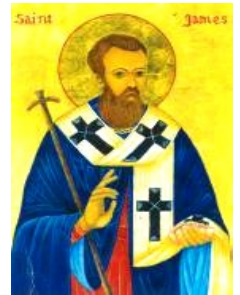


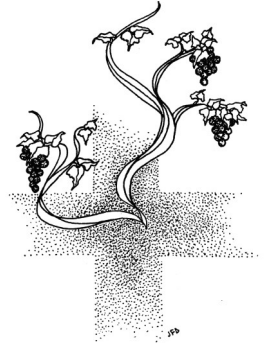
5TH SUNDAY EASTER YR B 2021 2 MAY

**The Parish of St James
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Human Beings, Not Human Doings

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We hear often from John's Gospel during the Easter season, and Jesus' message to us includes many invitations to abide, rest, and remain in him. The other Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke have Jesus giving us many directions for the actions we should be taking as his followers: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, love your enemies, forgive others repeatedly, turn the other cheek, etc. They are Gospels for "human doings." John's Gospel, on the other hand, is a Gospel for "human beings."

In John, Jesus repeatedly invites his followers to express their discipleship by how they carry themselves-how they *are* in the world, not what they *do* in the world. How are we to be in the world? Like a branch on a grape vine, Jesus says. The branch doesn't *do* anything to make the grapes; it simply remains connected to the vine and allows itself to be pruned. If the branch stays connected, all it has to do in order to bear fruit is to be open while God works the miracle of creating the grapes.

Jesus is calling us to trust that if we do our primary "work" of remaining in him and allowing him to remain in us, then God's works will automatically flow through us. If we can be human beings first, then our "doings" will be natural outcomes of that. The invitation for us is to relax into that sense of being and abiding with Jesus.

TO THE BROTHERS, SISTERS AND LAITY OF THE ORDER AND OF THE AUGUSTINIAN FAMILY

Dear brothers and sisters,

I send to you today this message and prayer, to embrace you all in the bond of fraternity, which unites us and makes us partakers of the same Grace.

On this day in which we celebrate the conversion and baptism of our Holy Father Augustine, of whom we all are his disciples and his children, we wish even more to share his same experience: a great and precious gift, that introduces us to the truth, that strengthens us in love and that makes us live in freedom.

Let us support each other so that throughout our journey of conversion and discovery of the profound charity of God, we too can exclaim, with the same joy and persuasion as St. Father Augustine, "I love you alone now. I only want to serve you".

With the hope that all of us may recognize in our daily lives the "so ancient and so new" beauty of God and His works, I bless you by invoking on our Order the powerful intercession of Augustine and the loving protection of Mary, whom we celebrate in these days, with the beautiful Augustinian title of "Our Mother of Good Counsel".

*Given in Rome, in the General Curia of the Order, 24 April 2021,
feast of the Conversion of St. Augustine*



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Justice Challenge

ST. JAMES SOCIAL JUSTICE SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

Recently, a number of people seeking asylum were detained in a Kangaroo Point Hotel. Many of these were sent to Brisbane for treatment of serious medical conditions. These vulnerable people have been released into the community with no Government income or accommodation support. Their need is great.

AS A PARISH, WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?

Romero Centre (Mercy Community Services) at Dutton Park provides welcome & support for these people.

They have suggested, besides donations via Romero Centre website, it would be a great help if we could donate non-perishable foodstuffs (listed below). These can be left at side door in our Church for their Emergency Food Pantry, for example:

Coles Gift Vouchers; Cooking oil—all different types; Tinned Tuna; Coconut milk, coconut cream; Lentils, Chick Peas, Basmati Rice; Honey, tea, coffee, sugar.

Thank you for caring.



BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

The Vine and Branches

Jesus uses another image in this Gospel to explain his relationship to us. He is the vine and we are its branches. Just as a branch can not survive apart from the vine, we have no life apart from God. Jesus is the vine that provides that life to us.

This reading gives us a clear picture of who we are as Christians and what is expected of us. When Jesus tells us, "I am the vine, you are the branches," he offers us a strong metaphor regarding our relationship to him. Indeed, we will know how strong that relationship is by the fruit we bear. And what fruit do we look for in a Christian's life? Certainly not the same rewards and benefits offered in the secular world. We don't count money, possessions or position as fruit on Jesus' vine. The blossoms and fruit on Jesus' vine reflect the life force that feeds it. The product of Jesus' vine is the reproduction of his life-giving love in kind acts, healing actions and our own loving relationships.

This is an important message to hand on to our children.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Decide as a family who the real winners you know are using the criteria of how much a person loves us as a gauge of a person's success.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Do you find it hard to gauge your own success as a person by how much you love others and your loving actions? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

Christians have a different gauge to judge success. It is not how much we have that marks us as a winner; it

is how much we love. We are the branches and Jesus is the vine, and as long as we stay connected to Jesus, his courage, his strength, his love will flow through us. Like all healthy fruit, our actions and relationships will bear their own seeds and new vines will grow and the branches will multiply. Jesus wants us to know that he is our life force, and with him we are strong enough to overcome anything and accomplish everything.



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"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Sheepish Question:

What rewards of my relationship with God can I share with others?

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St. James Parish acknowledges the Jaggera People of Coorparoo as the traditional owners of the land on which we live.

Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:

Ana Candaza; Fr Jose Bahio; Leonides Canta; Susana Celis; Tess Walsh; Malcolm Willshire; Noel Paterson; Eileen Carty.

And these anniversaries: Keith Killin; Mary-Anne Dungan; Les & Ruby Richards; Carmel Sheehan.

Please pray for these unwell: Paolo Primavera; Justin Meehan; Roberta Haley; Therese Killin; Desley Whitehouse; Fr Ron Mollison; Rhelma Kenny; Edric McAuliffe; Michael Simpson.



Please pray for our Baptismal children:

Lorenzo Scarlett; Sidney McNeale; John Swanston.

Parish news

St James Parish Sacramental Program for Children



(Term 2) ...Year 3 children or older ... (Children who are baptised, we require a copy of baptismal certificate). Send our parish an [email to register please](#).

Wednesday 6pm May 12th Parent info session.



Help for marriages under stress:

The BreakThrough Online Course created by SmartLoving will enable you to identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument and find constructive ways to re-establish connection. Restore hope for your relationship's future.

Visit: smartloving.org/breakthrough

Divine Mercy Discount - 50% | until May 10, 2021.



Dcn Tuan Anh's Ordination will take place on **Saturday 22nd May at 10am** (Feast of St Rita), [Eventbrite invitation registration](#) for parishioners (limited availability), celebration afterwards supplied by Augustinian Order and the Vietnamese Community. Covid conditions will be followed.

Sunday 23rd May Fr Tuan Anh's Thanksgiving Mass at 9am, please bring a covered plate of goodies to the hall before mass, celebration afterwards supplied by our parishioners. Covid conditions will be followed.



AFA Supports the training/formation of Augustinian Priests in the Australian

Province through prayer, community and fundraising for all their expenses.

SPONSOR a Seminarian OR Priest during the AFA Fundraising Fun Walk and Talk event to be held **on Sunday 16th May.**

SPONSORSHIP monies can be paid into the AFA Account - BSB: 032190

Account No: 105386 Ref: AFA Walk



MAY

1 / 2 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B/1 5th Sunday Easter (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am)** Baptisms occur.

3 Labour Day public holiday - 8am mass as usual.

5 Wednesday 6.30pm - 9.15pm Alpha program: Week 7 (organised by YAM for our parish) - program to run for 11 weeks.

7 Friday 9am Anointing + Healing mass

8 / 9 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B/1 6th Sunday Easter (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am)** Baptisms occur.



The **May edition of The Catholic Leader** is now available in the church for \$4.

This month:

- * Special coverage for the Year of St Joseph
- * St Mark's Inala celebrates 65 years
- * Emmanuel City Mission is 'a holy place'
- * Polish-born couple commission to make sacred art throughout Brisbane
- * Four-page Your Choice education feature
- * Final Despatch from a Dominican column



Catholic Mission Invites you to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the rosary.

Monday to Friday

Time: 2pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://tinyurl.com/28xh55p8>

Meeting ID: 874 9118 8450

Password: prayer



Get vaccinated for the common good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>



Friends of St Augustine gathering will be held in May—this meeting at the priory will be on Tuesday evening May 25th @ 6.30pm as we will have our FOSA visitors from outside Qld, members who have come up to be part of Dcn Tuan Anh's Ordination day.

Planned Giving for the Week of 25th April, 2021

Collection Account numbers have now changed from 1st March	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$911.15	\$115	\$195	\$	\$1,221.15
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$387.60	\$330	\$185	\$	\$902.60

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Sunday's Readings: **5th Sunday Easter First Reading** *Acts 9: 26-31* He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Second Reading *1 John 3: 18-24* His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

Gospel Reading *John 15: 1-8* All who live in me, and I in them bear much fruit.



Mass times **WEEKEND:** Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am **WEEKDAY:** Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm... by [Eventbrite link](#) or call parish office.

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 7th May @ 9am.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 7th May.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (at this stage).

Counters

May 1 / 2 Sylvia & John

May 8 / 9 Lorie & Lea

Ministry	6th Sunday Easter May 8 / 9	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
COMMENTATOR		David P	Berenice T-F	June S
LECTOR		Helen D	Merina M	Mike S
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ALTAR SERVER/S		Joe R	Gene T-F	Leah S
POWERPOINT		Cecilia D	Gilbert / John D	Di / June S
MARSHAL		Lorie / Karen / Edward	Brendon G	Cathy M

Next Sunday's Readings: **6th Sunday Easter**

First Reading *Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48* The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

Second Reading *1 John 4: 7-10* God is love.

Gospel Reading *John 15: 9-17* No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

For complete Sunday's readings, visit our [St James website](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings) (look for the Prayer tab).

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