

The Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Readings: 1) Acts 9:26-31 2) 1 John 3:18-24 3) John 15:1-8

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: **Following Jesus asks much of us but offers the eternal love of the Father in return.**

To truly stay united to Jesus, we need grounding in two essential elements. First, by taking on the mind of Christ and adhering to what the Church proclaims. Second, by living in accord with the moral teaching of the Church. Following Jesus asks much of us but offers us the eternal love of the Father in return.

Barnabas helps Saul enter into the community of the disciples by reporting on Saul's vision of the Lord and his bold proclamation in Jesus' name. The First Letter of John instructs the community on love of neighbor, and on keeping the commandments as proof of belief in Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus says, *I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.* Those who remain in him will bear fruit and their needs will be met. Through this the Father is glorified.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

We now bring our needs and the needs of the world before our Merciful Father.

For the Church, striving to share the Good News of the Resurrection.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who make decisions that affect the lives of others.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are sick in mind, spirit and body, may God console and provide for them.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For our beloved dead, may they, rest in peace.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the young people in our community, may hope in Christ be their strength in the midst of a changing world.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions... (pause).

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Father,

we ask that you hear and answer our prayers in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.