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**SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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Pastor**

**The Reverend Edwin Ezeokeke, Parochial Vicar
The Reverend Lino Gonsalves, In Residence**

Patricia Molinari, Secretary/Receptionist
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Don Barnum, Music Director, Canoni Chorale

PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:30pm

**The Catholic Faith Community
of
Our Lady of Victory
and the
Church of St. Andrew
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OUR LADY OF VICTORY

MASSES

Sunday: 10:15, 12:15pm & 5:15pm

Mon. - Fri.: 8:15am, 12:15pm*

*** (All in Upper Church.)

* Following the 12:15, the Novena of the day follows.

Holidays: 8:15am, 12:15

Holy Day Vigil: As Announced

Holy Days: 8:15am, 12:15pm & 5:15pm

CONFESSIONS

Mon. - Fri.: 12:45-1:15pm

NOVENAS & DEVOTIONS

Mon.: Miraculous Medal

Sat.: The Rosary

Tues.: St. Anthony

1st Fri.: Sacred Heart

Wed.: St. Jude

Novena

Thurs.: The Holy Spirit

Fridays of Lent:

Fri.: The Rosary

Stations of the Cross

BAPTISMS: Please call the rectory for information.

ST. ANDREW'S

MASSES

No Mass at Saint Andrew Till Further Notice

PARISH ACTIVITIES

As Announced 5:45pm – Legion of Mary (OLV)

**As Announced: 5:45pm – Patrician Catholic
Discussion Group (OLV))**

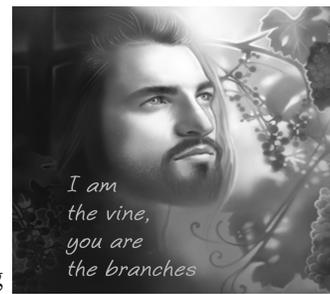
As Announced: FiDi Catholic Young Adults

May 2, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalms — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;

1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17

or Jn 17:11b-19

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The season of First Communions is here, and invitations pour in as the new communicants, mostly seven years old, gather extended families for their first reception of the Eucharist. Recently, the celebrations are often on Sundays, in the regular gatherings of the faith community. There, it becomes clear that First Communion is meant to initiate a regular pattern of reception, and that there is to be a second, third, hundredth, thousandth celebration.

Eastern Catholics and Orthodox children follow a different plan, since they are given a taste of the consecrated wine at their baptism as infants. We Western Christians delay until “the age of reason,” but many years ago, Communion was not for children at all. Twelve to fourteen was the typical time for Roman Catholics to receive for the first time, and in those days this was a transition into the adult world of work and marriage. The custom did not begin to shift to childhood until reforms set in place by Pope St. Pius X began to take hold in the 1920s. If you are going to a First Communion, you can give thanks that the table of the Lord is today open so much more lavishly than before.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

*Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.*

— 1 John 3:18



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday: Ss. Philip and James

Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Friday: First Friday

Saints Philip And James, Apostles

May 3

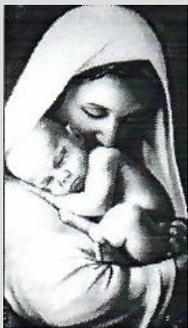
Call Philip the gospel's "Answer Man." "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets" (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: "We would like to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Philip's answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: "Show us the Father!" (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: "You still don't know me? How can you ask that? Don't you believe?" And an answer: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:10). Today's James is not John's brother, Zebedee's son, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus' words: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James' letter challenges, "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

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Mother's Day 2021

Mother's Day Remembrance

Sunday, May 9th, is Mother's Day. To have your or a loved one's mother, living or deceased, remembered at Masses on Mother's Day (and the rest of the month of May) here at OLVSTA, please find envelopes in the back of the Church. Please fill out and place in the collection boxes, in the center aisle or in the back of the Church or in the Offertory collection. Please note that your envelope with your loved one's name will be placed on the altar for the rest of May.



ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 13TH

Thursday, May 13th is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord into heaven and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Jesus commissions His Apostles to baptize in His name, reminding them that He is always present through His Spirit. Having ascended to His Father amid cries of gladness, we are His witnesses for we have been gifted with His Spirit of wisdom and revelation.

**Masses will be at
8:15, 12:15 & 5:15.**

If you cannot make Mass here at OLVSTA, we urge you to attend Mass wherever you are able to.

**Friday, May 21st 8:00 to 9:30 PM
MGN Online Support Group**

Join us for the NY Chapter online Maria Goretti Network (MGN) support group for all those in any way affected by abuse (physical, sexual, mental, emotional, financial, etc) to experience healing in God's love and freedom through forgiveness.

Abuse is never your fault and you are not alone.

Contact nyc@mgoretti.org for the Zoom link or visit www.mgoretti.org for more information.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

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6-DAY CANDLES AVAILABLE

You can now light a candle in the church and have it stay lit for almost a week for your prayer intentions, in thanksgiving to God or in memorial of a loved one!



These special votive candles have clear covers decorated with a cross design and can be placed inside one of the glass holders provided before the statues of Christ the King, Our Lady of Fatima, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Victory or Saint Anne, the Mother of Mary in the Upper Church only. Once lit, the candles will stay burning for your intention for about a week.

They are available for purchase from the parish office downstairs or from Carlos, our Sacristan, if you see him in the Upper Church.

If you wish, you can also purchase the candle and light for your home. The protective glass containers are also available for purchase.

The lighting of candles for your prayer intentions is a time-honored tradition in the Catholic Church that we are happy to provide at Our Lady of Victory and St. Andrew.

SPRINGTIME OBSERVATIONS

My nose has done more running this spring than I have.

My favorite springtime accessories are antihistamines.

I used to wake up at 4 A.M. and start sneezing, sometimes for five hours. I tried to find out what sort of allergy I had but finally came to the conclusion that I must be allergic to being conscious!



**JOIN US IN
PRAYING
THE DIVINE MERCY
CHAPLET
MON-FRI
at 3:00 PM
in the Upper Church**

***For the sake of
his Sorrowful Passion have
mercy on us
and the whole world!***

MASS INTENTIONS

*** Indications "for the intentions of"

OUR LADY OF VICTORY ST. ANDREW CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 2

10:15am: The Bricca Family
12:15 pm: For All Those Who
Died As A Result of COVID
5:15 pm: John Freyne

*No Weekend Mass at
St. Andrew's location*

MONDAY, MAY 3

8:15 am: Souls in Purgatory
12:15 pm: Fr. Thomas
Derivan ***

*No Weekday Masses at
Saint Andrew Till Fur-
ther Notice*

TUESDAY, MAY 4

8:15 am: Mercedes & Rufino
Ortiz
12:15 pm: Daphne Stephen

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

8:15 am: Vocations to The
Priesthood
12:15 pm: Stan Joseph ***

THURSDAY, MAY 6

8:15am: Mary Freyne &
Family ***
12:15pm: Christopher Papa

FRIDAY, MAY 7

8:15am: Dijon Campbell
12:15pm: Lucienne Florival

SUNDAY, MAY 9

MOTHER'S DAY

10:15am: Irmide Monique
Lacoste Ignace
12:15 pm: Lucy Criscitello
5:15 pm: Mother's Day
Novena