

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Bartholomew is a diverse Catholic community welcoming to all.
Called to serve, we are united by faith, bonded by prayer, and committed to living the Gospel message.

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A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

MAY 2, 2021 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

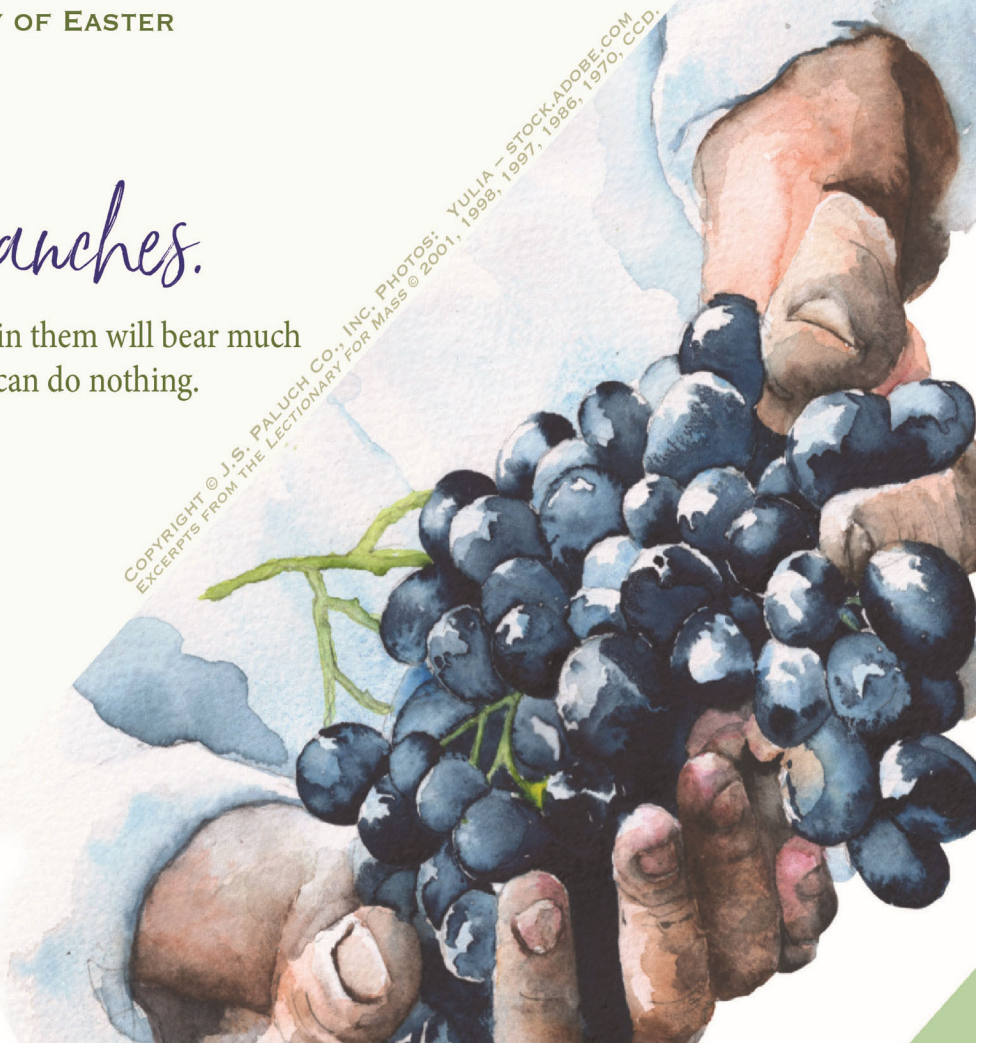
I am the vine,

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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PARISH LIFE

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, indeed 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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Loss of a Spouse, Loved One or Significant Person

Anyone who has faced the pain of coping with grief at the death of a loved one, spouse or significant person in life can often feel overwhelmed in dealing with the loss. In response to this, **St. Bartholomew's Bereavement Ministry** is hosting an online gathering call “Loss of a Spouse” on May 6, at 7:00 pm. The program aims to help participants cope with surprising emotions: how to handle loneliness; how to find strength to go on; and how to find peace. For more information and to register for this Zoom event, please contact Julianne Desmond at (562)221-5157 or email jzzyjad220@gmail.com.

Celebrating Mary's Month Together

Join with fellow parishioners on Wednesday evenings during Mary's month via Zoom. **Online prayer services (the first, third and fifth Wednesdays) alternate with Gospel Hangout (second and fourth Wednesdays). Fellowship begins at 6:30 pm and the devotional begins at 6:45 pm.** Please call the Parish Office to register for the Zoom link for your chosen gathering.

May 5: Evening Prayer Reflection with Larry Fay, MDiv – May is the month of Mary. It is a centuries old custom to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Paul VI wrote: “During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of their home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance.” Join with fellow parishioners as we pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

May 12: Gospel Hangout – a gospel reflection process that connects the Sunday gospel message with our daily life through prayer and small-group conversations. On May 12, Gospel Hangout participants will meet up in preparation for the Gospel of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.



May 19: Evening Prayer Reflection with Sr. Paulyne “Come Holy Spirit, inflame the hearts of the faithful!” Come and join us for a virtual, reflective evening prayer experience. We will prayerfully explore how we are called to be transformed into living witnesses of spreading God's kingdom on earth. Experience the Spirit's invitation to discipleship!

Cardinal McIntyre Fund Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend is the special collection for the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity. This annual collection provides emergency help to persons who have nowhere else to go. Your contributions to the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity makes you a sharer in the Archdiocese's works of mercy, and in its rewards of grace. Contributions to this fund help to serve “the neediest of those in need”—children, families and individuals throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for whom no other resources exist. These funds provide emergency food, shelter, or one-time assistance to families in crisis, such as assistance with medical or funeral expenses.

Thank you for your generosity! One hundred percent of your tax deductible contribution goes directly toward helping the poorest of the poor.

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Scripture Reflection

Today's Readings: Acts 9: 26-31; Psalm 22: 26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8

Today's Gospel passage takes place at the Last Supper, Jesus' final meal with his friends before his death. He had just dismissed Judas, after announcing that he would betray him. He also had already told Peter that he would deny him three times before morning. The other 10 apostles would abandon him as well, none of them accompanying him as he was put on trial. So, when he tells them, "Remain in me," he is making a heartfelt plea to his closest friends (John 15:4). He knows full well that they will not remain with him. But their bond is stronger than their actions on that fateful day. Though they do not remain with him, they remain in him as he remains in them, as he remains in us, no matter how far we may wander. In order to flourish and bear fruit, the vine needs to be pruned. What in me needs to be pruned so that I can bear fruit to the fullest extent possible? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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Beware the dangers of online enticement

The events of 2020 pushed most of our lives more fully online than ever before: working from home, virtual schooling, Zoom get-togethers. This past year also saw a dramatic increase in reports of online child abuse, including online enticement. Enticement involves an individual communicating online with someone believed to be a child, with the intent to commit a sex offense or to abduct the child. Online enticement can happen to any child using the internet. Parents should be very aware of what their children do online, including who they talk to and what sites they spend time on. For more information, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/blog/2021/rise-in-online-enticement-and-other-trends-ncmec-releases-2020->

Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Blanca Arellano	Maria de la Luz Mendiola
Alan Bentley	Scott Nicholson
Tom Bittner	The Ocampo Family
Barry & Kathy Blodgett	Phil Pacheco
Wally Burton	Paul Pignieri
Casado Family	Stan & Maureen Poe
Tim Conley	Karen Prochnow
Ginny Davis	Linda Reed
Anita De Witt	Ireneo A. Reus, Jr.
Paul Feinberg	Teresa Salmon
Gabriel Fernety	David Sheppard
Dr. James Fries	Stephen Silker
Annette Groen	Mazie Stempkowski
Renee Henderson	Angeles Tan
Sarah Hickles	L. Tanguay
Dr. Anthony Hovenden	Donald Thompson
Lois Kimble	Mary Uyeno
Lani Korth	Charlie Walker
Ford Kuzina	Judi Walsh
Lori Lopez	Lew Winkler
Laura Malloy	Jim Wolfe
Diane Markoff	Corey Wittenberg
Miriam Miramontes-Cervantes	

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 3

8:00am Intentions of Theresa de Jesus de Baños Galvez

Tuesday, May 4

8:00am Intentions of Vicky Gerales

Wednesday, May 5

8:00am Repose of the soul of Joanne Westwood

Thursday, May 6

8:00am Repose of the soul of Joan Faust

Friday, May 7

8:00am Repose of the soul of Msgr. Sean Flanagan

Saturday, May 8

8:00am Repose of the soul of Donna Parkin

Sunday, May 9

8:00am Intentions of St. Bartholomew parishioners

9:30am Repose of the souls of Monica Pasquel & Chris Lueke

11:00am Repose of the soul of Alice Marie McCormick

12:30pm Mother's Day Novena

Christy Di Leo & Ellen Henry

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