



Rev. Mike Austin, Pastor
Rev. Donbosco, Associate Pastor
Deacon Bill Vrazel

Mass Schedule: Summer Months, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Winter Months, Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday
May 5th

The Painful Pruning in Life is Leading Us to Somewhere Beautiful



My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, “Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you.”

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week’s Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, “**He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit**” (John 15:2) I don’t mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I’d wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God’s love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn’t it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it’s not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ’s body. Jesus’ rising is the brand-new growth. It is God’s promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth. — *Father John Muir*

TODAY’S READING

First Reading: The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. (Acts 10:45-46)

Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)

Second Reading: Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. (1 Jn 4:8)

Gospel: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (Jn 15:13)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20 **Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 **or** 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Events of the Week

Monday, May 6, 2024 –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7:25 am Rosary - Church - 8:00 am Mass - Church - 9:00 am Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts - Parish Hall - 10:00 am HFC Prayer Group - Chapel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Adoration - Church - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Reconciliation - Church - 5:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Chapel
Tuesday, May 7 -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm KoC Officers and General Mtg. - Parish Hall - 6:30 pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7:00 pm Mass - Chapel
Wednesday, May 8 –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6:30 am Java and Jesus Men’s Group - Parish Hall - 7:25 am Rosary – Church - 8:00 am Mass with Moms - Church - 9:00 am Bible Study – Parish Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Youth Core Teen Program - Parish Hall
Thursday May 9 –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7:15 am Rosary - Chapel - 8:00 am Mass - Chapel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm - Chapel
Friday, May 10 –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8:30 am Mass - Church - 9:30 am - 11:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Society - Parish Hall 	
Saturday, May 11 –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Youth Ministry Setup - Parish Hall - 5:00 pm Vigil Mass - Church Reconciliation offered 30 minutes prior to Mass 	

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Louise Altier, Adam Amort, Jerri Anderson, Lois Audley, Tammy Bates, Jeff Beaver, Kim Beech, James Bell, Tracy Biggs, Sandra Bishop, Rusty Bohn, Michael Boila, Dian Bradley, Jim Bradley, Mike Brown, John Bull, Josephine C., Martha Burdette, Fr. Ronnie Calkins, Jamie Ann Canton, Patty Caranna, Sarah Carboni, Fr. David Carucci, Bruce Carver, Jerry Casey, Jim Cooke, Mae Mae Cooley, David Corollo, Cecil Creel, Donna Dantin, Lynn Dantin, Danny Davis, Sr., Morton Davis, Jim Dean, Megan Delgado, Marvel Desroche, Dawn Domecq, Brenda Dubuisson, Jeannie and John Dubuisson, Anne Erickson, Peter Fenn, Kim Fitzgerald, Janet Galen, Roy and Betty Gamez, Charles Grey, Hannah Gest, Gerry Gough, Donnie Haley, Jr., John Hayden, Alan Hoda, Pat Hoda, Fay Hogan, Olivia Hood, Daniel Huck, Butch and Betty Hughes, Paul Hughes, David H. James, Sally James, Janet Jefferson, Sierra Jefferson, Faye Johnson, Phillip Jones, John Knight, Marcus Kaszabowski, Natalie Koenenn, Jill Ladner, Missy Ladner, Pam Ladner, Griffis Lamar, Dustin Leochner, Debbie Lizana, Charlotte Logan, Mark Logan, Marlene Logan, Michelle Logan, Rod Malburg, Evelyn Lumpkin, Laura Creel Meadows, Carl Molesworth, Pat Morley, Dennis Mottola, Kevin Niolet, Rita Norman, Joshua Parker, Larry Peterman, Konner Peterson, Michelle Pisciotta, Jane Prescott, Bill Redo, Bryce Riordan, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Bev Rogers, Taige Roof, Tammy Graham Rome, June Rutland, Janet Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Clyde Schepens, William "Scooter", Leah Scott, Beth Sealy, James Senac, Rachel Singleton, Melissa Starita, Barbara Swilley, Jim and Michael Trott, Morgan Ulrich, Pat Vial, Anastasia Virvilis, Jimmy Wetzell, Bragg Williams, Nadia Williams, Becky Wooley, Wayne Wooley, Paul Yaegar, Angie Parker

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In Memoriam

Kathleen "Kerry" Maddox

Please contact the Parish Office at 228-452-4686 to add or take some off the Prayer List. Thank you.

Weekly Operating Report

May 6, 2024

Weekly Operating Credits

Offertory/Collection:

\$11,950

Building Fund: \$316

Youth Ministry: \$133

Masses: \$275

Cemetery: \$5

Memorials: \$5

Second Collection: \$731

Direct Debit—Electronic Transfers

Forms are available in the back of the church or by calling the office at 228-452-4686

Weekly Fixed Expenses

Schools: \$3210

Salaries and Benefits: \$4750

Diocese Support Tax: \$917

Utilities: \$1187.50

Janitorial, Maintenance, Grounds: \$1189.75

Insurance: \$584

TOTAL FIXED WEEKLY EXPENSES: \$13,075.00

"These are just the fixed expenses. There are many areas of ministry that require funding throughout the year (Youth Ministry, Religious Education, Adult Education, Liturgy, Office Supplies). I am publishing this as part of our new financial budgeting system. There will also be a general report quarterly.

God Bless!" Fr. Mike

Pray For a Priest Each Day

"O Holy Mother of God, pray for our priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditations, efficacious in preaching and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen".

Sun., May 5: For Pope Francis

Mon., May 6: For Father Godfrey Andoh

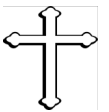
Tuesday, May 7: For Father Charles Arthur

Wed., May 8: For Father Philip J. Audet

Thur., May 9: For Father Mike Austin

Fri., May 10: For Fathers Emmanuel Awe SSJ and Sergio Balderas

Sat., May 11: For Father Hyginus Boboh SSJ



May 11 and
May 12,
2024

5:00 pm - Saturday,
5/11/24 Vigil

Lectors

Gayle Parker

EEMs

Daren Freeman, Don Frilot and Ursula Frilot

Altar Servers

Cooper W. Ferrell, Gage Garriga and Kaleb Garriga

8:30 am - Sunday,
5/12/24

Knights of Columbus
Corporate Communion

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11:00 am - Sunday,
5/12/24

Meg Payment

Angele Boudreaux, Lena Farr, Stuar Farr, Andrew Koslosky and Michael Mayeaux

Elleigh James Burge, Ashton Gamboa and R. J. Sandoz

5:00 pm - Sunday,
5/12/24

Daniel Huck

Richard Bohn, Joy Miller and Joe Spence

Allie Giles, Evelyn Giles and Maci Thompson



Monday Morning
Fellowship, Coffee
& Donuts!

Start your first Monday morning of the month
with Mass at 8 am followed by
Fellowship, Coffee, and Donuts after Mass

HFC Parish Hall

Our next gathering is Monday, May 6th.

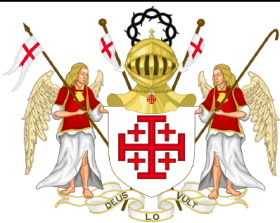
Celebration of
Holy Baptism



Congratulations to
Kinsley M. Bonney, child of
Tristan and Raven Bonney

who received the
Sacrament of Baptism
on April 25, 2024

*"Let the children come to me,
because the kingdom of God belongs
to such as these."* Mark 10:14



Congratulations
Angele Boudreaux!

On Sunday April 28th,
Holy Family Parishioner,
Angele Boudreaux, was
invested into The Equestrian Order of the
Holy Sepulcher representing the Diocese of
Biloxi. Lady Angele was invested in a
ceremony with four other Diocese
members. **Congratulations** to Angele on
this very special honor.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 4	5:00 pm	Healing for Jim Bradley Healing for Wayne Wooley Healing for Lee Ayuso
Sunday, May 5	8:30 am	† Dick Airey
	11:00 am	Healing for Deacon Karl Koberger Healing for Tony Strnad
	5:00 pm	† Lynne Bohn † Kerry Maddox
Monday, May 6	8:00 am	† Knost Family † Teresa Hoi Thi Vu Healing for Father J. T. Trinh
Tuesday, May 7 (Chapel)	7:00 pm	† Brenda Valles † Edward Taconi † Pat O'Shaughnessy
Wednesday, May 8	8:00 am	Healing for Pat Taconi Healing for Deacon Karl Koberger Healing for Father J. T. Trihn
Thursday, May 9 (Chapel)	8:00 am	† Knost Family † Pat O'Shaughnessy Special Intentions for Grady Stone
Friday, May 10	8:30 am * † <i>The Repose of the Soul</i>	† Lynne Bohn † Bernadette Levens † Arlene Desrosier † Randy Guillot Special Intentions for Reagen Levens



2024 FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Congratulations to the boys and girls who received their First Communion last Sunday, April 28th. THANK YOU to Father Mike, Father Bosco, Deacon Bill, our parents and grandparents, Holy Family Children’s Choir and Altar Servers who made this day so special. Thank you also to all the teachers who contributed to our First Eucharist Training especially: Linden Williams, Brandi Burge, Meg Payment, Tracy Patridge, Emily Pletsch, Stuart Farr and Tony Diaz del Valle.



Top Row, left to right: Mrs. Linden Williams, Mrs. Emily Pletsch, Fr. Mike Austin, Everett Worthington, Jameson Burge, Mrs. Tracy Patridge, Mrs. Meg Payment, Mrs. Brandi Burge, Deacon Bill Vrazel, Fr. John Bosco
Middle Row, left to right: RJ Sandoz, Reed Pace, Beatty Bridges, Gannon Favre, Rhett Vonderbruegge, Rylin Jenkins, Vincent Fontenot, Jacob Robin, Gabriel Quirk, Mitchell Rafferty, Micah Rafferty, Jillian Worthington, Elleigh James Burge
Bottom Row, left to right: Archer Kraft, Reagan Levens, Evan Le, Elise Bridges, Harris Sandoz, Kinsley Bonney, Sloan Fowler, Mary Janes Puckett, Sophia McCarthy, Charlotte Payment, Heidi Nguyen, Nolan Nguyen, Finley Pace

Upcoming 2024 Second and Special Collections

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| May 4-5 | <i>St. Paul Cemetery</i> |
| May 11-12 | <i>Catholic Communications</i> |
| June 1-2 | <i>St. Paul Cemetery</i> |
| June 15-16 | <i>Special Father’s Day
Collection for Diocesan Priest
Supplemental</i> |
| June 29-30 | <i>Peter’s Pence</i> |
| July 6-7 | <i>St. Paul Cemetery</i> |



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