

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 28, 2024**

**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.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

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

**Psalms** — 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 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 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

***The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is celebrated each Thursday from 4:30PM-6PM.***

Please join us on Saturday, May 4, for our First Saturday devotion starting with **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at 8am, followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary at 9:00 am, room 4.



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK - MISAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Saturday**

**4:30pm:** *Maria Spannuth+, Augusto Coutinho+, Bernardino Matos+*

**6:30pm/Spanish:** *Adolfo Angel Trujillo+*

**Sunday**

**8:00am:** *Alicia Andes+, Senon & Maria Franco+, Deceased members of Daughters of Isabella+*

**10:00am/Tony Mello+, Francisca Mendonca+**

**11:30am/Spanish:** *Adolfo Angel Trujillo+*

**9:00am/(M): DAILY MASS+**

**9:00am/(T): DAILY MASS**

**9:00am/(W): DAILY MASS**

**9:00am/(Thurs): DAILY MASS**

**9:00am/(F): DAILY MASS**



Roof project completed! The total cost for this project was **\$134,000.00**. This project while necessary required a significant amount of money. After careful consideration and prayer, I am reaching out to our parish community for assistance. I have been extremely grateful to those who have already donated. **A total of \$43,610.63, has been received.** Any monetary assistance you can provide is much appreciated. Father Miguel and Parish Council.

**St. Christopher Parish**

**Budgeted Offertory Collection**

**Week 3/16/2024**

**Budget** \$ 7,354.83

**Actual** 4,958.00

**Over/(Under) Weekly Goal** (2,396.83)

**YTD Budget** 218,642.68

**YTD Actual** 207,872.73

**YTD Difference** (10,769.95)

*To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances; to seek Him, the greatest adventure; to find Him; the greatest human achievement. ~St. Augustine*

This WEEKEND part of our collection will benefit Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps with faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

## Volunteers We Need YOU!

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Ministers assist the Presider in the distribution of communion at Mass or other special events. Ministers must be a Catholic in good standing, registered in the parish.

### LECTORS

Lector proclaim God's Word to the assembled faith community. Two lectors are scheduled to read at each weekend Mass. Training is available to properly proclaim God's word.

Lori Smith or Ben White at 209-745-1389.

**Daughters of Isabella;** Scholarships of \$500.00 each will be awarded to two high school seniors for any continuing educational needs (College, Vocational School, etc.) please see the Parish Office for your application! Submission Deadline: **June 5, 2024 (12 noon)**

**Knights of Columbus;** Scholarship applications are currently being accepted from High School seniors. Two candidates will be chosen to receive a \$500 scholarship. Please see the Parish Office for your application! Submission Deadline: **June 5, 2024 (12 noon)**

*This weekend April 27 & 28, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the Galt Sunshine Food Closet in the vestibule. We have a constant need for **pasta, rice, beans, peanut butter, dry cereal, canned tuna & chicken.** Thank you for your continuous support.*



## Quinto Domingo de Pascua

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Bernabé explica a los discípulos en Jerusalén la conversión de Pablo (Hechos 9:26-31).

**Salmo** — El Señor es mi alabanza en la gran asamblea (Salmo 22 [21]).

**Segunda lectura** — Dios nos ordena que creamos en el nombre de Jesucristo y que nos amemos como el nos ama (1 Juan 3:18-24).

**Evangelio** — Los que viven en Jesús y Jesús vive en ellos producen mucho fruto (Juan 15:1-8).

### SARMIENTOS VIVOS

El Evangelio y la segunda lectura para este Quinto Domingo de Pascua hacen hincapié en la necesidad de que permanezcamos en Cristo y él permanecerá en nosotros. Esta vida compartida está representada en la imagen de la vid que tiene muchos sarmientos. Nos convertimos en sarmientos vivos de la vid, en miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo por el Bautismo, la Eucaristía y la Confirmación, por los sacramentos que nos hacen compartir la vida de Dios. La primera carta del apóstol san Juan describe el fruto de esta vid como el amor activo al prójimo: “Y este es su mandamiento: que creamos . . . y que nos amemos unos a otros” (1 Juan 3:23). En la primera lectura de los Hechos contamos con un ejemplo de una persona que participa de la vida de Cristo en la persona de san Pablo. El audaz testimonio de Pablo, incluso a riesgo de perder su propia vida, es prueba para todos de que el Espíritu del Señor resucitado verdaderamente lo llena de vida y da fruto en él.

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 14:5-18; Sal 115 (114):1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Martes: Hch 14:19-28; Sal 145 (144):10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a o (por el conmemorativo) Gn 1:26 2:3 o Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Sal 90 (89):2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Miércoles: Hch 15:1-6; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Jueves: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Viernes: Hch 15:22-31; Sal 57 (56):8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Sábado: Hch 16:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Domingo: Hch 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Sal 98 (97):1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 o 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17

Acompáñanos el Primer Sábado del Mes, 4 de mayo. **Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento** empezará a las 8 de la mañana y a las 9, se recitará el Santo Rosario. El Rosario será bilingüe. Cuarto número.



### Hijas de Isabel - Beca Anual

Con el objetivo de promover la excelencia académica y el bienestar espiritual, se otorgará una beca de \$500.00 a un estudiante de último año de secundaria. ¡Consulte la Oficina Parroquial para su solicitud! Fecha límite de envío: 5 de junio de 2024(12:00 horas)