

# MAY 2, 2021

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.



In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the faith. The work they were doing was “with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.” It was not their work alone, but the work of God.

We must ask ourselves, ‘how is God bearing fruit in my life?’ and ‘have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?’ The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord.

When we live a life like that — as a branch never separated from its vine — God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.

— Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

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### PARISH CALENDAR

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**Monday, May 3**

8:30 a.m. - Livestream  
Margaret Doodeman †

**Tuesday, May 4**

8:30 a.m. - Livestream  
Helen Albanese †  
7:00 p.m. - R.C.I.A. - Virtual

**Wednesday, May 5**

8:30 a.m. - Livestream  
Special Intention

**Thursday, May 6**

No Mass

**Friday, May 7**

8:30 a.m. - Livestream  
Steven Lachapelle †  
9:00 a.m. - Holy Hour - Livestream

**Saturday, May 8**

4:00 p.m. - Mass  
5:00 p.m. - Livestream - Marion Farrell †  
Lawrence Mattie † | Marie (Rosie) Jocque †

**Sunday, May 9**

8:45 a.m. - Henrica Van Lankveld † | Ida Palma †  
9:45 a.m. - Maria del Rosario Ita de Alzamora †  
10:30 a.m. - Mass for the People

### FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS



We welcome you to join our final Virtual RCIA session for “*Reflecting on our Journey Together*” at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 27th.

If interested, please contact the parish office to join the Google Meet.

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### ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

*“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”*

Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Love demands truth and action.

Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email [frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com).



### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

*Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.*

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# Good Morning

May God's **BLESSINGS** be  
with you today and always.

**B** Begin your day with  
**L** Love in your heart;  
**E** Expect blessings,  
**S** Share goodness,  
**S** Shine like the sun and  
**I** Inspire someone.  
**N** Never forget that  
**G** God is with you all the  
time.

Amen