

*April 28, 2024*  
*5th Sunday of*  
*Easter*

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Eureka Springs, Arkansas*

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Sunday 8:30am  
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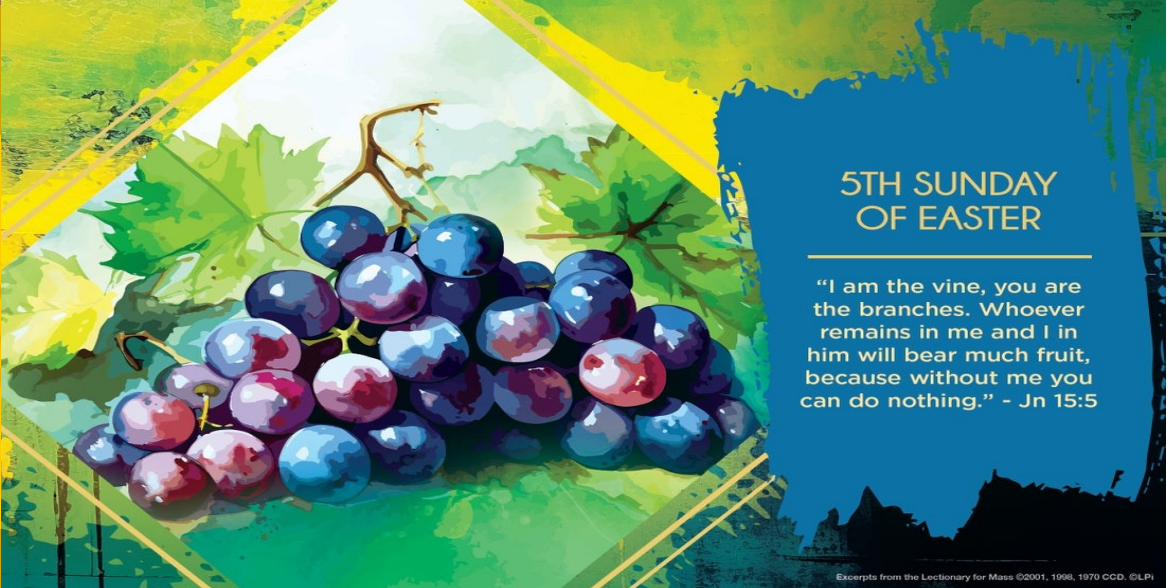
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## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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because without me you  
can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also invited to share in the Holy Eucharist. If you are not a practicing Catholic, we invite you to come forward with arms crossed over your chest to receive a sacramental blessing. Pray that we all continue to grow together into the body of Christ, to which the Lord calls us.

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# THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC  
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC  
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:30am

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16;  
Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;  
Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10;  
Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5;  
Jn 14:6-14  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5;  
Jn 15:18-21

### God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

David Hager - 4/28, Tracy Netherton - 4/29

*May you have many more!*

### LONGING

The hand will not reach out for what the heart does not long for. *-German Proverb*



# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

## Mass Ministers



### SATURDAY, MAY 4

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

**Altar Server:** Jim Witkowski

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Cassian Heath

**EMCs:** Mary Szafranski, Rod McGuire, Karen Finkeldei

**Ushers:** Gary Finkeldei, Bev Wright

**Altar Server:** Leva Murphy



## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 30

For the Repose of the Soul of George Jankowski

Thursday, May 2

For the Repose of the Soul of Lorraine Ivnic

Friday, May 3

For the Repose of the Soul of Don Mischo

Saturday, May 4

For the Repose of the Soul of Carl Harte

Sunday, May 5

For the Repose of the Soul of Charlotte Nowlin



## Pray for us...



### OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Richard & Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Ernie & Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

### OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Patsy Crawford, Linda Gilmore, Marci Krieger, Chuck Maxwell, Joe McDaniel, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, Arlene Ray and Libbie Vesekla

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -** Charlotte Nowlin

**OUR MILITARY -** Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.



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April, 2024*

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**Ethan Harris**

## STEWARDSHIP

As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills and keep the lights on and our doors open and even more so during these difficulties times. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning.



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Sat., 5/4	10:00-1:00	Elfter
	1:00-4:00	Szafranski
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### *PREPARING FOR PENTECOST*

Come and experience the fullness promised by Jesus. Each talk will help you to come to understand God's love, healing and God's empowerment. To bring the Kingdom of God into our midst, from fellow Catholics who have experienced it!

**When:** Saturday, April 27, 9:00am - 5:00pm

**Where:** St. Joseph Catholic Church Spiritan Center,  
1115 College Ave., Conway, AR 72034

**Cost:** \$20.00 - Lunch included

Healing Service, Individual Prayer, Vigil Mass

For more information, contact **Marian @ 479-692-1937**. Leave a message.



# Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

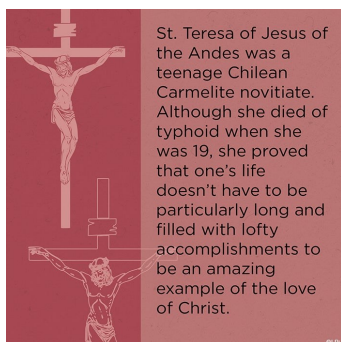
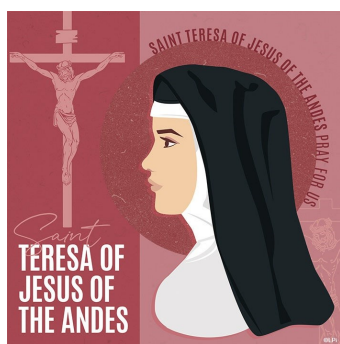
### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, **He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.**" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assumes it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

-Father John Muir



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#### **PRAYER OF FRUITFULNESS**

God in Heaven,

Your grace surrounds us in every day as we seek to live and move and grow in you. Prune the spaces in our lives that distract us from You! Plant Your word more deeply within us!

Amen.

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Love in Deed

*It's a Wonderful Life* is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there — and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

*"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

How does a person become a canonized saint?

### Answer:

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."



“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

The disciples were unwilling to trust that Saul (Paul) was a true believer until Barnabas offered support for Saul. How easily do you trust people you don't know well?

### Second Reading:

John speaks of the importance of knowing in your heart that you believe in Jesus and truly love others. How does anyone know what is in their heart?

### Gospel Reading:

Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus speaks of the importance of staying connected to him and the Father. When do you feel close to Jesus?



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- ST. EUPHRASIA

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