



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

May 2, 2021 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

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## **Eucharistic Services:**

7:00 pm Wednesday -  
Word & Communion Service  
5:00 pm Saturday - Jackson, Vigil Mass  
11:30 am Sunday - Mass

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

## **Ministers for next Sunday, May 9**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Dennis Knight

## **Ministers at MGC**

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director  
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## **Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewing**

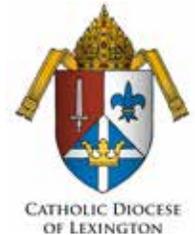
Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community.  
Amen.

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## **Parish Mission Statement**

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draws us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 9:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8



## **A WORD FROM Pope Francis**

Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life's uncertainties.

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 19, 2017



### **Religious Education**

Our Tri Parish Religious Education for will take place on Sunday May 2, and May 16 from 2 to 3 pm.

### **Teen Disciples**

Teen Disciples will meet today Sunday May 2 from 6pm to 7:30 pm.

### **Parish Planners**

Would you be willing to on parish planners? Mother of Good Counsel is looking for people to join our parish council that meets monthly to discuss events, and happenings at the church. Please contact Lori if you are interested in joining planners. Our next parish planners will be this Wednesday May 5 at 7:45 pm virtually.

### **Adult Faith Formation**

During the months of May -July adult faith formation will be taking a look at the Appalachian Pastoral Letters. Contact Lori to sign up for these virtual events.

### **Baby Shower**

If you would like to contribute toward a gift for Josh, Ellen and baby girl Van Cleef please drop your donation off to Lori

### **Community Garden**

Are you interested in helping in the community garden downtown? There is a group of community members forming to begin working on the communal beds in the peace park. Contact Anthony Ritchie for more information at [glenn.ritchie@louisville.edu](mailto:glenn.ritchie@louisville.edu)

### **Pop up Farmers' Market**

There will be a pop up market on Thursday May 6 from 4 - 6 pm at the Farmers Market Pavilion where you can get all your last minute goodies for Mother's Day.

### **Second Collection for Catholic Home Missions**

This week and there will be a basket out in church for the second collection for Catholic Home Missions. 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 them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. The Diocese of Lexington, as a Mission Diocese benefits from this collection. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## *Our Weekly Offering*

for 04/25/21

Loose: \$70.00

Envelopes : \$585.00

Catholic Home Missions: \$ 90.00

**Total Weekly Offering: \$745**

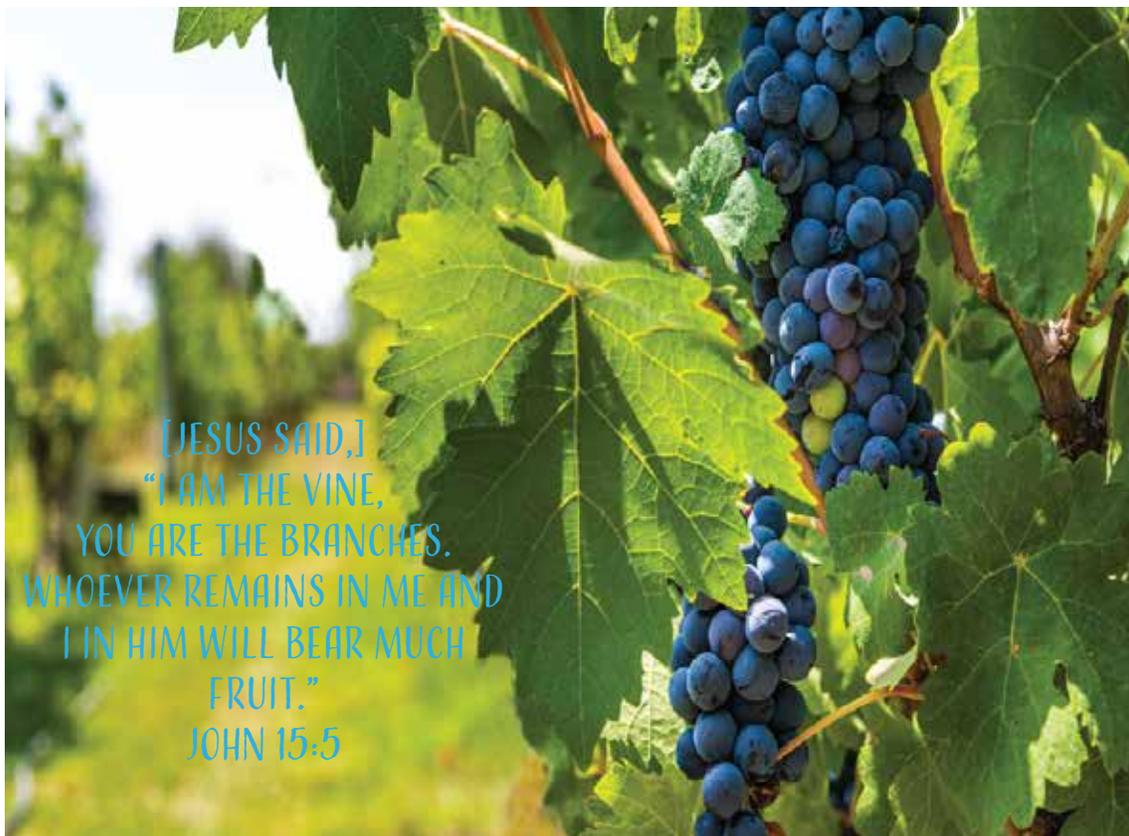
## The Story of Saint Joseph the Worker

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work". Reflection : To capture the devotion to Saint Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.

From [FranciscanMedia.org](http://FranciscanMedia.org)  
Feast of St. Joseph the worker is May 1st.



[JESUS SAID,]  
“I AM THE VINE,  
YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.  
WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME AND  
I IN HIM WILL BEAR MUCH  
FRUIT.”  
JOHN 15:5

## In or Not at All

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

### For Reflection

Think for a moment of the ways Christ lives in you.

Now think of how you might live in Christ.



## Readings for the Week

### Monday

MAY 3

*Sts. Philip and James, Apostles*

1 Cor 15:1-8

Jn 14:6-14

### Tuesday

MAY 4

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 14:19-28

Jn 14:27-31a

### Wednesday

MAY 5

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 15:1-6

Jn 15:1-8

### Thursday

MAY 6

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 15:7-21

Jn 15:9-11

### Friday

MAY 7

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 15:22-31

Jn 15:12-17

### Saturday

MAY 8

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 16:1-10

Jn 15:18-21

### Sunday

MAY 9

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*Easter*

Acts 10:25-26,

34-35, 44-48

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17



# Good News!

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## Vocation Prayer

Cardinal Bernardin

O Lord of the harvest, your Word finds a home in our hearts, calls us to community, and invites us to generous service of the human family.

Bless with courage and spirit your priestly people, called to full participation in the one Body of Christ.

May many choose to respond in public service to your call offered in Jesus name.

Amen



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## Birthdays This Week:

5/3: Waylon Roberts

5/5 : May Bentley, Maria Braman, Tim Corey

5/6: Giovanni Lozano & Brenda Alitan

## Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhem, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Nancy Nuttter, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, and Renee Messer.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

## Prayer Family

Brenda Alitan & Chet Bailey