
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 29, 2018

BEARING FRUIT

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” John’s words come to us on this day when the Gospel passage presents us with the great image of the vine and the branches. Jesus uses the image as a warning to those who have begun to distance themselves from the way of the Lord. One of the ways this happens is when we love God and others “in word or speech” instead of “in deed and truth.” What does it mean for us to “remain in Christ”? In an extension of the metaphor, the Lord gives us an example. If we remain in him, we will bear much fruit. As the branches, we draw strength from Christ who is the vine. This strength enables us to bear fruit—to do the work of true discipleship. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



Converting the Community

If Easter has worked its wonder, you are different today than you were a year ago. Lent and Easter are seasons of renewal in the church. Each Lent we strive to face our sin, do penance, and rise with Jesus. We draw on the power of these seasons to celebrate the love of God in our lives, a love that accepts us in our sinfulness and calls us into grace.

Each year, if Easter works its wonder, we can grow in holiness.

There is one problem. Even though we may be different, other people may not realize it. They may treat us the same, making it hard for us to live fully the new life of grace.

Take Saul, for example. Before his conversion he persecuted Christians. After his conversion, he lived for Christ alone.

There was one problem. People didn’t trust Saul. When he showed up in Jerusalem among the disciples, they were afraid of him because they didn’t believe he had changed. Only when Barnabas defended him could Saul move about freely.

The mystery of renewal begins in the quiet of each person’s heart, and gradually it converts the community. By Paul Turner.(c) Resource Publications 2008

Masses / Sacraments

Sat: 4:30 pm

Sun: 8:30 a, 11:00 a, 1:00 p Span.

Daily Mass: Mon to Sat: 9:00 a

Adoration: Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12

Reconciliation: Sat: 3:30 - 4:15

or by appointment

Baptism/Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Clergy

Pastor: Rev. Juan Areiza

Priest in Residence: Fr. Wise

Deacons:

Dcn. Larry Casey

Dcn. Paul Dietz

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Fifth Week of Easter

(April 29 – May 5, 2018)

Sat	4:30 p	†	People of St. Francis <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
Sun	8:30 a	L	Rick Trlica <i>by Bill & Janet Trlica</i>
Sun	11:00 a	†	Joseph Mack <i>by Joanna McConnell</i>
Sun	1:00 p	†	Evangeline Ciaccio <i>by Louise Koschler</i>
9a	Mon	L	Joan Furst Family <i>by Joan Furst</i>
9a	Tue	L	Joseph Merritt <i>by Stephanie Miller</i>
9a	Wed	†	Vince Jacques <i>by Ann Jacques</i>
9a	Thu	†	Marion Persson <i>by Bob & Karen Kopec</i>
9a	Fri	†	Joseph Shelak <i>by Shirley Rost</i>
9 a	Sat	†	Mother's Day Novena <i>by Marie Hancock</i>
4:30 p	Sat	L	Jason Burrell <i>by Tarah Burrell</i>



Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light
burns this week for the repose of the soul of
Joseph Mack requested by **Joanna McConnell**

April 22, 2018



First Collection

\$6569.00

Door Collection

\$4078.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Next Week Second Collection:

Debt Reduction

Thank you for your generosity!

ON THE MOVE

If you are going to Chattanooga sometime, consider giving Fr. Wise a call. St. Gerard parish is only eight miles from Chattanooga. Eight miles! Copy this down!



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St. Gerard Catholic Church
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Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30752
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UPCOMING BIG EVENTS

Party for Fr. Juan – May 31, 2018 is the tenth anniversary of the ordination to priesthood of Fr. Juan. It is also the fifth anniversary of Father's placement at St. Francis of Assisi Church. We must celebrate. Details later but mark your calendars now.

Parish Picnic – June 3, 2018 at the church. Yes, we said "at the church." It seems that the weather is always an issue with the parish picnic. This year we will outsmart the weatherman and shall feast outside behind the church, or in Marian Hall. Smell

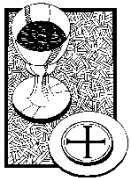
Please Pray For

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| ✓ Jo Schilling | ✓ Victoria |
| ✓ Janice Barlotta | ✓ Betty Mendenhall |
| ✓ Tarah Burrell | ✓ Joan Tufford |
| ✓ Brendan McGuinness | ✓ Lorene Glenn |
| ✓ Kathy Wheeler | ✓ Bob Wilson |
| ✓ Joe Muir | ✓ Marge Breslin |
| ✓ Ray Kelly | ✓ Maureen Wilson |
| ✓ Andrea Jensen Tesh | ✓ Com. Thomas Van |
| ✓ Your Spiritually | Scoten |
| Adopted Baby | ✓ Rita Casey |

Mother's Day Novena

When you see a stack of envelopes sitting on the altar starting May 5th, you will be looking at the names of mothers submitted for the Mother's Day Novena. Nine Masses for the women who brought us into this world, nurtured our faith, and passed it on from one generation to the next. Pick up an envelope at the church office or in the vestibule - and give mom, here or beyond, a beautiful Mother's Day gift. Thanks mom!

First Communion May 6 @ 11



May is a few days away. Think: First Communion, graduations, Mother's Day and May Crowning. You should be humming "Bring flowers of the fairest, bring flowers of the rarest..." right now.

Join Lucas, David, Charlotte and Rachel and families for First Communion next week at 11:00. Support our kids!

Funeral for Wayne Weible

Friday, May 4 @ 11:00

Wayne Weible of Hiawassee died April 21, 2018 after a period of declining health. Wayne was an internationally known author and speaker dedicated to the cause of the Medjugorje apparitions. God rest your soul, Wayne. Is that you in deep conversation with Our Lady? Of course!

Mother's Day Breakfast Next Week

Sunday, May 6 (9-1)

Yes, the Mother's Day breakfast is a week early, but that is so you can say things like, "MY Mother's Day started a week early and..." or "A free breakfast - so they got the date wrong...I'm taking it!" Either way, those Knights are super guys, don't you think? (...and they can cook!). We are so blessed.

Bible Study on the Blessed Mother

New Bible Study on Mary will begin on May 6. **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** is from Ascension Press and will be 8 weeks. Classes are at 10 and 7 on Mondays. Signup sheets in the vestibule of the church and Marian Hall.

QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

PARA DAR FRUTO

"Hijos míos: No amemos solamente de palabra; amemos de verdad y con las obras". Las palabras de Juan nos llegan hoy cuando el pasaje del Evangelio nos presenta con la gran imagen del viñedo y las ramas. Jesús usa la imagen como un aviso a los que se han empezado a distanciar de la senda del Señor. Esto sucede cuando amamos a Dios y a otros "con palabras o dichos" y no con "la verdad y las obras". ¿Qué significa para nosotros "permanecer en Cristo"? El Señor nos da un ejemplo con la extensión de la metáfora. Si permanecemos en él, daremos mucho fruto. Como ramas sacamos la fuerza de Cristo que es la viña. Esa fuerza nos facilita dar fruto -hacer el trabajo de los verdaderos discípulos. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**Mexican
Breakfast**

May 20, 2018

**Tickets Available after
Masses \$9, \$5 kids, \$ 25 Fam**

On Mission

Please keep in your prayers parishioners from St. Francis of Assisi on a mission trip to Colombia South America this week - Stephen Smith, Jason Burrell, Jasmin Gonzalez, Emily Koschler, Stacy Woody, Sarah Keling, and Teresa Knippel.



Altar Flowers this week are provided by **Marie Hancock** in loving memory of her husband **Phil Hancock**.

ONLINE *giving*

<https://www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ynvrsi89>