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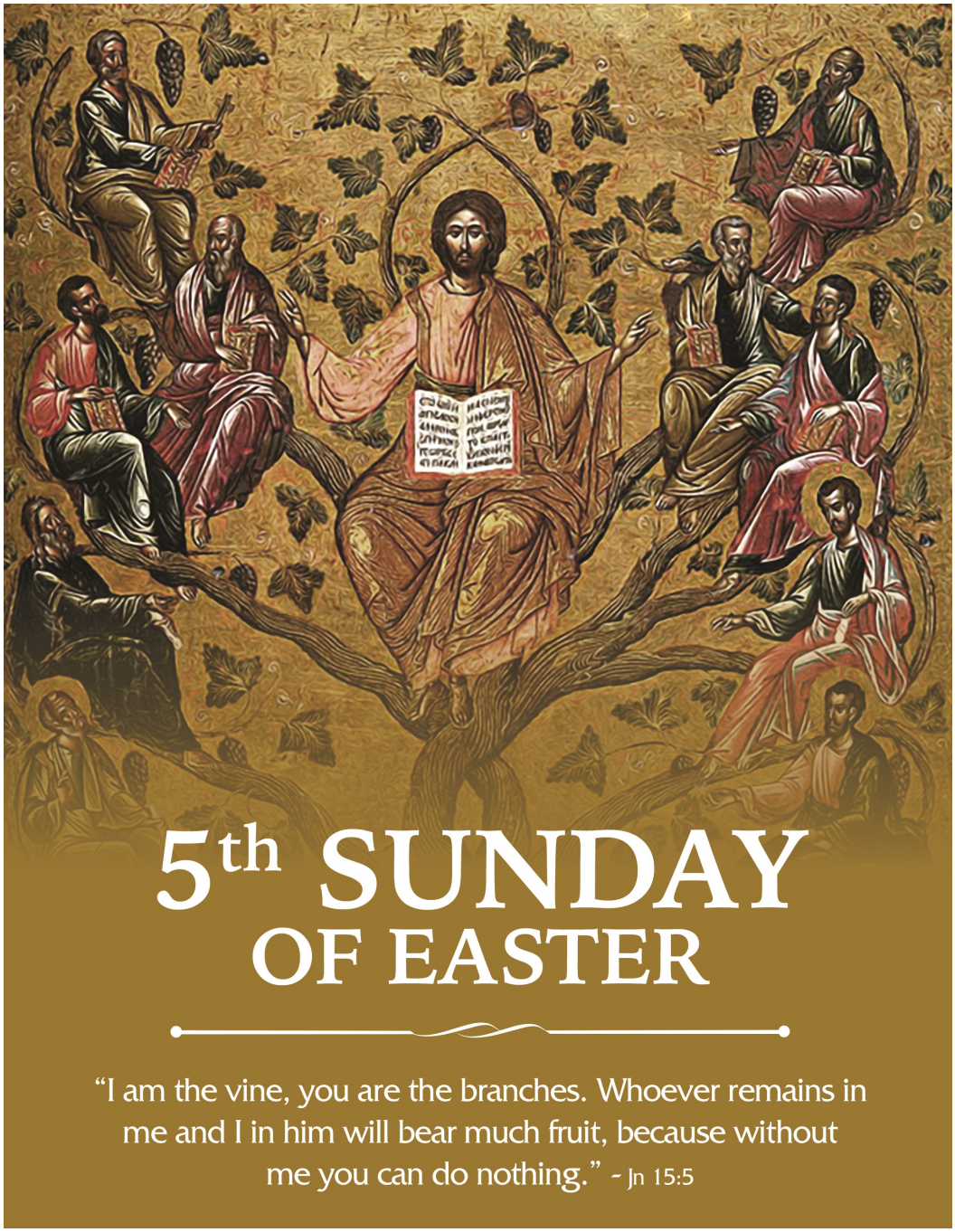

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

SATURDAY MASS
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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY/DOMINGO
8:00 a.m. (Español Televised)
10:00 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Español)
2:00 p.m. (English)
5:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

MONDAY/LUNES | FRIDAY/VIERNES
12:05 p.m.

SATURDAY/SABADO
5:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

WEEKDAYS 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
SATURDAY 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
SUNDAY 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VICTOR

UN MENSAJE DEPARTE DEL PADRE VICTOR

May 2, 2021
5th Sunday of Easter

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

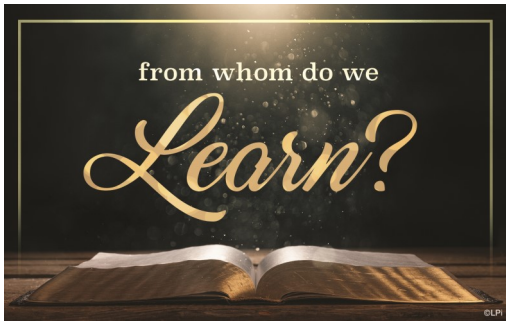
Fr. Victor Valdez

2 de mayo 2021
5° Domingo de Pascua

El domingo pasado, el Señor Jesús se presentaba como el Buen Pastor, y ahora nos da la imagen de la vid y los sarmientos. *"Yo soy la vid verdadera y mi Padre es el labrador. Toda rama que no da fruto en mí, la corta. Y todo sarmiento que da fruto, lo limpia para que dé más fruto". (Juan 15:1-2).* La vida del cristiano es de un constante cambio de limpieza y permanencia. Todos los días se presentan oportunidades nuevas de crecimiento humano y espiritual. Aquí se trata de crecer en Dios y dar fruto, y darse cuenta que sin Dios no se hace, ni se es nada. Es la prueba del discípulo, dar fruto en las cosas ordinarias, en las cosas sencillas. Haciéndolas extraordinarias por el amor.

¿Cómo estamos vinculados a Jesús en el mundo actual? ¿De qué manera doy fruto en este tiempo? Muchas veces, es difícil permanecer unidos, hay tantas cosas que nos separan de Dios. La frialdad hacia el que sufre, el enfermo, el pobre y desamparado. Nos urge un cambio radical en el amor y en la confianza, de que unidos podemos movernos hacia el amor cristiano. Debemos esforzarnos día a día en hacer el bien, especialmente para dejar algo provechoso a las generaciones venideras. Jesús lo afirmó claramente, al permanecer en él podremos pedir lo que queramos y sea de provecho para la salvación, y se cumplirá. Ese es el testamento. No hay vuelta de hoja. ¡Padre Santo, ayúdanos a permanecer muy cerca de Jesús siempre! Especialmente, en tiempos de prueba. Te pedimos fe y esperanza.

Fr. Victor Valdez



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Week of April 19 2021 to April 25, 2021			
Collections	$6866.11	Online Giving	$2,370.19

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 1, 2021		
5:00 pm	Personal Intentions of Marivic & John Kane	Marivic & John Kane
	+Rafaela Gonzalez	Terry Vargas & Family
Sunday, May 2, 2021		
10:00 am	+Maria Luisa Resendez	The Longoria Family
	Hijas de Maria - Deceased Members & Family Members	Hijas de Maria de la Catedral
12:00 pm	+Choco Gonzalez Meza	Daniel Meza Y Family
	+Sylvia Ferguson	Consuelo Ferguson
2:00 pm	Thanksgiving St. Lucy	Margarita Loya
5:00 pm	For San Fernando Community	
Monday, May 3, 2021		
12:05 pm	For San Fernando Staff & their Families	
Tuesday, May 4, 2021		
12:05 pm	+Henry James Cavazos	Roxella Cavazos (Wife)
	+Rafael Victorin	Mr. & Mrs. Louis Whitestone
Wednesday, May 5, 2021		
12:05 pm	+Ynocencio Palomo	Olga Enriquez
	Personal Intentions of Evelyn Kane-Krofl	Marivic & John Kane
Thursday, May 6, 2021		
12:05 pm	The Clergy of the Archdiocese of San Antonio	
	Personal Intentions of Evelyn Kane-Krofl	Marivic & John Kane
Friday, May 7, 2021		
12:05 pm	Personal Intentions of Marivic & John Kane	Marivic & John Kane
	+Angelita Gonzalez Treviño	Ellie & Javier Lara

WEEKLY READINGS

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/ Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

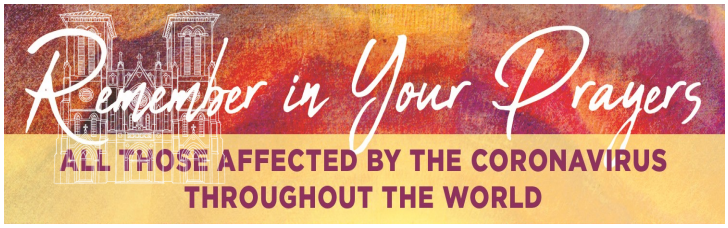
Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Monday: Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles

Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Carolyn Wright
Rosie Heredia
Mireya Perez
Guadalupe Valdez
Ruben Corpus
Amy Webber
Ty Cline
Margo Lago
Maria Regina Vidal
Jacob Garza
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Carolina Sanchez
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Cipiriano Gonzales
Trey Webber
Martin Maldonado
Maria J. Castillo

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Kids Corner

READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR

When you go into a strange place, you like to stay close to your parents. You trust them to keep you safe. Jesus wants you to stay close to him every day. Jesus is your vine. You are one of his branches. Learn his teachings and obey them. When you stay close to Jesus and follow his commandments, you can pray for whatever you want, and God the Father will answer your prayers.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me stay close to you and follow your commandments.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will love God more than anything and love my neighbors as myself.

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Sunday 8:30am - 3:30pm

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PARISH MINISTRIES

MEETING TIMES

Hijas de Maria
(Junta en Español/Spanish)
1st Sunday of the Month
11 am - La Sala (Above Poblanos)
Contact: Gloria Gonzalez
210-533-7475

Knights of Columbus -(English)
2nd Sunday of the Month
3:30pm - San Juan Room
231 W Commerce
Contact: Deacon Joseph Marroquin
972-800-8095

Guadalupano Society-(English)
3rd Saturday of the Month
9:30am - Cathedral Choir Rm (Above Gift Shop)
Contact: Maggie Marroquin
214-605-9124

Grupo de Oracion
Every Tuesday (Junta en Español)
7:00pm - Concepcion Room
Contact: Rosa Escobedo
210-717-2612

Chorale
Every Wednesday
7:00pm - 8:15pm
Cathedral Choir Rm

Mariachi Choir
Every Thursday
6:30pm - 9pm San Jose Rm

Coro Sagrado
Every Thursday
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Cathedral Choir Rm

Knots of Hope (Prayer Quilt Group)
3rd Thursday of the Month
2:00pm - 4:30pm
Concepcion Rm
Cati Reyna
Contact: 210-748-9948

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Adriana Holguin
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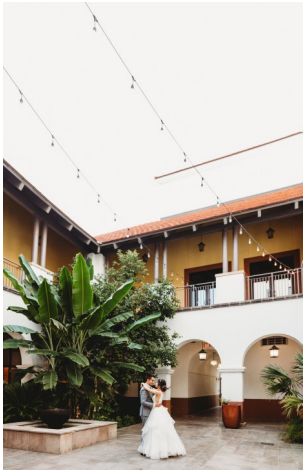
THE VENUES AT SAN FERNANDO



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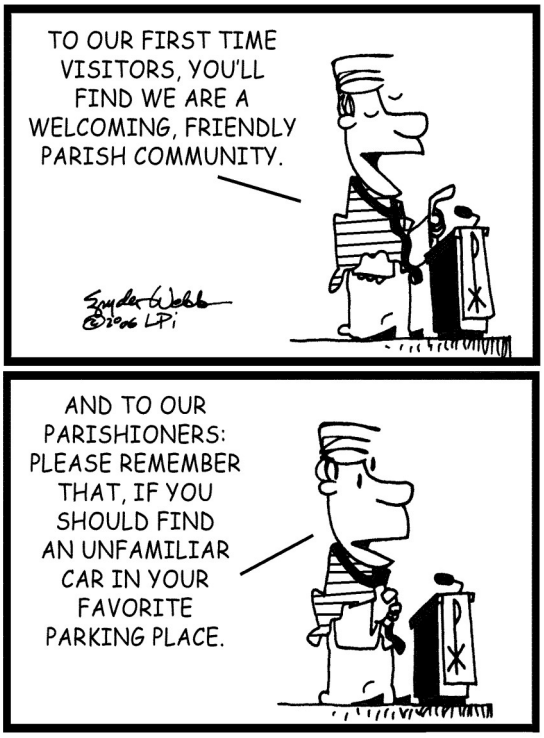
LITURGICAL LIFE

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.

IS GOSSIP A MORTAL SIN?

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

BRANCHING OUT ISN'T AWALYS WHAT IT CRACKED UP TO BE

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— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.
Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.
Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.
Amen.

ORACIÓN POR LOS SACERDOTES (USCCB):
Dios todopoderoso y lleno de bondad, te damos gracias por el don de nuestros sacerdotes.
Por medio de ellos, experimentamos tu presencia en los sacramentos.
Ayuda a nuestros sacerdotes a ser fuertes en su vocación.
Inflama sus almas con el fuego de tu amor por tu pueblo.
Concédeles la sabiduría, el entendimiento y la fortaleza que necesitan para seguir las huellas de Jesús.
Inspírales la visión de tu Reino.
Dales las palabras que necesitan para difundir el Evangelio.
Permíteles experimentar gozo en su ministerio.
Ayúdales a ser instrumentos de tu gracia divina.
Te pedimos esto por medio de Jesucristo, que vive y reina como nuestro Eterno Sacerdote.
Amén.