

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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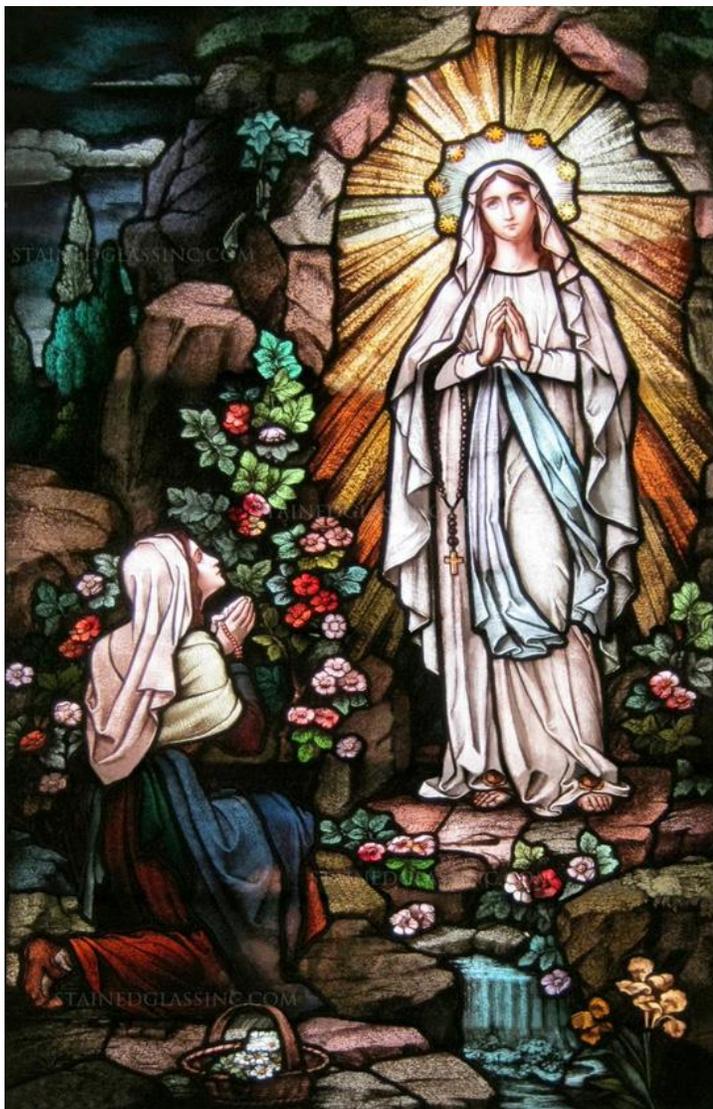
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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30pm Adoration
6:00pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am
Also by Appointment

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

~ CELEBRATE THE JOY OF EASTER SEASON! ~
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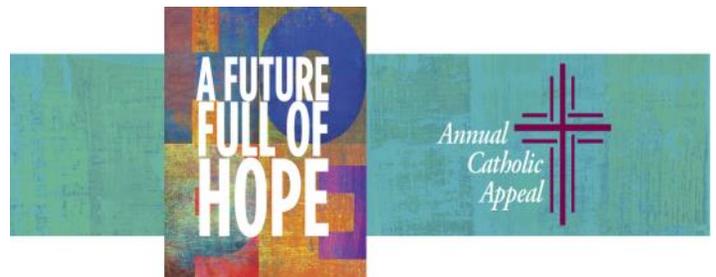
FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Donation	\$3,111.00
Donation Online	\$892.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
Total Donation	\$4,008.00



THANK YOU!

COLLECTED: \$4,654



The Annual Catholic Appeal funds over 60 ministries and services throughout our Western Washington communities, including pastoral care and outreach ministries, faith formation, Catholic schools, youth and young adults, seminarian education, family and cultural ministries and Catholic community services, among many others.



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

**2021 Appeal Goal:
\$23,246**

Received as of 4/30/21: \$2,970

Sunday Readings 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9: 26-31, 53; 1 John 3: 18-24
John 15: 1-8



**“I am the true vine and my Father
is the vine grower.”**

John 15: 1

Jesus Transforms Us from the Inside Out

History's greatest leaders influence people from the outside in.

With their speech, their ideas, their example, and even their presence they move and motivate those around them, drawing others and stirring them to action.

Jesus Christ, however, goes much deeper, influencing us also from the inside out.

- He not only calls us from the outside, through the voice of the Church, the actions of Providence, and the example of his faithful disciples.
- But he also unites himself to us so intimately that his very life flows through our veins.
- "I am the vine, you are the branches," he explains in today's Gospel.
- Where does a vine stop and its branches begin?
- Their union is too complete to tell.
- The same sap gives life to the vine and to its branches.
- Just so, grace is God's own divine life flowing through Christ and into us.
- In this way, as in so many other ways, Jesus Christ stands alone among great historical figures.
- Not only does he excel all others in their own game, but he plays in an entirely different league; he is a leader, but he is also the Lord.

How grateful we should be that he has seen fit to make us branches of his vine!

And yet, as human beings we are a unique kind of branch.

- We are responsible for keeping ourselves united to the vine.
- And if we don't, Jesus makes it perfectly clear that we will not bear fruit; we will wither, die, and be burned.

So the question arises, how do we stay united to the vine, so that we can bear fruit and share in eternal life?

In this passage, Jesus points out four ways to do just that.

- First, staying united to the vine means constantly growing in our life of prayer.
- Second, "remaining in Christ" means making good use of the sacraments, most especially the sacraments of the Eucharist and confession.
- Third, staying united to the vine requires loving obedience to God's will.
- Fourth, staying united to the vine means allowing God to prune us.

Conclusion: God Wants Us to Bear Fruit

Prayer, the sacraments, loving obedience, and suffering in union with Christ are what keep the Christian sap flowing in our lives.

They yield the fruit we yearn for most:

- a life that resounds with meaning and energy,
 - a life that positively impacts others and exudes joy and enthusiasm,
 - a life that changes this world for the better in as profound a way as Christ's own life did,
- and a life whose meaning and impact overflow into eternity.

This is what God wants for us; this is why Jesus came to earth: "By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." Bearing such fruit makes life worth living; without it we are dry, dead branches good for nothing except the fire.

As we continue with this Mass, let's thank God from the depths of our hearts for uniting us to the vine of Christ. And when we receive our Lord in Holy Communion, let's promise him that this week we will make a decent effort to do our part to protect and strengthen that union.

For Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, listening to God in prayer was the very first link in the sacred chain of interior peace. Here's how she put it:

"The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace..."

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

- SUN 5/02** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/
Jn 15:1-8
- MON 5/03** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
- TUE 5/04** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
- WED 5/05** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
- THR 5/06** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
- FRI 5/07** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
- SAT 5/08** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- SUN 5/09** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

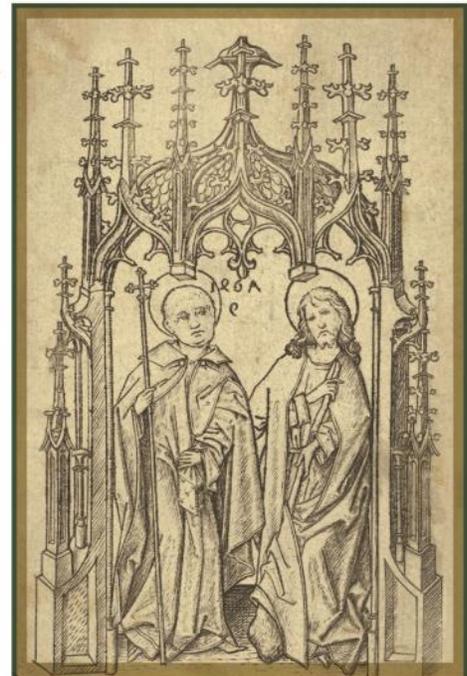
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
- Monday:** Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles
- Wednesday:** Cinco de Mayo
- Thursday:** National Day of Prayer
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

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Inspiration for the week

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.



Sts. PHILLIP
& JAMES

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*Prayer
is the bridge
between panic
and peace.*