

Fifth Sunday  
of Easter  
April 28, 2024  
Sing a new song to the Lord!

Después de su conversión en el camino de Damasco, san Pablo se presentó a los apóstoles para que su misión fuera autentica en el seno de la Iglesia (PRIMERA LECTURA). San Juan nos habla después de la esencia de esta misión de apostolado, cifrada en la intimidad con Jesús: "que creamos los unos a los otros, conforme al precepto que nos dio" (SEGUNDA LECTURA). Luego, el mismo san Juan nos relata la parábola de la viña (EVANGELIO), en la que Jesús dice: "Yo soy la vid, ustedes los sarmientos", para indicarnos que vivimos de su vida.

Masses For The Week	
<b>sab 27</b> 04:30 pm	<b>Vigilia del IV Domingo de Pascua</b> Missa Pro Populo
<b>dom 28</b> 10:30 am	<b>IV Domingo de Pascua</b> +M/M Eduardo Ruiz (Cesar Vásquez) +María Chapa (Daughters) +Servando Rodríguez, Jr. (Su Esposa y Familia)
<b>Sun 28</b> 12:30 pm	<b>IV Sunday of Easter</b> +Fr. Vladimiro Manente, OMI (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa) +Juan Manuel Casarez, Sr. (Family) +Jesús & Josefa Hernández (Socorro Agüero & Family)
<b>Mon 29</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tue 30</b> 08:00 am	<b>Easter Weekday</b> +Judge Louis H. Bruni (Herminia Torres)
<b>Wed 01</b> 08:00 am	<b>Easter Weekday</b> +Jose Manuel Salinas (His Mother & Family)
<b>Thr 02</b> 08:00 am	<b>Easter Weekday</b> +Arturo Andrew (Herminia Torres)
<b>Fri 03</b> 08:00 am	<b>Saints Philip and James, Apostles</b> +José Blanquez (María Blanquez)
<b>Sat 04</b> 08:00 am	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Elizabeth Snow Collazo – Birthday (Collazo Family)

**The Sanctuary Candle**



**This Week will be Burning For**  
+All Souls in Purgatory

## Good News!

April 28, 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)  
Acts 9:26-31 / 1 John 3:18-24 / John 15:1-8  
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**The common myth is that we receive a new body every seven years as cells die and are replaced. However, stomach cells are renewed every two days or so because of acids and enzymes. Skin cells are replaced every two to three weeks. Bone cells last about ten years, and our brain cells stay with us for our entire lives. In a sense, then, we might say that our bodies are pruned, part of us remaining long-term to nurture and sustain like the trunk of a tree, and part of us severed so that life may be renewed and continue on.**

If so with our bodies, are not our spirits also pruned? There is a core part of who we are that wends its way throughout our lives. Yet that "who" has rough edges in need of being smoothed; barbs need to be dulled; and certain inclinations simply need to be severed. Spouses tend to prune one another, the grace of a loving marriage. Children sometimes keep parents honest. Life events may grind down our independence and self-sufficiency. Illnesses, aging, job loss, the death of loved ones—all forcing us to recognize that we are not in control of life. We are thus pruned, forced to surrender much of what we once thought we could control.

Where is God in all of this? If God is woven into the warp and woof of all life, then all the events and rhythms of life can draw us closer to God, pruning us into goodness and fruitfulness. ●

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## Dear Padre

April 28, 2024

**Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?**


You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son's memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.

- Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature's way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
- Allow your friends to help. "Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened."
- If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32-35).
- If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it's just doing dishes or yard work.
- Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
- Don't be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
- Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
- After you have done everything you can, leave your loss in God's hands. The Lord will do for you what you cannot do for yourself. ●

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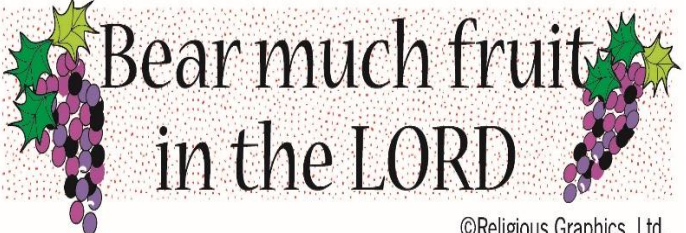
### MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE



Pick up your *Mother's Day Mass Remembrance* envelopes located in the entrances of the church. Please deposit them in the collection basket. Mother's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 12, 2024. Remember to include living and/or deceased.

**Commemoración de la Misa de las Madres**  
Recoja sus sobres de *Commemoración de la Misa de las Madres que están en las entradas de la iglesia. Dépositelo en la canasta de la colecta. El día de las Madres se celebrará el domingo, 12 de mayo 2024. Recuerde de incluir vivas y/o difuntas.*

Bear much fruit  
in the LORD



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**WHEN YOU MOVE**  
... please inform the Parish Office, 724-6881, of your new address as soon as possible. It costs the Parish for each piece of mail sent out with a wrong address. If your phone number has changed, please call the office with that information as well.

**Cuando Usted Se Mueve**  
... por favor informarle a la Oficina de la Parroquia, 724-6881, de su nueva dirección lo más pronto posible. Le cuesta a la parroquia por cada pedazo de correo mandado a su dirección incorrecta. Si su número de teléfono ha cambiado, por favor llame a la oficina también con esa información.

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**  
Eva Escamilla, Oscar & Margarita Noriega, Justin Pecina, Irma Santos, Gerardo Castro, Guadalupe Ortiz, María E. Maldonado, Alicia Guardiola, and Rosie Hinojosa.

REMAIN IN ME



AS I REMAIN IN YOU

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**Colecta de la Semana Pasada**  
Envelopes: \$ 2,196.00  
Loose: \$ 196.00  
Children's Envelopes: \$ 14.51

**Total Sunday Collection: \$ 2,406.51**

**Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 4,359.22**



**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**  
Did you know...What is happening in the diocese to protect children? Training is provided for all adults and youth to identify warning signs and develop strategies for maintaining a safe environment for all. A designated Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to receive reports and accompany victims through their journey. A volunteer independent Review Board assists the bishop in the review of cases and makes recommendations for moving forward. A Safe Environment Coordinator assists parish and school personnel with training and background screenings for anyone who may have access to children. An audit is conducted by an independent firm to evaluate implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Findings are incorporated with those of other dioceses and made available in an Annual Report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

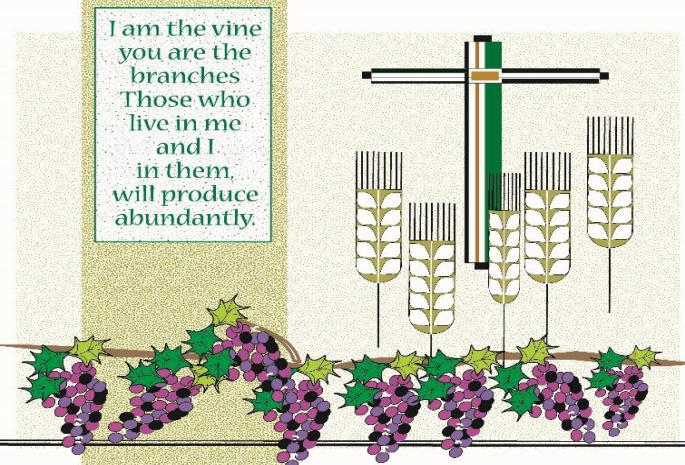
**1<sup>st</sup> Penance for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion on Saturday,  
May 11@ 3:30p-4:10p**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATE**  
First Communion candidates will receive First Holy Communion on Sun, May 19 at 12:30 pm Mass  
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**Penance for Confirmation on Saturday,  
May 18 @ 3:30p-4:10p**

**CONFIRMATION DATE**  
Confirmation candidates will receive Confirmation on  
Sun, May 26 at 12:30 pm Mass

I am the vine  
you are the  
branches  
Those who  
live in me  
and I  
in them,  
will produce  
abundantly.



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