



May 2, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 9:26-31
Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
Reading II: 1 John 3:18-24.
Gospel: John 15:1-8

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Contact Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org
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Parish Council: Meets 2nd Sun/month after Mass
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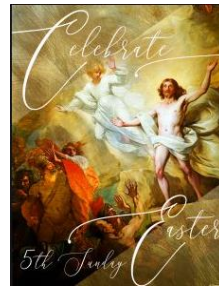


Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - May 2021: The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Anointing of the Sick – If you or a family member are sick, going into the hospital, or a nursing home – please contact Fr. Robert Fath or Mary Pat Boger to be included in our special intentions, prayers or wish to receive communion.

"I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High." Psalm 7:17



May 2nd Sunday 5:30pm Hymns:
546 Sing a New Song
473 Christians, Let Us Love One Another
508 We Have Been Told
172 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

Needing a ride to Catholic gatherings off campus this summer? Contact Mary Pat Boger in advance of event at: 907-374-9564.

Congratulations to all our Graduates and students finishing up the semester. Our prayers are with you that you may have a safe and productive summer!

Coming in May:

- **May 23rd** – Pentecost Sunday at 5:30pm St. Mark Mass, Fairbanks and North Pole Church candidates for Confirmation will be confirmed by Bishop Chad Zielinski.
- Sign up to participate in the following ministries at 5:30pm Mass: Lecter, Altar Servers, Choir, and clean-up after Mass. Sign-up sheet can be found at the entrance of the church on the wall between the office doors. Make this part of your ministry!
- The Regional Council needs your “soft” gently used items for Value Village’s 20-cents-per-pound clothing drive. Information in bulletin.
- St. Raphael’s begins offering the Beloved Series classes for engaged couples with Session 1 Wednesday, May 5th -6-7:30pm. Register by contacting Camille or Marie at 457-6603 or email straphaelcatholicparish@gmail.com.

Join us for ROAR! VBS — The Fairbanks area parishes invite all K-6 youth to this summer’s vacation bible school. At *ROAR!* kids will discover that even though life gets wild, God is good. The program will be held on weekday mornings from June 28 to July 2 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Registration can be completed by visiting <https://sacredheartak.org/vbs>. The registration donation is \$10 per child. *Note that registration is limited to 30 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Don't wait! Sign up soon!*

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form:

Fourth Sunday after Easter

"If I do not go, the Advocate will not come; . . .but if I go, I will send Him to you. . .He will (convince) the world. . .of justice" (Gospel).



The Sunday of Justice, interior and social! The Holy Spirit descends upon us with His seven Gifts at our Confirmation (symbolized by the Dove). He puts before us the imitation of Christ's sinless example, since "the prince of this world" had tried to confuse and even destroy the correct ideas of right and wrong. Hence we may now sing "a new canticle," because God "hath revealed His justice" (Introit).

The Epistle and Offertory extol the gifts of interior "justice;" the Prayer, evidently referring to social "justice," makes us realize that only God can "make (all) of one will."

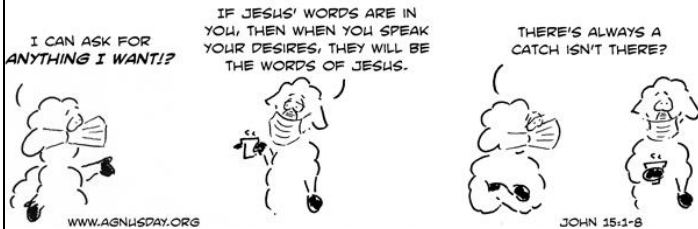
How do we react in thought and action to this twofold standard of "justice" revealed in the Life of Christ and taught us by the "Spirit of truth"
My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

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? <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



VALUE VILLAGE CLOTHING DRIVE
PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE DIOCESAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Regional Council funds retreat speakers, plans the annual combined parish picnic and facilitates communication between the road parishes. By contributing BAGS (kitchen or yard size) of your gently used items to our **VALUE VILLAGE fundraiser**—you can help Fr. Tom Kuffel and your Regional Council raise funds to help support various road parish activities.



VALUE VILLAGE will donate 20 cents per pound for items in good condition.



Each 20 lb. bag of clothing = about \$4.00.

The FINAL DROP OFF DATE IS MONDAY, JUNE 21ST.



To arrange a time to drop off time for your donation, please call the **Chancery at 374-9500, ext. 136.**



We are accepting all clean and sellable:
**Clothing • Accessories • Linens • Curtains
Bedding • Winter Coats**

Please no furniture, books, or heavy items.

Volunteers will sort bags before the delivery date to make sure they follow the donation guidelines. Bags containing "hard" goods will not qualify for the 20 cents a pound. **Shoes do qualify but please bag separately.**



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CONFIDENCE IN PRINCES ~ Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we are losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment, or justice to come from any place other than God?

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — "I've got this."

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

May 2, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” ~ 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

Have you ever wondered how we became known a “Catholics” and “Christians”?



Before they were called Christians or Catholics, Jesus’ earliest disciples were known as “People of the Way.” This is likely because Jesus called Himself “the way, the truth, and the light” (John 14:6). Many names were used to describe the followers of Jesus in the early days before the term “Christians” stuck.

Acts Chapter 9, the story of St. Paul’s conversion, says, “But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to **the Way**... he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.”

Later, the “People of the Way” would come to be universally known as “Christians.” The name “Christian” comes from the Greek word *Christianos*, which means “Follower of Christ.” So how *did* Christians become known as “Catholics”?

The Greek word for “church” is *katholikos*, which translates to “universal.” The word “catholic” comes from *katholikos*. Since the true Church is universal, “making disciples of all nations” as Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:19), the precise wording “Catholic Church” is fitting. It simply affirms that she is the “Universal Church,” the true Church established by Christ.

So, we are “Christians”—those who follow Christ—and we are also “Catholic,” that is, members of the one universal and undivided Church united throughout the whole world thanks to the evangelization of the Apostles and their successors. Learn more interesting facts about our Catholic history, check out Fr. David Meconi’s *101 Surprising Facts About Church History*.

Pray that our daily actions reflect our goal of good discipleship.

Information of Interest for Catholics on UAF campus and in Fairbanks & North Pole Area:

- **Welcome to the month of May!** We honor Mary and ask families to pray the Rosary each day or week. This is a beautiful & powerful prayer in the Catholic Church that can change lives.
- **May 1 Knights of Columbus State Convention in Fairbanks.**
- **May 9th – Mother’s Day.** Honor your mother every day!
- **May 23rd – 11am: Road System Confirmation at Sacred Heart Cathedral.** Pray for St. Mark’s parishioner Luna Forlino (and her family) as she will be with this group being confirmed by Bishop Chad Zielinski!
- **June 25-July 2 Vacation Bible School 8:30am-12:30pm.** Sign up now, space is limited!
- **Volunteer at the ICC Soup Kitchen.** Contact Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Nick Shamrell at 452-3533.
- Get free Catholic content on **FORMED.ORG** Check SHC webpage or Sunday bulletin for more information on accessing this resource.

Stewardship Report

Last Week’s Collection: April 25, 2021.....\$ 886.00

Actual Collection YTD

(7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 47,081.86

We have been blessed this past year with your generosity! Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.**

Vocations Are Everybody’s Business

To pray for the end to Coronavirus:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father,
send now Your Spirit over the earth.

Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations,
that they may be preserved from degeneration,
disaster, and war. May the Lady of all Nations, the
Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate. Amen.

NEIGHBORING PARISH MASS SCHEDULES

Sacred Heart Cathedral 474-9032

Saturday Vigil: *4:30pm (*=Live Streamed)
Saturday Latin Mass: 6:30pm- Feb 6,13; Mar 13, 27
Sunday: 8:00 & *11:00am
Sunday Spanish Mass: 1:00pm
St. Mark Sunday Mass: 5:30pm
Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:30am; Thurs 7:00pm
Monday: 7pm Spanish Mass
Confessions Heard: Sat 3:00-4:00pm
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thu 8:00am-12noon
<https://www.sacredheartak.org/>

Immaculate Conception 452-3533

*All masses are live streamed.
Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am
Daily Mass 12:10pm: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.
5:30pm: Wednesday
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Wed. 6-7:00pm
Confessions with Adoration
First Friday (5:30pm) ~Saturday (7am) Mass
followed by Adoration: 6:00pm-6:00am
Confessions: 11:30am-12pm (*Confessions are in the pastor's office*) - M, Tu, Th, F; W – 6-7pm; Sat 3-4pm
<https://iccfairbanks.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/ICCFairbanks>

Saint Raphael 457-6603 (*Live streamed Masses)

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm
Sunday: *9:30am (*go to website Facebook link
Daily Mass: Thurs 9:30am; *Wed 5:30pm w/ Rosary.
Adoration: Thu 7:00 – 8:00pm & 2nd Sunday of the Month
<https://www.straphaelfairbanks.org/>

Saint Nicholas, North Pole 488-2595

Sign up required to attend for Weekend Masses.
<https://signup.com/go/ZjtAQHb>
Saturday Vigil: *5:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00pm
Daily Mass: Mon, Tue, Thu; Fri 8:45am; Wed. 6:00pm
Adoration: Wed 6pm Mass, Adoration w/Rosary.
<http://www.stnicholasnp.org/>

Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

Sunday: 9:00am
Adoration: Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Snows, Eielson Air Force Base

Sunday: 10:30am
Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday – 11:30am

Visit Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska Website to see recorded and life-streamed masses and parish websites: <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/>

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You
Are present in the Most Holy Sacrament,
I love You above all things, and
I desire to Receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
Receive You sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
And unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated
From You. Amen

Pray For: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath, priests, seminarians, religious, deacons, and volunteers serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks; new priests that will be joining our diocese as paperwork permits; members of the St. Mark who are facing/recovering from illness or surgery – especially Ben Orr, Sean Tucker and Dot Keith; UAF students finishing school and heading home for the summer. Pray for our service men and women, may the Lord grant them safety and good health. Pray for the repose of the souls of those who have passed away this year.



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"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Sheepish Question:

What rewards of my relationship with God can I share with others?