

APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Please Pray for our young parishioners *Preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation*

Alianna	Brody	Bruce	Cadence	Claire	David	Elliot
Eva	Hayden	Jared	Jeremy	Kashton	Kayden	Liliana
Mason	Nathan	Reid	Rhett	Thomas	Tolson	Wyatt

Please Pray for our young parishioners *Preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion*

Clair	Gavin	Marcus
Mireya	Myles	Grace
Sophia	Timothy	Xander

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5th Sunday of Easter – April 28, 2024

1st Reading: Acts 9, 26-31

2nd Reading: 1 John 3, 18 - 24

Gospel: John 15, 1- 8

Seeking to be Pruned

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. 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. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you." John 15:1-3

Pruning a vine is an important part of helping it to grow and produce not only more fruit but the best fruit. If left unpruned, a grape vine will eventually produce less fruit and poorer quality fruit. Good pruning helps to direct the nourishment of the vine to the new buds that are most fruitful.

Jesus' teaching above uses the imagery of pruning a vine to help us understand that faith must lead to charity. First, Jesus says that He is the "true vine." He is the only source of the nourishment we need for the new life of grace. He is the only way to Heaven and salvation. Knowing our Lord and being attached to Him firmly is faith. Second, our Lord says that He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit. This indicates that faith without the good fruit of charity is dead and is like a branch on a vine that produces nothing. Third, when Jesus finds a branch that bears good fruit, he doesn't leave it alone. Instead, He prunes it with loving attention so that "it bears more fruit."

To apply these teachings to your own life, begin by looking at your faith as if it were a branch firmly attached to a vine. Do you believe all that God has spoken through His holy Word? It is useful to regularly examine your conscience in regard to your faith. Since faith is the first step in the spiritual life, it must remain firmly grounded in the Truth God has revealed. This means we must regularly study the Word of God as it is revealed through the Scriptures and the catechetical teachings of the Church, and assent to those teachings with all our mind.

Next, after affirming your faith in all that God has spoken through the Scriptures and the Church, try to examine your charity. Do you see concrete acts of love in your life that result from your faith? In other words, we can "love" many things in a purely emotional sort of way. But charity is based on faith, not on how we feel. Charity is the fruit of faith. What acts of charity can you point to in your life? What have you sensed God calling you to do in a selfless and sacrificial way? Have you done it?

Finally, when you discover the ways that charity is alive within you, know that God will focus His pruning there. Pruning can be painful. It will require sacrifice, patience in the face of trial, overcoming selfishness, and doing things you don't feel like doing. In fact, sometimes God even makes charitable acts seem unpleasant as a way of pruning your motivations and making them more pure, based more on faith than on emotion. But this is good.

Jesus, most glorious Vine, You and You alone are the source of all nourishment in life. From You all good things come. Help me to have a firm faith in You and all that You have revealed, so that this faith will bud forth and bring about an abundance of good fruit for the glorious building up of Your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You. (mycatholiclife.com)



Adult Ticket
\$50

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**Harvest Fest Dinner,
Dance & Auction**
Sponsored by
St Maria Goretti Church
Saturday, Sept 7, 2024
Devon Community Centre
Cocktails: 5:30pm Dinner: 6:30pm

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Knights of Columbus - Devon

Pancake Brunch this Sunday April 28

Please join us after Mass!!



Hope & Dignity is a pastoral initiative in the Archdiocese of Edmonton to equip Catholics to be effective witnesses in their families, parishes, workplaces and communities. In response to the pro-“MAiD” messages we hear from the secular media, government and even our highest court, the Catholic Church offers **real hope** and **true dignity** to those who are suffering and dying.

A Catholic response to
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 and **Assisted Suicide**

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YOUCAT Study Group

The YOUCAT is the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church. Although written for the youth, it is relevant for all to study and learn from. It has a different format from the Catechism of the Catholic Church as it clusters various passages from the catechism and poses them as a question. The four major parts include: What We Believe, How We Celebrate the Christian Mysteries, How We Are to Have Life in Christ, How We Should Pray.

The next YOUCAT Study Group will meet on **Friday, May 10 at 9:45 am** at St. Maria Goretti Parish; following the morning Mass This group is sponsored by the Catholic Woman’s League and as our Spiritual Advisor, Father Luan will be with us.

All parishioners from all parishes are welcomed to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS

When a priest celebrates Mass every day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention. By doing so, he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. To request a Mass intention, please visit or call the parish office.

Mass Intentions for this week

Date		Intention
27	Sat	Rest of Soul of Larry Savoie R.I.P. & Rest of the Soul of Evelyn Roque R.I.P.
28	Sun	Forchuck and Hoshowski Families - Living & Deceased / Phil Blanchette - Birthday
30	Tue	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Kirsten Rhodes
1	Wed	Fajardo Family - Living & Deceased
2	Thu	In honour of the Holy Spirit
3	Fri	Rest of the Soul of Joe Blanchette R.I.P.
4	Sat	Rhodes & Hills Family members, Living & Deceased
5	Sun	Rest of the Soul of Mary

Sick? Shut-in?

Would you like to receive communion? Please call the office at 780-987-2858 to arrange communion, and/or to be put on our prayer list.