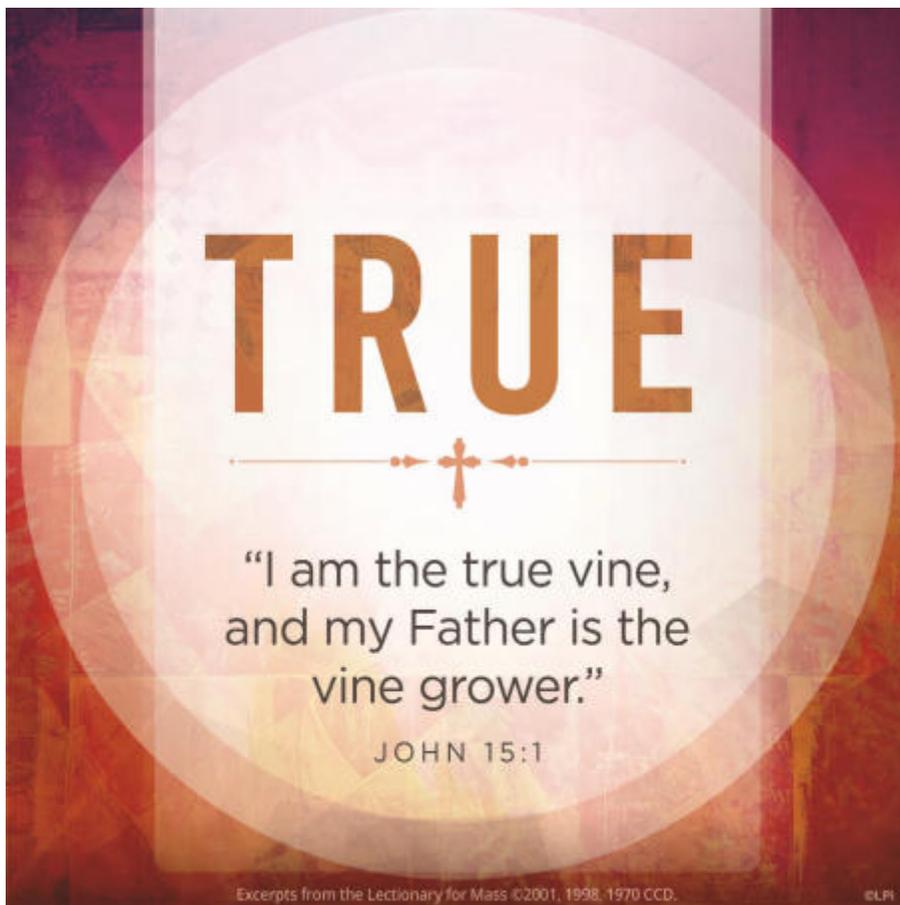




# OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

2 MAY 2021  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## EXCERPTS FROM SUNDAY READINGS

**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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*Mass Schedule*

*Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park  
and 11:00 am in Ferndale*

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***Sacraments:***

***Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, and  
Reconciliation***

Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310

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members of the parish (for at least 6 months  
prior to scheduling)***

call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

***First Communion and Confirmation***

Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at  
248.374.9045



**Saturday, May 1, 2021**

**Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Rev. Francis X. Dietz (2005)

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**9 am – Oak Park**

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Joseph and Helen Meo by Family

Frances Pollino by Family

Garnet Yacenic by Family

Dolores and Mike Jachcinski by Carol Fliger

Elvy Flum by Barbara Schoenbach

Susan Thornby

**11 am – Ferndale**

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Seiler

by daughter Maureen and husband Robert

In Thanksgiving for healing of Grandson Rhett

by Ed and Judy Dupke

**Monday, May 3, 2021**

Rev. Rupert A. Dakoske (1971)

**Tuesday, May 4, 2021**

Rev. Bernard L. Pilarski (2019)

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

Rev. Joseph J. Dion (1956)

**Thursday, May 6, 2021**

Rev. Ignatius J. Czapski (1959)

**Friday, May 7, 2021**

Rev. Theodore F. Kowalewski (1965)

**Saturday, May 8, 2021**

**Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Rev. Edward Kokowicz (1970)

**Sunday, May 9, 2021**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**9 am – Oak Park**

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Al Fliger by Carol Fliger

Kent Schoenbach by Barbara Schoenbach

Anita G. Palazzolo

**11 am – Ferndale**

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone's privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omophparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks.

## Prayer REQUESTS

**Pray for Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers,  
and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners**

David Doig, Andy Doig, Euna Feschuk, Chuck Yodhes

**Pray for Our Men and Women Serving in the Military**

1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HM2 Maura Curtin--Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

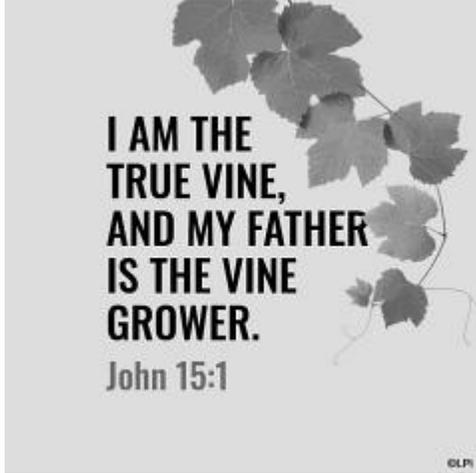
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**OUR MISSION**—*Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is a welcoming and nurturing Catholic community building up the Body of Christ through prayer and service.*

**OUR VISION**—*Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship, and serve. In community through prayer and worship, we hope to continue to grow together in our understanding and appreciation of God's love. We strive to change and improve our lives and the lives of others.*

***How do you live out  
our mission and vision?***

**FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES****BY LEONARD PIASTA, FFC CHAIR****FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****IT'S THE FRUIT****JN 15:1-8**


**I AM THE  
TRUE VINE,  
AND MY FATHER  
IS THE VINE  
GROWER.**

John 15:1

Jesus tells his disciples that he is the true vine and his Father is the vine grower. The Father is the one who prunes the vines. Jesus continues with that he is the vine and his disciples are the branches. He tells his disciples, those who live in him and they who live in him will produce abundantly. Those apart from him are useless branches and can do nothing. When the disciples bear much fruit then the Father is glorified.

This passage from the Gospel of John is one of the Last Supper discourses by Jesus to his disciples. Jesus is passing on to these disciples when they live a holy life in Jesus they will bear much fruit and do so abundantly. By living a holy life and are in union with Jesus they are bearing much fruit and the Father is glorified.

Pope Francis (1936 - ) call us, "To start anew from Christ means being close to him, being close to Jesus. Jesus stresses the importance of this with the disciples at the Last Supper, as he prepares to give us his own greatest gift of love, his sacrifice on the cross. Jesus uses the image of the vines and the branches and says, abide in my love, remain attached to me, as the branch is attached to the vine. If we are joined to him, then we are able to bear fruit."

And for us, "Jesus says: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing' (Jn 15:5). The fruit referred to in this saying is the holiness of life made fruitful by union with Christ. When we believe in Jesus Christ, partake of his mysteries, and keep his commandments, the Savior himself comes to love, in us, his Father and his brethren, our Father and our brethren. His person becomes, through the Spirit, the living and interior rule of our activity, 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.' (Jn 15:12)" Catechism of the Catholic Church #2074

Remember: It is in the fruit

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****HELP US REMAIN**

*Father,  
you are the vine grower, who cultivates the true vine, nourishing it and pruning it and keeping it in good health. You graft us onto the vine on the day of our baptism, and you sustain us. Help us to keep the commandment to remain in your love. Bring about much fruit in us. And united by the divine love we receive, bring us more deeply into relationship with you and one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**MAY 2, 2021****BEARING FRUIT**

Today's readings: Acts 9:26–31; Psalm 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32; 1 John 3:18–24; John 15:1–8. "Remain in me as I remain in you." These words from the Gospel relay that the same life that flows through the vine is also in the branches.

Through the sacraments we receive the gift of God's own life. The image of the branches, sustained by the life of the vine, enables us to meditate more deeply on what that life means. Nourished by grace, we bear fruit. The healthier the vine, the more fruit it will bear. Yet none of us is in isolation. Each of us is intimately close to Jesus and to one another. What happens to one affects all.

When we build up the vine, the Body of Christ, we are doing what Jesus has asked: we are remaining in his love. The key question is how to do so.

When one part of the vine is suffering, all parts suffer. When one person among us is without food or medical care or companionship, all are affected. When one person rejects participation in the life of the vine, the vine itself is lacking. When we love, we create space for the other person to grow. When we love self-sacrificially, as Jesus does, we are like the grain of wheat that dies to itself so as to bear fruit.

Meditate on the image of the vine and the branches. Consider what it means to be so closely connected to one another as a vine is to its branches. Does that change your image of your relationship with Christ and other members of the Body of Christ?

*Continued on page 4***REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE****WWW.OMOPH.ORG****TO READ ADDITIONAL FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES****BY LEONARD PIASTA**

*Sunday, May 2 Continued from page 3*

Perhaps you might choose to copy the Scripture or to draw the vine. This may help you consider what it might mean for your life to bear fruit.

## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### MONDAY, MAY 3

#### FEAST OF STS. PHILIP AND JAMES

Sts. Philip and James were apostles, and in their example we see what it means to follow Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus' response to Philip's statements help us come to a greater understanding of our discipleship. After the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the apostles and commissioned them to go out to spread the Good News. How can your life, like theirs, be a witness to the Gospel?

Today's readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1–8; Psalm 19:2–3, 4–5; John 14:6–14.

### TUESDAY, MAY 4

#### A PATH OF LOVE

“Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” These words of Jesus seem particularly relevant to our world, where there appear to be dangers everywhere. When decisions are based on fear rather than love, we often find ourselves led to places we do not want to go. Jesus' life was guided by love. He instructs us that this is the map for us as well.

Today's readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab, 21; John 14:27–31a.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

#### THERE WITH US

Consider the words of Jesus: “ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.” Does this mean that we will always get our heart's desire? In Psalm 23, we hear that, because the Lord is our shepherd, there is nothing that we lack. Do you have everything you need? Be assured, God will be there whenever a person turns to him in their trouble. How can you accompany others in their time of trouble, as Jesus accompanies us?

Today's readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.

### THURSDAY, MAY 6

#### REMAIN IN MY LOVE

Jesus invites us into relationship. He invites us to remain in his love, and he tells us how: keep his commandments. By doing this, he says, “your joy will be complete.” Joy is different than happiness. Joy endures while happiness is fleeting. Our joy will be complete when we choose the way of love.

Today's readings: Acts 15:7–21; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 10; John 15:9–11.

### FRIDAY, MAY 7

#### LOVE ONE ANOTHER

How can we love as Jesus loves? Jesus tells us what we must do: lay down our lives. Do you think he means this literally? Some might be called to martyrdom, but many will not be. Jesus tells us that self-sacrifice is at the heart of what it means to love. When we turn away from selfishness and self-centeredness, even in small ways, when we act with mercy and forgiveness, we are loving as Jesus loves.

Today's readings: Acts 15:22–31; Psalm 57:8–9, 10 and 12; John 15:12–17.

### SATURDAY, MAY 8

#### CHALLENGING THE WORLD'S VALUES

Jesus predicts that his way of love will challenge those who place first the things the world values. Christianity is countercultural. How can you help others to make decisions based on love, not fear? Supporting women in crises pregnancies is a way for love to cast out fear. Standing up for the rights of immigrants also rejects fear because it says that the goods of creation are intended for all. We do not have to worry that there will not be enough. We do not need to be afraid of people different from us.

Today's readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.



**SUPPORT OUR  
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PARISH**

A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have continued to support our parish. **Offertory is down and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a direct impact on our ability to pay our monthly bills.** Contributions may be mailed to the parish office at 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. You may also securely and safely donate online via our website or from the parish mobile app. Call Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598, if you have any questions about online giving.

**2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AND 2021 ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS**

The 2021 contribution envelopes and calendars are available for pickup at the parish office in Oak Park. You may pick them up between 10am and 1pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

**PLEASE WEAR A MASK  
WHEN YOU COME TO PICK THEM UP.**

**OFFERTORY FOR FY 2020-2021:**

	Apr. TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$13,246	\$167,014
Over/(Under) Prior Year	\$1,698	<b>(\$38,511)</b>
Over/(Under) Budget	<b>(\$1,754)</b>	<b>(\$42,986)</b>
Week of 04-18-2021 Offertory total:	\$2,286.00	

On-line giving totaled \$2,910.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$10,336.00 for a grand total for 3 weeks of April deposits totaled \$13,246.00.

THE 2020 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS: 33,695.00  
AS OF 04-19-2021: 176 PLEDGES RECEIVED;  
171 FULLY PAID

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$99,520.00  
TOTAL PAID: \$100,891.69  
REFUND DUE PARISH: \$1,276.67;  
Refunds issued: \$65,920.02

**NEXT SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY**

Loving God,

We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience.

We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.

Amen.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY  
AT OUR FERNDALE WORSHIP LOCATION**



Would you, your family or a couple of friends like to care for a section of the Ferndale worship location landscape for the 2021 growing season?

We have divided the outside landscape into nine areas. Some are small, some are mainly flowers, others contain shrubs. You would maintain the area (cultivate, weed, plant annuals, trim etc.) as you like according to your time schedule. The church will mow and water the lawn.

If you have questions or would like to select an area, please contact Dorothy McLaren (248-376-3638), Tom Jakska (248-546-4179) or send a note to the parish office to Dorothy or Tom's attention.

**FAMILY OF PARISHES  
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...  
AOD FAMILY OF PARISHES  
OUR MODERATOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

Reverend Jeffrey Scheeler, OFM, with the concurrence of his Superior, Very Reverend Mark Soehner, OFM, appointed Moderator of the In Solidum team of priests who, with the other priests of the team, will lead the newly formed South Oakland Vicariate Family 5 (Church of the Transfiguration Parish, Southfield; Divine Providence (Lithuanian) Parish, Southfield; Our Lady of La Salette Parish, Berkley; Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, Oak Park), effective July 1, 2021. Father Scheeler currently serves as Pastor of Church of the Transfiguration Parish, Southfield.

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