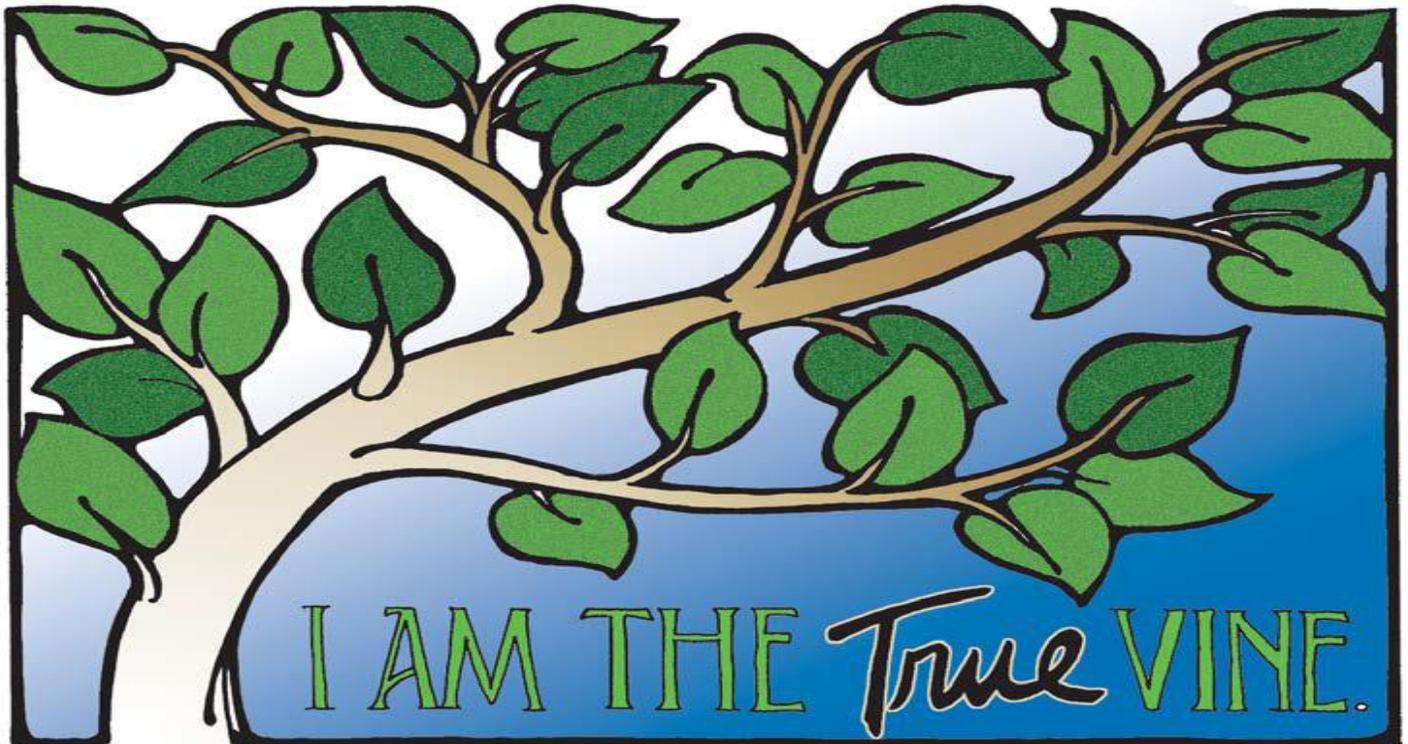


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2020

*"I am the way
and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father
except through me."
— John 14:6*



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Gospel — "Show us the Father," Philip asks Jesus
. To which Jesus replies: "Whoever sees me, sees the Father"
(*John 14:1-12*).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — To meet their growing
Needs the community chooses seven
reputable men to serve the new Greek believers
(*Acts 6:1-7*).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you
(*Psalm 33*).

Second Reading — We, like living stones,
let ourselves be built into a spiritual house
(*1 Peter 2:4-9*).

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter;
Mother's Day

Tuesday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus;
St. Pancras

Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday: St. Matthias

Friday: St. Isidore the Farmer

Saturday: Armed Forces Day

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

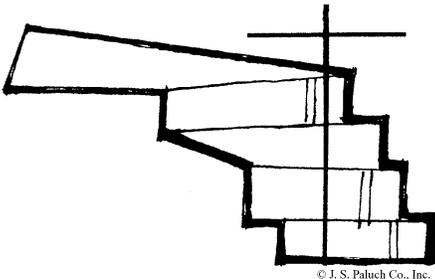
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:18

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26;
Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

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 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-
7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-
16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a



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VOCATION

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

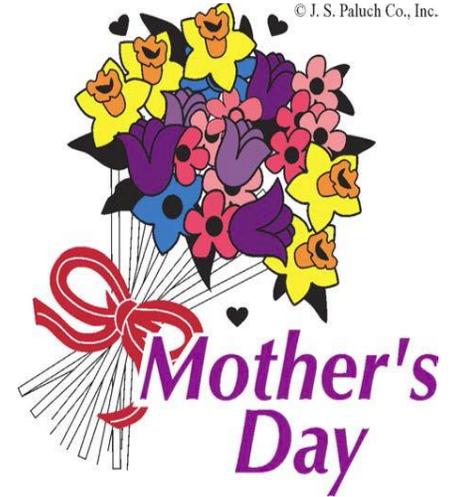
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SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

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| Delores Bazy | Home |
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To the Mothers of the St. Monica Church Family

Proverbs: 31:29-30

“Many daughters have done well,
But you excel them all.”
Charm is deceitful
and beauty is passing,
But a woman *who* fears the LORD,
she shall be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands,
And let her own works
praise her at the city gate.
Have a wonderful Day!

SAINT DAMIEN JOSEPH DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKA’I (1840-1889) May 10

In the mid-1990s, a heavily bearded, bespectacled Robin Williams appeared on *Late Night with David Letterman*, whose host was clearly taken aback. Letterman inquired as to why the wild look. Uncharacteristically subdued, the usually manic comic responded that he was producing and starring in a movie about a most extraordinarily compassionate man, Damien, the Leper Priest of Moloka’i. Some saints transcend religious and ethnic boundaries to touch the heart that beats in each human being: Francis of Assisi; Mother Teresa; and, though Williams’ film was never completed, his admiration speaks, as does Damien’s statue outside the capitol in Honolulu, of this newest saint’s universal appeal. Far from his native Flanders’ idyllic beauty and rich culture, Damien volunteered to bear Christ’s light into Moloka’i’s bleak leper colony, building decent homes, opening schools, establishing clinics, planting farms, sharing the sufferings—and the social stigma—of those with whom he delighted to identify: “We lepers,” he would proudly say when finally he contracted leprosy. Saint Damien challenges us to identify the lepers of our own day, to examine our compassion for and our identification with them. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FORWARD IN FAITH - Thanks to everyone who is participating in our “Forward in Faith” Campaign. The campaign is to take care of our accumulated diocesan assessment arrears and build reserves for our parish. If you have any question, please don’t hesitate to approach one of our Stewardship Committee members, for clarification.- Your 2020 Annual Tithing Envelopes also include “**Forward in Faith**” Envelopes. Please use the Forward in Faith envelopes toward the campaign. - Our goal is, **to raise \$150,000 by October 2020.** So far, we have received **\$22,802**, and **\$127,198** still to go. The goal is huge, but God is faithful.

God bless you all,
Fr. Leonard

