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Mass Intentions This Week:



Parishioners of St. Richard

Contact Elizabeth to schedule a Mass or if you have any questions. Please give Mass intentions to Father.

Next Week's Readings

6th Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Responsorial Psalm: 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10
 Gospel: John 15:9-17

LECTOR SCHEDULE

05-02 Elsie Moleno
 05-09 Ana Verduzco-Rios
 05-16 Toni Ferris
 05-23 John Holtkamp
 05-30 George Seif

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People will stay on the prayer list for the sick for 1 month. If you would like your loved one to go back on the list for the following month please call the office and let Elizabeth know. We encourage parishioners to use this list during their daily prayer time to pray for those who are sick. May we all lift one another up in prayer during times of need:

Steven Goellner; Franklin Epps; Rosemary Buskirk; Robert Taylor

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SUNDAY: 10:30AM

SPANISH MASS:

Saturday: 1:00PM

ROSARY: 10am Sunday

CONFESSIONS: 10am Sunday

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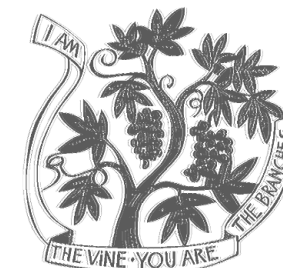
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We welcome all visitors and guests to our parish family and wish you safe travels and a happy visit to Emporia.

**5th Sunday of Easter
 May 2, 2021**



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases:

bear fruit, he prunes, because of the word, remain in me

To the point: Bearing fruit—and even more fruit—requires pruning. The pruning tool of the Father-

vine grower is the Son's word. Allowing this word to shape us brings forth a life-giving relationship with Jesus (likened to a branch that remains on a vine) that assures abundant and good fruit. Five times we are told to bear fruit. Eight times we are told to remain in Jesus. How many times, then, must we be shaped by the word?

Connecting the Gospel

... to the Second Reading: The Second Reading makes very concrete how we remain in Jesus: by keeping his commandment of love in deed and truth.

... to experience: Every gardener knows the value and necessity of pruning. The hard work of cutting away what is dead, unwanted, or overgrown is rewarded by lushness of new growth.

Centrar el Evangelio

Palabras y frases clave:

dar fruto, podas, debido a la palabra, permanecer en mí

Hasta el punto: Llevar fruta y aún más fruta requiere poda. La herramienta de poda del cultivador de vid padre es la palabra del Hijo. Permitir que esta palabra nos dé forma trae consigo una relación que da vida a Jesús (comparada con una rama que permanece en una vid) que asegura abundante y buen fruto. Cinco veces nos dicen que demos frutos. Ocho veces se nos dice que permanezcamos en Jesús. ¿Cuántas veces, entonces, debemos ser moldeados por la palabra?

Conectar el Evangelio

... a la Segunda Lectura: La Segunda Lectura hace muy concreta cómo permanecemos en Jesús: guardando Su mandamiento de amor en hechos y verdad.

... para experimentar: Cada jardinero sabe el valor y la necesidad de la poda. El arduo trabajo de cortar lo que está muerto, no deseado o cubierto es recompensado por la frondosidad del nuevo crecimiento.

Calendar of Events & Special Announcements

The office will be closed May 6th and 7th. Please call the rectory for a pastoral emergency.

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their annual Mother's Day Mass on Sunday, May 9th and invite all Mothers of the Parish to attend and be recognized for the very special people they are.

Weekly Offerings:

April 18th

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April 25th

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Mass Attendance for 04/25:

Adults	48
Children	24



It's a classic trope from folklore: some magical entity (perhaps a genie?) says they will grant you

a single wish. What do you ask for? Something practical, like your mortgage being paid off? Or something extravagant, like a never-ending supply of mangoes?

Now re-imagine that scenario with one slight difference: you already have everything you could ever need. Because, in a sense, you do. You are loved and have been redeemed by the all-powerful God of the universe, a reality we focus on throughout this Easter season. Even death itself has been defeated! When we live with acceptance of and gratitude for this mystery, our desires and wishes are transformed. We can't help but want to share the love with others. This is the fruit of "remaining in" relationship with Jesus, the vine that connects us back to the Father. When you're most connected to Jesus, how do you desire to help your parish community? One big way you can contribute is through supporting our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Take some time this week to root yourself in the Lord, and see how He might be asking you to fruitfully support this important cause.

De una manera figurativa, alguna entidad mágica (¿tal vez un genio?) dice que te concederá un solo deseo. ¿Qué pides? ¿Algo práctico, como la amortización de la hipoteca? ¿O algo extravagante, como un suministro interminable de mangos?

Ahora vuelva a imaginar ese escenario con una pequeña

diferencia: ya tiene todo lo que podría necesitar. Porque, en cierto sentido, lo hace. Eres amado y has sido redimido por el Dios todopoderoso del universo, una realidad en la que nos enfocamos durante esta temporada de Pascua. ¡Incluso la muerte misma ha sido derrotada! Cuando vivimos con aceptación y gratitud por este misterio, nuestros deseos y anhelos se transforman. No podemos evitar querer compartir el amor con los demás. Este es el fruto de "permanecer en" relación con Jesús, la vid que nos conecta de regreso al Padre. Cuando está más conectado con Jesús, ¿cómo desea ayudar a su comunidad parroquial? Una gran manera en la que puede contribuir es apoyando el llamado del Obispo a compartir la campaña. Tómese un tiempo esta semana para arraigarse en el Señor y ver cómo Él podría estar pidiéndole que apoye de manera fructífera esta importante causa.



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Be Fruitful and Multiply

The first command God gave to human beings was "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen.1:28). In the Gospel Reading, there is a kind of reiteration of this command. At any rate, the text describes the bad things that happen to people who are not fruitful.

In Genesis, the fruitfulness has to do with reproduction. It comes from union between a man and a woman, and it multiplies God's image in the production of children. The fruitfulness at issue in the Gospel comes from connection too, but connection with Christ. It comes when Christ is in you, and you are in him.

This reciprocal being-in is a funny state of affairs, isn't it? You can put a bowl in a box, or you can put a box in a bowl. But the box can't be in the bowl when the bowl is in the box!

Boxes and bowls can't manage reciprocal being-in. But persons can, because of love. Love unites you and your beloved without either one of you losing your identity. The union of love is not a fusing; it is a mutual indwelling.

In the Gospel Reading, Christ says that he always remains in his own. So if you yield to Christ in love, you have what is needed for the mutual indwelling of love. You are your beloved's, and he is yours. (Song of Songs 6:3) There is joy in this love, because Christ is so much with you that he is in you. There is peace, too, because there is rest for the heart in having your beloved with you.

Your sins and the storms of life retain their power to afflict you. But you can more easily put up with things, even your own troublesome self, if your beloved is yours and you are his.

In that mutual indwelling, then, there is love, joy, peace, patience and longsuffering. But these very things are fruits of the Holy Spirit. When they grow in you, you are bearing fruit.

Finally, consider: is there a more powerful witness than a life lived in love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering? If you have the fruits of the Holy Spirit in you, you will multiply God's image in others too. And so, by remaining in Christ, you are doing what will make you be fruitful and multiply.

Eleonore Stump

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