

**MAY 2, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Reflection for the Week

SMALL TASKS

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

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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).

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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

Please pray for our parishioners & extended family: Rest in Peace:

Judy Laxen, Dorle & Paul Gross, Josephine Small, Martha Araj Ayoub, David Desch, Ethel Friedrichs, Pat Hoffman, Charlie & Dodie Vaszko, Father Kirk, Bill Lum, Robert Lamcaco, Jane Sachez, Father Ken Westray of St. Vincent De Paul –SF, & Father P. Gerard O'Rourke

For Healing: Edith Bucoy, Tom Johnson, Maureen Francis, Joe Humphreys, Rich Lang, Mike Marty, Patrick Lee, Teresa Hyatt, Estela Becerra, Shirley Dela Cuz, Lynette Castiglione. & **all our parishioners that are sick...and a special reminder to pray for those we know now living in care facilities.**

Mass Intentions

April 30th thru May 6th, 2021 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri.		(RIP+)	12:10 p.m.
Sat.	ROBERT LAMCACO	(RIP+)	4:15 p.m.
Sun.	MICHAEL BOGAN	(RIP+)	9:30 a.m.
Sun.	ROBERT LAMCACO	(RIP+)	11:30 a.m.
Mon.	TIMOTHY SAMSON	(RIP+)	12:10 p.m.
Tues.		(RIP+)	12:10p.m.
Weds.		(RIP+)	12:10p.m.
Thurs.		(RIP+)	12:10p.m.

Give the gift of a Mass Intention. Intention for Birthdays, Memorials, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, and Get Well.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Monday: Ss. Philip and James
 Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo
 Thursday: National Day of Prayer
 Friday: First Friday

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.

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Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. — 1 John 3:18

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION

The program is held online every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. for Grades K-8. It will run until Sunday, May 23, 2021.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Sunday, April 25th at St. Annes of the Sunset: Children will attend the 10:00 a.m. mass in person, the First Reconciliation Service will be at 11:00 a.m. (in person). Parents and guardians are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the same time.

FIRST EUCHARIST PRACTICE

Sunday, May 2nd at St. John of God at 12:30 p.m. There will be a class at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom.

FIRST EUCHARIST LITURGY

Sunday, May 15 at St. John of God at 11:00 a.m.

Catholic Education in San Francisco

Opportunities for Enrichment & Academic Excellence at Saints Peter & Paul School

For more than 90 years Saints Peter and Paul School (SSPP) has fostered a thriving learning community in the heart of North Beach providing academic excellence, enrichment opportunities, and development of the whole child through spiritual guidance based on reason, service for others, and loving-kindness. Now might be the right time to explore options for Catholic education for your family.

Call us to learn more, schedule a virtual tour, or speak with our administration. 415-421-5219

Fast Facts:

SSPP has options for in-person classes (with distance learning available)

Preschool, Kindergarten, middle-school, junior-high placement available

Rolling admissions accepted through 2021 (for placement in classes for 2020-21 school or 2021-22 school year)

Small class size; individual attention

Enrichment programs such as language courses, art, coding, robotics, fine arts

COVID-19 mitigation plans approved by SF Department of Health When shelter-in-place was announced in March 2020, SSPP pivoted to a distance learning model within 48-hours, ensuring no disruption in academic excellence

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COVID-19 symptoms including fever, chills, cough, congestion, sore throat, difficulty breathing, headache, fatigue, vomiting, diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell.

The Saint John of God Prayer

Dear God, through the intercession of St. John of God, patron of the poor and the sick, grant me the grace this day to greet every person that I meet with understanding and compassion. Reveal to me their needs and give me the means to inspire in my heart the humility and generosity of St. John so that I might be to them a revelation of God's Love. Amen.

- Rev. Fr. Thomas L. Seagrave

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY OF THE PSALMS!

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study group meets weekly from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. We have decided for our next study to undertake the Psalms, beginning April 28, 2021. To be added to the list and receive the Zoom instructions, please contact Paul Riofski at sjogmusic@aol.com or call 415-517-4647. You can also sign up to read the books on your own without attending the Zoom lessons!

TO ORDER THE BOOKS

The New Collegeville Bible Commentary has two volumes on the Psalms, each \$14.95 in paperback (also available in e-Format). Volume 22 covers Psalms 1-72 and Volume 23 covers Psalms 73-150. You may call the publisher (Liturgical Press) directly at 1-800-858-5450, and simply tell them that you want to order the New Collegeville Bible Commentary, Volumes 22 and 23, on the Psalms, or visit their website (litpress.org). See you in class!!

Masses resume again!!

I want to reach out to you as we continue to deal with Covid-19. Please know that you have been in my daily prayers & Masses even as we have been unable to be together in person. I am here for you and I am available to bring Communion to you at your home at your request. Please call the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number so we can schedule a time for me to bring you Communion. You are a valued member of our St. John of God Community and I thank God for you! Masses resume on Saturdays at 4:15 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass at 12:10 p.m. resume. Please follow the (now) normal requirements listed below:

*A face mask covering your nose and mouth is required.

*Physical Distancing will be observed.

*Please place your Offertory gift at the end of Mass in the basket as you leave the courtyard.

*Hand sanitizer is available for your use. Those of you who are elderly or who have pre-existing conditions that make you more vulnerable to infection, PLEASE STAY HOME. The same applies if you are exhibiting symptoms of illness.

I look forward to celebrating Mass with you. May the Peace of Christ be with you! Fr. Kabipi

SECOND COLLECTION

HOSPITAL MINISTRY MAY 1 + 2, 2021