



OUR LADY OF LOURDES | ST. JOSEPH'S
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SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"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 everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays Our Lady of Lourdes:
 Tue. 12 PM, Wed. - Fri. 8 AM

Saturdays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 4 PM
 St. Joseph's (Memorial - Labor Day) 5:30 PM

Sundays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 8 AM
 Saint Joseph's: 10 AM

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Rev. John B. MacKenzie Pastor
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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—FRIDAY 8AM-12PM

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Our Lady of Lourdes
 Saturday 3 PM

BAPTISM

Families must be registered parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Joseph's. Please call the rectory for arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the rectory at least six months before intended date to fulfill preparation requirements.

Mission Statement

We the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Joseph, strive to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ through the Catholic Tradition. We are called by Baptism to proclaim the Good News using our time, talent, and treasure. We aim to grow in our relationship with God through our worship, education, service, fellowship, and by loving our neighbor.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 1

8:00 AM Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima OL
 4:00 PM Alice Lunde by Father John OL
 5:30 PM No Mass

Sunday, May 2

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners OL
 10:00 AM Jose Garcia & Sandra Cordona SJ
 by Anna Cook & Jim Tozier

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, 12 noon OL
 Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8 AM OL

Monday May 3 No Mass
 Tuesday May 4 Intentions of Micheline Lizotte
 Wednesday May 5 Intentions of Marcelle Houde
 Thursday May 6 Richard Lizotte
 Friday May 7 George MacKenzie Jr.

Saturday, May 8

4:00PM Intentions of Decorating Committee OL
 by Father John
 5:30 PM No Mass

Sunday, May 9

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners OL
 10:00 AM Intentions of Father John SJ

Weekly amount needed to meet Budget
 Requirement: \$ 4,000

Weekend of April 25, 2021

Weekly Offering	\$ 2,724
Rice Bowls	\$ 175

We are, as always, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent and Treasure.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH !

We pray that you enjoy celebrating with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass. You may register with us by dropping in or calling our rectory during the week at 435-6242. If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your "home away from home".

Lay Ministries	May 1/2	May 8/9
Lectors		
4 PM	Ben Brown	Ellen Barbasso
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Karen Cote	Charles Hauck
10 AM	Jen Klingensmith	Rob Rodler

Parish Ministries

Serving God, Our Parish and Our Parish Community

Our Lady of Lourdes – St. Joseph’s Church

Parish Center

- **Interfaith Community Kitchen Monday Meals** – will reopen Monday, May 3rd at 4:30pm, with drive-thru takeout meals during the month of May.
- **The Clothes Closet** – Free clothing for men, women, and children. Open: on Mondays 3:30-4:30, Thursdays 11:00-Noon, and the first Saturday of the Month from 10:00-11:00.
- **The Northwood Emergency Food Pantry** – Please stop by for our monthly schedule.

DIVINE MERCY MILITIA

Please join us every Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church as we pray for our nation, our Church, our parish, and our world. Concludes with Benediction.



READING

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower" (John 15:1)

Question of the Week

What is "truth" for you? Does the Johannine concept of doing the truth add to your appreciation of truth?

HIS WORD TODAY

The allegory of the vine in John 15 teaches that believers in Jesus are related to him in a vital and organic way, and that their discipleship entails abiding in that relationship and demands faithfulness to it. An allegory is a figure of speech in which each element in a narrative is equated with someone or something else. Here the vine is Jesus, the farmer/vine grower is God the Father, and the branches are those who follow Jesus. Today's text is part of Jesus' farewell discourse in John 13-17, whose setting is Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. Their main topic is how the community formed by the earthly Jesus can carry on when he is no longer bodily or physically present as he was during his earthly ministry. The point is that the life-giving Spirit of Jesus will still be present and active among his disciples and their successors.

In the vine allegory, Jesus is the vine in the sense that his vital energy courses through the whole plant and its branches and serves as its source of life and dynamism. The Father is the farmer or vine grower, who tends to the vine at every stage of its existence. The disciples are the branches, who depend upon both the vine and the vine grower for their growth and continuing care.

The vine growers activities include cutting away the dead branches and pruning back the live branches so that they may produce fruit ever more abundantly. The criterion by which the branches live or die is their productivity, or bearing fruit, by keeping Jesus' commandments to believe and love. The disciples whom Jesus addresses have already been "pruned" through his word—that is, they have been cleansed from what prevents their bearing fruit. But just as branches cannot bear fruit unless they remain connected to the vine, so disciples of Jesus cannot bear fruit unless they remain or abide in Jesus. Those who fail to abide in Jesus can expect to be cut off, to wither up and be burned as fuel for the fire.

Today's reading from 1 John 3 indicated that the disciples must express their relationship with God through Jesus in "deed and truth." For John, the truth is incarnate in Jesus as the way, the truth and the life.

FATHER JOHN'S JOTTINGS

Do not let your hearts be troubled. (John 14:1)

When Jesus said these words, his own mind was consumed with trouble. He knew that in the next twenty-four hours, he was going to face humiliation, pain, and death on a cross. It must have been an awful moment for Jesus. Isn't it amazing, then, that Jesus could even think to tell his apostles, "Do not let your hearts be troubled" (John 14:1)?

So, what can we conclude? First, everyone faces some sort of trouble in their lives, not just us. Things won't always go right, and we will feel grief, sadness, and pain. In short, our hearts will be troubled. But there is good news. Jesus knows our troubles because he faced similar temptations and similar troubles in his own life. That's why he is able to sympathize with us. That's why he is able to help us (Hebrews 4:15).

Second, in the midst of our troubles, Jesus wants to tell us that he is always with us. The psalmist tells us that there will be times when we will have to walk through some dark valleys, but that whenever we do, God will be with us, comforting us and giving us the courage to make it through. John's Gospel is perhaps the most comforting word in all of Scripture. It can become a stronghold of safety and reassurance for each of us. So keep repeating Jesus' words, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God, have faith also in me." Let these words convince you of who you are and what you believe. Let it fill you with God's peace. You never have to face anything alone!

Lord, help me stay close to you when I face trials and difficulties. Give me the grace to walk through every dark valley filled with faith and trust in you.

Meditations for Catholics

YOUTH RELIGIOUS FAITH FORMATION

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Formation: ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org.**

**The Interfaith Community Kitchen
will reopen Monday, May 3, at 4:30
with drive thru takeout meals during
the month of May.**

Shamrock Scramble

You are cordially invited to support the first annual Shamrock Scramble, a golf tournament to support Saint Patrick Academy's Mind ~ Body ~ Spirit campaign! Your generosity will support the construction of Saint Sebastian Hall, a new state-of-the-art facility expanding SPA's co-curricular activities. All proceeds from the 1st Annual Shamrock Scramble will help to benefit the construction of SPA's new multipurpose facility, Saint Sebastian Hall! Go to <https://saintpatrickacademy.square.site/product/shamrock-scramble-/4>

Diocesan Organist Training Program

The Office for Worship is offering a 10-month long program geared towards pianists or organists wishing to improve their skill level!

Based on a master-class type of model, this program meets twice a month (Saturdays, 10-2 accounting for 80 hours) and is capped at 10 participants to allow for sufficient one-on-one time between student and instructor. Visit www.catholicnh.org/worship for more information.

St. John Regional School Event

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Please save the date for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, May 7th hosted by the St. John Regional School 8th Grade Class. Dinner, with socially distanced tables, will be held in the Parish Activity Center (PAC) at Christ the King Parish, 72 South Main Street, Concord. This fundraiser benefits the 8th Grade Class end of the year activities, and is sponsored by the SJRS PTO and 8th Grade Class.

PARISH NEWS FLASHES

- ◆ *Father John would like masks to be worn by all who attend any Mass. Thank You all for your anticipated compliance.*
- ◆ *Please join us on Sunday May 9th after Mass as we honor the Mother of our Church in a Marian procession and crowning to be held at both church locations.*
- ◆ *An illuminated rosary, created by the First Communion and Confirmation class, will be on display this Sunday at St. Joseph's Church. Parishioners are welcome to light a candle with their prayer intentions before Mass.*
- ◆ *Help make this the best parish yard sale ever! The yard sale planning meeting will be held Wednesday, May 12, at 10AM in the parish center. (Please note the date has been changed from May 5)*



One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?"

Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this revelation for awhile and then said, "Mummy, how come ALL of Grandma's hairs are white?"



MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 9th

Mother's Day Mass Intentions

Want to remember your mothers, grandmothers, godmother aunts, or any mother figure, living or deceased in the Mother's Day Masses? You may use your designated offertory envelope or legibly print the names on a piece of paper and include in an envelope with your donation. Deadline for names is May 2 .

Sharing the Gospel

Put a brand new light bulb in a lamp. Turn the lamp on. It shines brightly. Now, unplug the lamp. The lamp goes dark. It might be a nice lamp. It might have a new light bulb. Yet, without being plugged in to electricity, the lamp cannot shine. In today's Gospel, Jesus is the vine and you are a branch. As long as you are attached to Jesus, your faith can grow fruit like love, kindness and gentleness. If you break away from Jesus, your faith will die, and you will not grow any fruit. Stay plugged in to Jesus, so you can shine. Stay connected to Jesus, so your faith can grow fruit.

Prayer

God, help me to stay connected to Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a tall vine with one branch for every person in your family. Write Jesus' name on the vine, and write the names of your family members on the branches.

Mission for the Week

Read Galatians 5:22-23 with your family. Write down the nine different kinds of fruit that will grow from your faith, when you stay connected to Jesus.

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PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

vine	Father	honored
joined	pray	gardener
branch	fruit	clean

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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



5th Sunday of Easter • John 15:1-8



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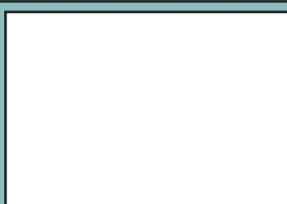
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