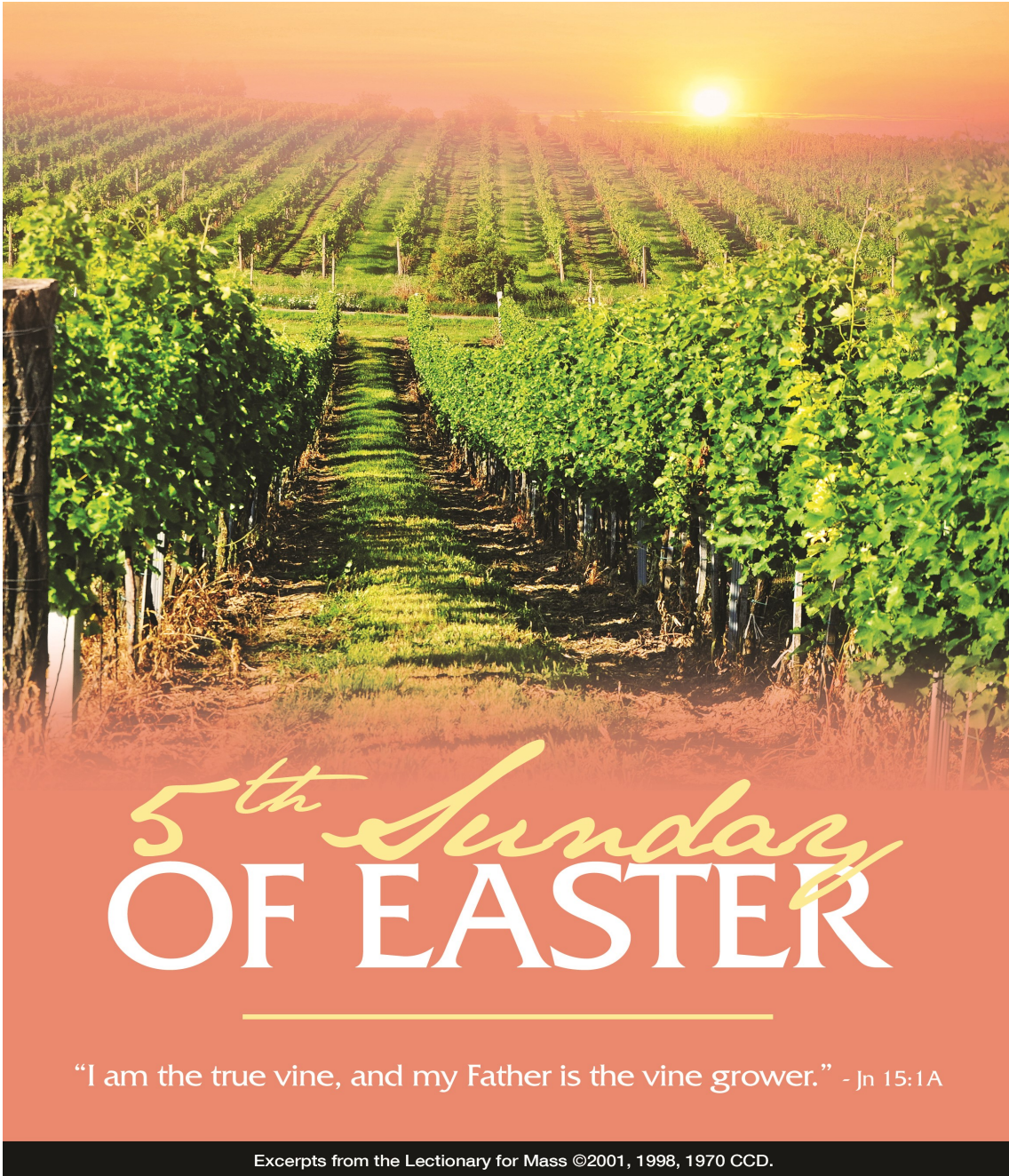


Saint John Catholic Church Iglesia Católica San Juan

April 29, 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
29 de abril de 2018 — Quinto Domingo de Pascua



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses: ..Thursday 8:30 a.m.
 ..Wednesday and Friday 12 noon
CONFESSIONS (Saturday)..... 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo..... 12:15 p.m (Español)
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves 8:30 a.m (Ingles)
 ..Miércoles y Viernes 12:00 del medio día
CONFESIONES (Sábado)..... 4:30 p.m. o por cita

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY

APRIL 28, 2018

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass souls of Lea Flores & Feliciano Flores

SUNDAY

APRIL 29, 2018

9:00 AM

Mass for soul of Deborah Shorter

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa

WEDNESDAY

MAY 2, 2018

12:00 Noon

Mass for soul of Erica Parris

THURSDAY

MAY 3, 2018

8:30 AM

Mass

FRIDAY

MAY 4, 2018

12:00 Noon

Mass

SATURDAY

MAY 5, 2018

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass soul Julius Bas

SUNDAY

MAY 6, 2018

9:00 AM

Mass souls Fececiano Flores y Melchor

Pasarda

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/
RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:**
Pray for

Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolasoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy Goodman, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Richard Painter, Maxine DiMarino, Melanie

Patterson, Lillian Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Thomas Whitehead, Esperanza Godinez, Sherry Wright, David Stull, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Austin Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Sulma Rojas, Elena Chavez, Doris Bartlett, Shirley Griffey, Fred Brown, Judy French, Lynn Miskimon, Suzanne DiMarino, Donald Barock, Martha Livingston, James White, and Patrick Stanley.

The item being collected for **FISH** for **April**
toothpaste

En el mes de **abril** necesitamos
Pasta de dientes



"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 everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

Readings for the Week of April 29, 2018

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

April 21 & 22, 2018

Weekly		Year to Date
Actual	\$3,979	\$203,085
Budget	<u>\$5,266</u>	<u>\$226,438</u>
Difference	(\$1,287)	(\$23,353)

Debt Reduction \$2,634

Remaining Debt Balance \$30,544.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
79	170	215

THE COUNCIL OF WOMEN NEED A FEW GOOD, STRONG MEN FOR A ONE NIGHT STAND! Our Yard Sale starts setting up on Tuesday May 8, starting at 6:30 pm. We need Men With Trucks to visit our various storage facilities (garages) to bring large and small furniture to the Social Hall and to help unload our storage shed. Call Pat Hinton (746-5842) or Dianne Cassady, (840-8642). If you would like to pick up the items earlier in the day, we can make arrangements when you call.

Pastor Message

There is one aspect of the spiritual life that to me seems a little scary.

The Church teaches that if we die in a state of mortal sin, then we continue in that state forever, namely separated from God. In other words, if we die in mortal sin, the consequence is eternal separation, which is called hell.

As an aside, if you are wondering what a mortal sin is, you can find that detailed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

But getting back to one aspect of this that is particularly scary...

What if I have been good my whole life, working hard and being upright and then right before I die I commit a mortal sin? It doesn't seem fair that I would be punished and have to go to hell forever. After all, I was a good person my whole life and then right at the end I had one little slip up. To this dilemma I respond in two ways.

First, a mortal sin is no 'little slip up.' It is a pretty big deal. It requires forethought, a free choice and a serious matter. If any of those are not present then it is not a mortal sin. The good thing about living a good life and working hard at being a decent person is that the closer you get to God, the more protection you have from falling from grace and into mortal sin.

Secondly and alternatively, consider the gospel reading today.

Today we hear about the vine and the branches. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. If we separate ourselves from the vine then, just like a branch, we will wither and be good for nothing but burning (that is a reference to hell, where it is traditionally understood to be very hot). Mortal sin separates us from the vine. And this can be illustrated.

My folks have a grape vine in their back yard. It's enormous. It grows over a giant arbor over the deck. It has a ton of branches and big leaves and they spread out like a maze all over the arbor.

What is amazing is that if you follow all those tons and tons of branches, all those vines, and follow them all the way from their end to their starting point, all those many, many branches come back to one single point, the base of the vine. Now what is interesting is the base of the vine is probably only a few inches across, and yet it produces this massive grape arbor.

To me it seems very fragile. This giant plant, that is more like a tree, has been growing for many years to become so large, and yet all that it is comes down to this one little point, the base.

And what is scary is that I could walk out there with a hatchet and all that it would take for me to destroy that whole thing is about 30 second of swinging, by cutting through the base. All those many, many branches will eventually wither a die because they have been separated from their life-source.

In 30 seconds of activity I can destroy what took years and years to make.

And thus it is with us a sin. We can be on the right track growing and growing for many, many years, and then all of a sudden, in 30 seconds or so we can end up ruining it all. Mortal sin, eternal separation, hell.

It's is scary to think about. But instead of scaring us, it should actually motivate us. It should make us try to avoid sin and even the temptations of sin. Avoiding the near occasion of sin is what we say every time we say the Our Father. It should motivate us to stay alert, as Jesus continually reminds us in the gospels.

We also have another consolation that the vine doesn't. There is no way to fix the vine once it has been cut. It's dead. But there is a way for us to get fixed - the Sacrament of Confession. It heals the cut vine. It reattaches is to the base.

Fr Rossi

THURSDAY MAY 3 IS FATHER ROSSI'S BIRTHDAY!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER!!

SJP winners for April are Cathy Outland, Carole Trent, Kristen Brizendine, Theresa Civitelli, Linda Oakley, Julie & Lloyd Mercer, Tim & Crystal Sorensen, and Willeen Kirby. The next drawing is May 17.

Music Ministry News Thank you all for the warm welcome while I've had the blessing of becoming the new music coordinator at St. John and St. Patrick! I look forward to each of you continuing to be active members of our congregational choirs, but if you find yourself experiencing the call to become a member of the choir that helps lead congregational singing during masses, there is no better time than now to join: consider this to be your formal invitation!! If you are interested in joining with our wonderful musicians, in any capacity, please reach out to me at (804) 256-3450 or <musicministerkate@gmail.com>. Instrumentalists, singers, and "joyful noisemakers" are always welcomed! Thank you! Katie

The Board of Directors of Eastern Henrico FISH is sponsoring the 5TH ANNUAL BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT at Queenfield Golf Club, Saturday June 9th, 2018—12 –1:00 PM. Registration and lunch. 1:00 PM Shotgun start. After golf: BBQ Dinner, Raffle Prizes and awards. Registration information. Registration per golfer \$70.00, Hole Sponsorship Sign \$100, Mulligan's 2 per player \$10, Raffle Tickets 2 for \$5.00. Contact: Lloyd Mercer at 804-737-6333 or jmercer@comcast.net or cell 804-687-3404

Virginia Catholic Conference report tracks state legislators' 2018 votes

State legislators considered proposals involving unborn life, religious liberty, immigrants, public safety, and care for creation, among other issues, during this year's Virginia General Assembly session. Diocese of Richmond Bishop Barry Knestout and Diocese of Arlington Bishop Michael Burbidge encourage the faithful to stay informed about how our legislators voted on these issues. Find out by going to the link on the homepage of the Virginia Catholic Conference website at www.vacatholic.org. The Conference represents the public policy interests of the bishops and their dioceses.