

## From the Pastor

Last Sunday's gospel presented to us the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is about the care and concern he has for his flock. Today's gospel presents the image of the vine and the branches. It is about the indispensability of being united with Jesus to have life and bear fruit.

As he said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me, you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither."

In the words of Pope Francis, "Jesus is the vine and through him – like the sap in the tree – the very love of God, the Holy Spirit passes to the branches. Look: we are the branches, and through this parable, Jesus wants us to understand the importance of remaining united to him. The branches are not self-sufficient, but depend totally on the vine, in which is found the source of their life."

"So it is with us Christians. Grafted in Baptism in Christ, we have freely received from Him the gift of new life; and thanks to the Church we are able to remain in vital communion with Christ, and grow in intimacy with the Lord through prayer, listening and docility to his Word, participation in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation." (Regina Caeli Address, May 3, 2015)

Here we see the importance of being faithful to our baptismal promises which we renewed last Easter. Yes, when we were baptized, we became united with Jesus, we became children of God. But as we grow and live in the midst of a world which tells us to seek success, power and money contrary to what God is telling us to seek humility, service and love – which values dominate our lives? Do we remain children of God or have we become children of the world?

That's why we have to pray, listen to the voice of the Shepherd, get strength from the Eucharist and the community – to remain united with Christ. Otherwise, we might be separated from the vine and wither. Our Christian life might be limited to the Sunday ritual where we "worship God by our lips but our hearts are far away from Him."

No wonder St. John tells us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, "Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." And we can only do that if we are united with Christ.

Your brother and friend,  
Fr. Roland

A little tickler

A lady asked her friend if she attended church. The friend just shook her head. "I haven't gone in a long time. I'm sure I'm a lost soul anyway. I've probably broken all seven commandments."

## This Week in Our Parish

--Sunday, APRIL 29 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass at 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)

1:00 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m. (English)

COFFEE & ELLOWSHIP BY CCE & NOTRE DAME YOUTH @  
THE COMMUNITY CENTER

--3:00 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit-Meeting Room

Monday, April 30-Mass at 6:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

--6:00 p.m. CCE CLASSES

--5:00 p.m. Mondays with Mother Mary-Parish Hall

--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate -Welsch Center

--8:00 p.m. Scriptural Rosary-Chapel

--Tuesday, May 01-Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 6:30 p.m.

--6:00 p.m. CCE CLASSES

--7:00 p.m. Sharing the Faith-Bishop Odin

--7:00 p.m. Choir Practice-Church

--7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:45 p.m. St. Joseph Novena-Chapel

--Wednesday, May 02- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm

--6:30 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations-Church

--7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:00 p.m. That Man is You-Parish Hall

--7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts-Community Center

--7:30 p.m. Neo Cats-Meeting-Alleluia-Noah's Ark & "A",

--8:00 p.m. Our Mother of Perpetual Help-Church

-Thursday, May 03- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm

--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate -Alleluia Room

--7:00 p.m. FTCM-Community Center

--7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer-Bishop Odin

--7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary-Room "B"

--8:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer-Chapel

-11:00 p.m. Precious Blood-Chapel

-Friday, May 04- Mass at 6:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m. &

7:00 p.m-Church

--6:00 p.m. Couples for Christ-Marian Conference-Welsch Center

--7:30 p.m. Sacred Heart-Meeting Room

--7:30 p.m. Lord's Flock-Alleluia

--7:30 p.m. Divine Mercy-Chapel

--8:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Chapel

--8:00 p.m. Totus Tuus Prayer Group-Parish Hall

- Saturday- May 05- Mass at 8:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

VOTING DAY-PARISH HALL

8:00 a.m. Mass-May Crowning to Virgin Mary

--8:00 a.m. Marian Conference-Welsch Center

12:00 p.m. Eva Leticia Guerra+-Death Anniversary-Chapel

--4:00 p.m. Confessions-Church

--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate-Welsch Center

--Sunday, May 06 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass at 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)

1:00 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m. (English)

COFFEE & ELLOWSHIP BY OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

--2:30 p.m. Catholic Mothers-Parish Hall

--3:00 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit-Meeting Room

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Annual Parish May Crowning  
And Flower Offering To Our  
Blessed Virgin Mary**



**You are all invited to join the  
Confraternity of Our Lady of Lourdes  
On May 5, 2018 (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday), 8 am  
at Notre Dame Catholic Church  
7720 Boone Rd, Houston, TX 77072**

**Holy Mass will be celebrated  
followed by a Procession and the recitation of the  
Holy Rosary  
at Mary's Courtyard (CCE ground)**

**Special Intentions:** To pray the Rosary daily for family unity, special healing for all children with rare sickness, for the protection and safety of all the unborn and peace and salvation throughout the world.

**\*You are welcome to bring flowers to offer to our  
Blessed Mother at the courtyard.**

**For more information, please contact  
Madel Martinez at 832-641-6284**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, April 29- FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Acts 9: 26-31; 1 Jn 3: 18-24; Jn 15: 1-8*

--7:00 a.m. + Moises & Lina Infante

--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

--11:00 a.m. + Lourdes P. Dumlao

--1:00 p.m. + Jamil Barbery

--5:00 p.m. + Erlinda Herrera (Birthday)

**Monday, April 30- Monday of 5th Week of Easter Wkdy**

*Acts 14: 5-18; Jn 14: 21-26*

--6:15 a.m. + Rachel (Rocky) Genova (1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary)

--7:00 p.m. Michael & Rylin Victoria (Birthday)

**Tuesday, May 01- Tuesday of 5th Week of Easter Wkdy**

*Acts 14: 19-28; Jn 14:27-31a*

--6:15 a.m. Melanie Jante (Birthday)

--6:30 p.m. + Joyce & Warren Bourgeois

**Wednesday, May 02- Wednesday of 5th Week of Easter**

*Acts 15: 1-6; Jn 15: 1-8*

--6:15 a.m. + Magdalena Bonotan (Death Anniversary)

--7:00 p.m. + Erlinda Aguilar

**Thursday, May 03- Thursday of 5th Week of Easter Wkdy**

*1 Cor 15: 1-8; Jn 14: 6-14*

--6:15 a.m. Maria & Victor Olaleye

--7:00 p.m. John Chinenyeze Ihuomah (Healing)

**Friday, May 04- Friday of 5th Week of Easter Wkdy**

*Acts 15: 22-31; Jn 15: 12-17*

--6:15 a.m. Mery Chandler (Thanksgiving for Birthday)

--10:00 a.m. + Canufa Lagaac

--7:00 p.m. + Soila Alvarez

**Saturday, May 05-Saturday of 5th Week of Easter Wkdy**

*Acts 16: 1-10; Jn 15: 18-21*

--8:00 a.m. Maria Angelita Aparece (Birthday)

--5:00 p.m. + Conrado Dumlao

**Sunday, May 06- SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Jn 15: 9-17*

--7:00 a.m. + Virgilio & Maria Lazaga

--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

--11:00 a.m. Maricela Jasso (Birthday)

--1:00 p.m. + Jose Antonio "Tony" Pico

--5:00 p.m. + Marcelina O'Limpio

**Marian Conference 2018**

Come and join us as we learn more about the messages of our Mother Mary to us



**Where:** Notre Dame-Welsch Center

**When:** May 5, 2018

12:00 noon - 5:30 pm

Donation: \$7.00

(Sponsored by Couples for Christ)



**2018 Sessions:**

**Bible Study/Reflection: Every 2nd & 4th  
Sundays of the month**

**Place: Meeting Room-CCE Complex**

**Time: 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sactuary Candles burning in Memory of:**

**Juana Rivera**

**From: Jante Family**



Barbara Collier, Cary Kearns, Francisco Saiza, Alfred Mikula, Mike Rios, Joel Castro, Antonio Macrohon, Becky Navarro, Mary Lou Walker, Ianne P. Quila, Anthony & Maria Tran, Sue Zientek, Jesus de Mora, Mike Trimbom, Trisha Lovetro Koch, Mel Gayao, Severo Zapata, Ma. Dolores D. Zapata, Madelaine Zenaida, Richard & Iris Treviño, Lucita Ramirez, Sidonia Klekar, Patricia Miata, Loc Ngo, Loan Ho, Theresa Lazarte, Mary Hons, Mary Helen Padilla, Ada Corbett, Isaac Carreras, Teresa Carreras, Irma Brantley, .....  
and ALL sick members of our parish community.

**Homebound: Visited by our Ministers of the Sick...**

Lydia Agustin, Sam Barletta, Dolly Cyganski, Elizabeth Misri, Carolyn Starrette, Francisca Salaria, Rosa Waguespack, Don Wenglar, Stephen Mustafa Kroma, Lawrence Carter, Patricia Mohnorah, Zenaida Maglalang, Carmen Caldera, Mary & David Tenney....

**Attention to ALL group leaders of Notre Dame:**

**If you have information that you would like to place in the bulletin, let the parish office know 1-2 weeks ahead of time.**

**Additionally,**

**If you have any announcements, let the office know before Thursday at Noon.**

**Keep in mind that on Holidays/Holy Days, more time is needed. As deadlines change.**

**Stewardship Reflection**

That are daily actions reflect our goal of good discipleship. "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." -1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Financial Results for Church Operations  
Nine Months: July 2017-March 2018**

Receipts.....	\$680,438
Expenses.....	\$779,806
9 Month Deficit.....	\$99,368

**PARISH WEEKLY NEEDS \$17,500**

**Collection 04/22/2018**

Regular Collection.....	\$14,007.41
Poor Box.....	\$25.11
Novena .....	\$604.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$7,385.72
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$1,290.00

**Parish Goal \$105,000  
DSF (464 Families)-**

Pledged.....	\$89,590.00
Payment.....	\$53,312.51

**Notre Dame Prepares for its 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary  
We Need Your Help!**

Take lots of pictures of your group meetings, activities, celebrations, etc. for the Parish Pictorial Directory Special Edition. Send pictures to [admin@ndgh.org](mailto:admin@ndgh.org) or [accounting@ndgh.org](mailto:accounting@ndgh.org) or bring them to the parish office.



**Girls 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade:**

For SUMMER ADVENTURES, Join in the fun and games at **Dominican Sisters Summer Camp 2018** July 1 – July 7 Camp Kappe Activities: Archery, Wood Crafts, Singing, Sewing, Arts and Crafts, and more. For further information contact: Sr. Thomas Ann, C



**Remodeling/ Repair:**

Contractors specializing in carpentry, tile flooring, carpenting and painting.

Notre Dame is now accepting bids for repairs to the Community Center.

Please submit your name and contact information to Evelyn Sedita in the parish office.

You will be contacted to review the work needed and a time line to submit your bid.

Monday – Friday 9am-5pm Wednesday 9am-2pm

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Del Pastor

El evangelio del domingo pasado nos presentó la imagen de Jesús como el Buen Pastor. Se trata del cuidado y la preocupación que tiene por su rebaño. El evangelio de hoy presenta la imagen de la vid y las ramas. Se trata de la indispensabilidad de estar unido a Jesús para tener vida y dar fruto.

Como él dijo, "Yo soy la vid, ustedes son las ramas. El que permanece en mí y yo en él dará mucho fruto, porque sin mí, no puedes hacer nada. Cualquiera que no permanezca en mí será expulsado como una rama y se marchitará."

En palabras del Papa Francisco, "Jesús es la vid y por medio de él, como la savia en el árbol, el mismo amor de Dios, el Espíritu Santo pasa a las ramas. Vean: somos las ramas, y a través de esta parábola, Jesús quiere que comprendamos la importancia de permanecer unidos a él. Las ramas no son autosuficientes, sino que dependen totalmente de la vid, en la que se encuentra la fuente de su vida."

"Así es con nosotros los Cristianos". Injertadas en el Bautismo en Cristo, hemos recibido libremente de Él el regalo de una nueva vida; y gracias a la Iglesia podemos permanecer en comunión vital con Cristo y crecer en intimidad con el Señor por medio de la oración, escuchando y la docilidad de su Palabra, la participación en los Sacramentos, especialmente la Eucaristía y la Reconciliación" (Dirección Regina Caeli, 3 de Mayo de 2015)

Aquí vemos la importancia de ser fieles a nuestras promesas bautismales que renovamos el día de Pascua. Sí, cuando fuimos bautizados, fuimos unimos a Jesús, nos convertimos en hijos de Dios. Pero a medida que crecemos y vivimos en medio de un mundo que nos dice que busquemos el éxito, el poder y el dinero, lo contrario de lo que Dios nos dice que busquemos la humildad, el servicio y el amor, ¿qué valores dominan nuestras vidas? ¿Seguimos siendo hijos de Dios o nos hemos convertido en hijos del mundo?

Es por eso que tenemos que orar, escuchar la voz del Pastor, obtener fuerza de la Eucaristía y la comunidad – para permanecer unidos con Cristo. De lo contrario, podríamos separarnos de la vid y marchitarnos. Nuestra vida cristiana puede estar limitada al ritual dominical donde "adoramos a Dios con nuestros labios, pero nuestros corazones están lejos de Él".

No es de extrañar que San Juan nos diga en la 2da lectura: "No amemos solamente de palabra, amemos de verdad y con las obras". Y solo podemos hacer eso si estamos unidos a Cristo.

Tu hermano y amigo,  
Padre Roland

Una cosquillita: Una mujer le preguntó a su amiga si asistió a la Iglesia. La amiga solo sacudió la cabeza. "No he ido en mucho tiempo. Como quiera, estoy segura que soy un alma perdida. Probablemente he roto los siete mandamientos."

### EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

**Domingo 29 de Abril- 5TO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –Iglesia

--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

**Lunes, 30 de Abril-**

--10:00 a.m. AMSIF-Salón Parroquial y Varios Salones

--7:00 p.m. RICA-Centro Comunitario

--7:00 p.m. Legión de María-Salón Odín

**Martes 01 de Mayo –**

--7:00 p.m. Catecismo de la Iglesia-Salón de Conferencias

**Miércoles 02 de Mayo -**

--7:00 p.m. Coro en Español-Salón "F"

--7:30 p.m. Rosario en Español-Capilla

--8:00 p.m. Coro Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "G"

--8:00 p.m. Apostolado de la Cruz-Salones Odín/Conferencias

**Jueves 03 de Mayo -**

--7:00 p.m. ELI Grupo de Oración-Salones "F" y "G"

**Viernes 04 de Mayo -**

--6:00 p.m. Legión de María Jóvenes-Salón "E"

--7:00 p.m. Grupo ELI-Salones B,C,E y G

--7:00 p.m. Solo para Parejas- Salón "D" y "F"

--8:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "A"

--7:00 p.m. Preparación de Matrimonio-Salón de Conferencias

**Sábado 05 de Mayo -**

--4:00 p.m. Confesiones-Iglesia

--7:00 p.m. Misa en honor a San Miguel Arcángel-Iglesia  
Seguido por Convivio en el Centro Comunitario

--9:00 p.m. Hijos e Hijas de María-Salón Alleluia

--7:00 p.m. ELI-Salón "C"

--7:00 p.m. Junta Mensual Comunidad Hispan-Salón Aleluya

--8:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Meeting Room

**Domingo 06 de Mayo – 6TO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –Iglesia

--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall



#### Remodelación/Reparación:

\*Contratistas especializados en carpintería, pisos de azulejos, alfombras y pintura.

\*Notre Dame está aceptando

ofertas para pequeños proyectos parroquiales.

\*Por favor envíe su nombre e información de contacto a Evelyn Sedita en la oficina de la parroquia.

\*Será contactado para revisar el trabajo necesario y una cronología de tiempo para enviar su oferta.

El Grupo de **San Miguel** los invita a las **mañanitas** y **Misa** conmemorando su aparición en San Miguel Tecuiciapan, Guerrero  
**Mañanitas: 5am en el Centro Comunitario**



#### Misa

**Lugar:** Iglesia de Notre Dame

**Fecha:** Sábado, 5 de Mayo

**Hora:** 7 pm

**Seguido por convivio en el Centro Comunitario**