By this is my father glorified,
that you bear much fruit
And become my disciples.
  - John 15:8
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.
— 1 John 3:18

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).
Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).
Second Reading — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).
Gospel — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).


SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Pius V
Tuesday: St. Joseph the Worker
Wednesday: St. Athanasius
Thursday: SS. Philip and James; National Day of Prayer
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas.

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MASS INTENTIONS

We pray for the Sick...that they may experience God’s Love and Healing.
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We pray for those who have Died...that they may be granted a home in heaven.
Lourdes Villa, William “Bill” Mustanich

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 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
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 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

Committed to Truth

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FAZtor’s Notes
By Fr. Arnold Zamora

Congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday evening. The Confirmation Mass was presided by our very own Bishop Ignatius Wang. We also welcomed some of our non-Catholic students who participated in the celebration and asked for special blessings.

This Saturday, April 28th, is the 3rd Annual Family Fun Day for our Holy Name Preschool. It’s a day to enjoy and have fun with Jumpy Houses, Games, Glitter Tattoos, Face Painting, a Silent Auction, delicious food and ice cream floats! Both the SF Police Dept. and the SF Fire Dept. will be around to welcome the families. Past, Present and Future preschool families, along with families from the elementary school will surely have a wonderful time meeting each other and enjoying the festive day!

My little sister is so smart! She’s only in preschool and she can spell her name backwards and forwards.

Really? What’s her name?

Anna.

Here are Six Undeniable Facts of Life:
1. Don’t educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy, so when they grow up they will know the value of things, not the price.
2. Wise words: “Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food.”
3. The one who loves you will never leave you because, even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find one reason to hold on.
4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few folks really understand that.
5. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!
6. If you just want to walk fast, walk alone; but, if you want to walk far, walk together!

Six Best Doctors in the World:
1. Sunlight
2. Rest
3. Exercise
4. Diet
5. Self Confidence
6. Friends

And, finally: The nicest place to be is in someone’s thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone’s prayers, and the very best place to be is.......in the hands of God.

MARRIED COUPLES.
Give your marriage a well deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. On May 18-20, 2018 in San Jose, CA and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! For more information visit our website sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Clarann at 408-782-1413.

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SMALL TASKS
Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.

—St. Therese of Lisieux

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EASTER REFLECTION
“The earth is returning to life and so is the Liturgical Year. The Paschal Mystery (suffering, death, resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ) is right before our eyes. We see it as the first strains of Alleluia ring through the dawn of Easter and we see it in the Spring behaviors of plants and animal. These are the mystical days of the Paschal Mystery that keep us hopeful and keep us believing in something beyond our understanding. The grace of April is the grace of renewal and abundant life. It is to be savored and experienced rather than explained.”

-Jeanne Hunt, “Celebrating Saints and Seasons”, 2010

Catholic Charities Sunday 2018
The weekend of May 12 and 13th will mark the annual Catholic Charities Sunday. A short talk about the mission of Catholic Charities will be given at all Masses, after the Homily. We thank the following parishioners for accepting the invitation on behalf of all who are assisted by Catholic Charities, in so many ways. Carol Elliott Maloof will speak at the 5:00PM Saturday Mass; Hilda Dela Cruz at the 7:30AM Sunday Mass; Paul Roscelli at the 9:30AM Mass; Freda Motak at the 11:30AM Mass. Give today and your donation will be matched dollar for dollar up to $25,000 Matching Fund by a generous Catholic Charities donor and parishioner.

RCIA and Religious Education Classes for 2018-2019
You or someone you know may be consider becoming Catholic or interested in completing the sacrament of Christian Initiation by being confirmed as an adult. Children and youth who need to prepare for first Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, please contact Sr. Cristina in the parish office. You may register for classes next pastoral year. Programs will begin in September, 2018. We call on parents to register your children for continuing Religious Education classes.

Religious Education Teachers are Needed!
Please contact Sr. Cristina if you are ready to share your time, talents, resources to make Jesus Christ be known and loved by children and youth of the parish. Religious Education classes are held on Sundays, 10:30AM to 12:00 Noon, in the Pastoral Center. All needed materials are provided. We are all called to a STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE! Come and share your faith in Jesus Christ!

Adult Faith Formation Spring Session will be on Thursdays, May 10, 17, 24, 31, and June 7 and 14, 2018. This six-week classes will be on the History of the Catholic Church. Our identity as Catholics means that we are inheritors of the deeds of holy men and women who for 2,000+ years have built a great civilization and spread the Gospel throughout the world. Church history is not just the recitation of Popes, people, places, and events; it is a story of adventure, intrigue, rebellion, reform, and devotion. This story is our story; this is our family. If we know our past, and how we fit into the story, we will be better prepared to face whatever may come in the future. Classes will be at 7:00 -8:30PM in the meeting room of the Pastoral Center.
Until I spent time on a vineyard ten years ago, I always heard the parable of the vine-dresser as a tough, “shape up or ship out” message. I always imagined God as the vine-dresser having a field day lopping and cutting my dead branches, trimming my unproductive stems and up-rooting all the rot that undermines my fruitfulness. It always felt like a violent activity.

It was a pleasant surprise then, to actually see a vine-dresser in action. Far from an act of violence, the care paid by the dresser to each stem is extraordinary. He or she carefully inspects the branch, delicately cutting only the smallest amount so that the vine will be healthier and moreproductive. A good vine-dresser pores over the vines and from experience knows that to cut too much or too little will render the vine without its distinctive character. Every cut is measured and aimed to prune back only the diseased branch, so as to bring about greater growth for the whole vine and a bigger yield for the vineyard. The vine-dresser is not violent with the vine, but extremely tender. The first hearers of today’s Gospel would have known that this metaphor is anything but a “shape up or ship out” message.

This parable is a profound insight into the Christian life. We can claim to belong to the Christian family all we like. We can come to Mass every Sunday. But if the fruit we produce is bitter and poisonous, if we are unforgiving, unjust, and uncaring, we cannot claim to be on the vine of Christ’s love. And if that’s the case we are in desperate need of the gentle hand of the vine-dresser, who only wants to see us bring forth the yield we are capable of achieving.

Rev. Billy Graham once said, “Being a member of the Church no more makes you a Christian than living in a garage makes you a car.” That’s the point of today’s Gospel: God will not judge us by what we say or the public face of goodness we can turn on, we will be judged by our acts of love in and through our kindness and compassion.

This metaphor also reminds us that we are connected to each other. There are moments in our life of faith when we hear or see other Christians saying or doing things we cannot countenance. We can try to disown them by retreating into our denomination, but we are all connected in Christ’s vineyard. We need the courage to tell them the truth as we see it, and charitably point out the problems we have with what they think is right. And we need the humility to listen when they challenge us.

It’s even harder when the diseased part of the vine is in our own Catholic section of the vineyard. Our first instinct can be to lop off the branch, just to get rid of it. But as any vine-dresser knows this is the last resort. Whether we find it easy or not, Christ calls us to limited surgical interventions over amputations every time. This is tough love. Even though there are people within our community who have committed terrible crimes and betrayed our trust, the Gospel calls us to hold on to them until it’s clear that no matter what intervention we make, they are dying on Christ’s vine already. And even then, we hope and pray that our action towards them might see a new growth within them which could be the beginning of a possible grafting back on to us in the future.

In the face of the world’s “shape up or ship out” principle, today’s Gospel challenges us to hang in there with each other, in season and out of season, because as the old folk hymn sings, “They’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.” © Richard Leonard SJ.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 5th Sunday COLLECTION
April 29, 2018

The funds from these 5th Sunday collections are used to help persons in need. We provide comfort and aid to persons who come to the Pastoral Center seeking assistance with food, shelter, clothing or travel needs. We provide financial help to SVDP programs and other conferences dealing directly with persons in need. Through the SVDP twinning program we also provide financial assistance to SVDP Conferences in the Philippines and Holy Land. If you know of any parishioner who may need our assistance, please notify the staff at the Pastoral Center so we can provide the assistance needed.

Thanks again for supporting our 5th Sunday collections. You are remembered in our prayers at our weekly meetings.

Please use your SVDP envelope in the second collection next Sunday.

ACE COLLECTION

Next Sunday’s Second Collection is the ACE Collection for the benefit of our Parish School. Your generosity is very much appreciated by our school children.

MOTHER’S DAY CARDS

Members of the Holy Name Ladies Aid will be selling Mother’s Day Mass Cards this weekend April 29th and next weekend, May 6th. Honor your mother, whether living or deceased, with a novena of Masses.

Lectio Divina

Read: Christ wins Saul over becomes a firm believer. John invites all Christians to love in truth and deed. If we abide in Jesus, the true vine, we shall become his branches and produce fruit worthy of God.

Reflect: Unlike many other plants, the vine and its branches share a special, unique relationship—you can never identify where the stem of the vine ends and a branch begins. It is as if the stem is the branch. Hence the metaphor of vine and the branches brings out a unique relationship between Jesus and us: for those that abide in him, one can never know where Christ ends and they begin. The truth is, in those who truly abide in Christ, it is Christ all the way. With Paul, they can sing, “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me” (Gal. 2:20).

Pray: Lord Jesus, abide in me so that I become you.

Act: Draw up an image that captures your present relationship with Christ. How far or near is that image from the relationship between vine and branches

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BE WHAT YOU SEEK

Even as you seek a virtuous, fair, and good spouse . . . it is fitting that you should be the same.

—St. Bernardine of Siena
Archdiocese of San Francisco
ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018

Thank you to all who have already sent in their generous donation to the 2018 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. I humbly ask those of you who have yet to participate in the Annual Appeal to do so soon. You may want to consider a donation of $600.00 (or more) which qualifies you for the 1% Club. All 1% Club Donors for the 2018 Annual Appeal will be treated to a catered Thank You Dinner around September, 2018. For about the cost of a cup of Starbucks Coffee per day, you could contribute $600 per year or more to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal to aid the work of the Church and to minister to all those supported by these services and agencies.

You may use the brochures available on the pews or simply cut and fill out this form, attach your donation check (made payable to diocesan Annual Appeal 2018), and mail or drop it off to: Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 1555 39th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94122

Name: ___________________________
Address: _________________________

Phone No: ________________________ e-mail: _________________________

Pledge or one-time donation amount: ____________________________

For More Information regarding the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:
Please contact the parish office at (415)664-8590 or the Archdiocesan Office of Development at (415) 614-5580 development@sjarchdiocese.org

Update: As of 4/25/2018, we have received $33,910.00—we still need $32,227.00 to reach our goal of $66,137.00

HOLY NAME TREE OF LIFE

The Holy Name Tree of Life is a bronze tree trunk with approximately 400 leaves. It is located at the back of the church. Donations to the Tree of Life go towards a much needed Capital Improvement Fund. Each leaf costs $500 with a $25 engraving charge. We suggest a maximum number of characters to 5 lines, up to 25 characters per line including spaces. Leaf color choices are gold, silver or bronze.

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Please call (415) 664-8590 or drop by the Parish office (1555 39th Ave.) during business hours and the Staff can give you more information or help you make your selection, or help you with wording and processing your leaf donation. Honor your loved ones whether living or deceased with a gift of a leaf on our Tree of Life.

ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER?
Or just never registered?
You may register online at http://holynamesf.org/parishregistration/
You may also call (415) 664-8590 or drop by the Parish office 9 AM-4 AM, Monday-Friday or simply fill out and mail this form to the Parish office. (1555 39th Ave./Lawton St San Francisco, CA 94122

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Address: __________________________

Phone Number: ____________________ e-mail: __________________________

Would you like to receive Sunday envelopes? ______Yes ______No

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HOLY NAME WEEKLY CALENDAR
Week of April 29, 2018

Sunday, April 29, 2018
9:30 AM School Mass Church
10:30 AM Religious Education Pastoral Center
11:30 AM Baptism Reception Flanagan Center

Monday, April 30, 2018
10:00 AM Line Dancing Flanagan Center
10:30 AM Funeral Mass Church
1:00 PM Sewing Group Pastoral Center
7:30 PM SVDP Meeting Pastoral Center

Tuesday, May 01, 2018
9:30 AM C/E Class Pastoral Center
10:00 AM Lectio Divina Pastoral Center

Wednesday, May 02, 2018
11:00 AM HNLA Meeting Pastoral Center
7:30 PM Chinese Bible Study Flanagan Center

Thursday, May 03, 2018
11:00 AM Senior Club Flanagan Center
7:00 PM Faith Formation Spring Series Pastoral Center

Saturday, May 05, 2018
1:00 PM Chinese RCIA Green Room
2:30 PM Chinese Social Flanagan Center
3:00 PM Chinese Mass Church

SAVE REGINA SANTACRUZAN 2018
Presented by the Marian Shrine Devotees
Saturday, May 26, 2018 6-11 PM
St. Anne of the Sunset Catholic Church, Moriarty Hall
850 Judah St.
San Francisco, CA 94122

DINNER, SHOW
Coronation of Reynas & Damas
Raffles, Dance Competition:
Tango, Salsa, Boogie and the Two Step
DONATION $35.00
Contact: Esther Novero (415) 724-3360
Benny Capuyan: (415) 863-6576

LIVING BRANCHES
The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and be in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God’s own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: “And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another” (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ’s life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul’s fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord’s Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH SAN FRANCISCO

is a welcoming multicultural and liturgical community that celebrates our Christian Faith. In the spirit of the “Joy of the Gospel” we work together promoting Catholic values and teachings. Our parish encourages a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, who gives us an example of faithful discipleship and a generous stewardship way of life.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (Family Mass), 11:30 AM, Saturday
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Chinese), 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Weekdays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
Holy Days 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 7:00 PM
Confessions: 15 minutes before 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses
on Sunday & 4:30 - 5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday—9:30 AM—12 Noon
Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotions:
Friday after 9:00 AM Mass
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass
First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
begins at 8:30 AM with the Rosary, then Mass & Benediction
Baptisms by appointment
Baptismal Preparation—Every 2nd Saturday of the month in the Pastoral Center - 10:30 AM—You need to register for the class ahead of time.
Baptism Ministry (Sewing Group): Every Monday 1-3 PM in the Pastoral Center Event Room
Marriages:
Contact Pastoral Center 6 months in advance.
Sundays 12:30-2:30 PM, Flanagan Center
R.C.I.A. (Chinese):
Every Saturday—Green Room—1:30 PM
Lectio Divina: Tuesday 10—11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Bible Study Group (Chinese):
Every Wednesday—7:30 PM — Flanagan Center
Parish Pastoral Council: contact Fr. Arnold Zamora
St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting — every Monday at 7:30 PM (Pastoral Center)
Holy Name Ladies Aid: every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 11:45 AM (Pastoral Center)
Senior Club: every Thursday at 10:30 AM (Flanagan Ctr.)
FIL-AM Club: Every 3rd Friday of the month, 7pm
in the Flanagan Center.
HOLY NAME Choir Practice: every WEDNESDAY at 6:00 PM in the Pastoral Center
The Gabriel Project: Contact Rose Tang (415)793-0967
Youth Ministry: One designated Saturday a month 5 PM—7:30 PM
Youth Ministry: One designated Saturday a month 5 PM—7:30 PM (Pastoral Center)
Family Mass
Chinese
Vigil
9:30 and 11:30 AM
5:00 PM (Vigil)
11:30 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil)
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
9:30 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil)
11:00 AM

Blood Pressure Screening: every 2nd Wednesday from after the 7:30 AM Mass until 11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Except July & August
Hospitality: Every Wednesday after the 7:30 AM and 9 AM Masses in the Pastoral Center except July & August