



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, May 2**

5p St Francis Altar Society  
7p

**Sunday, May 3**

8:00a Ruby Guillot (D)  
10:30a People of the parish

**Monday, May 4**

No Mass

**Tuesday, May 5**

8:30a Karri Dennis (D)

**Wednesday, May 6**

6:30p Walter and Leona Kenney (D)

**Thursday, May 7**

8:30a David and Kevin Wilson (D)

**Friday, May 8**

8:30a Catherine and Andrew Matlak (D)

**Saturday, May 9**

5p James Claybar (D)  
7p

**Sunday, May 10**

8:00a Rosey Molina (D)  
10:30a People of the parish

**Readings of the 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  
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

**BREAK OPEN THE WORD**

ACTS 9:26-31

1 JN 3:18-24

JN 15:1-8

This weekend we hear at Mass a reading from 1John. It should be no surprise to anyone that the author considered his evaluation of the Gospel of John to be normative and regarded those who disagreed to be in error. His picture of Christ is One who yearns for union with those for whom he suffered, died and rose from death to eternal life. That union is made possible through the gift of the Spirit; through the Spirit. Jesus remains in us and we in him. This was the ideal that the author of 1 John hoped would be realized within the Johannine community. However, because of differing interpretations of the fourth Gospel, this ideal was under threat by a group of nominal Christians. This "group", according to Ray Brown a wonderful scripture scholar, refers to the dissenters as "secessionists". They had seceded from the community (2:19) but were still trying to gather more adherents.

Their errors seemed to center around Christology, ethics, eschatology and the Spirit. Simply put, they refused to acknowledge Jesus Christ "come in the flesh". They negated the importance of Jesus and his salvific mission. Although they claimed to enjoy a special communion with God, they did not place any importance on keeping the commandments and pretended to be free from the guilt of sin. In particular, they did not show love for their brothers and sisters in Christ (see 2:9-11; 3:10-24; 4:7-21).

John was clear in his teaching that the privileges of believers (mutual indwelling of the Spirit) were not without their demands. Those who remain in God, and God in them, are to believe in Jesus and keep his commandments. They are to love not just in word or speech, but in deed and truth. For the author of 1 John, these secessionists regarded realized eschatology (the all ready, but not yet) and its blessings as freedom from daily responsibilities and lawful obligations. That notion could go far in creating havoc within the community, and it did.



In a major disagreement regarding the Spirit, the secessionists claimed to possess the Holy Spirit and to be uniquely qualified to teach and prophesy. But by the time 1 John was written, they had withdrawn from the community, and according to Johannine thought, the Paraclete or Jesus' abiding presence was believed to dwell -with the church.

For the church, in every stage of growth and development, the vine and the branches, i.e., Jesus and his followers, are to remain in one another. From this union will flow good works and authentic witness. To secede or absence oneself from community and worship is to invite a wound in the body of Christ.



A special thanks to the ladies of St. Francis Altar Society who participated in the semi-annual church cleaning.

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## KEYSIS BAKE SALE

The weekend of May 9 and May 10 after Mass. Come on down and treat yourself to a variety of goodies that will satisfy your sweet tooth.



## A WEEK WITH THE BIBLE Sr. Carol Perry, S.U.



### THE FAMILY OF DAVID

Monday - Thursday Mornings

June 15-18, 2015

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Cost: \$50/person

(Pre-register by June 1)

### IS JESUS REALLY RELEVANT?

Monday - Thursday Evenings

June 15-18, 2015

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm .

Cost: \$50/person

Cost: \$80/person for both am & pm presentations

### WEEKEND RETREAT

Sr. Carol Perry, S.U.

### WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Friday - Sunday, June 19-21, 2015

The retreat will consist of the Liturgy of the Hours, conferences, Eucharist, confession and quiet time. Registration begins at 4:00 pm on Friday, opens with a light supper at 5:00 pm and ends with lunch on Sunday.

Cost: \$165/person (single)

\$125/person (shared)

\$35 deposit

Pre-register by June 1

**Holy Family Retreat Center,  
9920 North Major Drive, Beaumont, TX  
(Phone 409-899-5617)**

## Women's ACTS Team Sign Up

Any women who have attended an ACTS retreat is invited to sign up to be on team for the August 20-23 St. Francis Women's ACTS Retreat. The cost is \$170. Our initial formation meeting will be Thurs. May 28 at 6:30 p.m. Future meetings will be 6:30-9 p.m. every Monday evening beginning June 1. Please prayerfully consider the commitment. If you are interested and can make the 13 meetings and commissioning Mass on June 4 at 6 p.m. contact us on or before May 18.

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Please include in your email:

- 1) Name 2) Address 3) Phone #'s
- 4) E-mail 5) Parish where registered
- 6) Parish where you made your retreat
- 7) Number of ACTS teams served



## MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

**REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR THE JUNE 25-28 MEN'S ACTS RETREAT AT THE HOLY FAMILY CENTER. THE COST IS \$170 BUT FINANCIAL NEED SHOULD NOT PREVENT YOU FROM REGISTERING. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE. A \$50 DEPOSIT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM HOLDS A PLACE FOR YOU. IF GOD IS CALLING YOU TO MAKE THIS RETREAT, REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND CHURCH WEBSITE.**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**May 5 - 9a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Sign up sheets are at the entrances of the church.



"I am so proud of this group. The youth had been preparing for Confirmation since September meeting on Sunday evening. I am so proud of kiddos, parents and sponsors"- Angie Lathrop.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter BEARING FRUIT

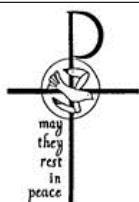
"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." John's words come to us on this day when the Gospel passage presents us with the great image of the vine and the branches. Jesus uses the image as a warning to those who have begun to distance themselves from the way of the Lord. One of the ways this happens is when we love God and others "in word or speech" instead of "in deed and truth." What does it mean for us to "remain in Christ"? In an extension of the metaphor, the Lord gives us an example. If we remain in him, we will bear much fruit. As the branches, we draw strength from Christ who is the vine. This strength enables us to bear fruit—to do the work of true discipleship. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### YOUNG AT HEART REMINDERS!

**Regular meeting on Tuesday May 12th**, Mass, fellowship, games, business meeting at 11:15 followed by a salad lunch. (bring your favorite to share)

Your deposit of \$40 per person is due by May 12th with the balance of \$40 due by June 1 for our upcoming bus trip to the **Houston Astros vs New York Yankees ball game Sunday June 28th**. The bus is filling fast. Any question call Janis Beach at 779-1038 or Becky Nations 746-2004.

Tickets for the **Diocese of Beaumont Third Age Annual Celebration** are available in the church office. Event will be held on **May 19th starting at 9 a.m. at St. Therese of Little Flower of Jesus Parish, 6412 Garnet Ave, Port Arthur(Pt. Acres)** Join seniors from our area for Mass with Bishop Guillery, Living Rosary, Lunch and door prizes. There is limited seating, an advance ticket for \$12.00 is necessary. Deadline May 5th. **YAH Garage Sale July 24 & 25**. Items will be collected June 22 & 23 in the hall.



May our faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Kent Chevis

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Durante la Última Cena, Jesús dijo a sus apóstoles: "Yo soy la vid, ustedes son los sarmientos" (Juan 15:5). Jesús añade que los sarmientos (ramas) que permanecen en él, dan mucho fruto. Según la agricultura, la vid es una parra, es decir, una planta perenne de ramas frondosas.

Una parte importante de la vid son las hojas. Es obvio que una vid tiene hojas, pero Jesús no las menciona, prefiere enfocarse en los sarmientos. Las partes de la vid son las raíces, tronco, sarmientos, hojas, flores y fruto. Según esta división Jesús sería el tronco, pero él dice ser la vid completa. Esta es una imagen de la unidad que Jesús quiere entre sus seguidores. Recordemos que Jesús celebra la Última Cena con sus discípulos. La comunidad de discípulos unidos a Jesús formamos la vid. Los sarmientos o ramas conducen agua y minerales a las hojas, flores y frutos, y son útiles en tanto estén unidos a la vid. Lo mismo vale de los cristianos, discípulos de Jesús. Son ellos y ellas los que hacen presente y le dan vida a Jesús en el mundo de hoy.—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over time, the crisis of last illness and the way the faithful met death changed. In earliest times, a sickbed vigil was an occasion for the community to gather and strengthen the dying person with assurances of love. A thousand years ago, in part because of massive upheavals in society, a new emphasis on individual repentance captured the imagination of millions. Death was to be feared, because it was about judgment. The delights of heaven's banquet dimmed, since most people saw God's just judgment and inevitable punishment intervening. If a community gathered at all, it was not to express faith in the Resurrection, but to seek forgiveness for those who were powerless to help themselves. The dead couldn't improve their situation, but their loved ones, by expressing sorrow for sin, could. Better yet, the clergy could, if they intervened in a timely fashion, provide the absolution needed for everyone to relax. Ministry to the sick shifted away from a ministry of consolation toward a challenge to repent before it was too late.

As the sense grew that most people died with their work of repentance incomplete, the color black was reintroduced to funerals. It was the old pagan way of expressing despair. No wonder they call this time in history the "Dark Ages." Many layers have had to be peeled away to reveal the deepest, most positive expressions of our tradition of care for the dying.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**MONDAY, JULY 13-  
FRIDAY, JULY 17**

For ages 3ys-4th grade  
\*3 year olds must be potty trained

Cost- \$10 per child

Registration Forms will be in the  
back of the church  
beginning May 10

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



Altar flowers for May 3  
were donated by:

Mary Gravett

In memory of:

Grace and Leander Wolf

And

Beth Beissel

In memory of:

Bernice and Mert's Anniversary

Blessed Mother flowers were  
donated by:

Elizabeth Smith

In memory of:

Nelma Thibodeaux Hightower

**COLUMBIAN SQUIRE/ SQUIRE ROSE  
TAQUITO BREAKFAST SALE  
SUNDAY, MAY 3  
7 am—Noon  
San Damiano Center**

Sausage, egg and cheese;  
chorizo, egg and cheese;  
or bacon, egg and cheese.  
Donation-\$2 each  
Dine in or Take out



## BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL REPORT

177 families have pledged 76,560  
which is 99% of our goal from 28%  
of our parishioners.

We have still not reached our goal for  
pledges to the 2015 Bishop's Faith Ap-  
peal. We are close, but just reaching  
the goal isn't enough. Based on our  
history of payments versus pledges,  
we need additional pledges of  
\$7,700 or 10% above the goal.

Why is that necessary? Every year  
there are people who move out of  
town, or have their financial  
situation change, or die. The  
additional pledges above the goal  
allow us to cover the pledges that are  
not completed. If you have not made a  
pledge, please consider doing so.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT April 26, 2015

Amount needed each week \$11,873.00

Weekend regular collection (including building  
fund)  
\$11,567.00

Short of Goal \$306

### Year to date totals April 26, 2015

Amount needed (\$11,873. x 42 fiscal weeks) \$498,666  
Total Sunday collections to date \$486,447

Year to date shortage \$12,219.00



**Saturday, May 2**

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

Mass 5 pm-First Communion

Mass 7 pm

**Sunday, May 3**

8 a.m. mass 10:30 a.m. mass

7 am-Noon-Taquito Breakfast-SDC

Keysis End of the Year Party 3pm-SDC

Sonlight choir 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, May 4**

Adult choir 6 p.m.

Divorced Catholics 7 p.m. youth room

**Tuesday, May 5**

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Adoration 9am-6pm

Men's faith sharing 5:45 a.m.

Women's faith sharing 6:15 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 6**

Mass 6:30 p.m.

Parkinson Support 10 a.m.

Pastoral Council-7:15 p.m.

**Thursday, May 7**

Mass 8:30 a.m.

**Friday, May 8**

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Girl Scouts 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 9**

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Keysis Bake Sale after mass

**Sunday, May 10**

Mass 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Keysis Bake Sale after mass

Knights of Columbus Bar-b-Que 9—Noon



Scan for Online Giving Link

Online giving is an excellent way to fulfill your obligation to support St. Francis parish. Go to [www.stfrancisorangetx.org](http://www.stfrancisorangetx.org) and click the online Giving link.  
UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION— Catholic Communication Campaign (May 17)