

Dear Padre,

Why is the Church considering a word change to the Our Father? It seems fine as it is.

Of the two versions of the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11:2-4 and Matthew 6:9-13, Luke's is more concise. The petition, "and lead us not into temptation" in Greek means both "do not allow us to enter into temptation" and "do not let us yield to temptation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2846). The *Catechism* includes the explanation from James 1:13: "God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one," to certify that God "wants to set us free from evil. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin." Consequently, Pope Francis reportedly approved the English wording, "do not let us fall into temptation" to replace "lead us not into temptation."

"It is not a good translation because it speaks of a God who induces temptation," the Pope said in 2017. "I am the one who falls. It's not him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen." On the contrary, "a father helps you to get up immediately," he added. "It's Satan who leads us into temptation—that's his department."

However, unlike the change in the Italian Lord's Prayer that will appear in their third edition of *The Roman Missal*, no immediate plans have been made to change the wording in English-speaking countries.



THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST BY THE DEVIL BY FELIX JOSEPH BARRIAS, 1860 / WIKIPEDIA

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life's uncertainties.

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 19, 2017



Calendar

Monday
MAY 3
Sts. Philip and James,
Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday
MAY 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19-28
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday
MAY 5
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1-6
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday
MAY 6
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7-21
Jn 15:9-11

Friday
MAY 7
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22-31
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday
MAY 8
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1-10
Jn 15:18-21

Sunday
MAY 9
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-26,
34-35, 44-48
1 Jn 4:7-10
Jn 15:9-17



Our Parish COMMUNITY

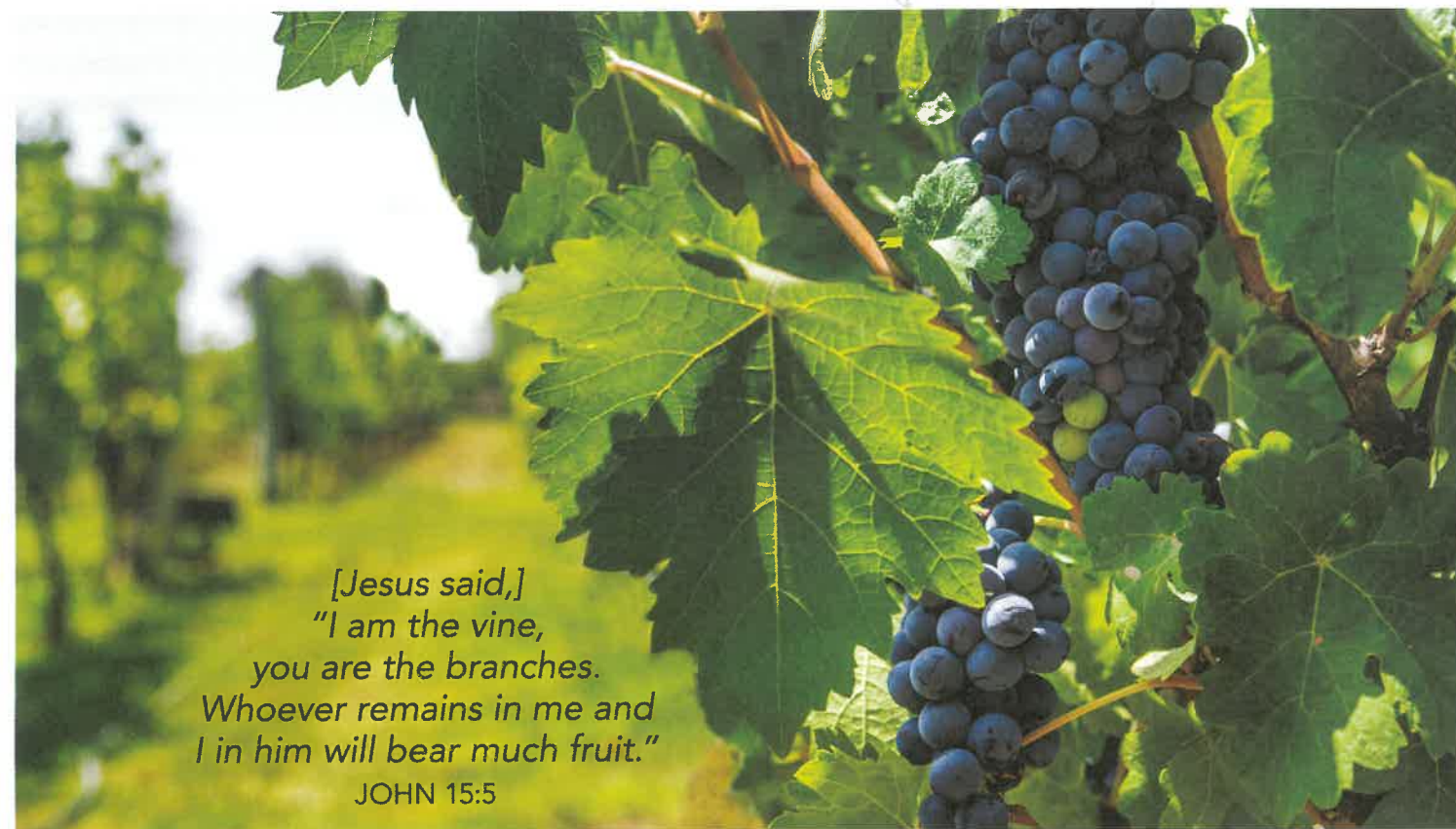
May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 9:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8



[Jesus said,]
"I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and
I in him will bear much fruit."
JOHN 15:5

In or Not at All

The little word *in* appears eleven times in the Greek text of today's short passage from John's Gospel (ten times in most translations), and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us. This being *in* does not mean "inside," like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out.

If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds

like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately.

Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is "in Christ," our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as Christ lives in all of us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Think for a moment of the ways Christ lives in you.
- ★ Now think of how you might live in Christ.



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Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns night and day near the tabernacle to honor the presence of Christ. You may arrange to have the Sanctuary Candle at St. John's or Saint Terence burn in memory of a loved one for a week of your choice by contacting the church office. The candle will be booked on a first-come, first-serve basis.

This Week in our Parish

Weekend Masses at St John:

Sat, 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sun, 11:00 AM

Sunday Mass at St Terence: 8:00 AM

Weekday Masses at St. John:

Tues, 5:00 PM

Wed—Fri, 8:00 AM

Sunday May 2nd

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

11:00 AM First Communion

5:00 PM Spanish Mass

Monday May 3rd

1:00 PM Altar Society Meets

Tuesday, May 4th

6:00 PM Anniversary Committee Meets

Wednesday, May 5th

8:30AM-6:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30PM CCD

Thursday May 6th

6:00 PM Choir Practice

Anointing of the Sick /Ministry to the Sick

Please call the church office if someone is in a hospital, nursing home, shut-in, and would like to be visited or receive the sacraments.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the office in advance to register for seminar.

Funerals

Arrangements may be made by calling the office

Parish calendar online:

<http://www.stjohnmany.org/calendar>

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples are required to call the church office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date

The Sanctuary Candle

Week of April 25th—May 1st

St. John + Deacon Mike Wise

St. Terence + Marguerite Little

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)

April 24th-25th, 2021

St. John	\$	4346.61
St. Terence	\$	1597.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 1st

4:00PM 1. + Peter, Maria Hoa & Maria Loan Nguyen

2. + Darci Johnson

3. + Ann & Phillip Rivers

4. + Janice Murphy

5. + Kim Bedsole

Sunday May 2nd

8:00AM 1. The Parish Family

2. +Christy Wriborg

3. + Dora Miller

4. Rufus Shuff (SI)

11:00AM 1. + Carol Tarpley

2. + Bobbie & Billy Ezernack

3. + Ben Partida

4. + Livye Lewis

5. + Johnny Hungerford

Tuesday May 4th

5:00PM 1. + Ben Partida

Wednesday May 5th

8:00AM 1. + Benny Rivers

Thursday May 6th

8:00AM 1. + Father Kenneth Williams

Friday May 7th

8:00AM 1. Special Intention (SI)

SVdP

The Saint Vincent de Paul meeting for May has been canceled and will be rescheduled for a later time.

Pastoral Council

Clauriste Byles, Angelique Mitchell, Chrislee Moran, James Murphy, Jean Rains, Maggie Bautista, Leonilda Gonzalez, Shirley Rivers & Deacon Michael Sullivan

Finance Council

Earl Anderson, Ron Busby, Dale Porche, Matthew Couvillion, Rufus Shuff, Brandy Soileau and Deacon Michael Sullivan

Historical Marker Donations



Saint John the Baptist is applying for recognition through the Louisiana Historical Marker Program.

This program commemorates facts, persons, events, or places

prominently identified with the history of the nation, state, or region. If approved, a bronze historical marker will be erected at the site of our church. Dr. Cheryl White, professor at LSU-S, has informed us that our church meets the necessary qualifications for this honor and has offered to help us work on and submit the necessary application. The approximate cost to erect the marker is \$2500. Any family interested in donating towards the cost of the installation of the marker may turn in contributions to the church office or place in the collection basket, marked.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in Me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without Me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus, we can do everything. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed a disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

Help Needed

Please help us prepare for our 150th Anniversary celebration by sharing your old pictures, memorabilia and other items that you might have. We can digitally make copies of your pictures in the office or they can be emailed to: office@stjohnmany.org

Have You Tried Giving Online Yet?

Online donations and payments provide a simple and convenient way for parishioners to tithe or contribute gifts for a specific need.. There is no longer a need to locate checkbooks, remember weekly envelopes, or mail in funds. Easily give directly on the parish website, or set up a recurring donor account to give automatically and never miss an envelope again. Our church parish greatly appreciates your support. See our website for more information- www.stjohnmany.org/donations

Congratulations

Congratulations to our First communicants: *Meghan Dawn Barnard, Ellie Jane Danos, Alexander Sebastian Lopez, Stella Perle McElwee, Nickolas Aaron Rivers and Joseph Benjamin Ryan.* We are proud of you!

Anniversary Wishes for Deacon Mike Sullivan

This month, we extend congratulations to Deacon Mike Sullivan on the 16th anniversary of his diaconate ordination. Deacon Mike was ordained in the Diocese of Shreveport in May 2005. We thank him for his years of service in our parish as a deacon. Our parish and diocese are blessed by his presence! **Note:** Please keep Deacon Mike in your prayers as he is currently receiving treatment for health issues.

Anniversary T-Shirt Design Contest

Saint John the Baptist celebrates its 150th Anniversary this year and will have various activities planned during the next few months. To kick off our celebration, we are sponsoring a t-shirt design contest with the winning design printed on t-shirts to commemorate our anniversary. Anyone may enter. Participants are encouraged to create a beautiful design for this important event in the life of our church. Entries may be hand-drawn or computerized and should be dropped off at the church office or emailed to: office@stjohnmany.org. Deadline for all entries is this **Wednesday, May 5th.**



Submit your t-shirt design to the church office by May 5th.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!

Spanish Mass

The monthly Spanish Mass will be held this Sunday, May 2nd at 5PM. There will be no meal this month.

Pope Francis Invites All to Pray for an End to the Pandemic

Pope Francis has asked the entire Church to join in a month of prayer for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each day during the month of May, the Vatican media outlets will broadcast a rosary prayed from a different Marian shrine or sanctuary. Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on May 1st with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms. Each day, Vatican News will broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6 PM (Rome time) from the various Shines taking part in the initiative.