



5th Sunday OF EASTER

“I am the true vine, and
my Father is the vine
grower.” - Jn 15:1A

May 2, 2021

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

SUN 5/02	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8
MON 5/03	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
TUE 5/04	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
WED 5/05	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
THR 5/06	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
FRI 5/07	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
SAT 5/08	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
SUN 5/09	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

Sunday:	5 th Sunday of Easter
Monday:	Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles
Wednesday:	Cinco de Mayo
Thursday:	National Day of Prayer
Next Sunday:	6 th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.



Sts. PHILLIP
& JAMES

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*Prayer
is the bridge
between panic
and peace.*

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. | Convent Chapel

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.
Sunday (Gospel Mass) 10:00 a.m.
Livestreaming available on our website,
Facebook and YouTube

Baptisms: 4th Sunday of the month except
during Lenten Season

Weddings: Contact the rectory six months prior
to desired wedding date

Confessions: One-half hour before Sunday Mass



"Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind..."

Saturday, May 1, 2021

For: The People of the Parish
In Memory of: Virginia M. Johnson, Elodie Gabriel, Darrell Gabriel
and Bruce Gabriel and Lawrence Anthony Richards

Sunday, May 2, 2021

For: The People of the Parish
In Thanksgiving to St. Katharine Drexel
In Memory of: Harlean Banks and Virginia M. Johnson



Please remember in your prayers: The intentions of the Holy Father and for:

Our Parish Family Sick and Shut In: Patricia Adam, Leonard Anderson, Evangeline Thompson Antoine, Marie Alexander, Joyce Anthony, Diane Austin, Nathaniel Banks, Nancy Barabino, Hazel Barnes, Barbara Blanchard, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Herman Cade, Augustine Cain, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Joyce Coleman, Honora Curry, Lamar Davis, Souleymane Diop, Elaine Ewell, Leo Francisco, Cameron Fritz, Beverly R. Gilmore, Gilda Griffin, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, Olga Jackson, Hubert Jarrow, Jr., Ruth Jerome, Anna Jones, Evelyn Johnson, Fern Kern, Ruth Kennedy, Shanna Lucien, Felicia Meyers, Arizona Moore, Germaine Nash, Thomas Phillips, Audrey Pierce, Janice Picou, Bernice Pinkney, Albert Poree, Gertrude Powell, Mildred V. Prudeaux, Joyce Randolph, Nakeisha Rhea, Scott Rivera, Kim Roby, Matilda Romero, Janice Sawyer, Lula Mae Schexnayder, Carrie M. Shedd, Scott Schryver, Jane Silva, Angela Simon, Enjoli Sims, Kaila Sims, Kira Sims, Geraldine Small, Alma M. Smith, Bill Starr, Marquerite Stepter, Glenda Stewart, Annie Stoot, Eugene Stoot, Diane Sims Tillman, George Tillman, Mildred Tillman, Perry Tillman, III, Sherman Todd, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In order to flourish and bear fruit, the
vine needs to be pruned. What in
me needs to be pruned so that I can
bear fruit to the fullest extent
possible?

Prayer Line

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Noon Prayer

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Bible Study

Thursdays | 6:00 p.m.

Rosary

First Monday of Month | 6:00 p.m.

Parish News!

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- **HABARI GANI XIII:** High School Retreat is scheduled for May 8th. Any 9th-12th grade high school student interested in attending, please contact Shannon Sims or the Rectory.
- **ACACIA TREE:** Memorialize your deceased loved one with a plaque on the Acacia Tree. The cost is \$50. Plaques are limited to 3 lines of 21 characters each. See an usher for application and submit both payment and application by dropping your donation into the collection basket, online or mailing to the Rectory.
- **RETREAT "More Than May: Eyes on My Mother"** will be held Tuesday, May 4th from 9 am - 3 pm at the Archdiocese Retreat House. Lunch included. Please call 504.267.9604 to register or visit www.neworleansretreats.org or archdiocese-no.org. Point of Contact: Ruth Kennedy
- **ADORATION:** As we celebrate the Year of the Eucharist, please join us in the edifice or on livestream for Adoration on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 beginning this Wednesday, March 10 through November 10. Join us this Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the edifice and virtually.

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