

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Somebody once compared a Christian to a basketball player. "To be a good player," he said, "it's not enough that you know how to dribble or avoid getting fouls. What matters most is to be able to shoot, to make points and to be productive."

Today's gospel brings us a narrative in which Jesus conveys his teaching symbolically. Jesus draws us the picture of the vine and the branches.

Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remain in me and I in him will bear much fruit."

The vine is a well-known biblical symbol of God's people. Celebrating the Exodus, which is the deliverance of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt and their possession of the Promised Land, the psalmist pictures God as a vine grower: "A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it" (Ps 80:8).

What Jesus wants to teach us in today's gospel is the extreme necessity for us to remain. Now what does "to remain in Christ," mean? "To remain in Christ," mean: **First**, is to listen to Him and keep His words. Actually, we can refuse to listen to Him at all, or we can listen to Him and then render Him lip service unsupported by any good deed. **Second**, is to recognize that Christ alone is the real Vine and that without Him we can do nothing of value to God. **Third**, is to live in the Church which is the Mystical Body of Christ, in accordance with the statement of one of the Popes that one who does not have the Church as his/her Mother, cannot have God as his/her Father. **Fourth**, is to see God in all persons and things even in our enemies and those things that we don't like. **Fifth**, is to have an active sacramental and prayer life. Do we pray always? Do we regularly go to Mass on Sunday? Do we avail ourselves of the sacrament of Confession? **Lastly**, is to be convinced that there is a need to prune the structures, methods, approaches, and others that have become old and out of date in order to give way to new ones which in turn will themselves grow old, and to remain always with the everlasting Christ who himself is the vine.

(Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, May 19 **9:00 a.m.**
In Thanksgiving to St. Jude req Lina Raso

Tuesday, May 20 **9:00 a.m.**
Juan and Virginia San Andres req Joe and Naty de Leon

Wednesday, May 21 **7:00 p.m.**
(Please Note: NO MORNING MASS)



HEALING MASS
6:00 p.m. ADORATION
7:00 p.m. HEALING MASS
and ANOINTING WITH HOLY OIL

This Jubilee Year, our Parish family prays for the intentions of Rozman/Kranjc family

All souls in purgatory req Benilda Fajardo
In gratitude for prayers heard, from friends of Yola
req Mary Anne Creechan

Thursday, May 22 **9:00 a.m.**
Tomas San Andres and deceased member of San Adres family
req Joe and Naty deLeon

Friday, May 23 **9:00 a.m.**
In memory of Leo Didero req Theresa Didero
and John Cancian

Saturday, May 24 **5:00 p.m.**
This Jubilee Year, our Parish family prays for the intentions of Torio family

Birthday blessings for Tomas Labuguen req Ruby Benitez
Birthday blessings for Leticia Torio
req Tessie and Loy Abugan
In memory of Rod Rankin req Bill Rankin

Sunday, May 25 **10:00 a.m.**
For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions
Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually in the presence of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. **This week the Lamp burns for**
1. Healing and intentions of Hendrickson Sy
req Felisa Go
2. Maureen Williams req Williams family

Bible Verse For This Week

*"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that he also reap." –
Galatians 6:7*

May 10/11, 2025



**PARISH
SUPPORT**

Good Friday Offering \$ 1,525.00
Loose Offering 566.00



*Thank you for your generosity and
continued support to St. Charles
Garnier Parish*

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Jubilee Year 2025 and Pilgrims of Hope



CANADIAN MARTYRS SHRINE, MIDLAND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

The Shrine has been designated as an official pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year of Hope.

How to obtain Jubilee indulgence?

1. Detachment from all sin, even venial.
2. Sacramental confession.
3. Holy Communion.
4. One 'Our Father' for the intentions of the Pope

(remission of temporal punishment due to sins)

TICKETS: \$ 65 PER PERSON

-We will be traveling Canada Coach Bus. Please arrive at St. Charles Garnier Parish by 7:30 a.m.

-The bus will depart at 8:00 a.m. sharp. We'll return to Hamilton by 7:00 p.m.

-Healing Mass at the Shrine at 1:30 p.m.
Celebrated by Fr. Saju.

- Please bring your own bagged lunch.

For more information, contact the parish office:

call us: 905 528 0074 or

email us: saintcharlesgarnier505@gmail.com

PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS AND SPREAD THE WORD

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalms 119:105

HEALING MASS

WEDNESDAY, 21st of May



6:00 p.m. ADORATION

**7:00 p.m. HEALING MASS &
ANOINTING WITH HOLY OIL**

Please join us in with your family
and friends

CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER



**Sunday, May 25th at
the beginning of Holy
Mass at 10:00 a.m.**

Please come early and
share in this tradition of
showing our love and
devotion to Our
Blessed Mother. We
will crown Mary, the
Queen of Heaven with
flowers and share in
hymns dedicated to
her.



MONTHLY COFFEE TIME

Our next gathering will be
on Sunday June 1st
following the 10:00 Mass.
Please bring a refreshment
to share.



May is the month of our
Blessed Mother, Our life,
Our sweetness, and Our
hope. May Mary ask her
Son's blessings for you.

