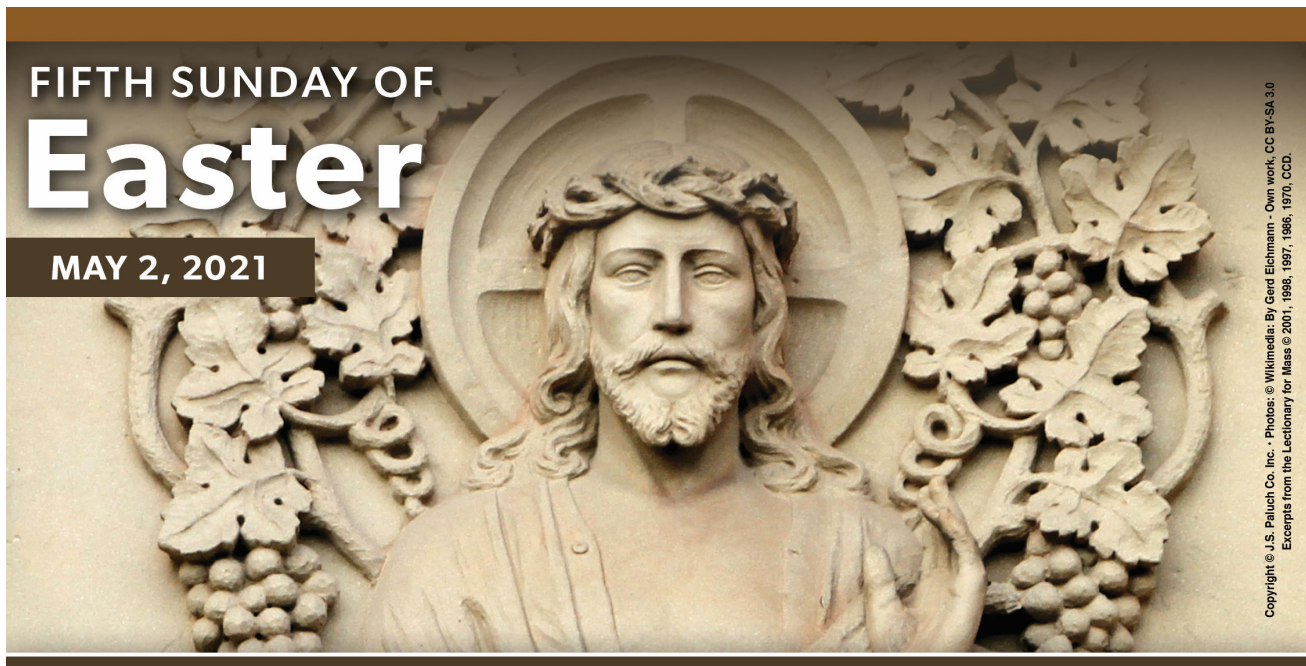


FIFTH SUNDAY OF Easter

MAY 2, 2021



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I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in them will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: St. Charles Church:

Reconciliation 3:15-3:45 PM; Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday: St. Charles Church: 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Christ the King Mission in Bellevue: 9:00 AM

Weekdays: St. Charles Church: Mon thru Sat 8:00 AM

Tues/Thurs 5:00 PM

Morning Prayer - M-F 7:30 AM St. Charles Church

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents or guardians of infants or children to be baptized should call the church and schedule a meeting with a priest or deacon at least one month prior to baptism date. Instruction class is on the second Saturday of the month. Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the following month.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the church office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Anytime during office hours. Call for an appointment.

Communion to the Sick: Please call the church office when someone is unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Communion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:15-3:45 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Church and on Sundays, 8:30 AM at Christ the King Mission in Bellevue. Also, any time during office hours. Please call the office for an appointment.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

Let us love not in word or speech,
but in deed & truth.

— John 3:18

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.
Offertory contributions for April 25th for St. Charles Church were \$5,172.00.
Contributions for the Building Fund for St. Charles Church were \$280.00.
Offertory contributions for April 25th for Christ the King Mission were \$824.00.

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Mary Bea Ella Bourque
By: Barbara & Stephanie Senegal, Paula Leger,
Edith Marks & Amy Taylor

Altar Flowers: In Loving Memory of Leland Charles Anthony
and Joshua Jaxon Vallow
By the Vallow Family



Vocation Prayer Cross

This week we are grateful to the Coon family who will be receiving the Vocation Prayer Cross at the 10:30 Mass and praying each day for **vocations**. May their prayers bear much fruit!

If you know of anyone from our parish who is a priest or religious, please contact the church office to submit their name, that they may be included in our **vocation cross packet**.

May is the Month of Mary

Please join the Altar Society in honoring Mary during **May**. We will pray the **Rosary** every Saturday morning *after* the 8:00 AM Mass.

This weekend the CCD Class will participate in the **May Crowning of our statue of Mary** during the 9 AM Mass at Christ the King Mission and during the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Charles Church.

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the Year of St. Joseph.

I would like to thank in a special way Deacon David Menard for his leadership in organizing so well our adoration and benediction along with Debra Menard, Mary Francois, the Worship Commission and so many others who faithfully came to adore our Lord, praying over 1,043 hours of prayer.

Fr. Mark Kramer, S.J.

Corpus Christi Procession on June 6th immediately following the 10:30 Mass:

All are invited to participate. Pre-school children are invited to dress as angels or saints. Our First Communion candidates are invited to participate wearing 1st Communion dress attire. The procession route is approximately 6/10 of a mile in the church vicinity.

Vocations Prayer Cross

“Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers for the harvest.” (Mt 9:38)

The Lord has commanded us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, “laborers for the harvest.” To respond to that command, we have purchased a **Vocations Prayer Cross** from the Diocesan Vocation Office and are asking families to sign-up to take home the Vocations Prayer Cross for one week to pray together as a family for vocations each night. All families of whatever size and age can participate.

We hope that this commitment to prayer will bless our families with an increase of holiness as well as result in an increase in vocations. Sign-ups began last weekend. Please, prayerfully consider making this offering of prayer.

Blessings, Fr. Mark

Introducing Couch Room—One of the classrooms in the religious ed building has been converted into a room for youth gatherings over the summer! We will be opening “Couch Room” to all high school students the first week of June for movie nights, trivia, board games, and more!

CONFIRMATION

Registration for the 2021-2022 class will open over the summer and be posted on our parish website. Classes are expected to begin the first week of September. Mark your calendars!

LifeNight (9th & 10th Grade) - LifeTeen classes have ended for this year! Stay tuned for information regarding the program and requirements for the 2021-2022 year. Please note that (2) years of LifeTeen are required as a prerequisite for all students who wish to participate in St. Charles Confirmation Program. If you have any questions, please email Amber Sims at sims@st-charles-borromeo.org.



Minister Schedule for May 8-9

Vigil-Lector	Kristine Vallow
Communion	Melissa Stoute
EMHC –Transepts	Lolita Henry
7:30-Lector	Pauline Edmond
Communion	Darrell Burleigh
EMHC -Transepts	Perry Kennerson
10:30-Lector	Cathy Taylor
Communion	Janice Fox
EMHC-Transepts	Bobby Fox

Congratulations to our First Communion Class.

We continue to pray for the 65 children who received the Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday April 17th and Saturday, April 24th. On May 8th, we will celebrate First Communion at Christ the King in Bellevue.

Pro Life Rosary & Patriotic Rosary

Every Wednesday morning at 8:30 am, (after 8:00 AM Mass) a Rosary is prayed. On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, we pray the **Patriotic Rosary**, for the needs of people of every state of the U.S. and for all who lead. On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, we pray the **Pro Life Rosary** for an end to abortion and for healing of mothers and fathers of aborted babies.

Thank you for your generous support of last week's **Catholic Home Mission Appeal**. As a parish we raised **\$226.00** to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States.

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House Grand Coteau, La.

Young Adult Retreat (Ages 18-30)

(Young Men, Young Women, Couples)
Retreat is directed by Fr. Joe Laramie, S.J. on **July 9-11, 2021**—Friday dinner to Sunday lunch
Deposit is \$25.00; Total Cost is \$200
To register call 337-662-5410 ext #200 or visit our website at ourladyoftheoaks.com

*Welcome to Visitors and/or
New Parishioners*

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.

Choir Rehearsals for the Saturday Vigil and the Sunday 10:30 Masses will take place in the church on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. Anyone interested in joining the choir is encouraged to attend. Get involved! We need singers! I look forward to meeting you!

Dr. Frankie Kelly

A STEWARDHIP MOMENT

In today’s Gospel reading on “the vine and the branches,” Jesus offers a quintessential stewardship statement: “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” The theme of this reading is “fruitfulness.” We hear the expression “bear fruit” five times. And “bearing fruit” is not something that the branches can do by themselves. They are extensions of the vine, Jesus, and are pruned by the gardener, God the Father, who wants them to be fruitful and to be drawn into the unity of the Father and son. Good stewards recognize that God’s love, presence, gardening and pruning are gifts. Do our lives reflect a capacity to be fruitful? Do we believe that by hearing the Word of the Lord and responding, we not only produce “good fruit,” but abide in the very life of God?

New Guidelines for Baptisms in 2021

Baptism Instructions will be held on the second Saturday of each month. The Baptisms will be celebrated on the First Sunday of the **following** month. The application must be completed & submitted by the 1st of the month, prior to the month of Baptism

Sacrament of BAPTISM June Schedule:

Baptism Application Due: Monday, May 3, 2021
Baptism Instructions: Saturday, May 8, 2021
Baptism Date: Sunday, June 6, 2021