



# SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

Roman Catholic Church

**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."***

**-John 15:5**



**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.

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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

**STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021**

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>		
Sunday Offertory -4/25/21	\$17,910	\$10,241	\$27,347	<b>2021 CSA Goal:</b>	\$244,567
Online Offertory	\$6,439	\$7,762	\$3,549	<b>Pledges:</b>	\$260,833
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$24,349</b>	<b>\$18,003</b>	<b>\$30,896</b>	<b>Cash Receipts as of 4/25/2021:</b>	\$199,298
Poor Box - Poverello House	\$367	\$ -	\$465	<b>Participating Families:</b>	472

**Electronic Giving**

Our parish relies on your consistent financial support to better plan for yearly expenses. There are currently three forms of electronic giving to create easy opportunities for regular giving:

1. Give online by going to our website and clicking on the “Online Giving” link on our homepage.
2. Give via the GivePlus Church App by going to your App Store and downloading the free app.
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## Control Vs. Peace

"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 morales 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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### Scripture Readings

#### Today, Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31; Psalms 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

#### This Week

**Monday:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalms 19:2-5; John 14:6-14

**Tuesday:** Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28; Psalms 145:10-13b, 21; John 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6; Psalms 122:1-5; John 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21; Psalms 96:1-3, 10; John 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31; Psalms 57:8-10, 12; John 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10; Psalms 100:1b-3, 5; John 15:18-21

#### Next Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalms 98:1-4; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

## SJHOM FAITH FORMATION

Kris Mulligan, Children's Faith Formation Minister  
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Karen Washburn, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Coordinator  
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Tiffany Madsen, Youth Minister  
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### Registration for Middle and High School Faith Formation

Registration for Faith Formation for grades 6-12 is now open for both Continuing Formation and Sacramental Preparation. Sacramental Preparation opportunities include Baptism, First Communion, and/or Confirmation youth in grades 6-12.

Our students take part in classes as well as additional opportunities for faith-sharing spaces to help them grow and ask questions outside of a class environment. We strive to build a youth community space that makes all in our program feel wanted and welcome, and help them find their place in our greater parish community.

**Registration is by appointment only.**

Appointments can be made by contacting Tiffany Madsen at 702.355.9496 or [tmadsen@stjosephhom.org](mailto:tmadsen@stjosephhom.org).

We look forward to seeing you soon!



### Registration for Children's Faith Formation Ages 3-12

Registration for Faith Formation for children ages 3-12 is now open for both Continuing Formation and Sacramental Preparation. Sacramental Preparation opportunities include Baptism for (ages 7-12) and First Communion (grades 1-5). Our parish features both traditional classroom settings as well as Montessori-style classroom settings.

**Registration is by appointment only.**

Appointments can be made by contacting Kris Mulligan or Karen Washburn in the parish office. More information regarding these programs can also be found on our website: [www.stjosephhom.org](http://www.stjosephhom.org).

### Updated Mass Information



We are open in a **limited capacity**. Our current capacity is **960 people per Mass**. Our Mass Schedule is Monday-Friday (8:00 AM), Tuesday evening (6:00 PM), Saturday (8:00 AM, 4:30 PM), and Sunday (8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 2:00 PM). **Reservations are NO LONGER required.** Masks must be worn at all times while on our property and social distancing is now at 3 feet between households. We ask that everyone arrive 15-20 minutes early so that everyone can be seated on time. The parish office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM-4:00 PM, and Sundays from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. We are also able to offer Confession by appointment. **The Church will now have a section open for prayer during office hours.** We look forward to welcoming you!



### Food Pick-Up: Community Food Assistance Program

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary and our Outreach Ministry is joining with the Culinary Academy to distribute food on **Friday, May 7 from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**. This will be a drive-through contactless distribution. All Clark County residents in need of assistance qualify for this program. Each box contains 40 pounds of assorted essential food items. There is a limit of 1 food box per vehicle. If a family does not drive, then another individual can pick up their food box for them. This individual needs to provide the following information for the other person/family: name, phone number, number in the family, and their zip code. If you need home delivery, please call 702.227.8842 to request individual home delivery. An order number will be provided and a delivery date will be scheduled.

### SJHOM St. Vincent de Paul Offering Limited Services

Due to the ongoing pandemic, St. Vincent de Paul is currently able to provide very limited assistance with utilities, food, gasoline, or bus passes. They check messages on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM. If you are a parishioner or live within our boundaries, you may call them at 702.304.3034 and provide your name, good contact phone number, your parishioner number, your address, and the type of assistance you are requesting. After an SVdP volunteer returns your call, you may also be required to provide a copy of your photo ID and, if applicable, a copy of the first page of your utility bill to the Parish Office. All other types of assistance they have helped with in the past are currently suspended.



### Watch Sunday Mass Online



Can't join us in person? You can still worship with us online. During this time, we are streaming the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass **on our YouTube channel**. To get notifications of these live streams, please "Like" our channel at [www.youtube.com/channel/UC4tXYzcyjG5aWCTqdmP0ozYQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4tXYzcyjG5aWCTqdmP0ozYQ). We look forward to worshipping with you!

### How You Can Support Our Mission

We appreciate your financial support during this difficult time, as we depend on your regular giving to operate. Our parish relies on the constant financial support of the parish, and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a regular basis. We have several options for giving, including online giving, our Give+ App, and even from your phone via text message.



**To Give online:** simply visit [www.stjosephhom.org/finance](http://www.stjosephhom.org/finance) and click on the Online Giving link.

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