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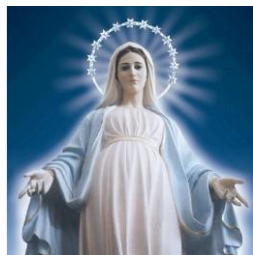
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Mass Intentions This Week



Saturday
Carol Karpinski
Sunday
Parishioners of St. Peter the Apostle

Next Weeks Readings

6th Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 Responsorial Psalm: 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
 Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10
 Gospel: John 15:9-17

We welcome all visitors and new parishioners to our parish family. Frequent part-time attendees are encouraged to register. Registration forms are located in the narthex.

Knights of Columbus Council 9309

If you are a Catholic man 18 years or older and wish to join our Council please contact:
 Jerry Beil (252-586-0635)
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Weekday Masses:

TUE. - FRI.: 9:00 AM

SATURDAY: 5:30PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM

Holy Days - As Announced.

ADORATION/BENEDICTION

and ROSARY: First Thursday of the month, after 9:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS: First Saturday

of the Month at 4:30 p.m., and by appointment.

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Last Tuesday of the month, after 9:00am Mass.

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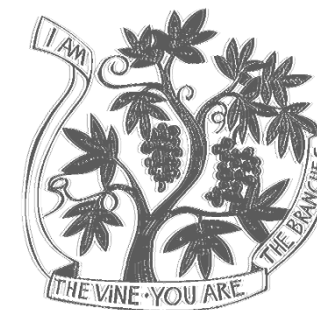
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5th Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases:

bear fruit, he prunes, because of the word, remain in me

To the point: Bearing fruit—and even more fruit—requires pruning. The pruning tool of the Father-vine grower is the Son's

word. Allowing this word to shape us brings forth a life-giving relationship with Jesus (likened to a branch that remains on a vine) that assures abundant and good fruit. Five times we are told to bear fruit. Eight times we are told to remain in Jesus. How many times, then, must we be shaped by the word?

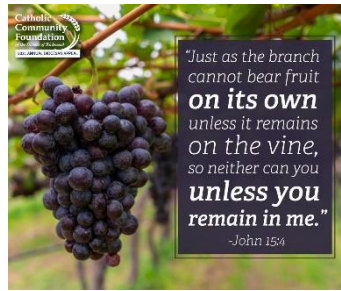
Connecting the Gospel

... to the Second Reading: The Second Reading makes very concrete how we remain in Jesus: by keeping his commandment of love in deed and truth.

... to experience: Every gardener knows the value and necessity of pruning. The hard work of cutting away what is dead, unwanted, or overgrown is rewarded by lushness of new growth.

Calendar of Events & Special Announcements

The office will be closed May 6th and 7th. Please call the rectory for a pastoral emergency.



It's a classic trope from folklore: some magical entity (perhaps a genie?) says they will grant you a single wish. What do you ask for? Something practical, like your mortgage being paid off? Or something extravagant, like a never-ending supply of mangoes?

Now re-imagine that scenario with one slight difference: you already have everything you could ever need. Because, in a sense, you do. You are loved and have been redeemed by the all-powerful God of the universe, a reality we focus on throughout this Easter season. Even death itself has been defeated! When we live with acceptance of and gratitude for this mystery, our desires and wishes are transformed. We can't help but want to share the love with others. This is the fruit of "remaining in" relationship with Jesus, the vine that connects us back to the Father. When you're most connected to Jesus, how do you desire to help your parish community? One big way you can contribute is through supporting our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Take some time this week to root yourself in the Lord, and see how He might be asking you to fruitfully support this important cause.

Next Week's MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 8th
Ushers: Jeanne Kurilla
 Paul Kurilla
Lectors: Chuck Youse
 Mark Fracassa
Counter: Carmie Chini
Altar: Jeanne Kurilla
Server: Dan Moyles
May 9th
Ushers: Carol Warfel
 Jay Warfel
Lectors: Tom O'Neill
 Anne O'Neill
Counter: Olvin Rodrigues
Altar: Myrna Rodrigues
Server: Jay Warfel

Weekly Offerings

April 25th
 Offertory: **\$2766**
 Votive Stand: **\$32**
 Poor Box: **\$184**
 ParishSoft Egiving: **\$341.45**

Mass Attendance:	
Saturday-04/24	46
Sunday-04/25	57



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- 1 **Al Meyer**
- 2 **Kaid Moody**
- 6 **Kenneth Baron**
- 6 **Jean Maynes**
- 7 **Joanne Tomazic**
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- 29 **Linda Becker**
- 29 **Ali Hren**
- 29 **Jean Sasscer**
- 31 **Tim Burns**



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 5-18-2013
Lillian & Al Meyer
 5-20-1967

Be Fruitful and Multiply

The first command God gave to human beings was "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen.1:28). In the Gospel Reading, there is a kind of reiteration of this command. At any rate, the text describes the bad things that happen to people who are not fruitful. In Genesis, the fruitfulness has to do with reproduction. It comes from union between a man and a woman, and it multiplies God's image in the production of children. The fruitfulness at issue in the Gospel comes from connection too,

but connection with Christ. It comes when Christ is in you, and you are in him.

This reciprocal being-in is a funny state of affairs, isn't it? You can put a bowl in a box, or you can put a box in a bowl. But the box can't be in the bowl when the bowl is in the box!

Boxes and bowls can't manage reciprocal being-in. But persons can, because of love. Love unites you and your beloved without either one of you losing your identity. The union of love is not a fusing; it is a mutual indwelling.

In the Gospel Reading, Christ says that he always remains in his own. So if you yield to Christ in love, you have what is needed for the mutual indwelling of love. You are your beloved's, and he is yours. (Song of Songs 6:3) There is joy in this love, because Christ is so much with you that he is in you. There is peace, too, because there is rest for the heart in having your beloved with you.

Your sins and the storms of life retain their power to afflict you. But you can more easily put up with things, even your own troublesome self, if your beloved is yours and you are his.

In that mutual indwelling, then, there is love, joy, peace, patience and longsuffering. But these very things are fruits of the Holy Spirit. When they grow in you, you are bearing fruit.

Finally, consider: is there a more powerful witness than a life lived in love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering? If you have the fruits of the Holy Spirit in you, you will multiply God's image in others too. And so, by remaining in Christ, you are doing what will make you be fruitful and multiply.

Eleonore Stump

https://liturgy.sluhostedsites.org/5/EasterB050221/reflections_stump.html



People will stay on the prayer list for the sick for 1 month. After that time, if you would like your love one to go back on the list for the following month, please call the office and let Elizabeth know. We encourage parishioners to use this list during their daily prayer time to pray for those who are sick. May we all lift one another up in prayer during times of need.

Rose Gongla, Bernie Haefner, Suzanne & George McCall, David & Katie Berlin, Zony & Bob Warwick, Paula Freeze, Caleb Lentz, Erika Billera, Joe Dart, Richard McGovern, Mike McFadden, Karen White, Lynn Martin, Tamara Burns, Kyle Pelletier, Jack Reilly, Eileen Wurzer, Lexie Burns, Pat Hamlet, Josh, Judy, & Emma Pelletier, Greg Serangeli, Diane McKillips, David Finds, Ann Mogilnicki, Dave Radford, Tom Eddy, Susan Turner, Kathy Karpinski, Jessie Ginsberg, Mary Marshall, Jeff Johnson, Rose Marie Bates, Mary Purdy, Fred Gasko, Nicole Matteson, Mary Jo Bankard, Madison Reid, Megan Sullivan, Peg Myers, Roger Pruhs, MaryAnn Newmyer, Emma Williamson, Jack Fioriti, Peter J. Hamilton, Linda & Steve Miller, Jo Anne Sprouse, Carol Haefner

Please contact the office to update the Parish Sick List. Office.....434-636-6277

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The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their annual Mother's Day Mass on Sunday, May 9th and invite all Mothers of the Parish to attend and be recognized for the very special people they are.

Called TO serve

Currently there are four vacancies on the Parish Pastoral Council. If you are interested in representing your church or know of someone you feel would be an asset to St. Peter's, please contact Father Jong, Elizabeth Martin or Jay Warfel.