Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 9:26-31 / 1 John 3:18-24 / John 15:1-8



## The Pruning Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

he common myth is that we receive a new body every seven years as cells die and are replaced. However, stomach cells are renewed every two days or so because of acids and enzymes. Skin cells are replaced every two to three weeks. Bone cells last about ten years, and our brain cells stay with us for our entire lives. In a sense, then, we might say that our bodies are pruned, part of us remaining long-term to nurture and sustain like the trunk of a tree, and part of us severed so that life may be renewed and continue on.

If so with our bodies, are not our spirits also pruned? There is a core part of who we are that wends its way throughout our lives. Yet that "who" has rough edges in need of being smoothed; barbs need to be dulled; and certain inclinations simply need to be severed. Spouses tend to prune one another, the grace of a loving marriage. Children sometimes keep parents honest. Life events may grind down our independence and self-sufficiency. Illnesses, aging, job loss, the death of loved ones—all forcing us to recognize that we are not in control of life. We are thus pruned, forced to surrender much of what we once thought we could control.

Where is God in all of this? If God is woven into the warp and woof of all life, then all the events and rhythms of life can draw us closer to God, pruning us into goodness and fruitfulness.

## Reflect

How have you been pruned and has this pruning led to new growth, new life?



Our Lady of the Rosary

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#### MASS SCHEDULE ~ OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm Sunday 8:30am Tuesday – Friday 8:30am Holy Day Mass Schedule 5:30pm

**OFFICE HOURS** 

Tuesday - Friday 9 am till 12:30pm

RECONCILIATION - Saturday 3:00pm till 3:45pm

And available Upon Request

#### QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

18005 Lazy Lane, Fountain, F L32438
Peace Contact - Larry Fern - (850)527-0813
Mass Schedule - Queen of Peace, Fountain
Sunday 10:30am
Wednesday 10:30am

**MEMBERSHIP:** We are delighted you have chosen to become a member of our parish family! Please register in the parish office, or ask one of our Ushers for a registration form.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anointing of the Sick is a beautiful sacrament of healing to receive for any condition that may require hospitalization. Please call the parish office to arrange a visit by our priest.

MINISTRY CARE TO THE SICK: Bringing communion to those hospitalized and homebound is part of our Care Ministry. Please contact the office to arrange a visit from this ministry.

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

**BAPTISM:** Preparation for children is coordinated through the Parish Office. Adults who have not been baptized should enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation. Please call the parish office for more information.

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST

Preparation is done through the Religious Education Program. Please contact the parish office for more information

CONFIRMATION: Teens must attend faith formation prior to enrollment in the confirmation Program. Please contact The Parish Office for more information.

HOLY MATRIMONY Six months preparation is required before the anticipated marriage date. Please contact the parish office to secure a date to begin preparation. The Sanctuary Lamp for the Month of April 2024 is in loving memory of David, Janet & Peyton Meyers & Maria Nguyen Dau.



#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 27"

3:30pm Pray the Rosary 4:00pm Mass at Rosary

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH

8:00am – Pray the Rosary 8:30am Mass at Rosary 9:45am CCD CLASS

10:30 AM MASS AT QUEEN OF PEACE

MONDAY, APRIL 29TH NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

8:30am - Mass

9:00am ~ Bible Study (RE)

3:45pm Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15T

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

8:30am - Mass at Rosary

10:30am: - Mass at Queen of Peace

THURSDAY, MAY 2ND

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

8:30am - Mass at Rosary

FRIDAY, MAY 310

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

8:30am - Mass at Rosary "

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

3:30pm ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

4:00am - Mass at Rosary

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH

8:00am - Pray the Rosary

8:30am - Youth Mass at Rosary

9:45am - NO CCD CLASS at Rosary

10:30AM MASS AT QUEEN OF PEACE

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Juanita Thrasher, Lillian and Otello Biscaro, Mary Kay Collins, Mary Anne O'Barr, Jay Holmes, Ruthie Kress, Esther Gomez, Elizabeth Rose, Rick & Julie Ricouard, Ryan Holland

To Add or Remove names, PLEASE call the Parish office or email: office@olr.ptdiocese.org by Tuesday of each week.

## ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, APR 27<sup>TH</sup>, 4:00PM
Susan Edwards
SUNDAY, APR 28<sup>TH</sup>, 8:30AM
Nick Dancik, Evan Dancik
SATURDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 4:00PM
Susan Edwards
SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 8:30AM
T J Dwyer, John Riggins
SATURDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 4:00PM
Susan Edwards
SUNDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 8:30AM
T J Dwyer, John Riggins

## USHERS

SATURDAY, APR 27<sup>TH</sup>, 4:00PM, June Mroz, - Head Usher SUNDAY, APR 28<sup>TH</sup>, 8:30AM, Brian Dancik - Head Usher SATURDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 4:00PM, June Mroz, - Head Usher SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 8:30AM, Brian Dancik - Head Usher SATURDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 4:00PM, June Mroz, - Head Usher SUNDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 8:30AM, Brian Dancik - Head Usher

## **LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

SATURDAY, APR 27<sup>TH</sup>, 4:00PM

Lector – Dan Brust, EME – Bonnie Fuller

SUNDAY, APR 28<sup>TH</sup>, 8:30AM

Lector – Angela Riggins, EME – Pam Meyers

SATURDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 4:00PM

Lector – Lisa Carinhas, EME – Bonnie Fuller

SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TM</sup>, 8:30AM

Lector – Pete Sylvester, EME – Brenda Dorsch

SATURDAY, MAY 11<sup>TM</sup>, 4:00PM

Lector – Dan Brust, EME – Susan Edwards

SUNDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 8:30AM

Lector – Alice Haynes, EME – Maureen Breckenridge

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR APR 27" - MAY 5"

#### SATURDAY

+Norris Foreman

#### SUNDAY

+Gioan Nguyen Khoan +Maria Nguyen Dau, +Wally Elliott, +Frank Rollence, +George Dupuis, +Walter A Meggison, Jr

#### MONDAY

NO MASS Today

#### TUESDAY

Fr Joseph Benson

#### WEDNESDAY

+Wally Elliott

#### THURSDAY

+George Dupuis

#### FRIDAY

+Peter & Maria Tran

#### SATURDAY

Fr Joseph Benson

#### SUNDAY

+Gioan Nguyen Khoan +Maria Nguyen Dau, +Wally Elliott, +Frank Rollence, +George Dupuis \_+ Joe & Mary Dodd.

PARISH COLLECTIONS WEEK OF 4/15-22/24

OFFERTORY \$ 2,458
MAINTENANCE FUND \$ 121
INSURANCE \$ 321
WEEK TOTAL \$ 2,900

#### POPE'S APRIL INTENTION



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April: Role of Mothers: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world

## WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY!

Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee, Snacks & Conversation this Sunday after morning Mass. Any donations are appreciated and will be used to help with Kitchen supplies and equipment.

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY LIBRARY

Our Lady of the Rosary now has a library in the Religious Education Building. It is open during Office Hours. We have books and videos available for you to check out. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am Till 12:30pm.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY is held in the Religious Education Building Conference Room every Tuesday from 9am until 10 am after morning mass. Rosary begins at 8 AM. Mass begins at 8:30 AM. Please bring something to share with everyone. You can call the Parish Office at 850-740-1003 for further details.



Adult Choir – The Adult Choir invites new, interested singers to join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord. We meet on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 -5pm in the church and sing for the 8:30am Mass on Sundays. We would also like to try to start a choir for the Saturday 4pm vigil as well. No audition or experience is required.

If you have considered joining, NOW is the time as the New Year begins. Plan to join us on Tuesdays. Contact Olena Wable if you are interested after mass for more information.

## ADORATION OF OUR LORD

Our Lady of the Rosary – Adoration is now scheduled for the First Friday of every month. Our next Adoration will be on May 3 at 7:30am. The Holy Rosary will begin at 8:00am and mass will begin at 8:30am. Please make plans to attend if possible. Please let the office or Father Kurian know your thoughts and your preferences.

Stewardship Reflection on the Lectionary Readings Fifth Sunday of Easter CTS 9:26-31; PS 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 JN 3:18-24; JN 15:4A, 5B

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives. In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the faith. The work they were doing was "with the consolation of the Holy Spirit." It was not their work alone, but the work of God. We must ask ourselves, 'how is God bearing fruit in my life?' and 'have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?' The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out. Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments. That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord. When we live a life like that — as a branch never separated from its vine — God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives. ©Catholic Stewardship Consultants www.CatholicSteward.com



This weekend, our diocese takes up a collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Catholic Home Missions is committed to providing the church in the United States with the support needed to sustain essential pastoral care, especially in the dioceses with limited means. Over the years, the Appeal has supported religious education, evangelization, youth ministry, seminarian education, and ministry training in mission dioceses all across the United States. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.



Mass - Confession - Eucharistic Adaration - Silent typer - Probe & Worship - Sinad Groups - Community



#### **BISHOP BILL WACK**

Born and raised in South Bend, Indiana as the second-youngest of ten children; he was ordained and installed as the sixth bishop of our diocese in 2017.



#### DOT & NIC WAGNER

Together they have a passion for the new evangelization and the call of the laity to "be missionary disciples."







## MOTHERS DAY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

We will have a continental Breakfast for all mothers on Mother's Day, May 12 after Mass. We will have Juice, Coffee, and pastries. There is no cost for this but donations are accepted. Please come and join us in the Hall.



Let's not forget about the food pantry at **Catholic Charities**. They are always in need of: 1-2 lb bags of rice; instant potatoes; gravy mixes; canned tuna, chicken, meats; pork n beans; canned soup; cereal; oatmeal; canned veggies, any kind; canned fruit; applesauce; peanut butter; jelly; pastas and pasta sauce. Just place your items in the cabinet dedicated to the food pantry in the narthex of the church. God Bless you for your generosity.



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# Dear Padre.

Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?

You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son's memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.

- . Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature's way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
- · Allow your friends to help, "Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened."
- . If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32-35).
- . If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it's just doing dishes or yard work.
- . Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
- . Don't be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
- · Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
- · After you have done everything you can, leave your loss in God's hands. The Lord will do for you what you cannot do for yourself. .



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MONDAY April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 14:5-18	TUESDAY April 30 Easter Weekday Acts 14:19-28 In 14:27-31a	WEDNESDAY May 1 Easter Weekday Acts 15:1–6 Jn 15:1–8	THURSDAY May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 15:7-21	PRIDAY May 3 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14	SATURDAY May 4 Easter Weekday Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21	SUNDAY May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10
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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus needs us, like the vine with the branches. Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so let us ask ourselves: in what sense does Jesus need us? He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 2, 2021



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