

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER**  
**APRIL 29, 2018**

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH**  
7105 Cass Ave. DENTON, NE 68339  
Parish priest: Msgr. Mark Huber  
**Regular Sunday Masses: Sat. Vigil: 5:00 pm**  
**8am, 10am, 12 noon**  
**◆ Daily Mass: 8:00 am**  
**Confession: ½ hour before weekend Masses**  
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**MASSES INTENTIONS 4/30/18 – 6/06/18**

Mon - 8am - Carol Peterson  
Tues - 8am - Tom Kozisek  
Wed - 8am - Ernie Hejl  
Thurs - 8am - Evelyn Ure  
Fri - 8am - Mabel Van Ert  
Sat - 8am - Austin Palsir  
5:00pm - Kathy Downey  
Sun - 8am - Andy & Bernice Sullivan  
10am - all people  
12 noon - engaged couples

**PLANT SALE:** May 5-6 the altar society will be selling plants on the south side of the building from 9am to noon.

If you are able to donate plants for the sale please bring them potted and labeled on Friday (they can be left on the north side of the detached garage. Thank you.

**1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY ADORATION:** 8pm Thur- 7pm Fri.

**ROSARY CRUSADE:** April 29<sup>th</sup> 8pm the parish is asked to gather at R Street and Antelope Parkway to join with people across the diocese in praying for God's graces and peace for the world.

**PARISH THINGS:** May 2<sup>nd</sup> All are welcome to join in May Crowning at 6:10pm // May 8<sup>th</sup> Altar Society meeting // May 10<sup>th</sup> Ascension Thur. (Wed. 6pm vigil, 8am & 7pm Thurs) // May 21<sup>st</sup> Knights of Columbus at 7pm // May 28<sup>th</sup> 9am Memorial Day Mass // June 11-15 days w/School Sisters of Christ the King

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: 4-22-18**  
Tithe:\$5,234; Loose plate:\$135.16; Votive:\$22.00; Mass stipend: \$10.00

**PRAYER LINE:** parishioners will pray for your intentions, forward to Boots, [bootswailes@aol.com](mailto:bootswailes@aol.com) or 402-328-9730.

**WORKS OF MERCY:** *Corporal:* Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Clothe the naked, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, visit those in prison, Bury the dead; *Spiritual:* Instruct the ignorant, Counsel the doubtful, Warn the sinner, Bear wrongs patiently, Forgive offenses willingly, Comfort the afflicted, Pray for the living & the dead.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS:** Forms are available in the desk in the narthex; if you prefer an electronic version send an email to [urbanovskfamily@gmail.com](mailto:urbanovskfamily@gmail.com) Due May 31<sup>st</sup>

*CSA cards in the narthex - Thank you!*

**POPE'S INTENTIONS:** That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, for each personal and the community.

**NEARBY EVENTS:** // retreats, 402-786-2705 or see [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com), Fr. Baetzold, CFR on Our Lady May 4-6; // NFP session May 10<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm at John 23<sup>rd</sup> Center, see [www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp) // Pray the rosary at 9:30 and 1pm on Tuesdays outside the Lincoln abortion clinic // Marian Mantle prayer group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month 3pm in the Flanagan room at Madonna Hospital to pray for faith of children // April 29<sup>th</sup> Catholic Prep class 1:30-7pm for 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage couples, and validation for a civil marriage w/ children, at John 23<sup>rd</sup> Center- contact family life office at 402-488-2040 // April 29<sup>th</sup> 2:30 visitor Sunday tours at St. Gregory the Great Seminary // May 5<sup>th</sup> Seminary Graduation // May 5 Sacred Art Show at John 23<sup>rd</sup> Center // May 12<sup>th</sup> Father-daughter (ages 6-11) day at Villa Regina // May 17<sup>th</sup> Blue Mass at 9:45am at St. Mary's in Lincoln // May 25 7pm diaconate ordinations & May 26 11am priest ordinations // July 13-15 Steubenville Youth Conference, \$400 w/ thru the diocese. //

**LITURGY PLANS- May 5 & 6, 2018**

5pm vigil	8am	10am	
	Coppersmith	Shinaut	music
Krause	Ellerbe	G Shinaut	reader
Kavan	Chapman	Zinnecker	acite
Griffin	Hollman	Henkel	ushr
	Topil	Ryan	ushr
Gandara	Hollman	Voboril	gifts
	Ellerbe	B Hobbs	svrv
		S Henkel	svrv

12noon -the Schola will lead music

**CHURCH CLEANING:** May: April: Linda Aschoff, Barb Novak, Beth Wieseler, Denise Baum, Jessica Marsh, Brooke Rogers, Michelle Worster, Kelly Chapman, Nichole Ernst, Janee Hamilton.

**FORMED.ORG:** Visit this website and go to the section with a registered parish, put in the **parish code d3d398** and you will be able to enter your email address and password to access the materials, Catholicism, Symbolon, Y-disciple, and more...

**FOODNET:**Volunteers serve at Denton Comm. Center, 5pm Mondays. If you could assist preparing meals at 3:30pm, picking up food from different locations on Mondays 1-3, serving, or cleaning up later contact John Hetcko or Mary Coulter.

**FAMILY LIFE OFFICE:** Type in "diocese of lincoln"; for events/ opportunities. For study from home go to "Education", under religious education there are good materials.

**ACT OF FAITH:** O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because You have revealed them Who are eternal truth and wisdom, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

*John Paul II:* Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible to himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it. It is Christ the Redeemer who fully reveals man to himself.



## FAST AND SLOW

Our readings today offer a sharp contrast that hints at the wide variety of ways in which God works. In Acts, there is a rush of activity and profound change happens in a hurry. Paul, who was a leader in persecutions of the first Christians, has recently encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus. In today's passage, Paul has suddenly become a powerful witness for Jesus, risking his life and astonishing both the Christians and their enemies. This is God working fast, and everyone is trying to keep up!

In contrast, in today's Gospel from John, Jesus describes the vine and the branches bearing fruit. Vines and branches by nature act slowly and quietly. The passage itself is repetitive and meditative, inviting us to slow down and listen to what is happening under the surface. This speaks of the slow, patient work of God.

## DISCERNMENT AND LOVE

The scriptures indicate that God often works on a long-term time frame. We might need our whole lives to learn some of God's lessons. The Church sometimes takes centuries to learn vital lessons about God. But within God's slow work, there are bursts of activity when the moment is ripe in God's eyes. We might perceive these bursts of God's grace, if we are able to see.

This fascinating mix of fast and slow can invite us again to deepen our practice of discernment. Discernment is the art of paying attention to God. It is the capacity to detect God's activity, which leads us toward bearing fruit and away from that which is fruitless. In our messy world, and aware of our personal frailties, discernment is often difficult. It helps to remember that God's activity is revealed in love. Whether fast or slow, God always works in love. We are called to perceive God's dramatic and sudden activities as well as God's deep and patient work of love in daily life and in our world.

Today's Readings: Acts 9:26–31; Ps 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32; 1 Jn 3:18–24; Jn 15:1–8

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In today's Gospel passage, at the Last Supper Jesus hints at the future of the community of his disciples. He is preparing them for life without his visible presence. What will hold the community together and sustain it to fulfill God's purpose? Jesus presents himself as the vine and his followers as the branches. Their common purpose is to bear fruit. When Jesus repeats "remain in me" and "bear fruit" many times in this passage, he reminds his followers that we must

stay connected with him to fulfill our purpose. As the Letter of John describes, a living faith in Christ and a life filled with love are bound together in a single commandment. All our energy to do good and our hope that our good work will endure come through our unity with Jesus. Prayer and action must be woven together into the fabric of each Christian person and community.