



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 9

5p James Claybar (D)

7p

Sunday, May 10

8:00a Rosey Molina (D)

10:30a People of the parish

Monday, May 11

No Mass

Tuesday, May 12

8:30a Will Frey (D)

Wednesday, May 13

6:30p Joseph Litavec, Jr. (D)

Thursday, May 14

8:30a Al Deranger (L)

Friday, May 15

8:30a Mike and Nemeccia Pachuca (D)

Saturday, May 16

5p Ann Johnson (D)

7p

Sunday, May 17

8a Mary Scheer (D)

10:30a People of the Parish

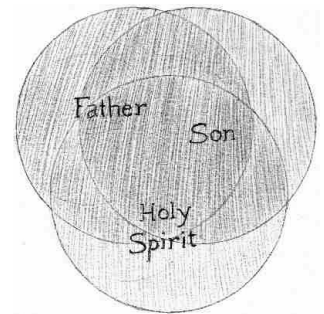
BREAK OPEN THE WORD

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17

As part of Jesus' farewell discourse to his friends, our Gospel this weekend clarifies both the privileges and responsibilities of being branches on the one true vine who is Jesus. The blessings of joy, love and friendship are to be answered by a return of love and by fruitfulness and fidelity. This process is made possible because Jesus remains in his own and they in him. Such indwelling is evidenced in the love of the Father for the Son, and in the Son's obedience to the Father. In the same way, Jesus' followers can enjoy the continued indwelling presence and love of the Father and Jesus by their faithful commitment to their Lord's commands. Not only does love promote communion with God; it also transforms the one who loves (vv. 9-10), and the fruit of that communion and transformation is joy (v. 11).



John makes us aware that Jesus called his followers "friends". He may have had in mind the description of Wisdom: "In each generation, she passes into holy souls and makes of them beloved (philai, friends) of God" (Wis 7:27). Later in John's Gospel, Jesus will bestow an even greater title on his own — that of "brothers" and "sisters" (20:17). The progression from slaves or servants (13:13-16) to friends (15:14) and then to brothers and sisters (20:17) reflects the gradual unfolding of the Father's love in the person of Jesus.

Near the end of the first Christian century, when the persecution under the Emperor Domitian was most acute, today's Gospel must have been a source of strength and encouragement for struggling Christians. Because of John's insight into the great gift of self-sacrificing love, those early martyrs could understand their personal suffering, or the "laying down of one's life" (v. 16), in terms of their love for Jesus and for one another. Surely, they could find strength in the knowledge that their suffering and even their death could not sever their union with Jesus, the true vine and source of their life. Such suffering could also be accepted as part of the pruning process, which increased the fruitfulness of the vine and branches, the church.

In our own time, 20 centuries later, after periods of fruitfulness and times of barrenness, after much pruning, many conversions, much repentance and many recommitments to Jesus — the vine and the branches continue to grow. At the heart of this growth is the fact that Jesus remains in us and we in him.

Readings of the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 -16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-1[1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 1:15-27, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

Happy Mother's Day



**to all Mothers and Grandmothers of
St. Francis of Assisi**

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (MOTHER'S DAY)

Your Invited!



Fr. Leo Patalinghug

Please join us as we welcome Fr. Leo Patalinghug, host of Grace Before Meals, to St. Francis of Assisi on Wednesday, May 20. Fr. Leo will be the main celebrant for Mass at 6:30p.m.

followed by an exploration into Theology of the Body and true love from the Catholic perspective during his presentation of "The Logic of Sexuality: A Language of Compassion."

For more information please contact Jennifer Seppi (301) 646-4994.

PASS THE WORD TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Fr. Leo has been featured on ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS, EWTN, and even the Food Network, where Fr. Leo defeated a world famous chef in a cooking competition.

Women's ACTS Team Sign Up

Any women who have attended an ACTS retreat are 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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Jan Childress mchild@gt.rr.com
Angela Hebert amhgig@gmail.com



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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Come join Faith Share on Tuesday morning. at St. Francis We'll read a little scripture, have a little coffee and enjoy each other's company. Men meet at 5:45 and women meet at 6:15

A WEEK WITH THE BIBLE Holy Family Retreat Center, 9920 North Major Drive Sr. Carol Perry, S.U. June 15-18, 2015 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Retreat- Friday - Sunday, June 19-21,2015



Keysis Bake Sale after Mass on May 9 and 10

*We wish to recognize our young parishioners
who made their First Communion last weekend:*

Caden Anderson, Fabiola Arreola, Demarco Bandiero, Angel Collazo, Emily Collazo, Aidan DeBois, Katie Guyote, Zoe Henning, Kiera Howington, Evelyn Mares, Ashley Martinez, Karol Martinez, Noah Pervan, Nabor Sanchez, Reece Smith, Abigail Stanley, Gage Thomas, Angelina Vela, and Alysén Vincent



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 Guillory, 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 July 22 & 23 in the hall.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Gracias a los grupos, asociaciones y movimientos tenemos muchos movimientos evangelizadores dentro de la Iglesia católica. Movimientos como Cursillos de Cristiandad, Talleres de Oración, S.I.N.E., la Renovación Carismática, Espiritualidad de la Cruz, Jornadas de Vida Cristiana, que dependen de himnos religiosos o de un canto lema para ir formando una conciencia cristiana en sus miembros o seguidores. Esta formación se basa en una relación íntima y emocional entre Jesús y sus seguidores.

Un himno carismático dice así: “Yo tengo un amigo que me ama”, y otro de ellos dice: “Él es mi amigo Jesús, él es Dios, él es rey, es amor y verdad”. Estos dos himnos de autor desconocido, enfatizan lo bello que es tener una relación íntima con el Señor, mejor dicho, con nuestro amigo Jesús. Jesús mismo enfatiza este tipo de relación cuando dice: “No los llamo ya siervos... a ustedes los he llamado amigos” (Juan 15:15).

Toda amistad se basa en una mutua atracción, simpatía y reciprocidad. Jesús dice que somos sus amigos 1) cuando hacemos lo que nos manda y 2) porque nos enseña lo que recibe de su Padre. La amistad con Jesús, es más que una emoción, se basa en el compromiso y la perseverancia.—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

With June not far off, attention in the parish turns to the celebration of weddings. Perhaps no other area of parish life is more shaped or challenged by the expectations of our culture. An old Irish proverb, “Marry in Lent and you’re soon to repent,” is amplified by another warning: “Marry in May and rue the day!” Memories of old pagan parties in May endured, and the Irish felt wedding receptions in May would be a stress on community morals. Queen Victoria did not approve of May weddings either, and her influence is still felt on family calendars, as is her daughter’s introduction of the white wedding gown. Sometimes we mistake customs and curiosities for tradition. Tradition with a capital “T” has to do with Christ’s miraculous rescue of the wedding feast at Cana, his affirmation of a man and woman pledging lifelong fidelity at the heart of a community’s feast. The Church cherished that memory over time, but it took a millennium for us to think of marriage as a sacrament. Much of the rest of what we associate with weddings has to do with culture, customs, and family practices. A wise rabbi once said that “tradition is not wearing your father’s hat; tradition is having a child.” Don’t let Queen Victoria reign over your wedding plans!—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (MOTHER'S DAY)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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

For ages 3yrs thru 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



**May
is the
month
of
Mary**

BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL REPORT

families have pledged which is of
our goal from 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 May 3, 2015

Amount needed each week \$11,873.00

Weekend regular collection (including building
fund) \$10,645.00

Short of Goal \$1,228.00

Year to date totals May 3, 2015

Amount needed (\$11,873. x 43 fiscal weeks) \$510,539.00

Total Sunday collections to date \$497,092.00

Year to date shortage \$13,447



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

Sonlight Choir 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 11

Adult choir 6 p.m.

Divorced Catholics 7 p.m. youth room

Tuesday, May 12

Mass 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Young at Heart-9 a.m.

K of C Meeting-7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13

Mass 6:30 p.m.

Dementia Support 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 14

Mass 8:30 a.m.

St Francis Altar Society Luncheon-11 a.m.

ACTS Core Meeting-6:30 p.m.

Dementia Support 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 15

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Girl Scouts 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 16

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

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

Sunday, May 17

Mass 8 a.m.

Mass 10:30 a.m.-Graduation Mass

Sonlight Choir- 6:30 p.m.



Altar flowers for May 9, 10
were donated by:

Shelley Borel

In memory of:

All my parents & grandparents

And

Delores Flippen &
Virginia and Sam Owens

In memory of:

Our mother

Blessed Mother flowers were
donated by:

John & Bobbie Jean Toomey

In memory of:

Richard Toomey



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 and click the online Giving link.
UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION- Catholic Communication Campaign (May 17)