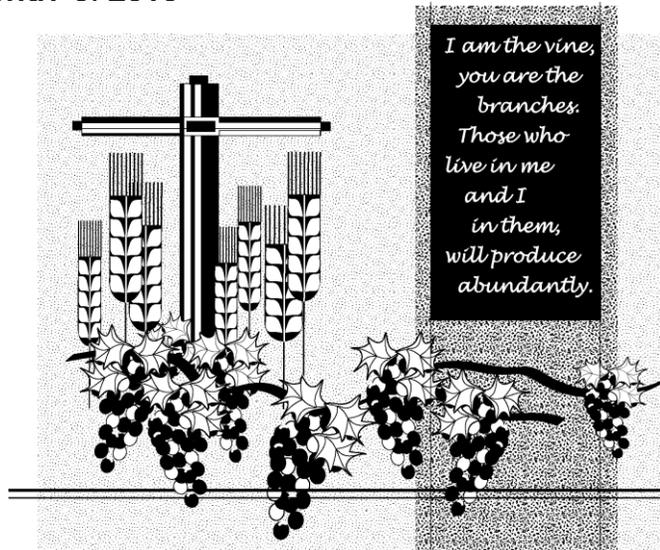


**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 3, 2015**



*I am the vine,  
 you are the  
 branches.  
 Those who  
 live in me  
 and I  
 in them,  
 will produce  
 abundantly.*

**Reflection on the Scriptures**

Why does Jesus speak of himself as the *true vine*? The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as "*the vineyard of the Lord*". Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel "*as his choice vine*". While the vine became a symbol of Israel as a nation, it also was used in the scriptures as a sign of degeneration. Isaiah's prophecy spoke of Israel as a vineyard which "*yielded wild grapes*". Jeremiah said that Israel had become a "*degenerate and wild vine*". When Jesus calls himself the *true vine* he makes clear that no one can claim their spiritual inheritance through association with a particular people or bloodline. Rather, it is only through Jesus Christ that one can become grafted into the true "*vineyard of the Lord*".

Jesus offers true life - the abundant life which comes from God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vine dresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches - those which bear fruit and those which don't. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him - the fruit of "*righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit*". Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us. Do you trust in the Lord's abiding presence with you?

"Lord Jesus, may I be one with you in all that I say and do. Draw me close that I may glorify you and bear fruit for your kingdom. Inflammate my heart with your love and remove from it anything that would make me ineffective or unfruitful in loving and serving you as my All."

**Next Sunday's Readings**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1-4  
 Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10  
 Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

**This Week's Mass Intentions**

Saturday, 5:15 pm	Ashley Nawahine, Health
Sunday – 7:30 am	+Clifton Bohner
9:30 am	pro populo
6:00 pm	
Monday, 6:30 am	
Tuesday, 6:30 am	
Wednesday, 6:00 pm	
Thursday, 6:30 am	
Friday, 6:30 am	

**Remember in Prayer**

Alvin Akiu, Jr.	Addison Jospheh
Lawrence Alejado	Emma Jospheh
Char Ancheta	Rnyaff Robert Jospheh
Aiden Ancheta	Ashley Nawahine
Rose Aranita	Eufrosina Olaso
Michael Bello	Celest Ortiz
Melvin Bonifacio	Geoffrey Padilla
Anna Buenventura	Gloria R. Padilla
James David Cadiz	Grant Padilla
Gilbert Ching	Mary Pires
Bridida Dizon	Sky Racoma
Emmie Arambulo Durado	Charles Richelieu
Flora Franco	Sharon Seiffert
Carmen Espiritu-Igawa	Bernie Serrano
Violeta Guieb	Jovina Tabangcura
Ryoko Hayashi	James Taeno
Joseph Hurst	Lani Test

*Please call or email the Parish Office if you would like us to pray for someone.*

**Weekly Stewardship**

<b>General Offering</b>	\$	<b>5,289.69</b>
<b>New Building Fund</b>	\$	<b>3,198.00</b>
<b>Other: Online</b>	\$	<b>1,320.00</b>
<b>Other:</b>	\$	<b>236.00</b>
<b>Recycling</b>		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$	<b>10,043.69</b>
<b>Building Fund Online</b>	\$	<b>540.00</b>
<b>New Building Fund</b>		
<b>Balance:</b>	\$	<b>1,212,005.29</b>

*Please remember Resurrection of the Lord in your wills and trusts. Thank you for your generosity!*

## This Week @ Resurrection

### Monday (May 4):

Rosary, Marian Chapel, 6 a.m.  
Communion Service, 6:30 a.m.

### Tuesday (May 5):

Rosary, Marian Chapel, 6 a.m.  
Mass, 6:30 a.m.

### Wednesday (May 6):

Evening Mass, 6:15 p.m.  
Not yet married in the Church? 7 p.m.

### Thursday (May 7):

Rosary, Marian Chapel, 6 a.m.  
Mass, 6:30 a.m.  
3D Discipleship: Developing my Spiritual  
Life, 7 p.m.

### Friday (May 8):

Rosary, Marian Chapel, 6 a.m.  
Mass, 6:30 a.m.  
Youth Ministry, 7 p.m.

### Saturday (May 9):

Confirmation, 5:15 p.m. Mass  
Confirmation Dinner following 5:15 Mass

### Sunday (May 10):

Crowing of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 7:30 a.m.  
Children's Faith Formation (K-8), 11:30 a.m.

## Announcements

**THE WELCOME KIOSK:** Please visit our Welcome Kiosk after Mass on the lanai if you are new and would like to register, RSVP for events, volunteer for ministry, or for more information about our parish activities!

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? NOT YET

**CONFIRMED?** If you are interested in becoming Catholic or, if you are already a baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please speak to Fr. William or complete an Information Sheet (available in the back of the church) and Father will contact you regarding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are forming a Community Life Committee to plan quarterly activities to help parishioners connect with each other, make new friends, and build relationships. We are looking for 1-5 volunteers to help plan the events. If you are interested, please sign-up at the table outside next weekend after our Masses.

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Will meet this Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the Rectory.

**FAITH FORMATION FAMILY POTLUCK & AWARDS:** We will conclude the year of children's faith formation classes with a family potluck and award ceremony on Sunday, May 17 at 11:30 AM. Please bring a dish to share!

**ACS RELAY FOR LIFE:** The American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life will be Friday May 8 – Saturday, May 9 at the Kapolei High School. To volunteer to walk or to make a contribution, see the tables outside this weekend.

**RCIA:** Will meet this Thursday, May 7, at 7:00 PM. This week's topic is Mary in the Life of the Church.

**3D DISCIPLESHIP: DISCOVERING MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS:** What are your spiritual gifts? Come and discover the unique gifts God has given you and how you can use them for ministry in the Church and beyond. It will be on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room. This course is ideal for those who would like to get involved in the parish. Seats are limited so please RSVP at the Welcome Kiosk or the Parish Office.

**ROL GOLF CLUB:** All parishioners and guests are invited to golf on the last Sunday of each month. This month of May, the ROL Golf Club is scheduled to play at Waialeale on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:03 AM. Come join the team. Remember, we start with prayer, then fellowship, fun, and occasional birdies. Call 389-2416 for more information.

**ONLINE GIVING...** is now available on the parish website: [www.resurrectionhawaii.org](http://www.resurrectionhawaii.org). Just click on the Online Giving icon and it will take you to the ROL page for Our Sunday Visitor, our online giving vendor. It only takes a few minutes to create an account with a credit or debit card, and then to make your giving selections. It's a great way to manage your financial stewardship to the parish and to earn miles and other credit card rewards. If you have questions, call Karen in the Parish Office, 676-4700.

