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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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welcome

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Parish registration forms are at the Information/ Welcome Desk and on our website.

Mass Intentions

Mon, May 3, 2021		**NO MASS**
Tue, May 4, 2021—	Bill & Diane Kratochvil	**6:00 PM**
Wed, May 5, 2021–	+ Stephen Wilhelm	**8:15 AM**
Thu, May 6, 2021—	+ Msgr. Raymond Crosier	**8:15 AM**
Fri, May 7, 2021 —	+ Joseph Le Quong Ngoc	**8:15 AM**
Sat, May 8, 2021—	Porter Family	**5:00 PM**
Sun, May 9, 2021—	+ Joseph Hoang Xuan Viet	**8:00 AM**
	Jeanette and + Alvin Simek	**10:30 AM**
	St. Hyacinth Parish Family	**12:00 PM**

From the Deacon's Desk

We know God through His Son—Jesus. Religious leaders like Mohammed, Confucius and Buddha came upon this stage of earthly life when they announced what they wanted. . . but it was Jesus who was pre-announced hundreds of years before his birth by prophets who announced God's will. When we see the role Mary played in God's plan, then we should not be afraid to ask her, as mother of God's son, for her help in whatever we think is going wrong or has gone wrong in someone's life. It is our prayers and Mary's help that may sustain or save our brothers and sisters in the end.

If you have a question or topic that you would like the Deacon to discuss, feel free to submit your suggestion to the office or the Welcome & Information desk.

DONATIONS

By using the envelopes sent to you every other month, we can properly credit you for your contributions.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Call the office to register for any sacraments needed.

Mass Times: Saturday 5:00 pm,
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am
12:00 pm (Spanish)

Mass Live-stream: Sunday morning on our Website: StHyacinthAmarillo.org

Daily Mass: Tue. 6:00 pm, Wed., Thu., Fri. at 8:15 am

Adoration: Tue. 5:00—6:00 pm (Confession available)

Office Hours — (Open by appointment only)

Mon: Closed; Tuesday- Friday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Friday at Noon 10 days prior to publication

Email: mail@StHyacinthAmarillo.com

Staff

Parish Administrator: Rev. Guadalupe Mayorga

Deacons: Mr. Arnold Schwertner
Mr. Henry Wilhelm

Secretary/Receptionist: Ms. Barbara Shipman

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Environmental Services: Ms. Nancy Garcia

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Faith Formation

Director : Ms. Maria Dorotik
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RCIA: Ms. Lori Wilhelm
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Sacraments

Baptism: Call office for appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m. in the Chapel
Tuesday 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Weddings: Make appointment with Priest at least six months prior to marriage

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Being officially registered in a parish is very important to every Catholic. If moving, or making any changes of address or phone number, please contact the church office.

Please wear a mask.
During reception of Holy Communion, the "Amen" response to "Body of Christ" is a communal response and does not need to be repeated when receiving.
The church is sanitized but if you are sick, please stay home.

God bless our military and those serving our country.

1SG Jacob Heinz,
SSG Mason Myers
SGM Todd Garner

Parents of Graduates: Please notify the office if you have a graduate this year so we can recognize them at Mass on May 16th.

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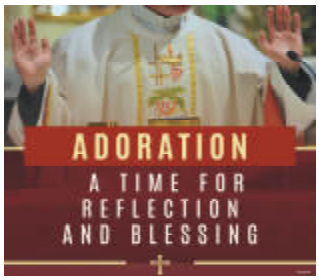
Our 2021 United Catholic Appeal goal is **$37,201** and we have received **$15,690** in pledges. Your donation helps with Faith Formation, rural parishes, education of seminarians, diocesan outreach, and other worthwhile programs. You can also give directly at our website StHyacinthAmarillo.org



Prayers Needed

Carl Simek, Jim Jordan, Genny Peters, Lena Bailey, Alex Lor, Kendra Haiduk, Gerald Michels, Viola Keller, Nikaia Lang, Shara Partlow, Robert Birkenfeld, Victoria Barra, Yajaira Huerta, Msgr. Kuehler, Tony Sample, Beatrice Molina, Pat Burns, Sandera Dear-DeWeese, John Zimmerman, Fr. Ed Sweeney

Faith Formation classes resume in September with registration to begin in August.

OFFERING FOR APRIL 18, 2021

General Offering	$ 4,908.01
Second Collection	822.64
Online Giving	0,000.00
TOTAL	$ 5,730.65

St. Faustina's Circle will once again host their annual garage sale July 30-31st & Aug. 6-7th weekends. Start collecting your items for this fundraiser. Donations can be dropped off beginning May 18th through the church office.

The second collection on May 16th is for Catholic Communications and the DeFalco Retreat Center.

EVAN BEZNER
As a newly baptized member of our parish family.

The sections of pews on each side of the church are available for those who need social distancing.

Support our Seminarians by contributing to a Diocesan burse to continue our Catholic Faith through the priesthood.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

FEMA has possible funeral expense reimbursement up to $7,000 if an applicant meets three requirements: 1) Death occurred in US after 1-20-20; 2) Death certificate indicates complications from COVID; and 3) Must be a U.S. citizen or qualified alien national. More info available at FEMA.org.

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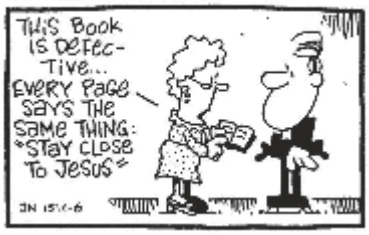
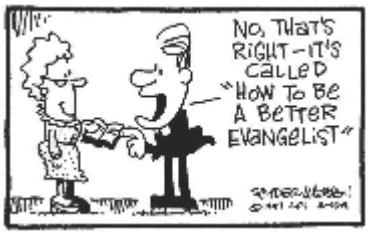




HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Congratulations to the middle school golf team!

The team placed 4th out of nine teams at the St. Andrew's Tournament on April 20, 2021. Also, congratulations and thanks to Mr. Tim Gallegos for coaching!

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

SUN 5/02	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8
MON 5/03	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
TUE 5/04	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
WED 5/05	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
THR 5/06	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
FRI 5/07	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
SAT 5/08	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
SUN 5/09	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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

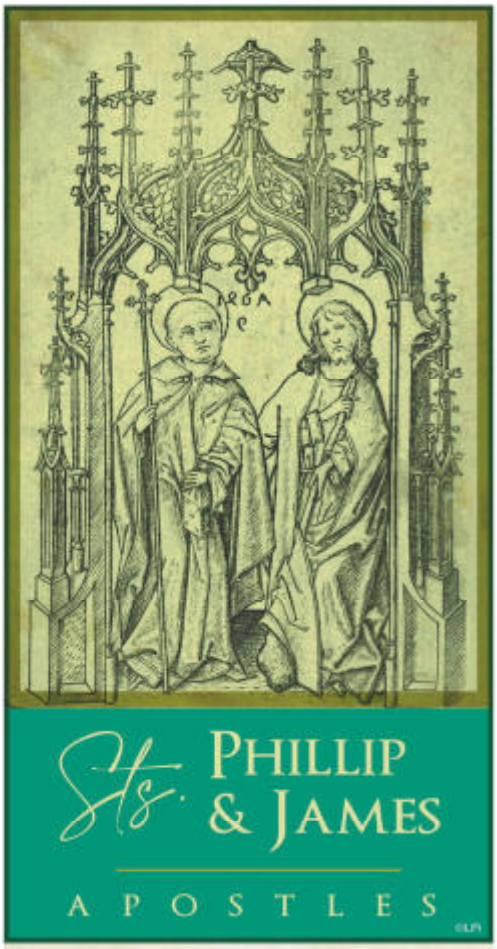
Sunday:	5th Sunday of Easter
Monday:	Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles
Wednesday:	Cinco de Mayo
Thursday:	National Day of Prayer
Next Sunday:	6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

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.



Prayer is the bridge between panic and peace.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

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. (Acts 9:26)

PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING

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.
(1 Jn 3:23)

GOSPEL

"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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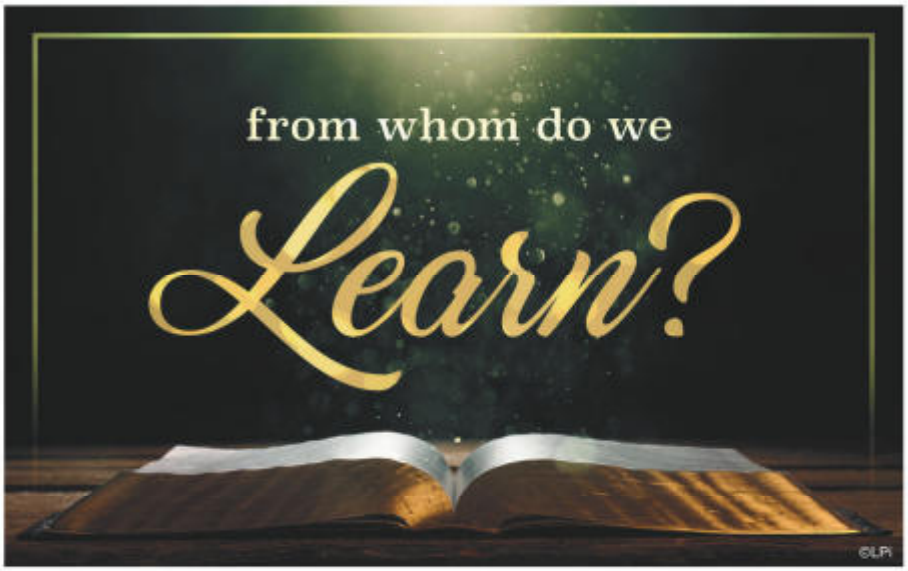

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"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.

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