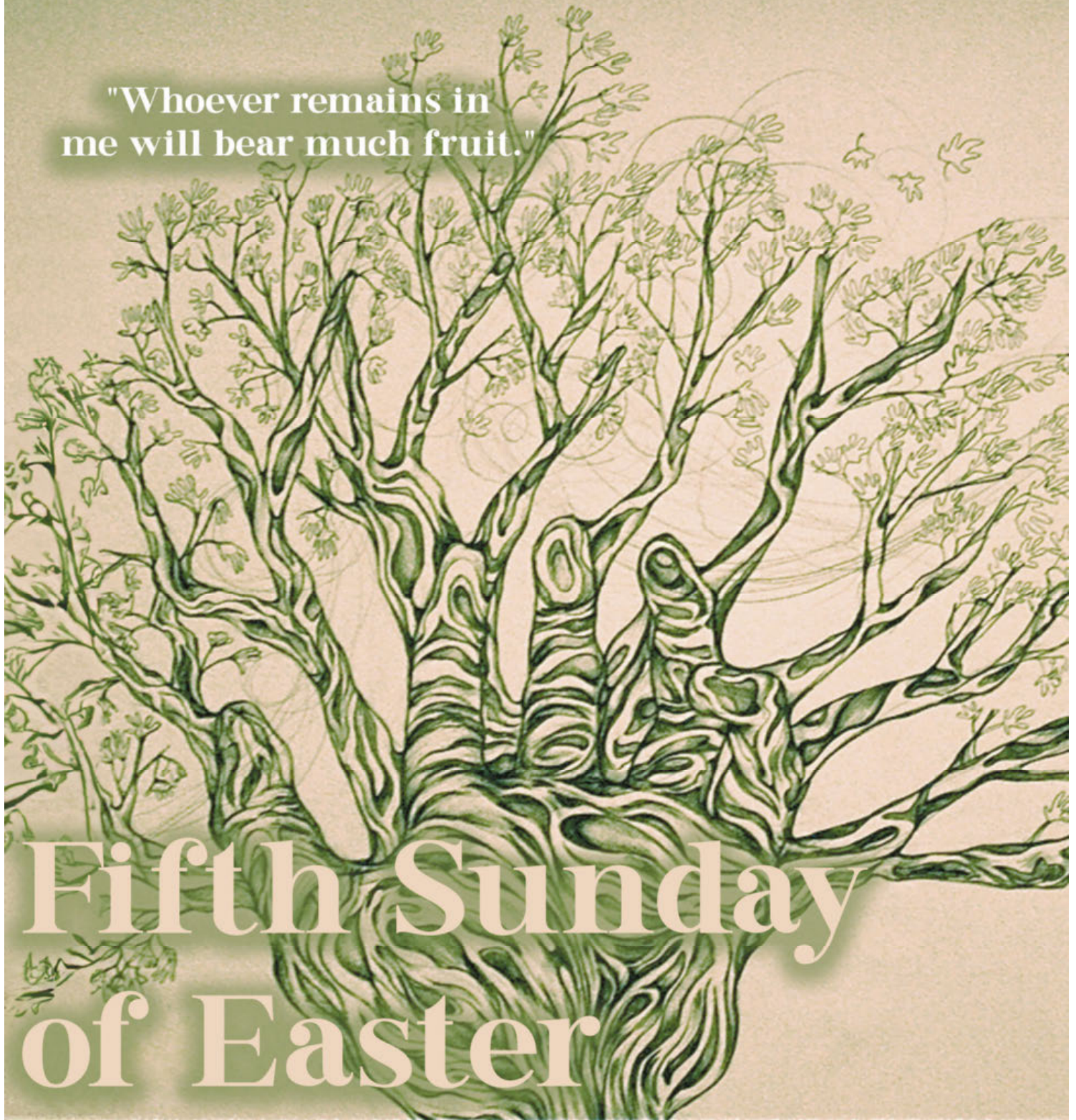


EPIPHANY

April 28, 2024

"Whoever remains in
me will bear much fruit."



Fifth Sunday
of Easter



WELCOME to Epiphany


**Wine
And
Branches**

We go through our lives, our years on this earth, thinking of ourselves as **separate**. That sense of separateness basically causes every stupid, sinful, silly thing we ever do. The little, **separate** self takes offense when people don't show us proper respect. The separate self lies and steals and does unkind things to other people. When we're **separate**, everything becomes about protecting and defending ourselves. It can consume our lives.

One word for overcoming that false sense of separateness, that illusory self, is heaven, and, quite frankly, that is what death offers us. It is simply returning to the Source from which we came, where all things are One. The whole gospel message is **radical union with God**, with neighbor, and even with ourselves. I think that's why so many of us are drawn to church each week—to receive communion and to eventually, hopefully, realize that we are **in communion**.

Probably no gospel story says this more clearly and forthrightly than the parable of the vine and the branches. Jesus says, "I'm the vine, God is the vine grower, and you (we) are the branches." As long as we remain in that relationship, we are in love and in **union**. Whenever we do anything unloving, at that moment, we're out of **union**. Even if it's just a negative, angry, or judgmental thought, we're doing that out of a sense of disunion—always! And Jesus is very clear. He says that state is useless. Once the branch is cut off from the vine, we might as well throw it into the fire because it's not going to bear any fruit. He's not making a threat. He's just talking practically, as if he were the vineyard owner.

Now, that's a pretty strong statement about us and the choices we make from that unnecessary state of separateness. We have never been separate from God except in our thoughts, but our thoughts don't make it true! Nor are we separate from anyone else. Whatever separates us from one another—nationality, religion, ethnicity, economics, language—those are all just accidentals that will all pass away. We are One in God, with Christ and with one another. "I am the vine and you are the branches" . If only we could live that way every hour!



We all pull back into ourselves. We pout and complain and resent and fear. That's what the little self does. The little self, the branch cut off from the vine, can do nothing according to this gospel. So Jesus says, "Remain in me as I remain in you" The promise is constant from God's side. The only question is from our side. Do we choose to live in that **union**? Every time we do something with respect, with love, with sympathy, with compassion, with caring, with service, we are operating in **union**.

Richard Rohr OFM



Biblio Drama

April 29th
at 7pm

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PRAISE & WORSHIP

APRIL 30TH

7:30PM

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APR 28 - MAY 5

EVENTS



Hunger Sunday
11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture
7:30 Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass
12:30pm Miraculous
Medal Novena
7:00pm Biblio Drama



12:10pm Mass
2:30pm Prayer Corps
7:00pm Connect
7:00pm YA Praise & Worship



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
7:00pm Breaking Open The Word



12:10pm Mass
6:30pm SOS Group
7:00pm YA Alpha
7:15pm Legion of Mary



12:10pm Mass



11:00am First Communion
3:00pm Rosary w/
Ladies of Charity
4:00pm Vigil Mass



**11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture**
12:10pm May Crowning
7:30pm Young Adult Mass

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April 27-28 - 2nd Collection for Central & Eastern Europe

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MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm

Saturday Vigil: 4pm

Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 27

4:00pm Jaime Barroso

Sunday, April 28

11:00am Mary Spadaro & Joann Frontino

7:30pm Ann Ahern

Monday, April 29 *Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena*

12:10pm Ellen Hergen

Tuesday, April 30

12:10pm Thanksgiving for answered prayers

Wednesday, May 1

12:10pm Teresita Cauterucci

Thursday, May 2 *Feast of Saints Philip and James*

12:10pm Donna Souza

Friday, May 3

12:10pm Alexei Navalny

Saturday, May 4

4:00pm intentions of Bridget McGowan

Sunday, May 5 *May Crowning*

11:00am Maria Ontalan Mangaoang

7:30pm Ann Ahern

Monday, May 6

12:10pm Elizabeth Dooley

Tuesday, May 7

12:10pm the Brown family

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