

**Reading I: Acts 9:26-31**

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples,  
but they were all afraid of him,  
not believing that he was a disciple.  
Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles,  
and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord,  
and that he had spoken to him,  
and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.  
He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem,  
and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord.  
He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists,  
but they tried to kill him.  
And when the brothers learned of this,  
they took him down to Caesarea  
and sent him on his way to Tarsus.  
The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria  
was at peace.  
It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord,  
and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

**Responsorial Psalm: 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32**

**I will praise you, Lord,  
in the assembly of your people.**

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.  
The lowly shall eat their fill;  
they who seek the LORD shall praise him:  
“May your hearts live forever!”

All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of the nations  
shall bow down before him.

To him alone shall bow down  
all who sleep in the earth;  
before him shall bend  
all who go down into the dust.

And to him my soul shall live;  
my descendants shall serve him.  
Let the coming generation be told of the LORD  
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born  
the justice he has shown.

**Reading II: 1 John 3:18-24**

Children, let us love not in word or speech  
but in deed and truth.  
Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth  
and reassure our hearts before him  
in whatever our hearts condemn,  
for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.  
Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,  
we have confidence in God  
and receive from him whatever we ask,  
because we keep his commandments and do what pleases  
him.  
And his commandment is this:  
we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,  
and love one another just as he commanded us.  
Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and  
he in them,  
and the way we know that he remains in us  
is from the Spirit he gave us.

**Alleluia: John 15:4a, 5b**

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

**Gospel: John 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.  
He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit,  
and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more  
fruit.  
You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to  
you.  
Remain in me, as I remain in you.  
Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own  
unless it remains on the vine,  
so neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,  
because without me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
will be thrown out like a branch and wither;  
people will gather them and throw them into a fire  
and they will be burned.  
If you remain in me and my words remain in you,  
ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.  
By this is my Father glorified,  
that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

# Lectio Divina

Before you begin to read, take a moment to place yourself in the presence of God and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray.

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## READ

Read the following passage for this upcoming Sunday's Gospel three times very slowly somewhere quiet.

### John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:  
"As the Father loves me, so I also love you.  
Remain in my love.  
If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.  
"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you  
and your joy might be complete.  
This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.  
No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.  
You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
I no longer call you slaves,  
because a slave does not know what his master is doing.  
I have called you friends,  
because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.  
It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,  
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.  
This I command you: love one another."

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## REFLECT

Meditate on the passage by sitting in silence and allowing a word or phrase to jump out at you. Perhaps you even put yourself in the scene. What is God saying to you through this?

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## RESOLUTION

Make a concrete and simple resolution for the day or week ahead based on what God is telling you. Example: Today I will pray a decade of the rosary before I go to bed for my spouse.

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# What's happening at St. Catharine

A full calendar of events can be found online at [stcatharine.com/calendar](http://stcatharine.com/calendar)

## Living the Joy of the Gospel • Bishop's Annual Appeal

May 2nd

"Living the Joy of the Gospel," the theme of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, inspires us, as people of faith, to share joyfully the Good News of Christ to those who most need to feel His love. Works of kindness and assistance, sometimes in the smallest way, can bring about a profound change in a person's life. Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we have an opportunity to bring about a positive change in the lives of many of God's people. Through your generosity, you are supporting the various ministries and programs that are vital in spreading His love. **Our parish has been asked to raise \$107,733.97.** We can accomplish this if, after prayerful consideration, everyone gives what they can. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to be used for our particular needs.

## Little Saints

1st Tuesdays • 9:00am-10:30am

All moms are invited to the Lower Office/Rectory building for a time of music, activities, and Christian fellowship for them and their little ones. By learning about the saints of the Church we hope to build up future little saints for the world. We are currently accepting new and gently used toys to help build our Little Saints room. **May 4th, June 1st.** Questions? Heidi Thompson • [heidithompson522@gmail.com](mailto:heidithompson522@gmail.com)

## Communion to the Homebound

Be a light to those who need it the most

Our homebound residents who are unable to come to church are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to make a short visit with Holy Communion on Sunday mornings. You can commit to once or twice per month. Or, maybe you feel called to make phone calls to our parishioners in assisted living facilities who aren't allowed to receive visitors yet. Pray and ask Jesus if this is something to which He is calling you. Contact Sue Denz in the Office [info@stcatharine.com](mailto:info@stcatharine.com) 614-231-4509 or Deacon Chris Reis at [deaconchris@stcatharine.com](mailto:deaconchris@stcatharine.com)

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- Tuesday: 2:00pm
- Wednesday: 9:00am
- Thursday: 5:00pm

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### Save the Date

May 11	Confirmation Rehearsal (6pm)
May 15	Confirmation (10am)
June 3	8th Grade Graduation Mass (7pm)
June 6	Corpus Christi Sunday
June 13	Farewell reception for Fr. Dury
Aug 12-14	FunFest

### Confession

Tuesday	6:30pm
Thursday	7:00pm (ADORE Night)
Saturday	9:00am

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# 415 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - sored from the  
 3. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res - trial  
 4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng, We at his feet may



1. fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And  
 2. fall, Hail him who saves you by his grace, And  
 3. fall, To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And  
 4. fall, We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And



1. crown him Lord of all; Bring forth the roy - al  
 2. crown him Lord of all; Hail him who saves you  
 3. crown him Lord of all; To him all maj - es -  
 4. crown him Lord of all; We'll join the ev - er -



1. di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.  
 2. by his grace, And crown him Lord of all.  
 3. ty as - cribe, And crown him Lord of all.  
 4. last - ing song, And crown him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet, 1726–1792  
 Alt. by John Rippon, 1751–1836, alt.

Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

# 512 Eat This Bread

REFRAIN



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Jn 6:35  
 Adapt. by Robert J. Batastini and the Taizé Community

Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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# 426 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

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1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the  
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of An - gels, Thou on  
4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Thee the



1. scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
2. left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
3. earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
4. Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



1. tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
2. near us, Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: Though the  
3. sin - ful Flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
4. Ma - ry, Earth thy foot - stool, heav'n thy throne: Thou with -



1. songs of peace - ful Si - on Thun - der like a  
2. cloud from sight re - ceived him, When the for - ty  
3. ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er,  
4. in the veil hast en - tered, Robed in flesh, our



1. might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - 'ry  
2. days were o'er, Shall our hearts for - get his  
3. plead for me, Where the songs of all the  
4. great High Priest; Thou on earth both Priest and



1. na - tion Hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
2. prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"  
3. sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
4. Vic - tim In the Eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

# 525 For the Fruits of His Creation

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1. For the fruits of his cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3. For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



1. For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God.
2. In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
3. For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God.



1. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent
2. In our world - wide task of car - ing For the
3. For the won - ders that as - tound us, For the



1. growth while we are sleep - ing, Fu - ture needs in
2. hun - gry and de - spair - ing, In the har - vests
3. truths that still con-found us, Most of all, that



1. earth's safe-keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
2. we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
3. love has found us, Thanks be to God.

## Great are You, Lord

You give life, You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore  
every heart that is broken  
Great are You Lord  
(Repeat verse)

**It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise,  
pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only**

*All the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord  
(Repeat bridge)*

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## O Come To The Altar

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

**O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

*Oh what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
(Repeat bridge)*

Bear your cross, as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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## Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

**Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am**

**In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am**

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

*I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am  
(repeat bridge)*

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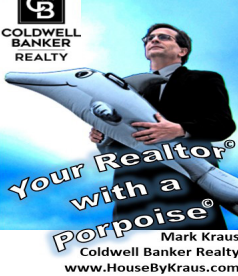
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### May is the Month of Mary!

As the **Mother of God**, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

### Foster Care Awareness Month

May is Foster Care Awareness Month! Join us in praying for all foster parents and children.

