

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your Faith will deepen and grow, a day at a Time*

**Sunday, Apr 29, 2018**

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**People change**

Once England was our enemy, ditto for France, Spain, Mexico, Germany, Japan, Italy, China, Korea, Cuba, and most of the Middle East. Our country has been in conflict with island nations and African peoples. We've fought up and down Central America, not to mention our own Native Americans. Southern states were pitted against the North. It takes our hearts time to catch up with a new reality. Paul, the Christian killer, became a signature disciple of Jesus. How long before we're prepared to call an enemy a friend?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8 (53). *"But they were all afraid of [Paul], not believing that he was a Disciple."*

**Monday, Apr 30, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF PIUS V, POPE**

**Poor in spirit**

Even though the man who was to be Pope Pius V (1504-72) would become a university professor, head of several houses of the Dominican order, a bishop and cardinal, a grand inquisitor, and eventually pope who had to implement the reforms of the Council of Trent, it seems he never forgot where he came from. Born of impoverished Italian nobility, as a boy he worked as a shepherd. After becoming pope he lived a simple and prayerful lifestyle, built hospitals, and opened the papal treasury to care for the poor, with whom he was personally involved. He kept wearing his Dominican habit, establishing the custom of popes wearing white. Prayer and service, worship and works of mercy will keep you close to God and the gospel, whatever else you do.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 (285). *"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."*

**Tuesday, May 01, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF JOSEPH THE**

**WORKER**

**Holy work**

How do you feel about your work? For many, it's a means to an end, a paycheck, something to be endured, a distraction from other important things in their lives, or even a road to wealth and power. The church, however, views work from a somewhat different angle: Everyone has the right to meaningful

work that will support them and their families. Work should help build up society for the good of all. It also participates in God's creative and redeeming work. It's a holy thing. As you work today, remember Saint Joseph, who was a worker, and work both for your daily bread, the kingdom of God. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286). *"What must we do to perform the works of God?"*

**Wednesday, May 02, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**Many parts, one harmony**

Maybe because his own world was so full of discord—early Christians bickering about doctrine, himself repeatedly exiled by emperors for his own belief in Jesus—Saint Athanasius (295-373) kept returning to the image of harmony to teach about God's ways. "A choir is composed of a variety of men, women, and children, of both old and young. Under the direction of one conductor, each sings in the way that is natural for him: men with men's voices, boys with boys' voices, old people with old voices. Yet all of them produce a single harmony." What a helpful reminder whenever we think others should agree with us! Unity can exist without uniformity.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8. *"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."*

**Thursday, May 03, 2018**

**FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**

**Live outside the bounds of history**

Based on the sparse details history has preserved about the apostles Philip and James, it would seem that they did nothing all that noteworthy. They simply chose to follow Christ and do the works he did. But their radical, intercultural choice, one that led to their martyrdom was really quite extraordinary. The same holds true for any modern Christians trying to do the works of Jesus. We may not capture the attention of news reporters or historians for choosing to love our neighbors and forgive our enemies, but we will certainly catch God's eye, which is imperative if we hope to enter the Kingdom that exists outside the bounds of history.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 *"Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do."*

**Friday, May 04, 2018**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

**Friends in high places**

"On the night before he died he had supper with his friends." These words from the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass remind us of the humanness of Jesus. Though he is Lord and Savior, we can also call him friend and brother. His becoming a human being allows us both to relate to God on human terms and share in the divine life, which is life eternal. The God we worship is on intimate terms with us. Take a few moments today to ponder this incredible fact. How do everyday moments reveal God to you?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 *"I do not call you servants any longer . . . but I have called you friends."*

**Saturday, May 05, 2018**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

**Take the handoff**

A little more than halfway through the Acts of the Apostles Saint Luke mentions the original 12 apostles for the last time. From then on the book is pretty much the story of the acts of the other great apostle, Saint Paul. While Paul felt it necessary to defend his status as an apostle from time to time, there's no doubt he was largely responsible for bringing the gospel of Jesus out of its Jerusalem center and spreading it around the Mediterranean area, from which it eventually spread to the whole world, as Christ had intended it to do. The passing along of the Good News of Jesus and the shape the church gives it have been the responsibility of Christians from the first days. They still are today.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 *"They handed on to the people for observance the*

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, May 06, 2018**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**The age of idols**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17 (56). *"Peter, however, raise him up, saying, 'Get up. I myself am also a human being.'"*

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**April 28-29 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

What is the fruit that we bear? As part of the vine of Christ, grafted onto him and filled with his life, we are given the grace to bear the abundant and lasting fruit of justice, charity, faith and hope. This fruit is manifested in both word and action – as the letter of John reminds us – so that when others see us, they see God working in and through us to bring unity, love and peace to the world. As members of the vine of Christ will be bring forth the fruit of Christ's life or will

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, April 28, 5:30PM**

Special Intention for Mrs. Fidelia Aguzie, requested by Fr. Basil

**SUNDAY, April 29, 8:00AM**

Petition and Thanksgiving for the Villanueva family, requested by the Escarrilla Family

**SUNDAY, April 29, 10:00AM**

Happy Birthday to Collins (OC) Chima, on his birthday in Heaven, requested by Mrs. Mercy Chima and Family.

In loving memory to Angie Brown on her birthday in Heaven, requested by her Family.

In loving memory of Gertrude Ford, mother of Cristina Trotman, on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of her death, requested by the Trotman Family.

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday April 29, 2018**

Mass 8:00AM  
Rosary 9:30AM  
Mass 10:00AM

**Tuesday May 1, 2018**

Noon Mass

**Wednesday May 2, 2018**

Noon Mass

**Thursday, May 3, 2018**

Noon Mass  
Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM

**Friday May 4, 2018**

Noon Mass

**Weekend April 21/22, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**  
VIGIL MASS 20  
SUNDAY  
8:00 am 48  
10:00 am 198

**Weekend April 21/22, 2018**

OFFERTORY	\$4206.00
Children	45.00
E-GIVING	1062.75
SVDP (E-GIVING)	10.00
SVDP	1037.00
Men's Ministry	40.00
Vocations	582.00
ACTS	30.00
Gift Store	35.00

**ASHES TO EASTER LENTEN BOXES**  
It is not too late to turn in your boxes.

**IGBO MASS BEGINS APRIL 29, 2018**

Today we will have our first IGBO Mass at Holy Cross. Please help spread the news. Holy Cross will begin a monthly IGBO Mass, every last Sunday of the month at 12:30pm. All IGBO Catholics are welcome from everywhere.

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**  
**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

**May 13** – Ascension of Our Lord  
**August 15** – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**November 1** – All Saints

**UNITY EXPLOSION REGION X**  
**2018 CONFERENCE**

Unity Explosion is an evangelization conference to be held June 6-10 in San Antonio. The conference provides an experience that addresses the expressed leadership, ministerial, catechetical, liturgical and evangelization needs of families of African descent. Those involved in evangelization, catechesis and pastoral music are encouraged to participate to bring back to their parishes the education and formation received at the conference. Musicians are encouraged to attend the Roderick J. Bell Institute for African American Sacred Music. For more information about the conference, visit <https://www.archsa.org/unity-explosion-2018>.

**EIM WORKSHOP**

An Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Workshop will be held today April 29, 2018, 12:30pm, at Holy Cross in the classrooms downstairs – please arrive promptly as **late arrivals will not be permitted entrance into the workshop**. All clergy and paid staff, all volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults, at any parish or diocesan location, are required to attend an EIM workshop every three years. It is our responsible to ensure our youth and vulnerable adults are safe. **Please do not bring children to an EIM workshop**. If you have any concerns regarding your attendance at workshop, contact: Vera Houston-Black at [verahouston@yahoo.com](mailto:verahouston@yahoo.com) or Stanton Collins at [stanton752@yahoo.com](mailto:stanton752@yahoo.com). If you need to make an alternative arrangement to receive your training contact: Emily Hurlimann at (512) 949-2447. Such inquiries shall remain confidential.

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to all who donated food bags to the 2018 Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Lenten Food Drive. The donations totaled 23 bags which equated to 322 pounds of non-perishable food that was shared with the Holy Cross Food Pantry, the St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Blackland Neighborhood Center.

**MOTHERS DAY**



If you would like a special Mass said for your Mother on Mother's Day May 13<sup>th</sup>, envelopes are available in the church office. They must be returned by Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00PM

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