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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 28TH 2024

WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT



Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

V DOMINGO DE PASCUA

EL QUE PERMANECE EN MÍ Y YO EN ÉL, ÉSE DA FRUTO ABUNDANTE

La lectura del Evangelio de hoy está tomada de la mitad del discurso de la Última Cena. Jesús habla de su relación con sus discípulos. En su metáfora de la vid y los sarmientos, Jesús hace referencia a las Escrituras hebreas. En las Escrituras hebreas, Israel es la viña, y Yahvé mismo cuida la viña. Uno de los temas principales del Evangelio de Juan es mostrar que Jesús es el cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios a Israel.

En este pasaje, Jesús enseña a sus discípulos que su relación con ellos no terminará después de su muerte; Él permanecerá con ellos para siempre. Esta unidad entre Jesús y sus discípulos es la base de su capacidad para continuar haciendo la obra que él comenzó. De manera similar, la presencia de Jesús con nosotros a través del Don del Espíritu Santo nos permite continuar la obra de amor y reconciliación que él comenzó.

Jesús también enseña a sus discípulos sobre la importancia de las palabras que les ha enseñado. Así como Jesús permanecerá en los discípulos, también lo harán sus palabras. Llegamos a conocer a Jesús a través de las Escrituras, la Palabra viva de Dios. Nuestro compromiso de ser discípulos de Cristo se sostiene a través de la Palabra de Dios. Este compromiso se fortalece también con nuestra vida de oración y se alimenta de la Eucaristía. A través de la Eucaristía, Jesús habita en nosotros, permanece con nosotros y nos transforma para que podamos dar fruto en su nombre.

Observamos a muchas personas que actúan de manera que muestran su compromiso de servir al prójimo. Cristianos y no cristianos alimentan a los hambrientos, cuidan a los enfermos, albergan a los desamparados y dan limosna a los pobres. Estas acciones se convierten en actos de discipulado cristiano cuando están motivadas por nuestra relación con Jesús. Cualquiera que sean los resultados inmediatos, Jesús nos promete que estas acciones darán frutos cuando las emprendamos en su nombre.

THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES ARE THE ANSWER WHEN WE'VE MESSED UP: POPE

If we are discouraged, God awakens hope in us; and if our heart is hardened, God softens it with His love. Aleiteia

All of us can end up drinking the poison of pride, and just a drop of it is enough to spoil a “whole life marked by goodness,” says Pope Francis. But also, “if we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit – the Master of the interior life – He revives the theological virtues in us.” The Pope said this in the general audience of April 24, as he continued his teaching on virtues and vices. Having finished the reflections on the cardinal virtues, he moved on to the theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity.

The Holy Father warned against the “powerful poison” of pride, saying that we need the theological virtues to aim for a good life not just for ourselves. A “drop” of pride “is enough to spoil a whole life marked by goodness.” *“A person may have performed a mountain of good deeds, may have reaped accolades and praise, but if he has done all this only for himself, to exalt himself, can he still call himself a virtuous person? No!”*

Our aim for goodness needs to be “stripped of that sometimes too cumbersome presence that is our ego.” *To correct all these situations, which sometimes become painful, the theological virtues are of great help. They are especially so in times of falling, because even those with good moral intentions sometimes fall.*

In fact, “we all fall in life, because we are all sinners,” the Pope assured. “Just as even those who practice virtue daily sometimes make mistakes; we all make mistakes in life”: *Intelligence is not always clear, will is not always firm, passions are not always governed, courage does not always overcome fear.*

But if we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit – the Master of the interior life – He revives the theological virtues in us: Then, if we have lost confidence, God reopens us to faith; with the strength of the Spirit, if we have lost confidence, God reopens us to faith; if we are discouraged, God awakens hope in us; and if our heart is hardened, God softens it with His love.



SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English,
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at
5:00 pm in the Church. 4th Saturday of the
month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:
10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday
from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

PARISH STAFF

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Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: Kim Hartford—Kathy Nathan

9:00 am Sun. Mass: Stefania Ortiz

11:15 am Sun. Mass Parish Choir

Angelica Lozano

Custodian

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions April 27th— May 5th 2024

Saturday Vigil April 27th 4:30: +Bill Roberts

Misa en Espanol en Cachagua

7:00 pm: + Esperanza Morales, y + Yuli Perez (9 Aniv.)

Sunday April 28th 9:00: Health of Pete Hansen

11:15: + Lyle Cavin III

Wed. May 1st 12:00: + Barney Hulse

Thurs. May 2nd 12:00: + Health of Vicki Schread

Fri. May 3rd 12:00: + Kathy McDonald

Sat. Vigil May 4th 4:30: + Barbie Burdick

Sun. May 5th 9:00: + Brenda Shakal

11:15: Candidates for First Communion:

Adam Camarillo, Evan Camarillo, Andrea Olvera and
Zoe Robare

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 20th & 21st 2024:

\$2,209.45

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- Alex Gray (chair), Jim Rice (secretary), A.B. Introcaso, Jack McAleer, Ed Quinnan

Faith Formation

- **First Communion:** Susan Franks (1st year) Jennifer Bodner (2nd year). Supply teacher: Brisa Cabrera (1st year)
- **Confirmation:** Tess Arthur (2nd year). Supply teacher: Alondra Klemek.
- **RCIA / Adult Faith Formation:** John Condon—Derwin Borling

Bereavement Ministry:

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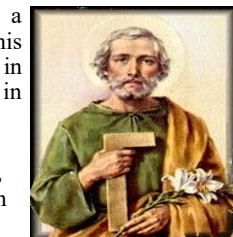
EVENT CALENDAR

First Friday Adoration, May 3rd 12:30—6:00 pm.

First Communion Bilingual Mass, Sun. May 5th at 11:15am

No week day Masses on May 6th—10th 2024. Clergy Study Days.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: MAY 1ST SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER.



Joseph understood the importance of work. He was a carpenter—a builder—and probably taught Jesus his trade. Through his work, Joseph honored the Father in heaven and continued the act of creation. He lived in dignity.

To give workers a patron, the Church turned to Joseph, who had been made the Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX in 1870 and the model for fathers of families. Joseph was named protector of workers by Pope Benedict XV, and in 1955, the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker on May 1 was proclaimed by Pius the XII (In many Catholic Countries this feast day it is celebrated as Labor Day Holiday) Let us pray to Saint Joseph for his help in all our work and for those many people who want and need jobs but cannot find them.

Blessing of our new Baptismal Font. Parishioners Ray and Pat Lucido donated it in memory of their beloved nephew Mario Cunha

Congratulations to our newly confirmed on April 21st (from left to right) Alan Martinez, Josselyn Garcia, Tess Arthur (Catechist), Bishop Danny, Fr. Jhonntan, Nick Martorella, Vicky Martinez, and Anthony Sandoval.

