

May 2, 2021 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter



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We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph's are called to live the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospitality, Worship, Faith Formation, and Service to others.

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Remember in your prayers all those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world

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St. Joseph Mass Intentions**Sat (1) 4 pm**

Eric Jones + Walendziak family

Sun (2) 10:30 am

Sandy Bruse + Roberta Dombleski

Healing of Kita Murray + Tate family

Bethany Sweet + Lois Munnelly

Monday (3) 8:30 am

Gary Malacynski + Fallis family

Friday (7) 8:30 am

Healing of Kita Murray + Ann Sargalis

Sat (8) 4:00 pm

Healing of Roseann Lopez + Jablonskis

Debbie Satas + Joan Raven

Healing of Billie DeLarie

+ Roberta Dombleski

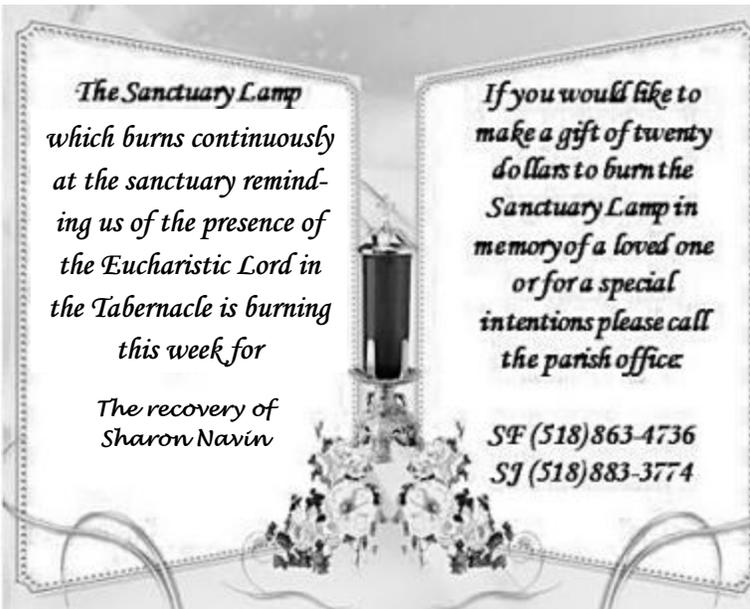
Sun (9) 10:30 am

Milton & Margaret Hugo + Hugo family

Deceased Munnelly/Rosenzweig women

+ Munnelly/Rosenzweig families

Aileen Fitzpatrick + Lois Munnelly

**St. Francis Mass Intentions****Sun (2) 8 am**

Happy birthday to Joan Augustyn

+ Terry Frank

Al Cruden + Family

Richard Hoefler + Jackie Junquera

Tuesday (4) 8:30 am

Rev William J Halpin

Rev John Rausch

Rev C Henri Tessier

Thursday (6) 8:30 am

Rev. Joseph A Boldt

Msgr Patrick J Whelan

Sun (9) 8 am

Al Crudin, Jr + family

MaryAlice Bertino + Adrienne Frank

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~ Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that he remains in us and if we remain in him we will bear much fruit. Gathered together today, we are a visible sign of a community who remains in the Lord. May the sustenance we receive here from Word and Eucharist nourish us so that we may bear much fruit in the world.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE ~ Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parent's must "prune & cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and grow fruit.

GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ "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. @ LPI

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. @LPI

READINGS FOR THE WEEK MAY 2, 2021 ~ 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

SJ Lector: 5/8 J Smith
5/9 M Doyle

SF Lector:
5/9 J Ferguson

EMAIL ADDRESSES We have new software called "REALM" which enables us to keep you informed if we have your email addresses. We need to have everyone's email address. Please email or call the office with your email address. The office will be calling next month to update our information.

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BIRTHRIGHT SJ will be offering fresh carnations for a \$1 donation after all masses/services on May 8 & 9 in celebration of Mother's Day. In SF, the Knights of Columbus purchase the carnations to give to our mothers. Proceeds from this sale will benefit women who need support through a crisis pregnancy. Your support of this fundraiser is truly appreciated.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD:

CATECHISM OF THE

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BRIEF

665 Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3).



666 Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever.

667 Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

**Congratulations to the
 First Communicants
 of St. Joseph's!**

Rosary: During the month of May, beginning this weekend, St. Joseph's Altar Rosary Society will pray the Rosary at 3:30 pm on Saturdays and 10 am Sundays. Everyone is welcome to join us in praying the Rosary during this month dedicated to Mary.

The Diocesan Appeal makes it possible for us as Disciples of Jesus Christ to serve The People of God on a scale a single parish could not possibly do on its own. By coming together through our caring and faith, each one of us becomes the heart, the hands and the eyes of our Most Blessed Lord, reaching out to those in need of love, compassion and spiritual nourishment.

**Diocesan Appeal
 July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

**For we
 walk by faith,
 not by sight.**

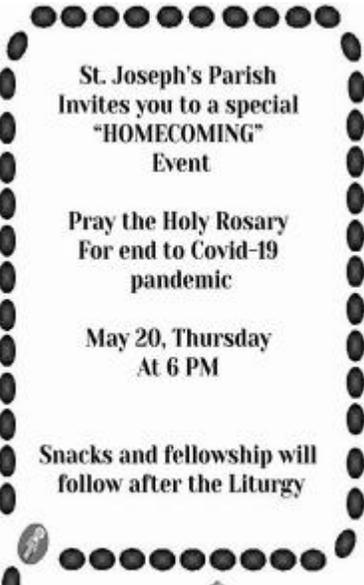
OUR GIVING

	Attend	4/18/21	March egiving		Candles	Poor Box
SJ 4 pm	48	\$1,085	See below		n/a	n/a
SF 8 am	61	\$1,693	\$1,172.25		n/a	\$60
SJ 10:30	72	\$753	\$658.90		n/a	n/a



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 July 1, 2020- July 30, 2021
 St. Francis Goal \$24,699.00**

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