

# May 2, 2021

# St. John XXIII



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## MASS TIMES

Saturday at 4pm

Sunday at 8am & 10am

M - W at 12:15pm, F at 7:30am

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Monday - Thursday, 8:00-4pm

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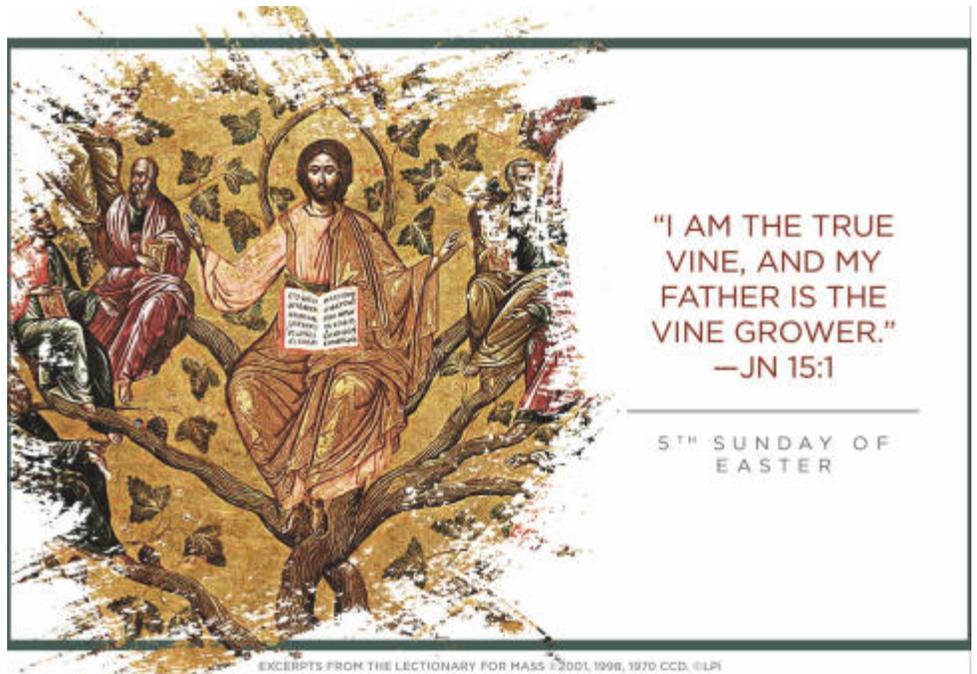
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## MISSION STATEMENT

**We, the parishioners of St. John XXIII,  
commit to be disciples of Jesus  
through prayer, Worship, study and service.**



### NEW PARISH REGISTRATIONS

Registration form can be found on the front page of parish website or contact parish office.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 2:30 pm, by appointment or before or after weekday Masses.

### BAPTISM

Must attend Baptism Classes **prior** to scheduling Baptism. Call parish office to register for class.

### MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor eight (8) months before your wedding

## From the Desk of Father Richmond

My Beloved Parishioners:

In our gospel today, our Lord Jesus talks about how God brings the best out of us and makes us bear more fruit (become more of a means of blessing) to family, friends, church, community, and the world. Jesus describes the process as pruning and God the Father as a vinedresser. Physical pruning involves cutting off part of a tree to make it more healthy and beautiful. In the spiritual sense, this might be likened to any suffering that God allows us to go through. Today's gospel teaches suffering can be God's tool for spiritual pruning. Even though God does not cause suffering, He can allow it if He sees it as essential for our pruning. Always give God the benefit of the doubt and know that He will permit any suffering you go through not to harm you but to make you healthier, spiritually beautiful, and more of a blessing to those he places in your life. May God give us the strength to respond to any pruning he takes us through with a loving heart and hope in him

### FAITH NUGGETS (BRIEF CATECHIZES)

**Feast of Ascension and Rogation days:** The word *rogation* comes from the Latin verb 'rogare', which meaning, "to ask", and connotes asking God to send us his help and protection against the dangers of life. So, Rogation days are days of prayer and fasting asking for God's mercy and protection. The Major Rogation day is (April 25<sup>th</sup>) and Minor Rogation days are (the three days preceding the Feast of Ascension. Traditionally, believers have prayed the Litany of the Saints. For this year, I recommend praying the Litany of St. Joseph and the Litany of Trust.

### SPECIAL APPRECIATION

- **All who have been helping lead our Parish in prayer:** I am very grateful for ALL of you who have been leading our Parish in prayer (Mass, Eucharistic Adorations, Praying for the clergy, Novenas, Rosary before Masses, etc.)

## FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL ATTENTION AND INVOLVEMENT

- **Parish Novena for May:** Please come and join us at the Parish or online **from May 1-9th**. We will continue to pray the Novena of St. Joseph as we pray for all veterans, workers, people who are unemployed, those who are underemployed, and for an end to the pandemic.
- **Feast of Ascension:** Since the feast of the Ascension of our Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation, we will have a Vigil Mass on May 12th @ 5:30 pm and the Mass for the Day on May 13th @ 9 am. Please come and join us in worshipping our God!
- **Special Pentecost Novena:** Please mark the date and join us at the Parish from **May 14th-22nd** for **Special Pentecost Novena**.

HAPPY EASTER!!! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!! Our Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

In prayer with you,  
Fr. Richmond



## Your Shared Treasure

For: April 17-18, 2021

Adult Budget (100).....	\$8,737.23
Adult Budget EFT (65).....	1,925.00
Offertory.....	74.00
Visitor.....	0.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$10,736.23</b>
Extending the Dream.....	\$185.00
Extending the Dream EFT (51).....	890.39

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## First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

**R. (26a) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

**I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

**I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

**I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

**I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

## 2nd Reading

1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first Letter of St. John  
Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 15:4a, 5b

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

John 15:1-8

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. 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. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## Mass Intentions

*5th Sunday of Easter*

**Saturday, May 1**

4:00 pm Joan Dilts

**Sunday, May 2**

8:00 am Robert Duvall

10:00 am All Parishioners

**Monday, May 3 - Sts. Philip & James**

12:15 pm Bob Dahlgren

**Tuesday, May 4 - Easter Weekday**

12:15 pm Richard Fergen

**Wednesday, May 5 - Easter Weekday**

12:15 pm deceased members of Brunzman family

**Thursday, May 6 - Easter Weekday - No Mass**

**Friday, May 7 - Easter Weekday**

7:30 am Curtis Selzer

*6th Sunday of Easter*

**Saturday, May 8**

4:00 pm All Parishioners & Herb Musser

**Sunday, May 9**

8:00 am deceased members of Korch family

10:00 am Jim & Greg Rump

**Sunday, May 2**

Parish novena, 7:30 and 9:30 am

Evangelization committee, 11:30 am

**Monday, May 3**

Staff meeting, 1:00 pm

Parish novena, 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, May 4**

Cleaning crew, 9 am

Eucharistic Adoration, 1-7:00 pm

Finance council, 5:30 pm

Men of Action, 6:00 pm

Parish novena, 7 pm

**Wednesday, May 5 - Parish novena, 7 pm**

**Thursday, May 6 - Parish novena, 7 pm**

**Friday, May 7**

Men of action, 6:30 am

Parish novena, 7:00 pm

**Saturday, May 8**

NFP training, 9 am

Parish novena, 3:30 pm

Baptism, 5:30 pm

**Sunday, May 9 - Parish novena, 7:30 am & 9:30 am**

## Parish Garden

The parish garden is tilled and ready to be planted. Our mission is to bring nourishment and hope to those who are in need. The garden is our garden. God's gift to us to help to feed others. So grateful for those who were able to attend last Saturday, to pray and discuss plans for the garden. Your gift of volunteering can be shown in so many ways, in prayer, donating plants, seeds. If you wish to donate plants for the garden, thank you. We are in need. Saturdays are garden days. We will be planting each Saturday in the month of May. 10- noon. You may drop off plant donations at the church or you may call me, or email me at 319-929-6780, irisjoey@gmail.com I will put a note of prayer and progress each week in the bulletin to keep you informed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Or ideas and yes, of course, prayers.  
*Joey Glass*

Eternal Father, maker of heaven and earth, we bless you and give you all the glory. We thank you for your presence. Look upon our work this season, and please grant that the seeds, plants that we put into the ground will produce plentiful crops, providing nourishment and hope for many. In Jesus' name, we pray.  
Amen.

## Music Help Needed

"Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in Psalms and hymns and inspired songs."  
St John 23 is looking for individuals who wish to share their musical treasures. We are looking for choir members, cantors and keyboardists. No experience is necessary; training offered. If you are interested, please contact Joanne Becker at [beckerejb@earthlink.net](mailto:beckerejb@earthlink.net).

## High School Graduates Mass

All high school seniors who are planning on attending our graduates Mass on Sunday, May 23, at 10 am please email Tracy ([dbq227sec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq227sec@dbqarch.org)) no later than Monday, May 17, with the following information: graduates full name, parents full names, high school graduating from, and college attending in the fall.

## Pentecost May 23rd

The red during Pentecost represents the fiery tongues that descended upon the Apostles when they received the Holy Spirit. At whichever Mass you attend on May 22nd or 23rd, we encourage you to wear red in order to celebrate Pentecostal feast.

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