

*April 29-May 5, 2 018*  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*Reflections for the Week*

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

*—St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

**Today's Readings**

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**First Reading** — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).

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

**Second Reading** — *Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).*

**Gospel** — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

**Readings for this Week**

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;  
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial)  
Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17,  
23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16;  
Mt 13:54-58

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

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, Olga de Souza,  
Josephine Small, & Mary Dunn**

**For Healing:**

Elizabeth Wilson, Pat Hoffman, Joe Humphreys,  
Maureen Francis, Ethel Friedrichs, Mike Marty,  
Martha Ayoub, Patrick Lee, Teresa Hyatt,  
Dalia & Estela Becerra.

Blessings to all our members who reside in  
assisted living & care facilities.

**Mass Intentions**  
**April 27-May 3, 2018 (Fri thru Thur)**

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| Fri.   | Margaret Fay (Get Well Blessings)              | 12:10pm |
| Sat.   | Carolina Chan (Happy Birthday!)                | 4:15pm  |
| Sun.   |  | 9:30am  |
| Sun.   |  | 11:30am |
| Mon.   |  | 12:10pm |
| Tues.  | Maxima Posadas &<br>Alfredo O. Mendoza (RIP +) | 12:10pm |
| Weds.  | Sally Cassidy (Happy Birthday!)                | 12:10pm |
| Thurs. |  | 12:10pm |

**Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Monday: St. Pius V  
Tuesday: St. Joseph the Worker  
Wednesday: St. Athanasius  
Thursday: Ss. Philip and James;  
National Day of Prayer  
Friday: First Friday  
Saturday: First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo

**LIVING BRANCHES**

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23). Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas.—Rev. James Field

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**Our First Communion Day is set for May 13th at the 9:30 mass.  
Asha O'Leary & Maeve Minner.**

**Please Join in and welcome them into our community!**

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## PRAYERS

### **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



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### **A Faith that Does Justice**

April 27-29

Fr. Sean Carroll, S.J.

How does Christ encourage us to promote social justice?

### **Busy Person's Day of Retreat**

April 29

Fr. Andrew Rodriguez

Get away for the day and refresh your spirit

### **5-Day Guided Retreat**

May 16-20

Pastoral Staff

Silent, individually directed retreat

### **Gifted and Called**

June 1-3

Fr. Michael Zampelli, S.J.

LGBT retreat

## **Formation of a Young Adult Group (18-45yo) at SJOG**

We're very excited to announce the formation of a young adult group in our parish. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Jorge Ortiz ([ortizcarpena.jorge@gmail.com](mailto:ortizcarpena.jorge@gmail.com)) for more information. Please help us spread the word!

## Collections

April 28 & 29 Black & Indian Home Missions/  
Catholic Home Missions (USCCB)

## Parish Calendar of Events and Meetings

**Sanctuary weekend September 15/16**