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“I am the true vine,
and my Father is the
vine grower.”

JOHN 15:1



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat	05/01	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	For the People †David Macias, & 1st Anniv Rem. Of †Jose Juan Gomez Chia, offered by Mayra Gomez
Sun	05/02	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	†Uvenal Avila, offered by Angelica Velasco †Michael D. Lutzo, offered by Bennie & Yolanda Lopez †Thomas & †David Delmont, offered by Gladys Delmont 1st Anniversary Rem. Of †Jose Martinez, offered by Lisa Martinez †Animas del Purgatorio, & †Uvenal Avila offered by Angelica Velasco †Geronima B. Gallegos, & †Reyme Flores, offered by Lorena Quinonez
Mon	05/03	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tues	05/04	8:00 am	Communion Service & Liturgy of the Word
Wed	05/05	6:30 pm	Communion Service & Liturgy of the Word
Thurs	05/06	8:00 am	Communion Service & Liturgy of the Word
Fri	05/07	8:00 am	Communion Service & Liturgy of the Word

Sunday offering 04/25 \$4,643.00
Building Fund 04/25 \$ 177.00
Catholic Home Mission 04/25 \$ 782.00
We Share online 04/25 \$1,544.71
April Mail collections 04/25 \$1,470.00
Thank you all for your support of the parishes operational expenses. Online donations for the Sunday offering and Building Fund may be made at: www.stfrancislancaster.org. Collection envelopes may also be mailed via USPS to the parish office or dropped in secure drop box on south side of parish center door.

Readings for the week of 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 Sun: 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 Sun: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

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Weekend Mass Schedule		
Saturday	English	5:00 PM
	Spanish	7:00 PM
Sunday	English	8:00 AM
	English	10:00 AM
	Spanish	12:00 PM
Daily Mass Schedule		
Mon.-Comm. Ser.	English	8:00 AM
Wed.	Spanish	6:30 PM
Tues, Thurs, & Fri	English	8:00 AM

Today's Prayer— I thank you, Lord Jesus, for opening my senses, my mind, and my heart to recognize You and to hear Your voice. Amen.

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**Annual Blood Drive @
St. Francis of Assisi
Parish Hall on
Sunday, June 13, 2021
9 am to 1 pm.
Contact Sylvia Hermosillo @
469-337-5128.**

Carter blood donations are needed now more than ever. Please schedule your appointment by calling Sylvia. Walk ins are welcome, but those with appointments will be taken first. Please eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids before your donation.

**St. Vincent de Paul Help line —
972-218-6605**

**Food Pantry—During the Pandemic, please call
the helpline # above for food distribution times.**

**Lectio—The Case for Jesus English Bible Study
begins May 4 @ 10 am and 7 pm. \$15 for Study
Guide. You may register at Parish Office.**

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism has resumed. Deacon Larry offers English baptismal classes via Zoom on the third Thursday of each month. Each session is from 7 pm to 9 pm. The Spanish classes are once every 2 weeks on Tuesday.

Parents and sponsors must register at the office at least 2 days before the class. For registration and more information please call the office at 972-227-4124.

**Guadalupe Radio Network
Radio for the Soul**

KATH 910 English and KJON 850 Spanish

Is gossip a mortal sin? —To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: “You shall not bear false witness.”

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing “false witness” means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word “gossip” isn’t used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words “detraction” and “calumny,” which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing “another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them,” without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it “harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements” (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: “No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it” (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person’s good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. ©LPi

Please keep the sick members of our Parish family in your prayers: Dolores S. Gatpamdan, Francis Miramontes, Alexander Rodriguez, Baruch Escalante, Don Mazoch, Stephen Juneau, Johnny Martinez, Sara Raines, Janey Hood, Deacon Larry and Phyllis Seidemann, Esteban Lira, Pete Romero, Diana Diaz, Raquel Baiza, Kenneth Cruz, Jr., Richard Oishei, Kenny Gunderman, Margie & Sam, Jesus Aguilar, Rosendo Lopez, Julia Lopez, K C Pena, Leah Pena, Lillie Munoz, Oscar Guerrero, Isidra Reyna, Enemencio Jaso, Alveno & Ruby Dickson, Mary Brown, Catalina Gonzalez, Brianna Dean, Nicolas & Angelo Florido, Rosa Maria Santos, Yolanda Diaz, Josefina Aguero, Laurie Williamson, Osvaldo Mendoza Jr., Abigail Renata, Jerry Donoho, Abraham Perez, Luis Maldonado, and all those who are not listed and still are in need of our prayers. If you have a person to add on this prayer list, please call the office at 972-227-4124. You can also write the names of your sick loved ones in the notebook on the stand in the Narthex.

**Televised English & Spanish Mass Schedule update—
Please note recent changes to the broadcast Mass
schedule. All through the year of 2021, the English
Mass will be broadcast on KDFI Channel 27 at 11:00
AM and replayed at 12:00 PM. The Spanish Mass will
be broadcast at 8:00 AM on Univision 23.**

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<https://www.youtube.com/dallascath>.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – El domingo pasado, el Señor Jesús se presentaba como el Buen Pastor, y ahora nos da la imagen de la vid y los sarmientos. “Yo soy la vid verdadera y mi Padre es el labrador. Toda rama que no da fruto en mí, la corta. Y todo sarmiento que da fruto, lo limpia para que dé más fruto”. (Juan 15:1-2). La vida del cristiano es de un constante cambio de limpieza y permanencia. Todos los días se presentan oportunidades nuevas de crecimiento humano y espiritual. Aquí se trata de crecer en Dios y dar fruto, y darse cuenta que sin Dios no se hace, ni se es nada. Es la prueba del discípulo, dar fruto en las cosas ordinarias, en las cosas sencillas. Haciéndolas extraordinarias por el amor.

¿Cómo estamos vinculados a Jesús en el mundo actual? ¿De qué manera doy fruto en este tiempo? Muchas veces, es difícil permanecer unidos, hay tantas cosas que nos separan de Dios. La frialdad hacia el que sufre, el enfermo, el pobre y desamparado. Nos urge un cambio radical en el amor y en la confianza, de que unidos podemos movernos hacia el amor cristiano. Debemos esforzarnos día a día en hacer el bien, especialmente para dejar algo provechoso a las generaciones venideras. Jesús lo afirmó claramente, al permanecer en él podremos pedir lo que queramos y sea de provecho para la salvación, y se cumplirá. Ese es el testamento. No hay vuelta de hoja. ¡Padre Santo, ayúdanos a permanecer muy cerca de Jesús siempre! Especialmente, en tiempos de prueba. Te pedimos fe y esperanza. ©LPi

Mother’s Day Mass Intention Novena cards are available in the Narthex. You may pick one up and after filling it out drop in collection boxes. The first day of the Novena will be celebrated on Sunday, May 9, and days 2-5 will be offered upon Fr. Manny’s return June 8-11 and June 15-18.

Society of SVDP mini-loan program-Get free of debt-Call to see if you qualify. Mini-prestamo de SVDP-Liberate de deudas-Llamar si califica.
214 520 0650 x124

The Diocese of Dallas is looking for faithful, committed Catholic men to answer the call to the diaconate. Good deacons can be a great asset to the local Church. Classes begin in September for the 6-year period of formation. Those interested in applying should attend an information session this spring. Please visit cathdal.org/deacons, or email diaconate@cathdal.org to find out who can apply, and how to attend an information session.

La Diócesis de Dallas está buscando hombres católicos fieles y comprometidos para responder al llamado al diaconado. Los buenos diáconos pueden ser de gran valor para la Iglesia local. Las clases comienzan en septiembre para el período de formación de 6 años. Los interesados en aplicar deben asistir a una sesión informativa esta primavera. Visite cathdal.org/deacons, o envíe un correo electrónico a diaconate@cathdal.org para informarse quién puede postularse y cómo asistir a una sesión de información.

Federal assistance is available to eligible individuals and families affected by the severe winter storm. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is offering an individual assistance program that people may be eligible for due to the winter storm in February. Typical expenses may include hotel, repairs to the home or damage to personal property appliances like washers not covered by insurance or insurance denied to cover the damages. Please be aware the applicant registration for FEMA is before the May 20th application deadline.

Ways to apply for FEMA Assistance:
Telephone: 1-800-621-3362 (FEMA)
Online: disasterassistance.gov

For additional information about how FEMA and other organizations can assist in the recovery from the winter storms please go to the following website:
<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4586>

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - July 25th—Pope Francis announced that he was establishing the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is to be celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July to coincide with the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents.

To express the closeness of God and of the church to every older person, Pope Francis has chosen "I am with you always" from the Gospel of Matthew as the theme for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

The theme for the celebration July 25 is especially appropriate "in these challenging pandemic times," said the announcement from the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life.

"'I am with you always' is also a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share. Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith," the statement said.

Find more information by visiting <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/news/amorislaitia/io-sono-con-te-tutti-i-giorni.html>

“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.” — Jn 15:4-5

Excerpta from the Lectionary for Mass (2001, 1988, 1970 CCD)

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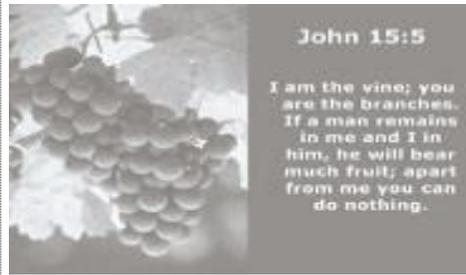
GOSPEL MEDITATION - “Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective 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-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.

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Religious Education



As committed parents, please help your children; they count on you to prepare them and assist them in their faith formation. Early registration began in March thru June for currently attending students.

RE fees will be due at registration time, families must be registered-active members of our parish (using Sunday’s offertory envelopes), and sacramental information for each student must be provided at registration time as well. NOTE; Faith Formation Continuation classes by school grade on Sundays do not count towards Confirmation. Confirmation REQUIRES to attend 2 years of class formation on Wednesdays which are typically grades 7th & 8th. If you are not current parishioner, please become a member, so you will be able to register your children during open registration in July 2021, and the same criteria mentioned above will be applied to new student’s enrollment in the RE program. For any questions about the RE program at St. Francis, email sfre@swbell.net. Read the bulletin regularly to keep up with RE and all other parish events.

Como padres comprometidos, ayuden a sus hijos; cuentan con ustedes para prepararlos y ayudarlos en la formación de su fe. La inscripción para los estudiantes que asisten actualmente es de marzo hasta junio. La cuota de inscripción para el programa de RE deberá liquidarse en el tiempo de inscripción, la familia del estudiante deben ser miembros activos registrados de nuestra parroquia (usando sobres del ofertorio del domingo), e información sacramental del estudiante también debe ser proporcionada en el tiempo de inscripción. NOTA: Continuación de clases de formación de fe de acuerdo al grado escolar los domingos no cuentan para la Confirmación. La Confirmación requiere de 2 años de clases de formación los miércoles que típicamente son los grados 7º & 8º. Si usted no esta registrado como parroquiano de St. Francis, regístrese en la parroquia para que pueda inscribir a sus hijos en julio 2021 durante las inscripciones regulares. Se aplicará el mismo criterio para la inscripción de nuevos estudiantes en el programa de RE antes mencionado. Para cualquier pregunta sobre el programa RE en St. Francis, envíe un correo electrónico a sfre@swbell.net. Lea el boletín regularmente para mantenerse al día con RE y todos los demás eventos de la parroquia. Lea el boletín regularmente para mantenerse al día con RE y eventos parroquiales.

Confirmation Retreats are schedule for June 5, 12 & 19 in the Parish Center from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Reconciliation service for Confirmation students will be June 22, 2021 from 6 PM to 7:30PM STUDENTS ONLY.

Confirmation Masses will be tentatively June 23 & June 24 , 2021 @ 6 PM

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