



Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family And Saint Patrick's
28th April 2024, Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B
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Sunday Mass Readings for 28 th April, Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B	
1 st Reading	Acts 9:26-31
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
2 nd Reading	John 3:18-24
Alleluia	John 15:4A, 5B
Gospel	John 15:1-8

Catholic Sunday Readings for 28th April 2024, Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B

1st Reading - Acts 9:26-31

26 When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.
 27 Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.
 28 He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord.
 29 He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him.
 30 And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

31 The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

R. (26a) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

or:

R. Alleluia.

26 I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.

27 The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

or:

R. Alleluia.

28 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

or:

R. Alleluia.

30 To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

or:

R. Alleluia.

31 And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him.

32 Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

or:

R. Alleluia.

2nd Reading - 1 John 3:18-24

18 Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

19 Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him

20 in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God

22 and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

23 And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us.

24 Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Alleluia - John 15:4A, 5B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
4A Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
5B Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - John 15:1-8

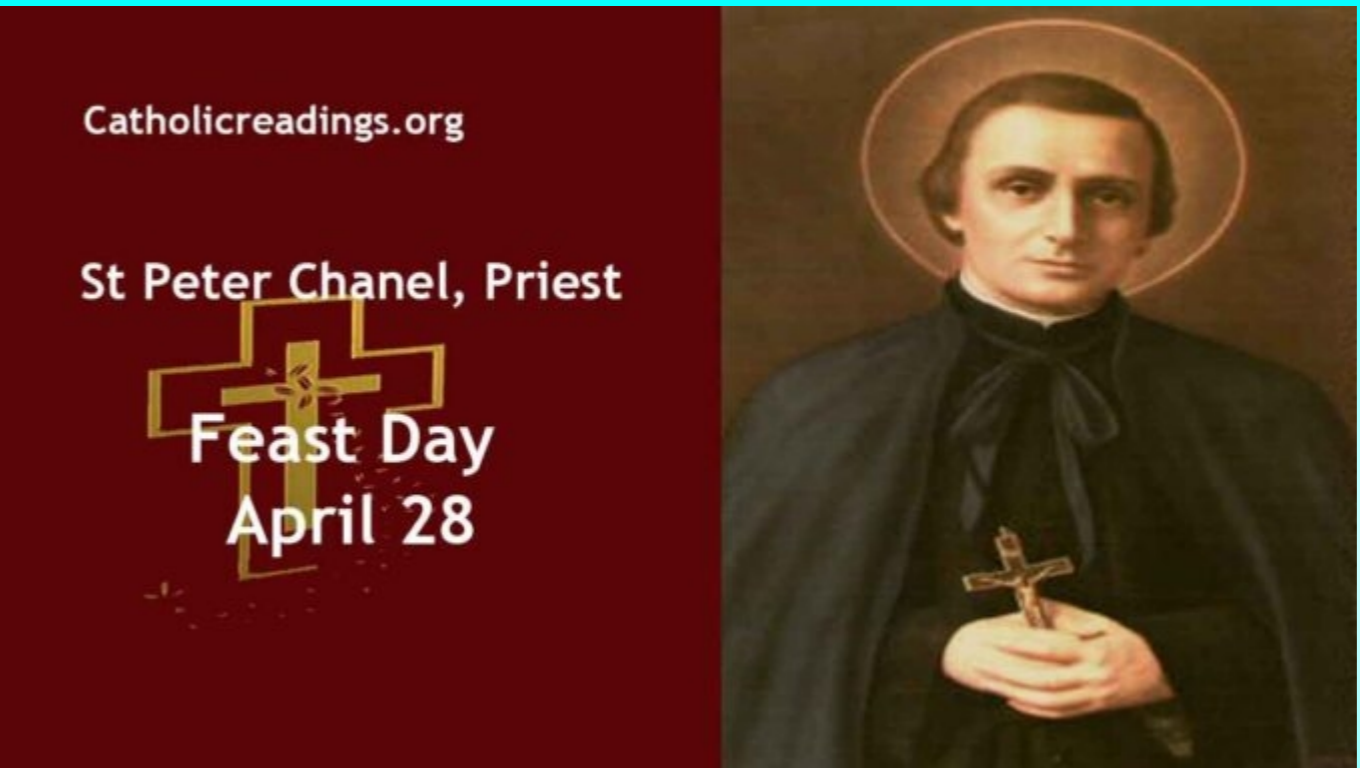
Jesus said to his disciples:
1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.
2 He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.
3 You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.
4 Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.
5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.
6 Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.
7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.
8 By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Sunday Mass Readings Homily - 28th April 2024, Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B
Today's 28th April 2024 Catholic Sunday Readings Homily Theme: I Am The True Vine and My Father is The Vine Grower - John 15:1-8

Saint Of The Day

St Peter Chanel, also known as Pierre Louis Marie Chanel, was a Catholic missionary priest of the Society of Mary or "Marists".

He was born on the 12th July 1803 in Montrevel-en-Bresse, Ain, France.
He died as a martyr on the 28th April 1841 (aged 37) in Futuna Island in Oceania.
We celebrate his feast day on the 28th April every year in the Catholic Church.



Date of Birth	12 th July 1803
Place of Birth	Montrevel-en-Bresse, Ain, France
Matrimony/Holy Orders	Saints who were Priests
Profession	Marist missionary, Priest
Place of Work	France and Futuna Island
Date of Death	April 28 1841
Place of Death	Futuna Island in Oceania
Feast Day	28 th April
Beatification	Beatified by Pope Leo XIII on 17 th November 1889
Canonization	Canonized by Pope Pius XII on 12 th June 1954
Patron Saint of	Oceania

St Peter Chanel's Biography

Saint Peter Chanel was born on 12th July 1803, in a small village called La Potière, situated close to Montrevel-en-Bresse, in the Ain department of France.

He was born to a family of peasants named Claude-François Chanel and Marie-Anne Sibellas, and was the fifth child among their eight children. At the tender age of seven, he began working as a shepherd, taking care of his father's flock of sheep. The parish priest in Peter's locality convinced his parents to let him enroll in a small school that the priest had established. Following some basic education in his hometown, Peter's exceptional devotion and intellect caught the notice of a visiting priest named Abbé Trompier from Cras. Consequently, Abbé Trompier took charge of Peter's education in Cras from the autumn of 1814. Peter received his first communion on 23rd March, 1817. Since that moment, Chanel developed a fascination for foreign missions. This inclination was sparked after he read correspondences from missionaries serving in America that were sent by Bishop Louis William Valentine Dubourg.

Peter Chanel reflected later, saying, "It was during that year that I first contemplated the idea of venturing into foreign missions." In 1819, he joined the minor seminary in Meximieux, where he excelled in Latin, Christian doctrine, and oratory, earning several academic distinctions and prizes. He continued his education at the Belley diocesan college in 1823 and subsequently enrolled in the major seminary at Brou in 1824. On 15th July, 1827, Chanel was ordained and served as an assistant priest in Ambérieu-en-Bugey for a short period. During this time, he read letters from a former curate of the same parish who had become a missionary in India.

While in Ambérieu, he befriended Claude Bret, who later became one of the initial Marist Missionaries. In the subsequent year, Chanel expressed his desire to embark on missionary work to the Bishop of Belley. However, his request was declined, and instead, he was assigned as a parish priest for three years in Crozet. Chanel's fervor was admired, and his attentive treatment of the ill in the community gained him the affection of the locals. It was during this period that Chanel learned of a faction of diocesan priests who were interested in forming a religious order devoted to Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

At 28 years old, in 1831, Chanel became a member of the recently established Society of Mary (Marists), an organization focused on local and foreign missionary work. Despite Chanel's desire to become a missionary, the Marists assigned him to serve as the spiritual mentor at the seminary of Belley, a position he held for five years.

In 1836, the Marists received a request to dispatch missionaries to the southwestern Pacific region. Chanel, who had taken his vows as a Marist along with other candidates on 24th September 1836, was appointed as the leader of a group of seven Marist missionaries.

On 24th December 1836, they embarked on their journey from Le Havre on the *Delphine*, alongside the recently appointed Bishop of Maronea (Western Oceania), Jean-Baptiste Pompallier. Chanel's journey began with a stop in the Canary Islands (8th January 1837), where his companion, Claude Bret, contracted a flu-like illness and ultimately passed away at sea on 20th March, 1837. Afterwards, Chanel traveled to Valparaíso, Chile (28th June), where the French Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (also known as the "Picpus Fathers") were situated and responsible for the administration of the Apostolic Vicariate of Eastern Oceania. Chanel's third and fourth destinations were the Gambier Islands (13th September) and Tahiti (21st September). Upon their arrival in Vava'u, Tonga, the missionaries were not received hospitably and thus proceeded to Futuna. Chanel went to nearby Futuna, and reached his destination on 8th November 1837. At first, the missionaries were greeted warmly by Niuliki, the king of Futuna. Although Chanel found it challenging to learn the local language, he persisted and eventually became proficient. Despite facing numerous challenges and a lack of resources, he demonstrated unwavering patience and bravery. Tragically, on 2nd February 1839, a cyclone swept through the island, destroying nearly all of the houses and crops. Chanel worked diligently in the midst of enormous difficulties, caring for the sick, administering last rites to the dying, and earning the nickname "the man with the kind heart" from the local community. His mission was a challenging one, as he had to deal with isolation and adapt to unfamiliar foods and customs, but over time, he started to see some positive results. Chanel faced many challenges during his mission, but eventually, he was able to baptize a few natives and instruct others.

However, King Niuliki was concerned that Christianity would undermine his authority and didn't support the missionaries. When his son, Meitala, sought to be baptized, the king sent his son-in-law, Musumusu, to deal with the


situation. Musumusu and Meitala fought, and Musumusu, injured, went to Chanel for medical help. While Chanel was attending to him, Musumusu's group ransacked his house, and Musumusu himself killed Chanel with an ax and club on 28th April 1841. Despite the tragedy, Chanel's legacy lived on. After learning of Chanel's death, Jean-Baptiste François Pompallier, who was the first Catholic bishop in New Zealand, arranged for Chanel's body to be brought to New Zealand. The body was then transported to the motherhouse of the Society of Mary in Lyon, France. In 1977, the relics were brought back to Futuna. Later, in 1985, the skull was also returned to Futuna. Catherin Servant, François Roulleaux-Dubignon, and Marie Nizier were sent by Pompallier to return to the island, and they arrived on 9th June 1842.

With time, many islanders converted to Catholicism, including Musumusu himself who expressed the desire that he be buried outside the church at Poi so that those who came to revere Chanel would walk over his grave to reach it. A special action song and dance called eke was created by the people of Futuna after Chanel's death, and it is still performed in Tonga.

Chanel was beatified and declared a martyr in 1889. He was later canonized on 12 June 1954 by Pope Pius XII. Chanel is acknowledged as the patron saint and protomartyr of Oceania.

His feast day is celebrated on 28th April, which is observed as a public holiday in Wallis and Futuna.

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