

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018



"When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing 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... 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."

We are familiar with the encounter and conversion of Saul on the road to Damascus. This passage tells us something of the struggle for acceptance by the Christian community in Jerusalem. Barnabas spoke in his behalf to the disciples, and then to the apostles. Paul presented his credentials. The Holy Spirit was at work.

What a great lesson for us today, to be sure that we are welcoming communities. Most likely on a weekly basis people visit our parish church for the first time. Some have recently moved into the community, some perhaps have been away from the church for some time. Others say now is the time for me and my family to become active. How ready are we to reach out, to invite and support those who come to our community. Pope Francis is constantly teaching us to go out to the streets, take a risk, feel the bruises as did Paul. Not sure what to do?

Look what happened to the great apostle.

**FEAST, SCRIPTURE, CITATIONS &
SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 28

*Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest*
Acts 9:26-31, 1 Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8 (53)

12:10 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 29

Acts 9:26-31, 1 Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8 (53)

9:00 a.m. John Lioi

11:30 a.m. Ignacio Ramirez

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, April 30 *Saint Pius V, Pope*

Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26 (285)

12:10 a.m. James Dantaoni

Tuesday, May 1 *Saint Joseph the Worker*

*Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a (286) or, for the Memorial,
Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24 / Mt 13:54-58 (559)*

12:10 p.m. John & Louisa Tambini

Wednesday, May 2

Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8 (287)

12:10 p.m.

Thursday, May 3 *Saint Philip and James, Apostles*

1 Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14 (561)

12:10 p.m.

Friday, May 4 *Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17 (289)*

12:10 p.m.

Saturday, May 5 *Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21 (290)*

12:10 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

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OUR COLLECTION

Collection for
April 21st & 22nd, 2018
By Mass as follows:

5:30 pm: \$2,581

9:00 am: \$2,262

11:30 am: \$4,003

6:00 pm: \$1,303

Sunday Masses Total: \$10,149

WeShare: \$120
Faith Street: \$390

Grand Total: \$10,659

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.

Second Reading: I John 3:18-24

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.



50TH ANNIVERSARY GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS

Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15 p.m.

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with **Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral.**

Pre-registration is required.
Please contact your parish to register.

**The closing date to register for the Mass is
Monday, May 14, 2018.**

PARISH MISSION

**April 30th-May 2nd
Monday-Wednesday
7:00pm**

(optional Rosary beforehand)

The long-awaited time is here! We're pleased to welcome Father Bill Garrott, OP to Saint Joseph's this weekend and pray that this week's parish mission will be filled with every grace and blessing for our community.

This mission aims to help us all to enter more deeply into the love of the Holy Trinity and experience God's merciful touch through the Sacraments. We'll come to a profound encounter of the Father who blesses, the Son who heals, and the Spirit who strengthens.

To help us prepare for the mission, Father Bill has asked us to pray with a short scripture passage for each of the three nights. For your convenience, these texts are included in this week's bulletin.

May God give us his blessing and send the Spirit down on Father Bill as he leads us through these next few days! Amen!

