



April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

"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." (Jn 15:5)

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My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

~ Fr John Muir

Prayers of Protection for Our Men and Woman in the Service In continued prayerful support of our men and women in the military, please call the rectory with name, rank, and branch of service and location (if allowed) of your loved ones who are serving our country.

Christopher Bruzzone, SPC, Army Combat Medic

1LT Daniel Realini, US Army

Eric M. Warren, US Air Force

Major Deron T Warren, DO, US Air Force, MC

Tom Harold Purple, US Army

Adam J Helmers, US Navy

Gregory M Grogan, PO1, USCG-R

Michael Obregon, CPL, USMC

Luigi Lorenzo, 2nd Lieutenant US Airforce

Enrico Enriquez US Army

Jacob Arnold, Sergeant, US Army

Ben Soto, US Airforce

Ken Soto, US Air National Guard

James Raphael R. Cepriano, US Navy

John Lorenzo R. Cepriano, US Navy

Dominic Galarza, US Army

Michael Laemmlein, US Navy

Matthew A. Martinez, 1st Lieutenant US Army

Katie Kramer, Staff Sergeant, Nebraska National Guard

Timothy Joseph Summit, US Air Force



St. Dunstan Parish Prayer

God, our Father, we are all your children. Jesus, our Brother, you taught us to love. Holy Spirit, by Your Light, may our parish family grow. St. Dunstan, pray for us. Amen.

FAMILY MASS!

One Sunday each month through May, St. Dunstan School grades K through 8 will take a turn hosting the monthly Sunday Family Mass at 10 am. A reception will be held in the parish center immediately after the Mass. We welcome everyone to the Family Mass.

10 AM FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE & HOSTING CLASS

+ Sunday, May 19, 2024

Kindergarten

New - Walk with Jesus Across the Golden Gate Bridge! Sunday, May 19, 2024, 11:00am Mass at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption – 1111 Gough St.

****Monday, May 20, 2024, 1:30pm**

Walk Eucharistic procession to St. Raphael Parish via Albert Park – 151 Andersen Dr., San Rafael
Contact: Sandra Kearney | 415-614-5505 |

kearneys@sfarch.org

Join us for the launch of the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage from the West with the St. Junipero Serra Route.

Join Archbishop Cordileone and the Eucharistic Perpetual Pilgrims for 11:00am Mass at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption followed by a pilgrimage walk with the Blessed Sacrament across the Golden Gate Bridge. ****On Monday, May 20, don't miss the Eucharistic procession in downtown San Rafael, starting at 3:00pm, followed by a celebration and hosted dinner at St. Raphael parish.**

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary.

We invite all parishioners to join us each Saturday in May at 12 noon at the church grotto to pray the Rosary.



Come, and pray, you will be glad you did!



April 29 - May 4, 2024

- Sunday** 7:00 am For Parish
10:00 am Leonora Di Nitto
11:30 am Joseph & Albina Caimotto
- Monday** 6:30 am Mary Quinn
8:00 am Tomas G. Evangelista
5:10 pm Louise Ghorze
- Tuesday** 6:30 am Janet Shank
8:00 am Joseph Spiteri
5:10 pm Jose Concepcion, Jr.
- Wednesday** 6:30 am Alexandria Dizon (living)
8:00 am Quigg-Franco Family (dec)
5:10 pm John M. & Margaret Agius
- Thursday** 6:30 am Patrick & Lena Costello
8:00 am Frank Cannizzaro
5:10 pm Fr. Brendan Hally (living)
- Friday** 6:30 am Anton Ancelj
8:00 am David, John & Maria Muscat
5:10 pm Ed Phipps
- Saturday** 8:00 am Mr & Mrs J.J. Cappel
5:00 pm Bob Bullard

We Pray for the Deceased Members of our Parish Family

Elio Piccinini

Thank you to our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers For Serving at this Weekend's Masses.

4/27 Saturday
5:00 PM L Pascual, E Lumanlan, E Danli, A Woolen, P Sundberg

4/28 Sunday
7:00 AM G Miranda, V Tanjuakio, R Tanjuakio
10:00 AM G Magoolaghan, Lorna V., Z Aguas Guevarra, K Atkinson, A Academia
11:30 AM L Roxas, G Simpao, L Simpao, J Lazaro, K Tsh

Many thanks to our ushers and greeters at this weekend's mass. If you're interested in helping, please contact Ann at the rectory.

Is God Calling You to be a Sister? Join the Daughters of Charity SEARCH & SERVE RETREAT- a religious vocation discernment week in the BAY AREA--May 22 - 27, 2024! SEARCH your heart. EXPLORE your future. SERVE those living in Poverty with Sisters. STAY with Sisters. Contact Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. Srlaguna@doc1633.org Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/



Regular Collection Apr 20-21: \$6,303.00

Online Collection Apr 20-21: \$1,403.00

This weekend's Second Collection is for Catholic Home Missions

Thank you for ALL your support !

April 2024 Second Collections
April 21: Parish Maintenance & Development Fund
April 28: Catholic Home Missions Collection

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday: St. Pius V, Pope
- Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker
- Thursday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer
- Friday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

Parishioners, we are happy to announce that our second grade school and CCD students will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5 at the 10 am & 11:30 am Masses. May they always feel the presence of Jesus in their lives and be blessed with peace, love, and happiness.

Our 8th grade school and CCD students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 11 at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.

We pray for the sick members of our parish family and for those who care for them:

Susan Silvera-Dunn, Nafal Jweinat, Emily Marshall, Mary Spiteri, Annie O'Sullivan, Wilma & Heather Aragon, Vonnie Spencer, Maria Teresa Rosario, Kathy Montiel, Ida Marinaro, Letty Santa Cruz, Mike Phipps, Karen Neal, Joel Rivera, Diane Vanoncini, Eric B. Garcia, Peggy Winkenbach, Jr, Barbara Cappel, Irene Aubright, Christine Monahan, Paul Leung, Arthur Starrh, Margaret Armstrong, Valentino Regal, Christine Regal, Matilda An, Carolina Cedia Orantes, Lori Coustier, Carole Weldon, Rosa Mallare, Doug Wright, Joan Walsh, Cheryl Spray, Conchita Chao, Lucrecia Merida, Joshua Liu, Andrew de los Reyes, Marchita Obregon, Carmel Richard, Frank Richard, Fiona Selig, Geronimo De Los Reyes, Fernando S. De Los Reyes, Cruz David Lagomarsino, Dave Marquez, Denise Fricano, Terry Marquez, Dominic Cannuli, Rosemarie Regal, Yolanda Viteri, Flordeliz Sanchez Ledesma, Luke Skall, Willie Manalang, Consuelo Robel, Gary Wilson, Baby Leon Regal, Michael Regal, Sharon Alejo, Rolando Lopez, Olivia and Grace Hallermann, Meaghan Douglas, Cynthia Aclaro, Antonio Borlat, Dawn Rossi, Kathy Wilson, Rolando Lopez, Fr. Brendan Hally, Claro Zulueta, Marcelina Gatchalian, Harry Aubright, Barbara Vas, Charlie Silva, Imelda Arceo, Samuel Williams, Baby Winston Regal, Carlos Yegros Ocanipos, Dorice Mallia, Gladys Tordaro, Sylan Joanne Newsom, Alicia Abell, Ralph Sternick, Virginia Victoria Rivera, Nancy Christensen