



# Apples and Pears

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**A**s a child, I remember our back yard had a fruit tree planted by my grandfather. Each year the tree bore apples and pears, both on the same tree. My grandfather explained that he had planted an apple sapling and then had grafted a pear branch onto its trunk. What continues to intrigue me about that tree is how the very same nourishment, the same sap out of the earth and traveling up the trunk, would produce such different fruits.

It is much like the power of the Holy Spirit given to human beings at the time of the ascension. Various gifts make themselves known, at times in the same person, over the course of a lifetime. A friend loved being a mom and raising a family. After the children had grown and went on their way, she went back to school and became a nurse. A local pastor was a pediatrician. After his wife died, he decided to become

a priest. John Grisham, educated as an attorney, began writing novels. All apples and pears, the fruit of God's Spirit.

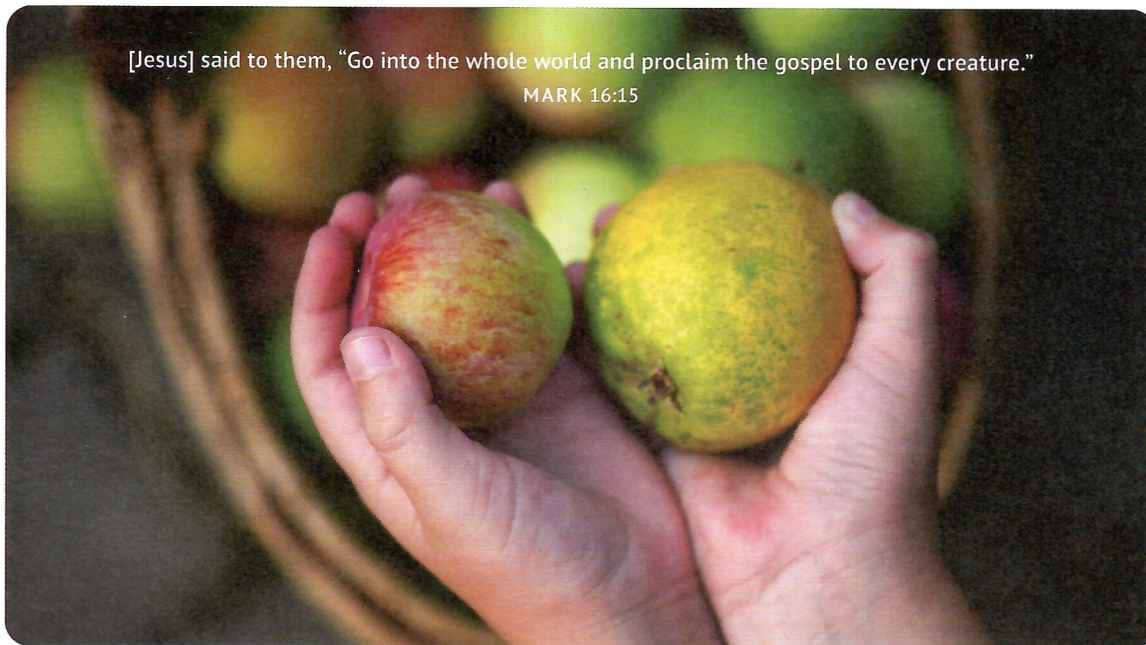
We tend to ask young people what they would like to be when they grow up. A better question might be to ask what they think God would like them to be. However someone might answer such a question, what is important is to do it with "humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2–3)—all prompted by God's Spirit. ●

## Reflect

***Is there a difference between what we want to do and what God wants us to do?  
How do we know?***

[Jesus] said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."

MARK 16:15



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**Mass Intentions**

**Sat. May 11 Vigil**  
7:00 p.m. For Mothers (living/deceased)  
**Sun May 12 Mass/Ascension of the Lord**  
**Mother's Day**  
8:00 a.m. For Mothers (living/deceased)  
**Tues May 14 Mass/St. Matthias**  
5:30 p.m. †Marcella Hottinger - VH  
**Wed May 15 Mass/St. Isidore**  
7:30 a.m. †Pearl Saffer - LVP  
**Sat. May 18 Vigil**  
7:00 p.m. Graces for Smith Family-RSS  
**Sun May 19 Mass/Pentecost**  
8:00 a.m. †Helen Stair - VH

**In need of prayer support, call**  
Linda Littleton: 970-630-3267  
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**Please Pray For Our Sick:**  
Kane Schrock, Geneva Aguilar, Mary Ann  
Kreutzer, Barbara Wolf, Bobby Dreher,  
Terry Hart, Pauline Frenzl, Dan Killip,  
Ray Hottinger, Deacon Taylor Elder, Bridget  
Glosson, Ken Kuntz, Randy Kraich, Carol  
Benjamin, Don Mollendor, Von Axtell, Art  
Aaron, Maria Foy, Beverly Gebauer, Tricia  
Dreher, Tracy Basler, Bibiana Camacho,  
Robert McMillion, Linda Baran

**For the Soul:** Kitty Samber

**St. Joseph's corner:**  
"St. Joseph, inspire me to be an accepting  
neighbor and helper. Amen"

**Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph**  
*Spend time with our Lord...*  
Every Tuesday from 5:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.



**2nd weekend / May 11 & 12**  
Immediately after each Mass / Exposition +  
Adoration + Holy Face Chaplet + procession  
by the Celebrant + Benediction /

**Baby Bottle Campaign**  
Bottles available weekend of May 12th.  
Any questions: Peggy Dreher 970-554-0546

***A Blessed & Happy  
Mother's Day!***



**May 14th / Altar-Rosary Meeting**  
5:00 p.m. - Rosary  
5:30 p.m. - Mass  
6:00 p.m. - meeting

**From the desk of Fr. Marek.....**

Eucharistic Revival opens our hearts and  
minds to the Real Presence of Jesus in the  
Eucharist.

We have something unique in the history  
of the Catholic Church in the USA. The  
longest Eucharistic Procession in history  
begins in May. From four different points  
people will walk to Indianapolis, IN meeting  
in July at the National Eucharistic Congress.  
Pilgrims will partially walk and partially  
drive. Each route has "A Core Group" of  
pilgrims consisting of only 10 people.

Along the way the pilgrims will be joined by  
fellow Catholics to walk and pray together.

Pilgrims starting in San Francisco will be  
passing through the Archdiocese of Denver  
June 5th thru the 12th, stopping in some  
parishes. They are stopping at St. Helena in  
Ft. Morgan and at St. Anthony in Sterling.

Everyone is invited to join in the events  
and short processions along each route.

**More info: [eucharisticpilgrimage.org](http://eucharisticpilgrimage.org)**

**Lay Minister Schedule**  
Sierra Mireles  
May 19, 2024

**Greeters/Gifts:** Tracy & Susan Samber  
**Pianist:** Marcia Pieper  
**Cantor:** Jim Pieper  
**Lector:** Monte Willeke  
**Altar Servers:** D Etl, J Gertge, E Koch  
**Head Usher:** Chris Packer  
**Euch Ministers:** Frank & Esther Weis

**May 18th/19th / Mission Appeal**  
Catholic University of Cameroon in Africa  
*Second collection will be taken to support  
their work.*

**Congratulations and our prayers for  
"Graduating Seniors"**  
Brisa Arteaga / Lily Monat / Sawyer Packer



**Anointing of the Sick**  
May 25/26 after each Mass

**May 27**  
**Monday at 8:30 a.m.**  
Mass at the cemetery



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Jesus promised, "Whoever feeds on my flesh  
and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in  
him." Help us to promote Jesus' message and  
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# Dear Padre,

## What were the main changes brought about by the Second Vatican Council?

Saint Paul VI was Pope when the last of the Second Vatican documents was promulgated.



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It has been sixty years since the Second Vatican Council and we are still learning from what Pope John Paul II called the “fundamental event in the contemporary Church” and “the constant reference point of every pastoral action.” Vatican II’s sixteen documents focus on a wide variety of topics, touching almost every conceivable aspect of Church and Christian life. Four of the documents bear the title of “Constitution” and contain the core formulations of the council’s teachings.

The most visible change might be in how we worship. But even more fundamental is the emphasis on the Church as the “people of God.” Baptism admits all to the same journey of faith, initiating each person with differing talents and abilities into the mission of the Church. Thus, the faithful must be “led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people’ (1 Peter 2:9; see 2:4–5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 14). The hierarchy continues, but it is to hear and serve God’s people; “servant leadership” is the way to exercise authority in the Church of Vatican II. ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19
Easter Weekday	St. Matthias, Apostle	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Pentecost
Acts 19:1–8 Jn 16:29–33	Acts 1:15–17, 20–26 Jn 15:9–17	Acts 20:28–38 Jn 17:11b–19	Acts 22:30; 23:6–11 Jn 17:20–26	Acts 25:13b–21 Jn 21:15–19	Acts 28:16–20, 30–31 Jn 21:20–25	Acts 2:1–11 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Gal 5:16–25 Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 15:26–27; 16:12–15

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Jesus’ ascension into heaven...constitutes the end of the mission that the Son received from the Father and the beginning of the continuation of this mission on the part of the Church. From this moment...Christ’s presence in the world is mediated...by those who believe in him and proclaim him. This mission will last until the end of history.**

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 28, 2017



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