

Getting Ready for Sunday!



Fifth Sunday of Easter

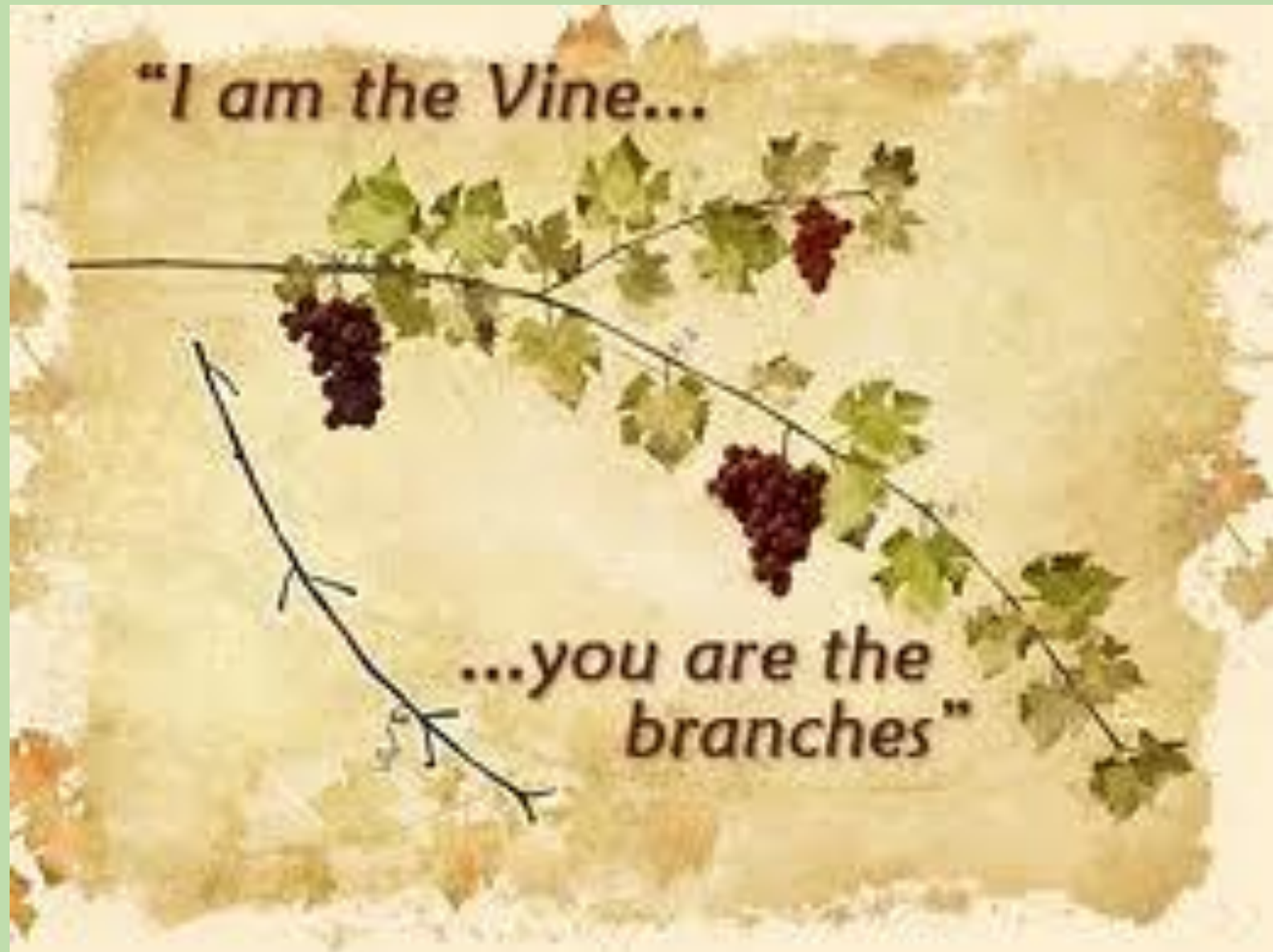
Jesus leads us to know how closely we are connected with Him and the Father. We are part of Christ's Body!

God and each person cannot be separated unless we choose to cut ourselves off!

All that we need has been given to us by God.....there is no day, or struggle, or challenge that we cannot deal with if we turn to the many possibilities that God provides for us...sometimes found in unexpected places!

Each day and its' events can bear good fruit if we trust in God and God's purpose for us.

John 15:1-8



Jesus the True Vine

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.



**All that we have is given
by God...made by
God....gift from God....**

**Jesus leads us to God and
the way of God...love and
wholeness...**

He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.



When we listen to God speaking in our hearts we learn to cut off all pulls us from being the best that God has created.

You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.



We are connected to God through Jesus and one another. We live our lives more fully when we try to stay connected to God and other people.

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.



**God has a great plan for each one....a plan which draws us closer to God and others.
No one is an island!**

Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.



**A branch can only have life if
connected to the plant!
Who are you connected to?
Are you connected with Jesus
today?**

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you..



My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.



**We give glory to God when
we use our gifts well and
follow the example of Jesus.**



Read **John 15:1-8** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



Are you on the right path to God?

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to receive the gift of God's Peace.

