

Good News!

MAY 2, 2021, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EAST-ER (B)

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3: 18-24; Jn 15:1-8

The little word *in* appears eleven times in the Greek text of today’s short passage from John’s Gospel (ten times in most translations), and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us. This being in does not mean “inside,” like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out.

If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately.

Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is “in Christ,” our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as

Christ lives in all of us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

Why is the Church considering a word change to the Our Father? It seems fine as it is.

Of the two versions of the Lord’s Prayer in Luke 11:2–4 and Matthew 6:9–13, Luke’s is more concise. The petition, “and lead us not into temptation” in Greek means both “do not allow us to enter into temptation” and “do not let us yield to temptation” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2846). The *Catechism* includes the explanation from James 1:13: “God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one,” to certify that God “wants to set us free from evil. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin.” Consequently, Pope Francis reportedly approved the English wording, “do not let us fall into temptation” to replace “lead us not into temptation.”

“It is not a good translation because it speaks of a God who induces temptation,” the Pope said in 2017. “I am the one who falls. It’s not him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen.” On the contrary, “a father helps you to get up immediately,” he added. “It’s Satan who leads us into temptation—that’s his department.”

However, unlike the change in the Italian Lord’s Prayer that will appear in their third edition of *The Roman Missal*, no immediate plans have been made to change the wording in English-speaking countries.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

Scripture readings for the week of May 2—9

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Cor 15:1-8	Acts 14:19-28	Acts 15:1-6	Acts 15:7-21	Acts 15:22-31	Acts 16:1-10	Acts 10:25-26
Jn 14:6-14	Jn 14:27-31a	Jn 15:1-8	Jn 15:9-11	Jn 15:12-17	Jn 15:18-21	34-35, 44-48
						1 Jn 4:7-10
						Jn 15:9-17



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout the Easter season, the first readings are taken from the Acts of the Apostles. If you’re ever looking for a motivational text for a rainy, gloomy day, just pick up and read the Acts of the Apostles. It is absolutely astounding to hear about the works of the Holy Spirit in the early Church. The Church was alive. It was growing exponentially. The Spirit was moving, and people were being brought to faith in Christ Jesus.

So what happened? Why isn’t that happening today – some might ask? Well, the short answer – IT IS HAPPENING! We just need to open our eyes and invite the power of the Holy Spirit into our lives and into our parishes. We must move from maintenance to mission – maintenance of dying structures and programs and managing the decline to mission. Our mission as we talked about during Lent is to preach the *kerygma* – the saving power of God in our lives. He wants our lives to change for the good. He wants us to come to eternal life in heaven. He wants you!

What holds us back is fear. Fear of change. Fear of the unknown. Fear of being left out. Even in our first reading, the early disciples were held back by fear. They were afraid to welcome Saul/Paul into their midst. They were afraid of him. They could not/would not believe that God could change a Christian-killer like Saul into the Apostle Paul. Barnabas took Paul under his wing and witnessed to what God had done in Paul’s conversion. But ultimately the disciples came to accept Paul and set aside their fears because of Paul’s preaching boldly the name of the Lord. What fears do we have? How can we boldly proclaim the name of the Lord?

God Bless,



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter
Rosary is prayed half an hour before each Mass.
4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael
Florence Mishler
6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine
Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
Donna LaBonte
11:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Steve Smith

Monday, May 3, St. Philip & St. James, Apostles
9:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Special intention for Margaret Mary Boyd

Tuesday, May 4,
9:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Steve Smith
9:30 am Adoration/Confession St. Anne

Wednesday, May 5,
9:00 am Mass, St. Gabriel
Caretakers
5-6 pm Adoration/Confession St. Catherine
6:30 pm Adult Faith Formation St. Catherine
6:30 pm First Communion/Confirmation Prep. St. Catherine

Thursday, May 6,
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
Lawrence & Ruth Gunderson
9:30 am Adoration St. Catherine

Friday, May 7,
NO MASS

Saturday, May 8,
3:30 pm Confession St. Raphael

Sunday, May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rosary is prayed half an hour before each Mass.
4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael
Ronald Frayer
6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine
Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
Helen Rauch
11:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Thomas Maher & Norine Murphy

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10).
Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God’s vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$92,201.89	\$111,539.85	\$23,869.30	\$31,836.34
Actual year-to-date	\$94,026.71	\$113,962.01	\$22,535.29	\$33,514.96
April 25	\$1,861.00	\$2,086.00	\$595.00	\$356.80
Other Collections:	\$60.00	\$126.00	\$5.00	\$30.00

Pray for Our Priests & Religious
Sunday—Rev. Joseph Graff
Monday—Rev. John Greene
Tuesday—Deceased Priests
Wednesday—Rev. Zeljko Guberovic
Thursday—Rev. Michael Haney, OFM
Friday—Rev. James Hayden
Saturday— Most Rev. Walter Hurley

Today begins our campaign for the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal. This is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in the diocese and in the universal Church to share our blessings and to show our care for one another. The CSA provides the opportunity to act together as a family and support programs and services no single individual or parish could offer by itself. Your gift is very important. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Appeal, so please be as generous as possible with your pledge. Please drop your envelope with your pledge card in the collection basket, mail to parish office, or go online to give at www.dioceseofgaylord.org Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Parish goals:
St. Catherine—\$25,282.00
St. Gabriel—\$6,415.00
St. Anne—\$19,895.00
St. Raphael—\$9,367.00

Family Perspective—Like the vine grower in today’s gospel, parents must “prune and cleanse” the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and “bear fruit.”

St. Anne Ministry Schedule: We are putting together a new schedule for St. Anne lectors, cantors, extraordinary ministers, and altar servers. Anyone who would like to serve and wants to be added to the current list, please contact the parish office.

Adult Faith Formation – The Mass
Adult Faith Formation on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at St. Catherine (April 13 – May 12). Fr. Tyler will be walking us through an in depth study of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Have you ever wondered why we say: “and with your spirit”? Or what does the incense signify? Or why do we use bread and wine and not something else? Fr. Tyler will be going step by step through the Mass and discussing with us its tradition, history, and meaning. All are invited. The classes will continue to be livestreamed.

St. Vincent de Paul in Mikado is in need of newspapers to use for wrapping fragile items. If you have newspapers to donate, please contact the store at 989-736-6271.

Saint of the Week-Saint Rose Venerini- Feast Day May 7. Born in Viterbo, Italy, Rose entered a convent after her fiance died, but soon returned home to care for her widowed mother. She chose to be a teacher rather than a contemplative, and opened a free school for girls in 1685. In 1692, the bishop of an Italian diocese asked her to train teachers and administer the schools there. She and St. Lucy Filippini became friends, and Rose began setting up schools around Italy. Despite opposition, including arson and assaults on some of her teachers, the order she founded was officially recognized as a congregation, the Venerini Sisters, after her death.