

## **THE VINE, THE BRANCHES and the VINEGROWER**

The liturgy of the word today is all centered on the reality of the intimate union between Christ and his disciples. "Abide in me and I abide in you".

In the first reading, St. John is telling us that what unites us with Christ and keeps us alive in Him is the love we have for one another. It is almost like the air we breathe and the water for the fish. Actually, no human being can live without love, because God who made us is love.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives us another beautiful image, the one of the vine and the branches. The branch cannot either live or produce grapes if it is not connected to the vine. It is a question of life and death for the vine; and also a question of being productive or useless. The vine also gathers the lymph from the ground and pushes it up till the farthest branch. The vine grower does something very important, that is, pruning the vine so that it may bear more grapes. At first, it would seem contradictory to cut some of the branches out, which could produce more grapes. However, the farmer does that in order to allow more sap for the other branches, which will have the energy to produce better grapes. In order to produce grapes, the vine in the springtime needs a special energy, which comes from the sun and the moisture of the soil.

God sometimes has to prune some of our branches that do not produce fruits for our life, so that we may be able to produce better fruits in other areas of our life. Good grapes are also necessary to produce good wine, which in the Bible is the symbol of love. But wine is made by squeezing the grapes, which have to give up their juice in order to make the wine, which then will be fermented.

There are many teachings in this parable, but everything begins with the fact that we must be united with the Lord, if we want to produce any fruit at all, both for us and for our family. Many of our efforts may be ineffective because we lack that connections with the vine.

"Without me, you can do nothing".



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker**

8:00am Conversion of Dave & Bonnie Weir,  
Briann & Robby & family  
6:00pm + Markupillai Emmanuel

### **Sunday, May 2 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:30am Special intentions for Marcelino Dolores  
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI  
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
1:00pm NO MASS (Intentions at 11:30am)  
4:00pm NO MASS (Intentions at 11:30am)  
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

### **Monday, May 3 Sts. Philip & James**

8:00am Conversion of Steve, Cecilia, Alex &  
John Cheng  
7:00pm + Deceased of Lammel Family

### **Tuesday, May 4 Bl. Marie-Léonie Paradis**

8:00am + Jose Castro  
6:30pm Novena in honor of St. Anthony  
7:00pm + Filippo Primo

### **Wednesday, May 5**

8:00am + Oswald & Marguerite Lobo  
6:00pm (Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help)  
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

### **Thursday, May 6 St. Francois de Laval**

8:00am + Lino Gazzola  
7:00pm + Ann Janice D'Souza  
8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

### **Friday, May 7**

8:00am + Cesare Lombardi & in Honor to St. Michele  
7:00pm Thanksgiving for Joy Nacienceno

### **Saturday, May 8 Bl. Catherine of St. Augustine**

8:00am Thanksgivng from Bet & Vivien Basnet &  
Family  
6:00pm Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart and favors  
granted from Rodriguez Family

### **Sunday, May 9 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:30am + Jeanne Gaudette  
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI  
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
1:00pm NO MASS (Intentions at 11:30am)  
4:00pm NO MASS (Intentions at 11:30am)  
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

**2020 TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE  
AT THE OFFICE**

**2021 Envelopes are available at the  
main entrance**

## AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

El MARTES 4 de Mayo, 2021 (8:00 PM), continúa el CURSO VIRTUAL de BIBLIA #1 con el Padre José Plascencia, a través de Zoom.

El MIÉRCOLES 5 de Mayo, 2021 (8:00 PM), continúa el CURSO VIRTUAL de BIBLIA #2 con el Padre José Plascencia, a través de Zoom.

El JUEVES 6 de Mayo, 2021 (8:00 PM), participaremos en la SANTA MISA VIRTUAL en ESPAÑOL.

El VIERNES 7 de Mayo, 2021, es el PRIMER VIERNES del MES. Por lo tanto, NO HABRÁ ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN Y ALABANZA de la RENOVACIÓN CARISMÁTICA CATÓLICA HISPANA. Para que participemos en la SANTA MISA (7:00 PM) Y ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA VIRTUAL en Inglés.

DE LUNES A VIERNES ESTÁ EXPUESTO el SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO EN EL TEMPLO de 8:30 am a 5:30 pm. Dedicemos un tiempo para la ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA INDIVIDUAL (máximo 10 personas en el templo).

HOY, rezaremos el SANTO ROSARIO VIRTUAL (5:25 pm) y luego participaremos en la SANTA MISA VIRTUAL EN ESPAÑOL (6:00 pm).

Los siguientes son los enlaces del Internet para participar VIRTUALMENTE en la ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA, el SANTO ROSARIO y la SANTA MISA:

<https://www.facebook.com/parroquiasantacatalina.de.sienna.9>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpfixRYsl7vLmI4hDDWEmNA>

<https://stcatherine.ca/live-mass/>

**SHARE LIFE** Continue to send your contributions. Thank you very much for support.

**NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY** on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm will be live-streamed.

**YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA** The Pope has invited us to celebrate a whole year on the encyclical signed by him 5 years ago about the holiness of Family Life. During the year we will organize various events.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Thank you to all those who donated to the SVDP Grocery store gift card drive during Lent. Your generosity helps buy fresh food for the hungry in our community. Also a reminder that the next SVDP Bundle Sunday weekend is tentatively on June 12th & 13th, 2021. (pending any new government lockdowns / restrictions)"

### **FIRST COMMUNIONS and CONFIRMATIONS**

have been suspended until further notice.

### **Vatican summit on 'theology of the priesthood' will look at questions raised in recent synods.**

The title of the symposium is: "Toward a Fundamental Theology of the Priesthood," and will take place from February 17-19, 2022 in the Vatican. It is intended to reflect on the issues raised by the last 3 synods of the Family, of Youth and of the Amazon, including priestly celibacy, dwindling vocations, and the role of women in the Church. As a parish we will pray and follow up on those important issues in our church.

### **THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**

