



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY  
MAY 2  
2021**

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**PUBLIC ENTRY BY  
APPOINTMENT ONLY  
MASS SCHEDULE  
(TEMPORARY)**

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm & 6 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am & Noon

Weekday Masses

Monday: 7:30 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: 7:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

Director of Religious Education

Mr. Joseph Ranelli

Director of Adult Education

Mrs. Kathy Higgins

Liturgy/Music Coordinator

Mrs. Gretchen Wagner

### Secretary

Mrs. Carrie Hannah

Religious Education Secretary

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

Business Manager

Mrs. Ann Miller



*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**OF EASTER**

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



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

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

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

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| <b>Sunday:</b>      | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter               |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles               |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>   | Cinco de Mayo                                  |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | National Day of Prayer                         |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | 6 <sup>th</sup> 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

A P O S T L E S

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*Prayer  
is the bridge  
between panic  
and peace.*



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION

## FIRST READING

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. (Acts 9:26)



## PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22)  
Or Alleluia.



## SECOND READING

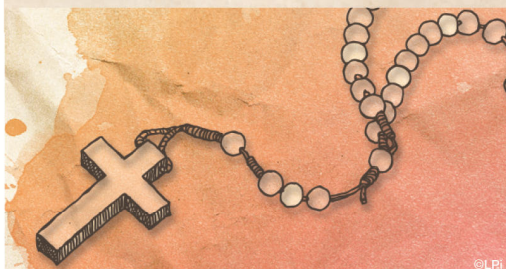
And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)



## GOSPEL

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

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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| MON 5/3 7 <sup>30</sup> AM | Gary Masters [Mark, Gio, Santina, Luciana]           |
| TUES 5/4 9AM               | Bob Nicolls  |
| WED 5/5 7 <sup>30</sup> AM | Dick Stigliano [Carole & Dale Miller]                |
| THU 5/6 5 <sup>30</sup> PM | Dec'd Sangregorio Family [Mary Lou Krantz]           |
| FRI 5/7 9AM                | Mary Guenther  |
| SAT 5/8 9AM                | Patricia Webster [Family]                            |
| SAT 5/8 4PM                | Ellen & Jeff Hudson [Daughters, Kathleen & Marybeth] |
| SAT 5/8 6PM                | Mass for the People                                  |
| SUN 5/9 8AM                | Deacon Jack Tupper                                   |
| SUN 5/9 10AM               | John Hamilton [Jim, Kathy & Liam Ryan]               |
| SUN 5/9 12PM               | Patrick Mastrian                                     |



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| SAT 5/8 4PM  | LECTOR<br>J. Spataro           | EUCCHARISTIC MIN.<br>T. Spataro<br>P. Thornburg | ALTAR SERVER<br>A. Bowser            |
| SAT 5/8 6PM  | LECTOR<br><b>LECTOR NEEDED</b> | EUCCHARISTIC MIN.<br><b>EUCH. MIN. NEEDED</b>   | ALTAR SERVER<br><b>SERVER NEEDED</b> |
| SUN 5/9 8AM  | LECTOR<br>G. Leonard           | EUCCHARISTIC MIN.<br>P. Clark<br>J. Wolinsky    | ALTAR SERVER<br>A. Zahniser          |
| SUN 5/9 10AM | LECTOR<br>B. Moder             | EUCCHARISTIC MIN.<br>R. Fleis<br>A. Orndorff    | ALTAR SERVER<br>K. Fleis             |
| SUN 5/9 12PM | LECTOR<br>A. Stephenson        | EUCCHARISTIC MIN.<br>K. Stephenson              | ALTAR SERVER<br><b>SERVER NEEDED</b> |

**\*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH FR. ALLEN PRIOR TO MASS**

## MINISTRY NEEDS

Now that we are “coming out of the woods”, we are in need of more help in all ministries; Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

If you are interested you can be assigned to the Mass time of your choice. Training will be provided. Please call the office 724-981-5566.

### WE NEED YOU!



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
**9:00 AM—11:00 PM**

For more information call:  
Jo Feeney 724-699-3340  
Rosalee Beal 724-981-2645

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must “prune and cleanse” the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and “bear fruit.”

## PRAYER Line

Keeping those in need in our prayers. If you, a family member or a friend are in need of prayer please call the prayer line with your request.

**Prayer Line,  
Kathy Higgins #724-342-7858**

## MARRIAGE MOMENT

“Screens” (TV, computers, cell phones...) can give us a lot of helpful information. BUT, they can also crowd out relationship time. May 3-9 is [Screen Free Week](https://commercialfreechildhood.org/sfw-21-save-the-date/) (https://commercialfreechildhood.org/sfw-21-save-the-date/) Although this is often directed to children, it starts with you and your beloved. Can you spend a day without using a screen this week? What will you substitute?

## MID-WEEK EVENING PRAYER

Join us for this New Virtual Prayer Opportunity!

Looking for a mid-week pick-me-up? Consider joining other Catholic Christians in community prayer.

Please join Frank Hannah and others each Wednesday from **7:00 PM – 7:30 PM** for virtual evening prayer.

Virtual prayer via Zoom. Use the following link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4586860650>

Who do I contact if I have trouble connecting?

Frank Hannah | 724-977-8655 | [gatorsnpa@gmail.com](mailto:gatorsnpa@gmail.com)





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?

Your local Knights of Columbus, Council #4003 (Farrell, Hermitage, Sharpsville, W Middlesex), is conducting a member drive. We are looking for Catholic men to join our local council, and join the other 1.9 million members around the world, to help us serve and support our local parishes and their families. To culminate this drive we will be performing a degree ceremony and social on May 15<sup>th</sup> following the 6 PM Mass at Notre Dame.

Contact Rich Fleis, Financial Secretary, via call or text 724-991-0116 or via email at [ricfl@hotmail.com](mailto:ricfl@hotmail.com).

To learn more about the Knights, visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) for more information. Not a Knight yet.....why not????



## *Feast of St. Anthony Sarwa (Stuffed Cabbage) Sale*

### *Take Out Only*

*June 13, 2021 11am-2pm*

#### **Cost:**

3 sarwa \$6  
Includes 1 piece of pogach

6 sarwa \$11  
Includes 2 pieces of pogach

12 sarwa \$16  
Includes 4 pieces of pogach

**St. Anthony Church**  
**804 Idaho St., Sharon**  
**(Sherman Ave. entrance)**

#### **PRE-ORDERS ONLY**

To place an order call: Launa 724-342-2489

**Deadline to place an order is Friday, June 11th**  
**MASKS MUST BE WORN AND SOCIAL DISTANCING MAINTAINED**



## Is Gossip a Sin?

**Question:** Is gossip a mortal sin?

**Answer:**

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness." In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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## PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to join our parish and become part of the Notre Dame Church family, please complete this form and return by mail or drop in the collection basket.

### REQUEST FOR PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_