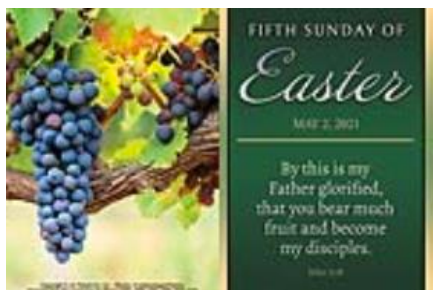


**MAY 1 & 2, 2021**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**BEARING FRUIT**

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. ***Like him, as long as we remain in Christ, we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.***

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*By Dennis Tavares*

The ritual of the Catholic Mass and Holy Communion brings us face to face with the realities of human nature, the history of humanity, what the world is all about, and how we can make sense of our lives by becoming united with the God who made all things. When Adam and Eve sinned by not trusting God, they initiated the long saga of salvation history, which our loving God began to help His wayward children find their way back home. God told Adam and Eve that one would come out of their posterity, who would conquer evil and give their story a happy ending. Thus, was Jesus sacrifice foretold by the Creator. ***We today, joyfully remember salvation history at every Mass as we proclaim our thanks and loyalty to our Creator God. Jesus lives forever, and we with Him. Blessed be God forever.***

**PASTORAL RUMINATIONS**

*By Father Andre Querijero*

At the Carmelite Novitiate, we were taught how to pray in silence before the Blessed Sacrament an hour in the morning after Lauds, and another hour in the evening after Vespers. The most challenging of all the calisthenics of silent prayer is taming the mind and emptying it of persistent passing thoughts.

Simply remaining quiet is tough in itself particularly when one is so entrenched in a life of constant activity. For lay people, the reality is that having a quiet place to pray is already a gift, but keeping the soul quiet and calm despite the chaos in one's environment is in every way a special blessing.

Here is an anecdote that shows how to let go and be peaceful in mind, heart and soul while at prayer.

“When Brother Bruno was at prayer one night, he was disturbed by the croaking of a bullfrog. All his attempts to disregard the sound were unsuccessful, so he shouted from his window, “Quiet! I'm at my prayers.” Now Brother Bruno was a saint, so his command was instantly obeyed. Every living creature held its voice so as to create a silence that would be favorable to prayer.

But now another sound intruded on Bruno's worship— an inner voice that said, “Maybe God is as pleased with the croaking of that frog as with the chanting of your psalms.” “What can please the ears of God in the croak of a frog?” was Bruno's scornful rejoinder. But the voice refused to give up. “Why would you think God invented the sound?”

Bruno decided to find out why. He leaned out of his window and gave the order, “Sing!” The frog's measured croaking filled the air to the insane accompaniment of all the frogs in the vicinity. And as Bruno attended to the sound, their voices ceased to jar, for he discovered that, if he stopped resisting them, they actually enriched the silence of the night.

With that discovery Bruno's heart became harmonious with the universe, and, for the first time in his life, he understood what it meant to pray.

From my novitiate experience, I learned that during Silent Prayer, never resist even the nastiest of thoughts that attempt to distract. Instead of resisting these intrusive thoughts (*i.e., ideas, plans, people's faces, memories*), we can focus and refocus our attention on God's love. In fact, this spiritual discipline is applicable to the twists and turns of life. We learn to let go and remain calm (our senses recollected to God's enduring presence) because our Lord God is completely in control. “*Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you, all things are passing, God is unchanging. Patience attains all things; those who have God lack nothing: God alone suffices.*”  
- **St. Teresa of Avila**

**PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY**

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez,  
José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara,  
Jason Lorenz, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.



## FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

SUNDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

STATUE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AND SAN JUAN DIEGO

18" TALL. \$5/TICKET.

YOU MAY PURCHASE THEM AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR  
AFTER WEEKEND MASS CELEBRATIONS.

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE HISPANIC PRAYER GROUP SILOE  
FROM OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH.

**\*NO NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN\***



## IMPORTANT DATES

**FIRST COMMUNION MASS:**  
SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021 AT 12PM.

**CONFIRMATION MASS:**  
SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021 AT 2PM.



## A CALL TO ACTION

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CALL US AT 707-964-0229 OR SEND US AN EMAIL: [olgcnfb@gmail.com](mailto:olgcnfb@gmail.com)



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- ADULTS 65 AND OVER
- THOSE 16 – 64 YEARS OF AGE WITH CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS

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IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS  
A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.  
ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE  
DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF **\$200.00**, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH  
SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE  
DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND  
ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A  
LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**MAY 3 - 9, 2021**

Monday (03)	8:00am	Mauricio Escobedo † Catalina Addun † Cruz De La Mora ((b-day)
Tuesday (04)	8:00am	Pepito & Dulcesina Tamayo † Catalina Addun †
Wednesday (05)	12:05pm	MISA PRO-POPULI
Thursday (06)	12:05pm	Catalina Addun † Abigail Mendoza † Ladis Cuevas (b-day)
Friday (07)	12:05pm	Crisanto Del Rosario † Catalina Addun †
Saturday (08)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Claire Tavares †
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Angeles Rentería † Ignacio Rentería † Arnulfo Santiago Solís † Gerardo Escobedo (health)
Sunday (09)	8:00am	Clara White †
	10:00am	Manuel & Carrie Costa † Carmen Cuevas † Angelina Alcalá † Toñita García (health)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Felix Santillán, René Sánchez, Pepe Sánchez, Martha Sánchez,  
Gerardo Escobedo, Betty Cox, Roy & Lisa Wright, Adrian Freitas,  
Pauline Tamagno, Bob Downing, Maribel Medina Chi, Troy Jason  
Ereño, Marcelo Pascua, Jr., Michelle Pascua Morgan, Mauricia  
Campuzano, Toñita Garcia, Ana María Calderón, María Lourdes  
López Zavala, Rebecca Aurejo, Hermilglio Santos, Ramón  
Hernández, María Martinez, Ernest Figueiredo, Salud Olvera,  
Antonia Rentería, Pauline Ortiz, María Cristina Reyes, Frank  
Richards, Florencia Chávez, Refugio Yáñez, María de Jesús  
Mendoza, Ryan Moore, Marianne Brannan, Nancy Smith, Julián  
Palomar, Jennifer Vera, Kim Koskinen, Margaret Valencia,  
Matthew Marcoulier, Dennis Tavares, Jose Freitas, Alfredo Sousa,  
Juana Arreguín, Aron Yasskin, Victoria Walzer, Fidela Yáñez Jara,  
Carla Tomas, Erasmo Yáñez, Memo Soria, Patricia Vargas, Fidela  
Yáñez, Elvia Flores, Yonel Ruíz, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick  
Heater, Luis Angel, Juan Barrera-Terán, Gerald Butler, Helen  
Reynolds, Toni Clark, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret  
Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Denis Sousa, Victor  
Venegas, Matty Walker, Charles Lorenz, Rebecca Lorenz, Ofelia  
Ibarra, Leonardo Naal, Gina Leal.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

APRIL 24 & 25, 2021....\$1,728.50  
YOUTH MINISTRY & SPIRITUAL RETREATS...\$532.00

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

**LIABILITY INSURANCE**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

**MAINTENANCE FUND**

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