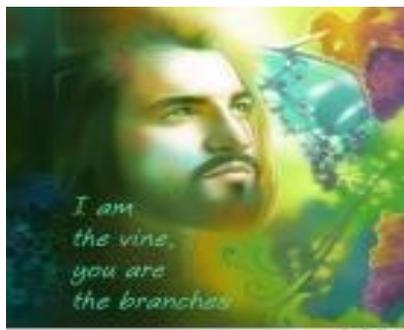


St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
Eufaula, Oklahoma
May 2nd 2021



BIRTHDAYS
MAY 3rd: Juanita Radaich
MAY 6th: Tom Determan

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION
April 25th:
Week 43

Envelopes:	\$	292.00
Loose Checks:	\$	310.00
Loose Cash:	\$	160.00
National Missions:	\$	82.00
Total:	\$	844.00
YTD Budget:	\$	57,190.00
YTD Actual:	\$	43,825.68

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021
 Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.
 — 1 John 3:18

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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Abortion Makes America Hypocritical

We Americans are hypocrites! We say we are against war yet we are in the midst of the biggest battle of our lives going on in our own home front, a battle between good and evil.

We say we are appalled by the number of deaths of our military in wars yet we condone 4,000 deaths of the unborn each and every day right here in America. We have killed more babies than all the soldiers who have died from all the wars we have ever been in! We turn a deaf ear to the cries of the babies in the mothers’ wombs pleading to be born, to be loved, to have a chance to live.

We deplore the actions of terrorists, the beheadings and the killings. Yet are we any better? The abortionists do the same to the helpless and defenseless in the womb, things so-called civilized people just don’t do.

We rush to the aid of helpless hurricane and earthquake victims, yet some believe we should euthanize the elderly and the sick when they can no longer help themselves and have become a ‘burden’ to those around them.

Take a good look around. Do you like what we’ve become? Why have we become so immoral? Do you suppose it’s because we’ve pushed God aside and believe we are in charge?

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Pray for ...

The Sick:

Creekmore family, Jana Gerhart, Terri Morgan, Carlee Eaton, Norma Determan, Charlotte Gibson, Keaton Petrone, Dan Hudson, Elizabeth Hudson Teer, Stan Shade, Jess Phelps, Donna Baldwin, Brady Thornton, Brittany Cagle, Hilda Sorenson, C.R. Ramsey, Marianne Determan, Mason & Gunner Anthamatten, Dan Remington, Wyatt Alexander, Alicia Pope, Keirla and Raiden Bennett, Cody Simon, Sonny Fulton, Betty Kelsoe



**FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY PROJECT
WEEKLY COLLECTION**

God bless you for your generosity. You have made a positive difference in the lives of hungry families. The requested food item for this week's collection is **CAN GOODS AND ANY NON-PARISHABLE ITEMS ONLY.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Jana Gerhart
- Beverly Stokes
- Billy Haltom
- Mark Kringlen
- Karen Willoby

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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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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CHRISTIANITY

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.

—Anonymous

HOLIEST FLOWER

Mary is the lily in God's garden.

—St. Bridget of Sweden

PRIDE

What better proof of your pride could you have given than to claim you were not proud?

—St. John Climacus

SMALL TASKS

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux



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Mass Schedule:

Wednesday at 9:00 AM

Sunday at 8:30 AM

Holy Days at 5:30 PM

Confession before Mass or by Appointment

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:30 am Mass Fifth Sunday of Easter	3	4	5 9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Adoration	6	7	8
9 8:30 am Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	10	11	12 9:00 am Mass	13	14	15
16 8:30 am Mass The Ascension of the Lord	17	18	19 9:00 am Mass	20	21	22
23 8:30 am Mass Pentecost	24	25	26 9:00 am Mass	27	28	29
30 8:30 am Mass The Most Holy Trinity	31	1	2 9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Adoration	3	4	5