, Jesus helps us to grow and bring good to the world.*

1. **BEGIN WITH A PRAYER.** Make the Sign of the Cross, recite the Lord's Prayer, and say an extemporaneous prayer of gratitude.
2. **GIVE BACKGROUND.** Have the children look at Picture 1 on page 3 and engage them in discussion. Say that this is a picture of a vine that is alive. The vine, branches, leaves, and fruit are all connected together. Then discuss Picture 2, a picture of a vine that is no longer growing, no longer produces any fruit.
3. **INTRODUCE THE STORY.** "Today we're going to look at how Jesus used the Story of the Vine and the Branches to teach us how we are connected to Him." Open your Bible to Jn 15 1-8. Read it aloud with expression.

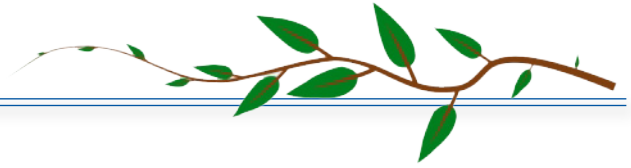
Discussion Questions:

- » What can you say about Picture 1? (It's alive. The vine supports the branches and the fruit, etc.)
- » How about Picture 2? (It's dead. The branches are not on the vine. There's no fruit).
- » Who is the Vine Grower? (God the Father)
- » Who is the Vine? (Jesus)
- » Who are the branches? (We are.)

4. **DEEPEN UNDERSTANDING.**

- » Lead the children to conclude that knowing and loving Jesus is like growing on a vine. To keep growing we must stay close to Him. One way to do this is talking to Him, also called praying.
- » Jesus wants us to produce a lot of fruit. He doesn't mean to grow grapes or apples on our body. He means being kind, generous, and talking to Him. Most of all, He wants us to love others. He loves us so much!

5. **TRANSFER.** It's a great time to take your children on a short field trip to a vineyard! Walk down the rows of grape vines, and observe and talk about the vines, branches, leaves, and fruit. Relate the Story of the Vine and the Branches to what they are observing.
6. **PRAYER.** *Jesus, You are the vine and we are the branches. Help us to stay as close to You as the fruit on the vine. Give us the strength to always do what is right and good. By our good works, we will know that we are connected to You. Amen.*



Picture 1: Grapevine that is alive



Picture 2: Grapevine that is dying

BIBLE VERSE TO MEMORIZE



John 15: 1-2

I am the true vine, and my Father is the Vine Grower. He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Mon	Day off of Priest
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Tue	8:00 AM Rosary, OLPH Devotion 8:30-9:00 AM Mass
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Wed	8:00 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Confirmation II, Class 1
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Thu	8:00 AM Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:30 AM Mass
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Fri	8:00 AM Rosary, Sacred Heart 8:30 AM Mass 9:00-12:00 AM 1st Fri Adoration
7	
Sat	9:00 AM Mass North Fork 3:00 PM Confessions 3:30 PM Rosary 4:00 PM Mass
8	
Sun	8:00 AM Mass North Fork 9:30 AM Bass Lake 11:00 AM Rosary OLS 11:30 AM OLS 6:00 PM Spanish Mass
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INCOME REPORT

Income Apr 3-7, 2021	
1st Collection	10,841.00
2nd Coll Bishop's Appeal	60.00
2nd Coll Maintenance	320.00
Mass Stipend	20.00
Sacrament Fees	10.00
Charity	1,045.00
Religious Education	30.00
Total	\$ 12,326.00

Second Collection on May 2, 2021
For OLS Parish: Religious Education
For Fresno Diocese: None