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Saul witnesses the risen Jesus and boldly proclaims his Lordship. We proclaim our belief in Jesus by our love for one another. He is the vine and we the branches. Together let us praise his holy name in our assembly of worship.

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH 1st COMMUNICANTS

Congratulations to the following First Communion Group of 2021:

Jessica Alonzo, Claudia Barber, Maxine Barber, Juliana Creel, Jonathan Davis, Sutton Melancon, Chloe Nguyen, Isaac Islas, Moses Islas, Brantley Paige, Chandler Ritchie, Brooklin Trenum, McKenna Wells

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring our annual Baby Bottle Campaign. There are baby bottles or envelopes (COVID Friendly option) available for parishioner donations. Bottles and envelopes are to be turned in by May 9th (Mother's Day).

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." 1JOHN 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!

Respect Life Intention

For women tempted by abortion, that they may realize their unborn child is a gift from God not to be rejected.

- We pray to the Lord….

NUTS ABOUT FRUUIT

"My Father has been glorified in your bearing much fruit and becoming Moy Disciples."

Its late tonight and I'm tired. In my prayer for this teaching, I'm telling God I want sleep now rather than asking for fruitful words to write so He can be glorified. I don't want to hear about being pruned. Does this sound familiar?

The battle over bearing fruit really shows who is lord of our lives, Jesus or us. We can bear any fruit God requires of us because the energy required to produce the fruit comes unfailingly from Jesus, the Vine. Rooted in Jesus, we "will produce abundantly". So it's not a lack of energy, but either a lack of trust in His provision or a lack of desire to glorify God by staying rooted in Jesus and bearing His fruit.

What fruit don't we want to produce? Is it having more children, increasing our tithing, fasting more, evangelizing door to door witnessing to co-workers, giving up possessions, pruning our lifestyle, defending life, or going public with our faith? Are we satisfied with producing only our current quota of fruit? God wants to "increase our yield", so He'll be coming soon with pruning shears.

Questions such as these pierce our hearts and reveal our desires. Do we desire to be pruned because we want so much for God to reap a greater harvest of faith? Or is it our desire to limit or control God's pruning and intervention in our lives? With Mary, the expert on bearing fruit, let's answer God: "Be it done to me as You say."

Prayer: Father, I trust Your pruning far more than I trust the world's best surgeon to operate on me. Be glorified through me.
Praise: The church "was making steady progress in the fear of the Lord."
Praise: "When Christ our life appears, then you shall appear with Hi in Glory". Jesus, I trust in You!

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Kristi Allen, Anne Atkinson, Patty Bailey, Mary Barber, Mickey Bergeron, Rhody Bertoniere, Dale Boler, Ray Bonnett, Tim Blansett, Greg Briese, Linda Brennan, James Brignac, Mary D. Brignac, Margie Brown, Troy Carney, Claude Chastant, Louise Clocksin, Kelly Chighizola, Charles "Bud" Crain, Alex Diaz, Merle Daley, Stella Dicharry, Gary Duncan, Edward (Eddie) Dunn, Vic Haik, Carolyn Hardy, Trey Hayman, June Holcomb, Sylvia Hughes, Aline Hymel, Perry Keen, Virginia Keys, Kathy Koler, Kyle Ladner, Walter Landrum, Denise Langston, John Lee, Kathleen Lemoine, Steve Lindsoe, Julie Lott, Charles Magee, Ann Martin, Mary Mayfield, Karen McGhee, Royce McGhee, Brittany Mitchell, Jerry Mixon, Marie Mizell, Sarah Mizell, Patricia Moody, Diane Moran, Ruby Penatallo, Rhonda Penton, Val Perry, Pat Pounds, Ethel Quirk, Emanuel Rachel, Kathleen Rachel, Tommie Jean Rayburn, Stephanie Reeb, Wayne Rhoden, Mitch Russo, Dick Saba, Joe and Shirley Saltaformaggio, McKenna Scroggs, Randy Seal, Sheryl Shelby, Joyce Starett, Elizabeth Stewart, Jerri Stewart, June Stewart, Phillip Talley, Sidne' Tate, Diana Thibodeaux, Gloria Tull, Shirley Wheat, Alfred Widmar, Chuck Williams, Sharon Williams

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday	(May 3, 2021)
8:00 AM	Comm. Serv. – Church
3:00 PM	Rosary – Church
Tuesday	(May 4, 2021)
8:00 AM	Mass – Church
Wednesday	(May 5, 2021)
8:00 AM	Mass – Church
Thursday	(May 6, 2021)
8:00 AM	Mass – Church
Friday	(May 7, 2021)
8:00 AM	Mass – Church
Saturday	(May 8, 2021)
3:30 PM	Rosary-Church
4:00 PM	Vigil Mass – Church
Sunday	(May 9, 2021)
8:30 AM	Mass – Church
10:30 AM	Mass – Church
4:30 PM	Confessions *(en Español)*
5:00	Mass *(en Español)*

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 1st **4:00 PM**
Mickey Paduda, E. J. and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Dickie Underwood, Andrew Daley, Ray Hession, In Thanksgiving to St. Jude

Sunday, May 2nd **8:30 AM**
Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Linda Haaga, Barbara Hession, In Thanksgiving to the Holy Family, Welfare of David Arceneaux Family, Welfare of Christopher Lousteau and Lindsey Moore

10:30 AM
Annunciation Catholic Church Parishioners

Tuesday, May 4th **8:00 AM**
Ray Hession

Wednesday, May 5th **8:00 AM**
Lawrence Wille

Thursday, May 6th **8:00 AM**
Barbara Hession

Friday, May 7th **8:00 AM**
Linda Haaga, Rita Anderson

Saturday, May 8th **4:00 PM**
Mickey Paduda, E. J. and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Dickie Underwood, Andrew Daley, Ray Hession, Rita Anderson, Dorothy Bush, the Welfare of Joe & Shirley Saltaformagio

Sunday, May 9th **8:30 AM**
Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Linda Haaga, Ray Hession, Welfare of Christopher Lousteau and Lindsey Moore

10:30 AM
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ANNUNCIATION FOOD DRIVE

We are in need of the following items for the Church's Food Pantry:

Tuna Fish, Evaporated Milk, Canned Vegetables, Boxed Rice Dinners, Canned Fruit, Vienna Sausage

(Please check the expiration date!)

Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Repose of the Soul of:

RITA ANDERSON

Last Week's Collection
April 24th and 25th, 2021

Loose-Checks&Cash	$1,998.00
Envelopes	$2,706.00
Total:	**$4,704.00**

Funds Needed to Operate: $6,299.00

This Week's Budget Deficit: $1,595.00

Diocesan Priest Retirement $1,519.00

When You Make an Error…

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one." (1 John 1:10-2:1).

In 1986, Bob Brenley was playing third base for the San Francisco Giants. In the fourth inning of a game against the Atlanta Braves, Brenley made an error on a routine ground ball. Four batters later he kicked away another grounder. And then while he was scrambling after the ball, he threw wildly past home plate, trying to get the runner there. He made two errors on the same play. A few minutes later he muffed yet another play to become the first player in the twentieth century to make four errors in one inning.

Now, those of us who have made very public errors in one situation or another can easily imagine how he felt during that long walk off the field at the end of that inning. But then, in the bottom of the fifth, Brenley hit a home run. Then, in the seventh, he hit a bases-loaded single, driving in two runs and tying the game. Then, in the bottom of the ninth, Brenley came up to bat again, with two outs. He ran the count to three and two and then hit a massive home run into the left field seats to win the game for the Giants. Brenley's score card for that day came to three hits and five at bats, two home runs, four errors, four runs allowed, four runs driven in, including the game-winning run.

Daily life, for a Christian, is a lot like the story mentioned above regarding Bob Brenley. When we sin, we should never give up or lose heart, but should repent, seek God's forgiveness in the sacraments, pick ourselves up, and strive to do better. *Deus Providebit!* God Provides!

- Fr. Bru