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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28, 2024

Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Vine and Branches

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.

John 15:4-8

In the Willamette Valley vineyards, "bud break" is the first sign that the vines are awakening from their winter slumber. As the developing buds start to swell, they emerge still wearing their winter coats. The wooly material that protects them from cold gives them the appearance some call "teddy bear ears." The growing shoot eventually pushes

the brown wool off to reveal the bud and with the sun's warming rays, the vine branches grow.

Two years ago, in the spring of 2022, a dangerous frost killed many of the first buds that had emerged. Vineyard managers were deeply concerned that the vintage would be completely lost or produce significantly less fruit at harvest.

In the next months, after crews went through the vineyards and pruned to encourage second buds to emerge and

flourish, these vine branches miraculously produced an optimal number of berries and an abundant harvest. I have recently tasted wines from vintage 2022 and can report that they are delicious. God is good!

Abide in Me

In this week's Gospel, Jesus implores the disciples to, "Remain in me, as I remain in you." Other translations use the phrase "abide in me"—describing an indwelling or intimate connection. The Lord desires an intimate dwelling within each of us so that we might produce and bear much fruit. The vine branches of the 2022 vintage described above were able to yield a rich harvest, because they were still connected to the source vine, the root stock, their source of life and nourishment.

In the same way, we need to stay "connected" to the source of our life—available to us in each celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist. As branches of the True Vine, we are subject to many perils, dangers, and challenges as we do our best to grow and yield good fruit. There will be pruning in our life. We should expect it. But if we *abide in love*, we are connected

to a community of believers who share our circumstance and all that surrounds us. Just as a branch cannot grow on its own apart from the vine, so too we cannot grow as individuals apart from Jesus and the community. But if we remain connected, we too can come to be an excellent vintage.

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Care for Creation - An Act of Faith

This week we celebrated the 54th Anniversary of Earth Day—a time to reflect on how we can better care for our

environment and the natural world. We show our respect for the Creator—the author of all life—by our stewardship of all creation.

Care for the earth and the natural world is an act of faith. As one of the seven foundational principles of Catholic Social Teaching, we are called—in faith—to live in harmony with creation, understanding that the *first incarnation* of God's indwelling was creation itself. This is the Genesis story that we hear proclaimed at the Easter vigil each year. God hovered, breathed life, formed, and created the world. God saw that it was good and placed us in stewardship of what had been created.

In these spring days, may we consider how we are branches connected to the True Vine and called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation.

THIS WEEK

ABBREVIATIONS KEY:

Bethlehem Room

С Church G Gym Κ Kitchen Ν Nazareth Room J Jerusalem Room

РΗ Parish Hall (F-Front, M-Middle,

C-Carpet) ΡL Parish Library School School Library SL

Saturday, April 27

Mercy Teams Street Min. - K/PHF 7:00am

7:00am DOGS Men's Group - N

8.30am Mass

9:15am Reconciliation - C

11:30am Capt. Morgan Turrell Funeral Mass

1:00pm Funeral Luncheon 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal - PHC

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, April 28

7:30am Mass

Music Ensemble Rehearsal - PHC 8:00am

9:00am

9:15am Children's Liturgy of the Word - PHC/S

10:15am Middle School Ministry - N

11:15am

12:30pm High School Ministry - PL

12:30pm Private Baptism - C

4:45pm Fatima Statue Procession and prayers begin. Church open until 10pm. 7:00pm Recovery in Motion AA - N

Monday, April 29

8:30am Mass

9:30am Bible Timeline 10:00am Awakening Faith - PL 10:00am Centering Prayer - N 3:00pm Fatima Statue departs 7:00pm Men's God Shots Recovery - N

7:00pm Boy Scout Mtg. - PHF

Tuesday, April 30

8:30am Mass

2:00pm Liturgy Staff - B

Wyldlife Youth Group - PHM 2:15pm

6:00pm Mass

7:00pm Awakening Faith - SL

Wednesday, May 1

6:30am Mass 8:30am Mass

9:30am Vatican II - N

Parish Leadership Staff Mtg. - B 9:30am 11:00am Charismatic Prayer Group - PL 3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal - PHC 4:30pm Mercy Teams Small Faith Group - PH 6:30pm OLL Choir Rehearsal - PHC

6:30pm OCIA - N, J, PL, SL

Thursday, May 2

6:30am Mass 7:00am Exodus 90 - B

8:30am Mass 10:00am Faith Formation Staff Mtg. - B Reception for Czech Mass - PH 3:00pm

3:00pm Capital Campaign Cabinet - B 4:45pm AA Consults - PL

5:30pm AA CIR Women's God Shots - PL 7:00pm Czech Mass

7:00pm AA OMAR Meeting - N

Friday, May 3

8:30am Mass

9:30am First Friday Adoration begins - C African American Catholics of

Oregon - PL

6:00pm Holy Hour & Benediction - C

8:00pm AA 4th Dimension Meeting - N

Saturday, May 4

7:00am DOGS Men's Group - N

7:30am Mercy Teams Sandwich Making - PH

8:30am Mass

9:15am Reconciliation - C 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 11:00am First Communion Mass 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal - PHC

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, May 5

7:30am Mass

8:00am Music Ensemble Rehearsal - PHC

Hospitality after Mass - PH 8:30am

9:00am

9:15am Children's Liturgy of the Word - PHC/S

10:15am Middle School Ministry - N

11:15am Mass

12:15pm Confirmation Session - N/B/PL/SL 7:00pm

Recovery in Motion AA - N

CHILD & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

5/12 End-of-Year Celebration from 10-11am

6/24-6/28 Vacation Bible School

7/21 Summer Social 10-11AM **OLL Playground**

8/18 Summer Social 10-11AM OLL Playground

Vacation Bible School: Registration OPEN





OLL's VBS is June 24-28 from 9am-12pm! At Stellar VBS children will be launched on a cosmic guest where they will have a blast shining Jesus' light into the world. Campers ages Pre-K through 5th grade can register along with both adult and youth volunteers 6th grade and up. Adult volunteers with children ages 6 mo.-3 years can sign up their child for the Nursery. Spots fill quickly so register today!



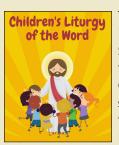
Children 6 mos. -3 years, are welcome in the Nursery during the Sunday 9 & 11:15am Masses. No registration

required; visiting families are welcome. Please visit us in the OLL school building.



Life Kids, Middle School & First **Sacrament Classes in Session**

Classes are at 10:15-11:00am today. We look forward to seeing you! For questions, contact: Krista Bryant (Life Kids), Luke Brooks (Middle School), and Melissa Hanifan (First Sacraments)—see staff directory on page 7.



This program is available on Sundays during the 9am Mass. Children sing songs, pray together, and learn the gospel.

Please contact Melissa Hanifan at melissah@ollparish.com for more information.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL FOR KIDS

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel Jesus says, "I am the vine, and you are the branches." Jesus is using a vineyard to help us understand our relationship with the Trinity, which is God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. A vineyard is a place where many grape vines grow. Jesus explains that God walks through the vineyard and cares for the plants by

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pruning and watering them. Jesus says he is the vine which is the main part of the grape plant and we are the branches. If the branches are healthy they will produce grapes. The meaning of grapes that Jesus speaks of is actually faithfulness, generosity, patience, and kindness. Jesus wants us to understand that in order for us to produce fruit, we must be connected to him. Without Jesus in our lives, we can not become a beautiful branch full of grapes. How do we stay connected to Jesus? Through Prayer! Learn a new prayer this week such as Our Father, Glory Be, The Acts of Faith, or Hail Mary.



Cemetery Service Day Saturday, May 18, 2024 9AM to Noon

17201 SW Stafford Road, Lake Oswego

Families, Couples & Individuals Needed for Spring Cleaning at Sacred Heart Cemetery

Please join us for a few hours on May 18th to freshen up our sacred place.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

To sign up, please email Kimi Tomaszek - kimit@ollparish.com.



Join fellow parishioners, parish families, their friends, community organizations, youth, and adult groups, young and old in serving others through small acts of mercy and kindness. We serve our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in Christ,

providing clothing, hygiene items, sack lunches and breakfasts served un-

der the bridge. We distribute 1,000 sack lunches each week through our Adopt-a-Mission Teams. To date, well over 300,000 meals have been delivered. We distribute family meals to food insecure

families. Even more import-



ant than all of this is the love and respect we share. We celebrate our common humanity as we serve our guests, face to face and hand to hand, on the street and under the bridge. Come see the face of Jesus under the bridge or perhaps hand him a sack lunch, a pair of socks or a hygiene kit.

Consider serving in several ways:

- 4th Saturday Street Ministry, "under the bridge" – next up April 27th May 25th, June 22nd, July 27th.
- Mercy Teams Meals of Mercy Delivers 1,000 sack lunches per week through our Adopt-a-





- Sack Lunch, sandwich donations Next "Drop-Offs" April 21st, May 5th, May 19th, June 2nd, June 16th.
- Volunteer to serve during **Drive-Thru Drop-Offs**

Mission Teams - Join a team to help deliver.

* See Mercy Teams webpage for signup up links.





Sign Up for Coffee & **Doughnuts**



Give the gift of hospitality! The schedule is posted at our Sign Up Genius sheet—easily found on our homepage slider at ollparish.com.





blessed and honored to be their teacher!

We continue to send up our many prayers to God in first grade as we work to collect shoes and sports equipment for children in high need communities in the Portland Metro area! The perfect time for those who are spring cleaning to go through shoes that are too small and equipment no longer used and put it to good use!

—Jill Carter, Teacher



e are rolling, sliding, and flipping in first grade quite literally with a pinball and machine making! So much learning and fun being had about how the world around us works and also how pinball machines work!

"Mistakes are the portals of discovery."

—James Joyce

In first grade, we are learning about motion and how outside forces impact motion through exploration and literature. First graders move through the design and engineering process, participating in testing out ideas and putting them to trial using their critical thinking and collaboration with their friends! We learn that failure is not a negative thing, but rather an opportunity to revise our ideas and challenge our original thinking to come up with a new idea to test out. The games are probably some of the most fun pinball games I have ever played!

In addition to our learning, students worked hard in March and April through their academic rigor, efforts, and behavior to earn "Mrs. Carter Bucks". Students got to add up all their money and do a little shopping from "Mrs. Carter's Pop Up Shop" this month! These students in first grade are always amazing, faithfilled, loving little humans and I feel







Pastoral Council Nominations Open

If you have a nomination to serve on next year's Pastoral Council please contact Mike McCallum, 312-730-4643 or Antoinette Awuakye 971-295-0671. OLL Pastoral Council has a goal of representatives from the Parish Ministries and meets monthly August through June. Terms are for two years.

Young Catholic Professionals Event

Tuesday, May 14, 7:00–8:30pm. Location: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 424 SW Mill St., Portland.

The Portland Chapter of Young Catholic Professionals invites all young adults in their 20s and 30s to a free Speaker Event with Isaac Huss. acclaimed Content Creator in the area of Catholic Relationships, as we explore "How to Date as a Catholic." Join us to socialize, enjoy appetizers and beverages, spend time in prayer, and learn from Isaac's experience. While most of our events focus on living our faith in the workplace, we are excited to feature Isaac as a speaker on this important topic for many of our young adults!



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Living in Hope, Joy, and Freedom

OLL WOMEN'S RETREAT

June 21-23, 2024



Register Here
Or visit ollparish.com/retreats

Women of OLL, You are invited to join Laura Patton, our Adult Faith Formation Director, and your fellow sisters in Christ for our annual Parish Women's Retreat this June at Mt. Angel Abbey. Come and pray with the monks of the Abbey. Laura will be your retreat master. The theme is Living in Hope, Joy and Freedom!





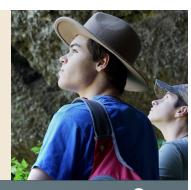
Don't Miss a Thing! Sign up for Weekly Parish Emails

We send out an e-newsletter every Wednesday and Friday.

August 5-8 2024

About: All high school men are invited to Quo Vadis Days, a 4-day camp to learn more about the priesthood, to deepen their faith, and to better discern God's call in their lives

Fr. Bernard Youth Center 980 S Main St Mt Angel, OR 97362





Pray for World Peace: Five First Saturdays Devotion



The next First Saturday is May 4, 2024

"Whether the world has war or peace depends on the practice of this devotion, along with the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is why I desire its propagation so ardently, especially because this is also the will of our dear Mother in Heaven." -Sr. Lucia, Fatima visionary (March 19, 1939).

<u>firstsaturdaydevotion.com</u>

On the First Saturday of the Month during 5 Consecutive Months, the Devotion consists of: (1) Going to Confession, (2) Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion, (3) Saying five decades of the Rosary, and (4) Meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary. www.bluearmy.com/first-saturday-devotion/

RESPECT LIFE USCCB Nationwide Call to Prayer



On March 26, 2024 the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a case

that has the potential to make a major impact in the widespread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States.

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities announced a nationwide invitation to prayer. It's not too late to join in this prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life, daily until a decision is expected in June 2024:

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

The background information may be found at <u>usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer</u>.

Prayers are especially needed in Oregon...

"Abortion Access in Oregon" Website opened by the Oregon Health Authority:

While we have incredible pro-life momentum happening in our community, pro-abortion advocates and politicians are also organizing and gaining tax-dollars to support abortion. Very recently, the "Abortion Access in Oregon" plan and website was released through the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). This new website from OHA's

'Reproductive Health Program' makes it easier for people to seek abortions as well as offer most of them for free. Find out more about what it is promoting here https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYPEOPLEFAMILIES/ABORTIONACCESS/Pages/index.aspx

Quote from the "Abortion Access in Oregon" website: "Abortion is legal and protected in Oregon. Anyone who comes to Oregon for an abortion has the legal and protected right to that abortion service, not just Oregon residents"

Healing After Abortion: If you are suffering after abortion, experience a Rachel's Vineyard healing weekend sponsored by Project Aurora. Call or text Karen at 541-350-8126 or email Info@project-aurora.org. for more information.

Pregnancy Help: To help pregnant moms in our own community, please visit <u>ollparish.com/love-others/#Respect-Life</u> and click on "Pregnancy Services" or call Sharon at 503-313-3689.

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese

5/4 St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Rosary: Every first Saturday of the month we honor our Blessed Mother and seek her intercession by praying the Rosary to end abortion, protect the unborn, uphold dignity of all human life from conception to natural death, and advance world peace and justice. We will also pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. St. Pius X is located at 1280 NW Saltzman Rd. Portland.

5/11 Pro-Life Rosary at Planned Parenthood, 14601 SE Division Street, Portland at 10:30 AM. There will be an interdenominational prayer service following the rosary. Parking is available at St. Joseph the Worker, 2310 SE 148th Avenue. If questions, call Jerry 503-260-8995.

5/18 ORTL March for Life

Offertory - March 2024

 Gross:
 \$139,418

 Transfer to Outreach:
 \$4,185

 Net:
 \$135,233

 Year to Date:
 \$1,386,805

 Budget Year to Date:
 \$1,397,307

March 2023

Net: \$120,687 Year to Date: \$1,202,332

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Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Fri. 9am-4:30pm Located on the 2nd floor of the OLL Parish Center.

Phone: 503-636-7687

Weekend Mass Schedule

Sat. 5:00pm Sun. 7:30am, 9am, 11:15am

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon.-Sat. - 8:30am Tues. - 6:00pm Wed. & Thurs. 6:30am

Church Open Hours

For quiet prayer Mon. - Fri. 9:30am - 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

First Fridays 9:15am-7pm

Church Location

790 A Avenue Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Mailing Address

650 A Avenue Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:15 - 10:30am and by appointment

Baptism, Marriage, **Anointing of the Sick**

Contact the office

Bulletin Insert Deadline

Thursday at 12pm (1 ½ weeks before) Email submissions to annb@ollparish.com.

Mass Intentions

April 27-May 5, 2024

Saturday, April 27

8:30pm † Rolando Dungca 5:00pm Ed Nichter

Sunday, April 28

7:30am Int. Mary Jill (Living) 9:00am Int. For the Parishioners

† Marian and Clarence Feltes 11:15am

Monday, April 29

8:30am Int. Bishop Peter Smith (Episcopal Ordination) (Living)

Tuesday, April 30

8:30am † Benjamin Jagman Lim 6:00pm Int. Joey and Rayla Graves (Living)

Wednesday, May 1

6:30am Int. Ken VanDerhoef (Living)

8:30am † Carol Ceragioli

Thursday, May 2

6:30am Betty Lavayen + † Toto Saieh 8:30am

Friday, May 3

8:30am † Mary Morley

Saturday, May 4

8:30pm Int. Ruth Filk (Living) 5:00pm † Joseph Breimayer

Sunday, May 5

7:30am Int. For the Parishioners

9:00am Int. Gary and Melissa Hanifan

(wedding anniversary) (Living)

11:15am Mary Conchuratt

To view the Mass Intentions Calendar or request an intention online, visit ollparish.com/intentions.

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