



# Our Parish

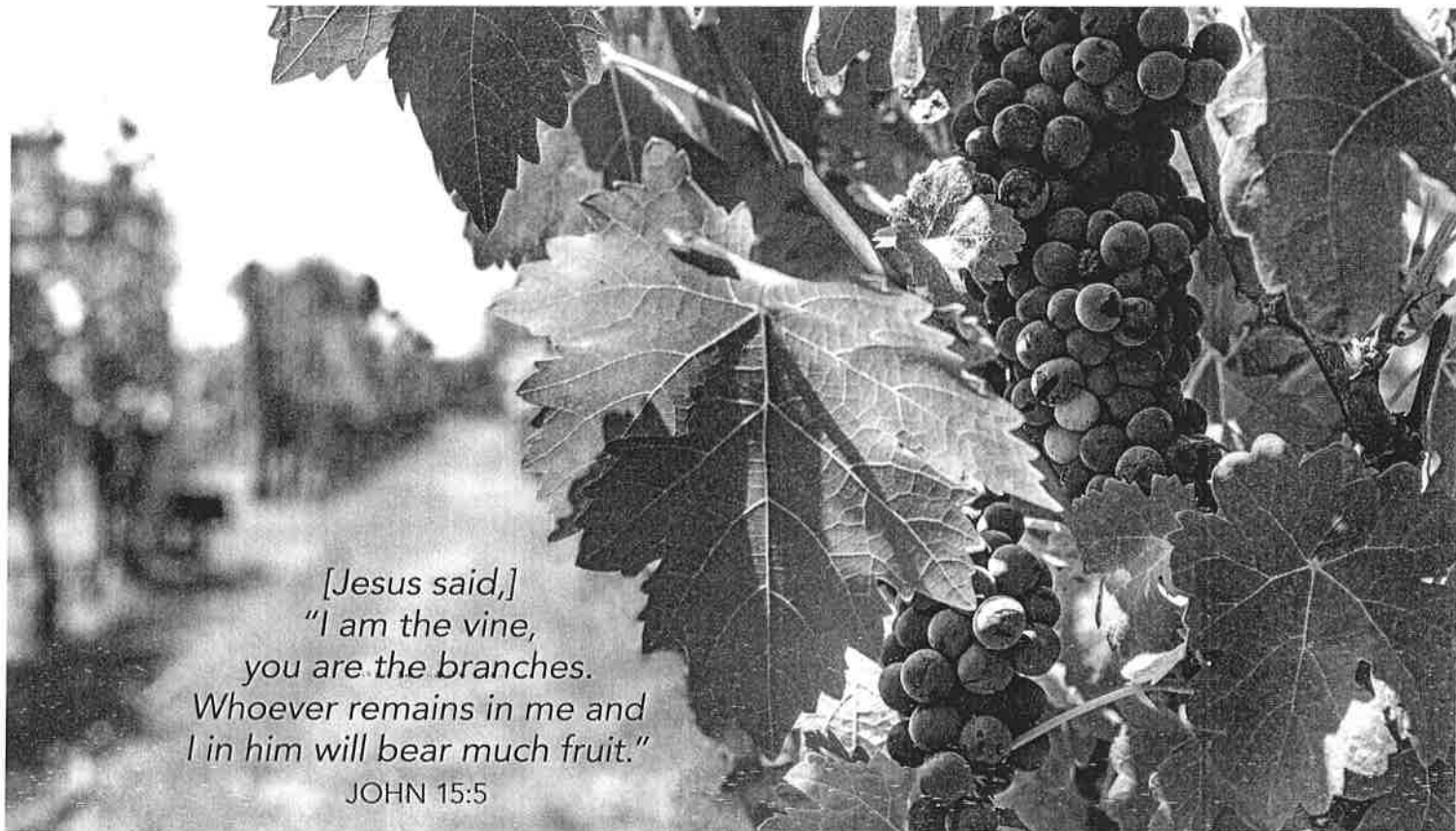
May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 9:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8



*[Jesus said,]  
"I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and  
I in him will bear much fruit."  
JOHN 15:5*

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## In or Not at All

**T**he little word *in* appears eleven times in the Greek text of today's short passage from John's Gospel (ten times in most translations), and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us. This being *in* does not mean "inside," like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out.

If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds

like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately.

Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is "in Christ," our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as Christ lives in all of us.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- \* Think for a moment of the ways Christ lives in you.
- \* Now think of how you might live in Christ.

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**May 2, 2021**

**2 de Mayo, 2021**

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **Quinto Domingo De Pascua De Resurrección**

Dear brothers and sisters,

*Queridos hermanos y hermanas,*

We have come this far, the fifth Sunday, in our journey of Easter. In our first reading Paul, a former enemy and persecutor of the Church now joins its ranks. Barnabas plays the beautiful role of welcoming and introducing him to the community of faith. This is the real love, including of our former enemies, that St. John speaks about in the second reading this weekend. When we are grounded in our relationship with Christ, the True Vine, our lives will continue to grow, bloom, and bear good fruits, the fruits of the Spirit that endure: love, peace, faithfulness, joy, goodness, gentleness, patience, self-control, and kindness. This is the vocation to which our young people who receive the sacrament of confirmation from the Bishop this week, and indeed all of us, are called to live daily.

*Hasta aquí hemos llegado, el quinto domingo, en nuestro camino de Pascua. En nuestra primera lectura, Pablo, un antiguo enemigo y perseguidor de la Iglesia, ahora se une a sus filas. Bernabé juega el hermoso papel de darle la bienvenida y presentarlo a la comunidad de fe. Este es el amor real, incluido el de nuestros antiguos enemigos, del que habla San Juan en la segunda lectura de este fin de semana. Cuando estamos arraigados en nuestra relación con Cristo, la Vid Verdadera, nuestras vidas continuarán creciendo, floreciendo y dando buenos frutos, los frutos del Espíritu que perduran: amor, paz, fidelidad, gozo, bondad, mansedumbre, paciencia, autocontrol y bondad. Ésta es la vocación a la que nuestros jóvenes que reciben el sacramento de la confirmación del Obispo esta semana, y de hecho todos nosotros, estamos llamados a vivir diariamente.*

On behalf of us all, I wish to express sincere gratitude to members of the different ministries: the CCW, the Choir, Knights of Columbus, the Youth, Confirmation II class, the Hispanic community, and the Parish Pastoral Council, who facilitated our Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry during Lent. We realized the sum of \$1177 and split it evenly between the Youth Group and seminarian support. Thank you all for your Christian stewardship and may God bless you abundantly.

*En nombre de todos nosotros, deseo expresar mi más sincero agradecimiento a los miembros de los diferentes ministerios: la CCW, el Coro, Caballeros de Colón, la Juventud, la clase Confirmación II, la comunidad hispana y el Consejo Pastoral Parroquial, quienes facilitaron nuestras Estaciones de la Cruz y Fritura de Pescado durante la Cuaresma. Nos dimos cuenta de la suma de \$ 1177 y la dividimos equitativamente entre el grupo de jóvenes y el apoyo de los seminaristas. Gracias a todos por su mayordomía cristiana y que Dios los bendiga abundantemente.*

Sincere gratitude to all who have already contributed to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Currently, we are at \$12,343 with 50 families, which is 61.5% of our target. May God bless and reward you for your generosity. The key to the success of this campaign is greater participation, so I am appealing to many more of you, our parishioners, to donate in the name of our parish to support the spiritual works of our Bishop and Diocese of Savannah. May God who is not outdone in generosity reward you abundantly as you do so.

*Sincero agradecimiento a todos los que ya han contribuido a la Campaña Católica Anual de este año. Actualmente, estamos en \$ 12,343 con 50 familias, que es el 61.5% de nuestro objetivo. Que Dios los bendiga y recompense por su generosidad. La clave del éxito de esta campaña es una mayor participación, por lo que hago un llamado a muchos más de ustedes, nuestros feligreses, para que donen en nombre de nuestra parroquia para apoyar las obras espirituales de nuestro Obispo y Diócesis de Savannah. Que Dios, que no se queda atrás en generosidad, le recompense abundantemente mientras lo hace.*

"Jesus, help me to simply my life by learning what you want me to be and becoming that person," (St. Therese of Lisieux).

*"Jesús, ayúdame a simplificar mi vida aprendiendo lo que quieres que sea y convirtiéndome en esa persona" (Santa Teresa de Lisieux).*

Stay well. Blessings!!

*Mantenerse bien. Bendiciones !!*

Fr. Daniel T. Melaba

*P. Daniel T. Melaba*



**St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Confirmation with Bishop Stephen Parkes  
Friday, May 7, 2021  
6 PM-English Mass**

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**First Holy Communion  
Sunday, May 9, 2021  
4 PM-Bilingual Mass**

**New gift items for First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates are for sale in the church foyer. Please check out the CCW curio cabinet on your left as you enter. After you make your selection, please place your payment in an envelope located in the cabinet. Just drop the envelope containing your payment in the collection basket.**

**Thank You!  
Council of Catholic Women**

*Congratulations*

It is with great pride and Christian joy that we present the youth making their Confirmation and their sponsor. They are:

<b>Confirmandi</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Bailey Brennan	Casey Brennan
Patrick Demember	Fe Saylor
Jayce Figueroa	Jesus Alejandro & Valle Garcia
Eric Gomez	Edith N. Mata-Torres
Maddox Gruver	Joseph Johnson
Lauren Hackett	Judy Hackett
Paula Llamas Vazquez	Maribel & Elpidio Benitez
Stephanie Rios	Juan & Arcelia Saucedo
Gissell Rodriquez	Karol Arias
Dehesy Salvador-Santos	Julie Santos
Esmeralda Santana	Perla Santana

They have attended the 24 lessons and homework, done community service for our church and prayed the rosary many times for the parishioners of St. Joseph's, in addition to a Faith Assessment and Saint Report. We are so proud of their work and efforts to receive this Sacrament.

**Practice will be 7:00 pm, Thursday, May 6  
This included Sponsors. Do not be late.**

The Rite will be May 7th at 6:00 pm Friday. All should arrive no later than 5:30 pm. A brief reception will be in the church hall following the ceremony.

**Word from Pope Francis**

"I have a dogmatic certainty: God is in every person's life. God is in everyone's life. Even if the life of a person has been a disaster, even if it is destroyed by vices, drugs or anything else-God is in the person's life."

**Palabra del Papa Francisco**

*"Tengo una certeza dogmática: Dios está en la vida de cada persona. Dios está en la vida de todos. Incluso si la vida de una persona ha sido un desastre, incluso si es destruida por vicios, drogas o cualquier otra cosa-Dios está en la vida de la persona."*



Thank you to all who provided food for Kay Kovach Family and friends. A special thank you for all who setup and cleaned up the social hall afterwards. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Bereavement Committee

- Beverly De Loach
- Waveleen Wehling
- Fe Saylor

**Mass in the Extraordinary Form (The Latin Mass)**

Mass in the Extraordinary Form (the Latin Mass) at St. Anthony of Padua (Ray City) on the Sixth Sunday of Easter

**May 9, 2021, Sunday, at 3:00 pm**

**St. Anthony of Padua (Ray City)**

Depending on the level of engagement of the faithful and in accord with the life our parish, the Latin Mass will be offered on a regular basis on Sundays. A schedule will be posted on their parish website  
<http://www.anthonypaduaga.org/>.

For more information please contact Fr. Kevin O'Keefe by phone or email: 229-445-5554  
[pastor@anthonyofpaduaga.org](mailto:pastor@anthonyofpaduaga.org)

**Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, toll free reporting hotline: (888) 357-5530**

**Council of Catholic Women  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Spirituality, Leadership, Service**

Our Spiritually Adopted Babies Program  
Our developing baby Month 7  
Guess what?? "I can look around!"

We are in the home stretch with our spiritually adopted babies. Beginning this month our babies use all four senses. He can see, hear, taste and touch. He can cough, yawn and hiccup. He recognizes his mother's voice. During this time, he receives antibodies from his mother which protects him from a wide variety of diseases. Please continue your prayers for him so that he will be brought safely to birth to fulfill God's plan for him.

CCW has been asked to help with dinner for Bishop Parkes and Confirmation On Friday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you are willing to help with this. We are also going to help with 1<sup>st</sup>. Communion on Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup>. Also, on May 9<sup>th</sup> CCW will be having a Flower and Baked Goods fundraiser. We need volunteers to work an hour or so following the Masses. If you can help by donating a delicious baked good or work, please let us know. Once again CCW thanks you for your continued support.



**The Wednesday Rosary Group will meet at Deb Cahill's home (433 Lob-lolly Lane, Waycross) on Wednesday at Noon, May 5th.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY PARISHIONERS:**

Joyce Bachofner, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Peggy Thomas, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Bob & Kathy Odam, Colleen Matich, Debbie Cahill, Leslie Bennett, Abraham Gomez, Glenn & Shelly Chase, Clinton Vaughn, Morgan Hess & Ann Marie Hess, Genevieve Martin, Keith Fullenkamp, Bill Brewington, Phyllis Buck, Lucy Todd, Nathan Brooks, Cathy Long, Joanne Vaughn, Sam Scott, Ginger Worley, Jerry Wilkerson, Debbie Wilkerson, Trisha Pape, Lee & Angela McConaha, Jim & Louise Craig, and Margie Read.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OURS:**

Robert Cushing Jr., Pat Marsh, Hannah Phillips & Family, Lindsay Joyce, Patricia Carter, Jason McCullum, Michael Driggers, Maurice Hannah, Earl Black, Tom Grizzaffe, James Kenneth Cox Jr., Merinda Mixon, Toby Foster, Harris Lott, Florence Struempfer, Francis Ann Cook, James Stokes, Cindy Taylor, Kris Kruse, April Snider, Robin Johnson, Thomas Williams, Angel Sinai Gomez, Kim Messenger, William Willis, Sandy Wright, Ashley Hoffman, Sue Rossi, Betty Denyko, Sr. Chris Cullen, MFIC, David Greg Russell, Chloe Robinson, William Martin IV, Michelle Rio, Bobby Ziolkowski, Joseph McHendry, Dr. Richard Lynch, Rose Parisee, Adrian Arnold, Erin Crosby, Rosa Maria Santos, Ida Cook, Claudia Taylor, Megan Schultz, Millie Bailey, Ken Jorishie, Craig Carter, Dalin Thorton, Don & Marilyn Sanderson, Bill Byrd & Family, Reginald Ghioto, Chris Garafola, Marlene Brooker, Wesley Sowell, Jennifer Raulerson, Carol McNeary, Delia Fonzeca, Frank Oliveto, Michael Casavanc, Anette Vulah, Teresa Greer, Calista Oliveto, Tommy Pritchard, Pam Cox, Don Graham, James Spivey, Lee Martin, Diana Martin, Mark Smith, Amy Houle, Iris Boatright, Janice Strickland, Mark Parker, Jan Keen, Andrew Brandon, Julie Hoddinot, Audwin Fluker Sr., Anna Lia Brandon, Perry Kolchek, Raymond Eastup, Martin Brewington, Nicolas Horne, Joshus Parisse, Marie Fletcher, Sara Booth and Steve, the father of Barbara Blasko.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:**

LT. Tim Boyce, U.S. Navy, Rann Howell, Ethan Stanley, Richard Jacobs, and Spencer Hughes.

**PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA ALBERT IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 912-283-7700 TO ADD OR REMOVE NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LISTS.**



## St. Joseph Offertory

April 25, 2021

Weekly Offertory Needed	\$4,423.00
Weekly Offertory Collected	\$2,493.00
Difference Negative	(-\$1,930.00)

Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$157.00



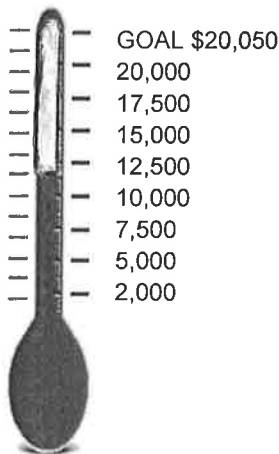
**2021 Annual Catholic Appeal.** Each one of us is Christ to all we meet. As of 04/29/2021, our parish has given **\$12,343.00** which is **61.56%** of our target of \$20,050. Out of 212 families only 50 made a donation or pledge, which is 23.58% of the parish families. Thank You!

**Llamamiento Católico Anual 2021.** Cada uno de nosotros es Cristo a todo lo que conocemos. Al 04/29/2021, nuestra parroquia ha dado \$12,343.00 que es el 61.56% de nuestro objetivo de \$20,050. De 212 familias sólo 50 hicieron una donación o promesa, que es el 23.58% de las familias parroquiales. ¡Gracias!

**Our goal is \$20,050; We have \$12,343.00**

**Only 23.58% of the parish families have responded.**

**Sólo el 23.58% de las familias han respondido.**



Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$157.00 to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

*Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada al Llamado para las Misiones Católicas. Como parroquia, hemos recaudado \$157.00 para ayudar a fortalecer la Iglesia aquí y asegurar que el Evangelio se difunda en todo Estados Unidos. ¡Si ustedes no alcanzaron a contribuir al llamado, aún lo pueden hacer! Solo visiten [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).*

## Lector Schedule

**May 1, 2021**-Mass in English

English Lector-Ann Johnson 5:00 pm Saturday **Memorial Mass for Rufus Todd**

Confessions Saturday 4-4:45 pm

**May 2, 2021**-Mass in English

English Lector-Joseph Johnson 9:00 am Sunday

**May 2, 2021**- Mass in Spanish

Spanish Lector- Guadalupe Zambrano 12 Noon

**May 7, 2021**-Confirmation Mass in English

English Lector Flor & George Constantino 6 pm

**May 8, 2021**-Mass in English

English Lector- Ann Johnson 5:00 pm Saturday

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

**May 9, 2021**-Mass in English

English Lector-Dan Booker 9:00 am Sunday

**May 9, 2021**-Mass in Spanish

Spanish Lector- Luci Rios 12 Noon Sunday

**May 9, 2021**-Bilingual First Holy Communion Mass

Lectors Spanish Lector TBA English Lector TBA  
4:00 pm Sunday

## Mass Intentions for Week of May 1, 2021-May 9, 2021 +(RIP) H-Health

Saturday, May 1, 2021-5 pm Mass-**+Rufus Todd**

Sunday, May 2, 2021-9 am English Mass **Pro Populo**

Sunday, May 2, 2021-Noon Spanish Mass **No Intention**

Monday, May 3, 2021-No Mass

Tuesday, May 4, 2021-6 pm Mass-**H-Rose Parisse**

Wednesday, May 5, 2021-Adoration 5 pm-6 pm, 6 pm Mass  
Special Intention-**Joshua Parisse**

Thursday, May 6, 2021-9 am Mass Special Intention-**Alex De Luca**

Friday, May 7, 2021-6 pm Confirmation Mass -**Special Intention for Confirmation Confirmandis**

Saturday, May 8, 2021-5 pm Mass-**+Raymond Johnson**

Sunday, May 9, 2021-9 am English Mass-**Pro Populo**

Sunday, May 9, 2021-Noon Spanish Mass **No Intention**

Sunday, May 9, 2021-4 pm First Holy Communion Bilingual  
Mass-**Special Intention for First Holy Communion Recipients**

# Dear Padre,

## Why is the Church considering a word change to the Our Father? It seems fine as it is.

**O**f the two versions of the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11:2–4 and Matthew 6:9–13, Luke's is more concise. The petition, "and lead us not into temptation" in Greek means both "do not allow us to enter into temptation" and "do not let us yield to temptation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2846). The *Catechism* includes the explanation from James 1:13: "God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one," to certify that God "wants to set us free from evil. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin." Consequently, Pope Francis reportedly approved the English wording, "do not let us fall into temptation" to replace "lead us not into temptation."

"It is not a good translation because it speaks of a God who induces temptation," the Pope said in 2017. "I am the one who falls. It's not him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen." On the contrary, "a father helps you to get up immediately," he added. "It's Satan who leads us into temptation—that's his department."

However, unlike the change in the Italian Lord's Prayer that will appear in their third edition of *The Roman Missal*, no immediate plans have been made to change the wording in English-speaking countries.



THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST BY THE DEVIL, BY FELIX JOSEPH BARRIAS, 1860 / WIKIPEDIA

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
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## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 3

Sts. Philip and James,

Apostles

1 Cor 15:1–8

Jn 14:6–14

### Tuesday

MAY 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19–28

Jn 14:27–31a

### Wednesday

MAY 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1–6

Jn 15:1–8

### Thursday

MAY 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7–21

Jn 15:9–11

### Friday

MAY 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22–31

Jn 15:12–17

### Saturday

MAY 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1–10

Jn 15:18–21

### Sunday

MAY 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25–26,

34–35, 44–48

1 Jn 4:7–10

Jn 15:9–17



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life's uncertainties.

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

# A Novena for Life

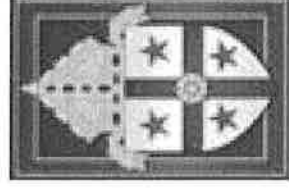
*Honoring the Feast of the Visitation*

## May 22-30

The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers.

Join in the praying the Novena from  
May 22nd - May 30th.

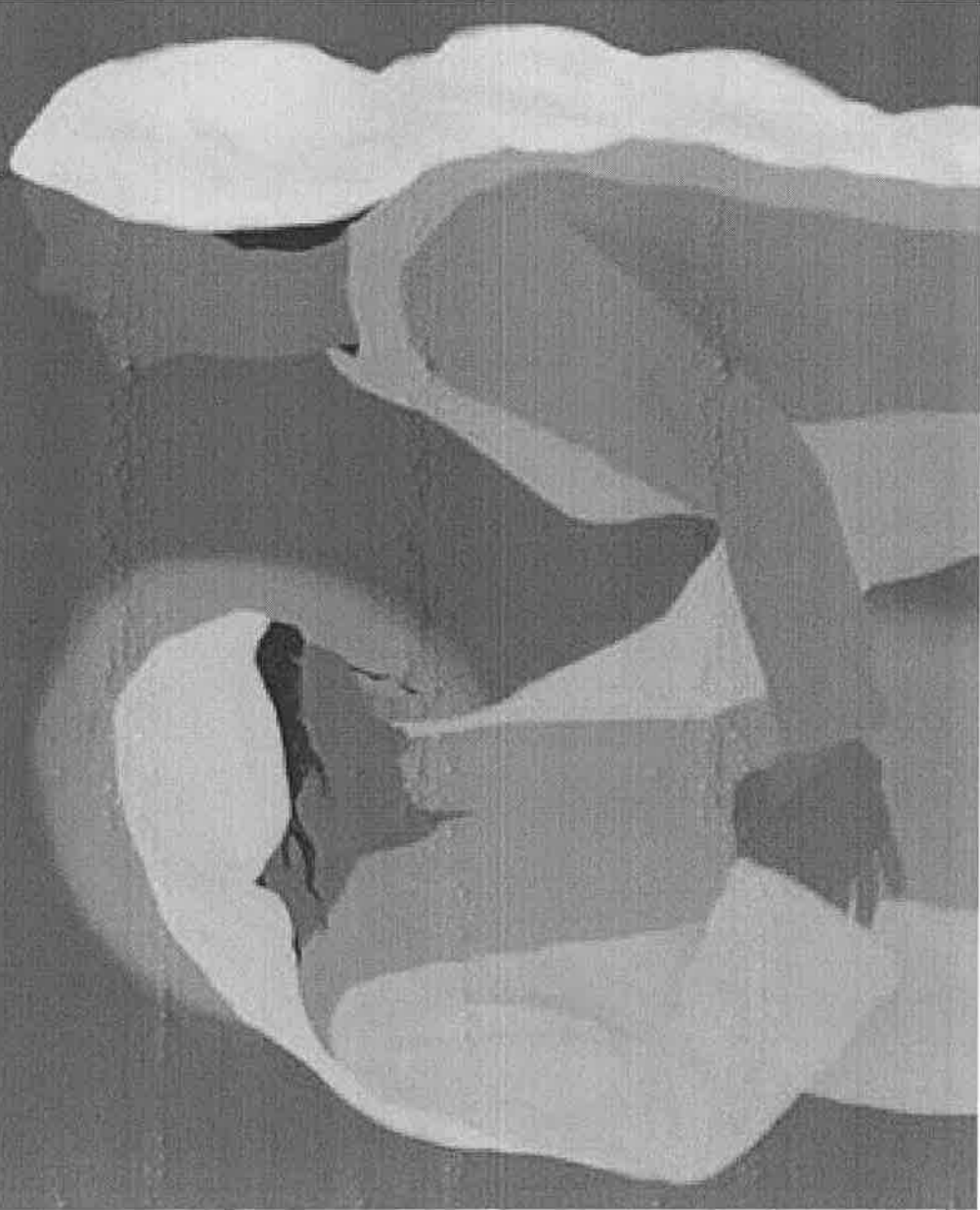
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Marriage, Family, and Respect Life

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH

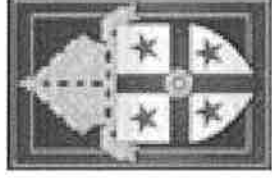
**Novena por la vida**  
*para honrar* la Fiesta de la Visitación



**Recemos juntos  
del 22 al 30 de mayo**

La Fiesta de la Visitación  
conmemora la visita de la  
Santísima Virgen María a su prima  
Sta. Isabel y el encuentro de Jesús y  
San Juan Bautista en el vientre  
de sus madres.

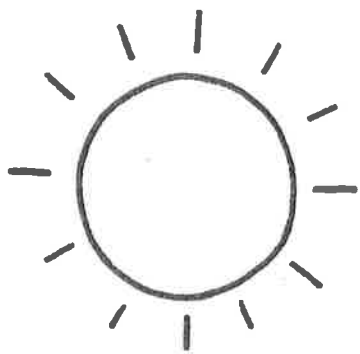
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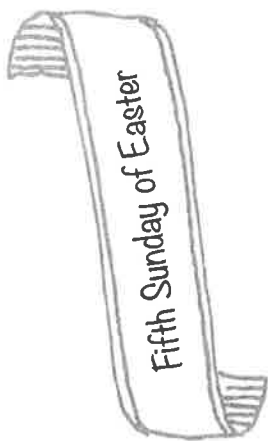


Oficina Diocesana de Matrimonio,  
Familia y Respeto a la Vida

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH







MAY 2, 2021

Jesus told his friends: "I am the vine, and my Father is the vine grower. Like any good gardener, my Father removes branches that do not bear fruit. You are the branches. As you draw nourishment from me, you have life and bear abundant fruit. If you go away from me, however, you will lack the strength and the nourishment you need. You will bear no fruit and will wither away. If you stay with me, you will produce much fruit and will bring joy to God."

Based on John 15:1-8



My  
Promise  
to Jesus

**Jesus, I want to grow well. I want to know you  
and stay close to you. This week, I will read  
—or ask my parents to read to me—  
a Bible written for children.**