



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter

“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.” - Jn 15:5



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7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Sunday)

DAILY MASS: Mon, - Fri 6:30 a.m.
Sat. 8:15 a.m.

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BAPTISMS:
Parents desiring Baptism for their children must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the Parish Office for info.

MARRIAGES:
Contact the parish 8 months in advance of your proposed marriage date for Marriage Prep information.

NEW PARISHIONERS:
Welcome! Please register by stopping by the Parish Office.

Sunday - May 2

7:00 am For Jim Hofmeister & Family
by: Nancy Crovelli
9:00 am For the Parishioners of
Our Lady of Fatima Parish
11:00 am For Father Frank Garcia
by: John & Venita Collier
5:00 pm Teens of Our Lady of Fatima

Monday - May 3

6:30 am †Emma Schramm
by: Deacon Gary Miller & Family
8:15 am For B.J. Killingsworth
by: The Bacon Family

Tuesday - May 4

6:30 am †Monsignor Val Gross
by: Bob & Lisa Gross
8:15 am †Timothy Healy
by: Jeanne Haug

Wednesday - May 5

6:30 am For Theresa Schroeder
by: Nancy Crovelli
8:15 am †Elva Padilla
by: Lance & Cathy Petersen

Thursday - May 6

6:30 am For Father Frank Garcia
by: Nancy Crovelli
8:15 am †John Vandemoer
by: Kathryn Gaynor

Friday - May 7

6:30 am †All Souls in Purgatory
8:15 am For Special Intention
by: Jeanne Haug

Saturday - May 8

8:15 am For Special Intention
by: Jeanne Haug
5:00 pm For Brent Mize Family
by: Debora Mize

Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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Parish Offertory

April 18, 2021

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Total Registered Families - 1025

General Offertory 04/18	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Last Year 2019/2020	\$22,125	\$889,222
This Year 2020/2021	<u>\$19,005</u>	<u>\$877,476</u>
This Year versus Last Year	\$-3,120	\$-11,746
		(-1.3% VS Last Year)

Children's Collection \$0.00 Balance \$2,440.89

Please continue to use your offertory envelopes so we are able to acknowledge your giving at the end of the year.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Electronic giving is available at our website
www.fatimalakewood.org.



Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

“That’s a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together.”

I’ve never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can’t recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it’s usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don’t usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that’s because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father’s glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That’s all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that’s true for all of us. We’ve given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we’d really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It’s a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Please remember our school and parish in your will.

“The best, the surest and the most effective way of establishing PEACE on the face of the Earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

I encourage Christians regularly to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God.

I plead with you - never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire and never become discouraged. Be not afraid”.

Saint Pope John Paul II



Come, Spend Time With the Lord in Adoration

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is available to you in our Adoration Chapel daily from 6 am to 8 pm. To sign up as a scheduled adoror go to

www.Adorationpro.org/Fatima and click “Weekly Commitment” or to sign up as a substitute adoror, click “Become a Sub”.

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Please continue to pray for the dead.

Mac Marshall Lee Kreifels Lorna Sexton
 Karen Hoffman Tyler Standley Richard Maes
 Margaret & Lorenzo Ulibarri

Please remember to pray for the sick.

Michael McDaniel and for all those who are recovering from surgery or are terminally ill.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

- ◆ **NO CGS classes on Wednesday, May 5**
- ◆ **Extra Day:** Please note the extra scheduled CGS day: Tuesday, May 4.
- ◆ **Liturgy of the Light:** This beautiful service will be on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm. Please be at the church by 6:00 pm and plan to stay for a potluck in the Parish Hall after the service.
- ◆ **Final CGS Classes:** The last classes for this year’s program are on Wednesday, May 12. Our year-end celebratory potluck will be held after the Liturgy of Light on Tuesday, May 4, so please plan on staying!

Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation and First Holy Communion

- ◆ **Rite of Enrollment:** Both the candidate (child) and their sponsor should attend the *5pm Mass today, Sunday, May 2*. If it is not possible for the sponsor to attend, a parent can stand in as a proxy.
- ◆ **Workbooks (Eucharist):** Continue working in the blue “Signs of Grace - Preparing for First Holy Communion” activity book and guide. The activity book is due by August 16.
- ◆ **Sponsor Forms:** Please turn in your child’s sponsor form as soon as possible.
- ◆ **Workbooks (Confirmation):** Please turn in your completed “Saints Among Us - Confirmation” Student Workbook 3 to the RE office.
- ◆ **Mark your calendars!**
 - Saint posters are due Thursday, July 15 or sooner if you would like.
 - Confirmation Readiness Exam is due Monday, August 16.
 - Interviews: Weeks of August 16 and 23.
 - Day of Reflection: Saturday, August 21 from (9 am - 2 pm). Both child & adult/s must attend. Sponsors are welcome too!
 - Confirmation Rehearsal: Thursday, August 26 at 5 pm.
 - Confirmation/First Holy Communion Mass: Sunday, August 28 at 5 pm.
Please arrive at 3:50 pm in the school gym for pictures and Q&A with Father Henri.

Vacation Bible School

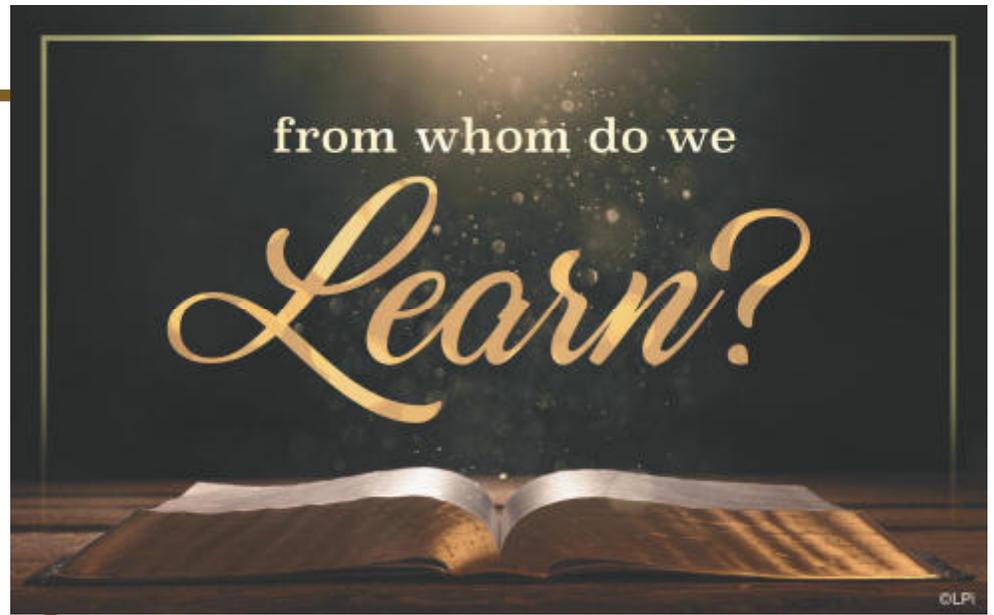


<p>Join us as we follow Moses and the Israelites through the Red Sea and into the desert on their way to the Promised Land!</p> <p>Looking for fun and engaging volunteers for a wide variety of roles. Call the RE office at 303.233.1283 for a link to more information if interested in attending and/or volunteering.</p>	<p>WHAT: Exodus (Vacation Bible School)</p> <p>WHEN: ~1400 BC (June 21 – June 25, 2021)</p> <p>TIME: 40 Years (9:00am – 12:00pm)</p> <p>WHERE: Desert (School Gym)</p> <p>COST: Commit to Following God (\$50/kid)</p> <p>WHO: God’s Chosen People (Grades K – 5)</p> <p>RSVP: Blood on Doorposts (Call RE 303.233.1283)</p>
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**Gospel
Meditation
May 2,
2021**



“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-checked 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.

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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MISSION

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.

PUZZLE

Which picture name begins with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

G



F



J



MISSION

I will love God more than anything and love my neighbors as myself.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



PRAYER
IS THE BRIDGE
BETWEEN PANIC
AND PEACE.

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National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 6, 2021
Our Adoration Chapel
Is open daily
6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Healing Ministry

“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them... in the name of the Lord” -James 5:14

The healing ministry is continuing the prayer sessions for those seeking healing for physical and associated emotional ailments. The Healing Ministry joins with them in intercessory prayer to the Holy Trinity and asks the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede on their behalf. This includes serious, severe and incurable ailments. The private prayer sessions are confidential and include proper COVID precautions. They are held at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 1 pm second Sunday of each month.

For more information contact Lou at 303-956-4826 or lou@ciberlok.com.



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