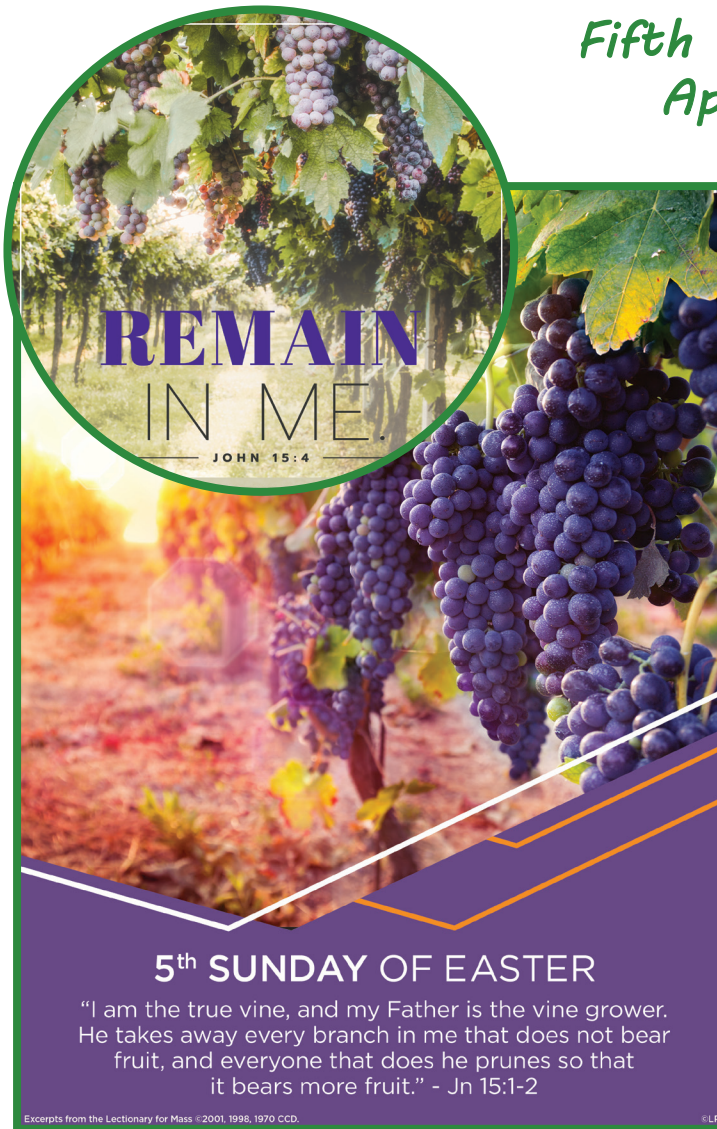


# Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week  
Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom ©LPi

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The Staff is unavailable during weekly meetings at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays and 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

### Liturgy Schedule

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 am, 5:00 pm
Monday-Thursday	5:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wed & Sat	4:00 pm
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### April 27 - May 5

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sat	5:00 pm	<b>No Liturgy at Newman Center</b>
Sun	8:30 am	Bill Finnerty
	11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Paul's
	5:00 pm	Ray Montez
Mon	5:00 pm	no intention
Tues	5:00 pm	no intention
Wed	5:00 pm	no intention
Thurs	5:00 pm	no intention

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sat	5:00 pm	Jackie Collins
Sun	8:30 am	no intention
	11:00 am	Mathew Sprinkle
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Paul's



**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity

**Sunday Gift Offering: April 21: \$3,314.35**

10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$331.43**

"...charge them to do good, be rich in good works and generous, sharing what they have."

1 Timothy 6:18

### Request to Return Activity Bags

Unfortunately, the toddler activity bags are all slowly disappearing. We ask that those be returned for the benefit of all parents with small children to use during Mass and returned to the peg stand immediately following liturgies.



### Parish Directory



We got a great response for directory photos. If you were unable to come have a photo taken, please email one to myra@newmancenter.org

## Upcoming Events

### Cinco de Mayo Family Faith Formation

Pancake Brunch and Fun Celebration  
May 5 at 9:45 am

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, May 5 at 8:30 am

### Lee Noel Diaconate Ordination

Friday, May 10 at 4:00 pm,  
St. Patrick's in Casper.

### Fr. Tom Ogg Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 31, 2024  
Jacoby Golf Course



These young adults from St. Paul's were confirmed by Bishop Steven on Saturday. Pray for these students as they continue their faith journeys and involvement in discipleship at St. Paul's Newman Center.

Alex Amaro

Claire Arens

William Arens

James Claude

Wyatt Cotterman

Nevaeh Gilster

Emma Johnson

Josie Mathill

Danielle Mitchelson

Ellery Pannell

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Nahomie Sanchez

Evelyn Udezue

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Sloane Claude

Madison Cortney

Allan Enriquez Ismalej

Adan Gutierrez

Myah Johnson

Aly Mendez

Cecilia Moloney

Anna Roesler

Jonna Roesler

Maggie Sanford

Travis Wood

## Family Faith Formation

### Cinco de Mayo Pancake Brunch

Families with Children; come join us to celebrate spring on May 5 at 9:45 am.

There will be a pancake breakfast, carnival games, and lots of fun for all.



### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Younger members of your family are invited to Children's Liturgy of the Word when scripture is presented in a way meaningful for children. This interactive breaking open of the Word meets next during the 8:30 am Liturgy on Sunday, May 5.



Next weekend is Commitment Sunday when the People of God across the Diocese of Cheyenne will offer their financial gifts to Living & Giving in Christ: Unity through Diocesan Ministries. During this coming week, parishioners for whom the Diocese of Cheyenne has mailing addresses should receive a letter from Bishop Steven, which includes a pledge form. For those who do not receive the mailing, in-pew remittance envelopes will be available during Masses. QR codes on the envelopes and on the posters in the church go directly to the on-line gift webpage.



### Lee Noel Diaconate Ordination

Lee's ordination as a transitional Deacon is 4:00 pm, Friday, May 10 at St. Patrick's in Casper. Lee was a UW student and active in many ministries at the Newman Center during his time here. Please pray for Lee as he approaches the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

### Fr. Tom Ogg Memorial Golf Tournament

St. Paul's Newman Center is hosting the **Fr. Tom Ogg Memorial Golf Tournament**. This event is August 31, 2024, at the Jacoby Golf Course. Expect a fun day for golfers and nongolfers. Proceeds will fund service/mission trips for University students and will contribute to the building fund for a future Newman Center facility.



### Fr. Tom Ogg MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

*"Heart Speaks to Heart"*  
—ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

To register, buy raffle ticket or meal tickets, scan the QR code or go to the Newman Center website and click on the **"Golf Event"** tab or click [here](#).



# Bringing Home the Word

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)  
April 28, 2024

## "In" or Not at All

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The little word "in" appears eleven times in the Greek text of today's short passage from John's Gospel, and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us.

This being in does not mean "inside," like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out.

### Sunday Readings

#### Acts 9:26-31

The Church...was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

#### 1 John 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

#### John 15:1-8

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

If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise, we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately.

Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is "in Christ," our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as Christ lives in all of us. †

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we must cherish our  
relationship with Christ,  
our source of life.*



### A Word from Pope Francis

Today the Gospel offers us the moment in which Jesus introduces himself as the true vine and invites us to abide in him so as to bear much fruit... One of the ripest fruits that springs from communion with Christ is...the commitment to charity for our neighbor...

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 29, 2018



REFLECTION  
QUESTIONS  
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REFLECTION

- In what ways does Christ live in you?
- How do you live in Christ?

# Waiting for the Resurrection

Ron Rolheiser, OMI

We live in difficult times. We've only to watch the news on any given evening. If there's an all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-loving God who is Lord of this universe, his presence isn't very evident on the evening news. There's violence all over the planet, fueled on every side by self-righteous ideologies that sanction hatred, by self-interest that destroys community, and by a socially-approved greed that lets the poor fend for themselves.

It's fair and reflective to wonder: Where is the resurrection in all of this? Why is God seemingly so inactive? Where is the vindication of Easter Sunday?

What the resurrection teaches is that



God doesn't forcibly intervene to stop pain and death. Instead, he redeems the pain and vindicates the death. The resurrection of Jesus reveals that there's

a deep moral structure to the universe, that the contours of the universe are love and goodness and truth. This structure, anchored at its center by ultimate love and power, is non-negotiable: You live life its way or it simply won't come out right.

More importantly, the reverse is also true: If you respect the structure and live life its way, what's good and true and loving will eventually triumph, despite everything, like a giant moral immune system that brings the body back to health. God lets the universe right itself the way a body does when it is attacked by a virus. We don't have to escape pain and death to achieve victory, we've only to remain faithful, good, and true inside of them. God's day will come. †

From *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter* by Ron Rolheiser, OMI, available at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org).

*Daybreaks* authors include Fr. John Kavanaugh, Sr. Dianne Bergant, and Fr. Daniel Horan.

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Easter Redemption" by Fr. Gregory Wiest, CSsR

To understand the scope of the power of the resurrection, we must understand Jesus' power here on earth before he died. Throughout his ministry, Jesus fortified people physically. He restored sight to the eyes of the blind, gave strength to the legs of the lame, and flooded the ears of the deaf with sound. He also healed people spiritually. He brought peace to disturbed minds and diminished the torment of demons to the hearts of humanity. This power extended into social situations, too. Gathering the outcast, the neglected, and the condemned, he created new communities of acceptance. For Jesus, the earth was meant for the meek. He blessed peacemakers and forbade retaliation. His power and leadership materialized as service to the poor. He uplifted the rejected and gave importance to the lowly of the world. †

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*Lord Jesus, teach us what it means to abide in you, and help us to believe that with you, all things are possible, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!*

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

April 29—May 4

**Monday**, St. Catherine of Siena:

Acts 14:5–18 / Jn 14:21–26

**Tuesday**, Easter Weekday:

Acts 14:19–28 / Jn 14:27–31a

**Wednesday**, Easter Weekday:

Acts 15:1–6 / Jn 15:1–8

**Thursday**, St. Athanasius:

Acts 15:7–21 / Jn 15:9–11

**Friday**, Sts. Philip and James:

1 Cor 15:1–8 / Jn 14:6–14

**Saturday**, Easter Weekday:

Acts 16:1–10 / Jn 15:18–21

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