



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28TH

BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

.FEAST OF FAITHThe Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God’s word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God’s word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — This is God’s commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

May 1st is the last class for PRE and we will have an ice cream social to celebrate the end of the year .

Youth group and Ladies Guild will be sponsoring a garage sale at St.Andrew on **Saturday, May 4th, from 7:00 to 1:00.**

Mass Intentions

- May 1st Herb Marshall
- May 5th Herb Marshall

MAY 2024

MAY 5TH

- LECTOR Janet & Marina
- SERVERS JESUS
- COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

MAY 12TH

- LECTOR Mary C
- SERVER CARLOS & MAX
- COUNTER MARY & ANN F

MAY 19 TH

- LECTOR Mark
- SERVERS JESUS
- COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

MAY 26 TH

- LECTOR Beverly
- SERVER CARLOS & MAX
- COUNTER MARY & ANN

ADORATION MAY 1ST AT 4:00 PM BEFORE MASS

HOLIEST FLOWER

Mary is the lily in God’s garden.

—St. Bridget of Sweden



SMALL TASKS

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.

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