

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

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Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

Saturday

5:30 pm

Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Daily Mass

8:00 am: M, W, Th, F

Holy Days

Please see The Messenger



Mary, Queen of Angels, Pray for Us!

**First Saturday to Honor
the Immaculate
Heart of Mary**
Mass 9:00 am

First Friday to Adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition/Adoration

10:30 am-11:15 am

(Benediction follows)

Confessions

10:35 am-11:15 am

Mass 11:30 am

Confession

Sat. 4:00 to 5:00 pm

or by appointment

Baptism

4th Sunday of the Month

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The Mission of Queen of Angels Church is to:

Grow in our relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Strengthen our faith by living and teaching the Gospel.

Serve God's People in our parish, our community, and our world.

Church is Handicapped Accessible

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If you're worried about an unplanned pregnancy, you may be experiencing a personal crisis full of concerns about your future. Pregnancy Care Clinic can assist you. www.unplannedparenthood.org, 619.442.4357

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT**April 25, 2021**

Envelopes Used	61
Envelope Collections	\$ 3,710.00
Plate Collections	\$ 613.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,323.00

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal "Renewing HOPE", has begun.
Queen of Angels assessment for 2021 is \$30,000.

This is your opportunity to make possible the work that affects so many in our diocese: assistance to the poor, education of those who attend Catholic schools, formation of new priests and care for our retired priest, evangelization and accompaniment of Young Adults and the consoling presence of Christ for those imprisoned.

Thank you for your support as we participate in living the Church's mission to be a witness of compassion and mercy to those in need.

GOAL: \$30,000.00

PLEDGED: \$ 19,275.00

BALANCE: \$ 10,725.00

GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS APRIL MAY 1-9, 2021

		<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
		Saturday, May 1	9:00 am	†Harold & Marie Bispham
		Saturday, May 1	5:30 pm	For the People
Sunday:	<i>Jn 3:18-24</i>	Sunday, May 2	8:00 am	Rev. Derek Twilliger
Monday:	<i>Jn 14:6-14</i>	Sunday, May 2	10:30 am	†Jim Archer
Tuesday:	<i>Jn 14:27-31a</i>	Monday, May 3	8:00 am	†Cruz Rangel
Wednesday:	<i>Jn 15:1-8</i>	Tuesday, May 4	7:30 am	Rosary
Thursday:	<i>Jn 15:9-11</i>	Wednesday, May 5	8:00 am	
Friday:	<i>Jn 15:12-17</i>	Thursday, May 6	8:00 am	†Virginia Adamek
Saturday:	<i>Jn 15:18-21</i>	Friday, May 7	11:30 am	
Next Sunday:	<i>Jn 4:7-10</i>	Saturday, May 8	5:30 pm	For the People
		Sunday, May 9	8:00 am	Jackie Jennings
		Sunday, May 9	10:30 am	Mother's Day Novena



Continue to Keep in Your Prayers and Hearts those on our Healing and Deployed Military Lists.
Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray,



T A K E S W O R D S Y U
S B R A N C H A T A R N
A I R L R P P W C E L
C D E R E H T A G A V E
O E H E S D P R U N E S
E N T A S W F T E N P S
T R A D E I F I R O L G
R U F Y R T T R K T N B
U B O E D H H E U I W E
E E R A E E N R H I W N
R A T R N R N T O C T I
O R H O I S O I O W U V
M A D E V N C L E A N M

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the **true vine**, and my **Father** is the **vinedresser**. **Every branch** of mine that **bears** no **fruit**, he **takes away**, and **every branch** that does **bear fruit** he **prunes**, that it may **bear more fruit**. You are **already made clean** by the **word** which I have **spoken** to you. **Abide** in me, and I in you. As the **branch cannot bear fruit** by itself, **unless** it **abides** in the **vine**, **neither** can you, **unless** you **abide** in me. 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**. If a man does not **abide** in me, he is **cast forth** as a **branch** and **withers**; and the **branches** are **gathered**, **thrown** into the **fire** and **burned**. If you **abide** in me, and my **words abide** in you, ask whatever

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Mother's Day Novena Cards Remember your Mother, living or deceased, in our Novena of Masses for Mother's Day **May 9**. Please pick up a card at the front entrance of the church and return it to the office or drop it into the collection box.



National Day of Prayer Thursday, **May 6** has been designated as National Day of Prayer. This year's theme is: "*Lord Pour Out Your Love, Life, and Liberty*". On this day, join others of all faiths to pray for our nation.



1st-5th grade Religious Education A friendly reminder: There will be no class on Sunday, **May 9**. *Celebrate and Shower* all the amazing Moms in your life!!

First Friday to Adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus **May 7, 2021**

10:30 am-11:15 am—Exposition/Adoration
(Benediction to follow)
10:35 am-11:15 am—Confessions
11:30 am—Mass



St. PHILLIP
& JAMES
APOSTLES

*Prayer
is the bridge
between panic
and peace.*



LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.

PASTOR'S PAGE

The Father Prunes the Fruitful Vine: The Moral Allegory of The Vinedresser.

Our Lord Jesus mediates the grace of God to those who become and remain united to Him, as branches on a vine. We must, however, allow ourselves to be trimmed, pruned, and separated from things that inhibit true growth of God's fruits within us.

This Fifth Sunday of Easter The Church reflects on the Gospel of the moral allegory of the fruitful vine [Jn15:1-8]. Our Lord uses a common agricultural example to convey the teaching of moral discipline and mortification, that is, cutting back. Just as the vine grower supplies the nutrients and water for the vine; so Jesus supplies the members of His Church with the Sanctifying Grace necessary to grow *"and bear fruit that will last"* [Jn15:16]. But there is more to growing fruit than supplying nutrients and water for the vine. Our Lord says further that His Father prunes, or cuts the vine that is fruitful so that it produces even more fruit. This is why the image of the vinedresser pruning the vine that bears fruit is such a good example for us to understand how mortification (death to self) enables us to grow in grace.

When God cuts away at us, the fruitful vine, it can feel that He is cutting away our very 'self', our life, our happiness, at times even our very existence. All the "Thou shalt nots..." seem like a mindless mad slasher who merely wants to destroy us, a good fruitful branch of the vine. In reality, however, the vinedresser is not just slashing at the vine; rather he meticulously and artistically cuts and trims those pieces of the vine – and those pieces only – that are superfluous dead weight which will not bear fruit. He, so to speak, cuts away the fat. This is the purpose of pruning as Our Lord says, *"...every one that is fruitful My Father prunes so that it bears more fruit."*

So for example, (for apple trees) the vinedresser knows the difference between what are called "sucker shoots" and "fruiting spurs". Sucker shoots are water sprouts that grow straight up taking nutrients from the plant that could otherwise be used to bear more and greater fruit. Fruiting spurs are sprouts that produce fruit from the flowers that bloom off of them. Hence the English word prune seems comes from the Latin *"pro-re-tun-di-âre"*, that is, "to cut" (*pro-*, in front + *rotundus*), in front of the round fruit spur. The Israelites knew the difference when pruning their vines and so understood the example very well. But do *we* understand the example?

How does The Father prune us? The Father prunes the fruitful vine by disciplining us so we can live the moral virtues (i.e. the Commandments), precisely because moral virtue helps us grow in grace. Before Christ man could not even live the Commandments to receive grace [Jn 1:17]; but in Christ God has taken the initiative to grant grace to those who were not living the Commandments [Rom 5:8], so that we could live the Commandments and thus become holy to The Lord. God, through Christ Jesus, first grants us grace to live the Commandments (bear fruit), so that – in actually living the discipline of the moral virtues (Commandments) we can grow further in grace (bear *more* fruit). Hence, St John, *"From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace..."* [Jn 1:16].

Our Lord calls His disciples to discipline [Latin *disciplina*, from *discipulus*: pupil: *discere*, to learn], that is, "to learn experientially" to discern through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (denial of material goods) [Mt 6:5-18; Acts 13:3, 14:23]. It is through this discipline of the grace of Christ that men learn to live well, morally, and "fully human" [I Cor 9:25; 11:32; Heb 12:5], which is nothing other than becoming holy to The Lord! This becoming holy is the meaning of bearing fruit. When the cutting away of superfluous, unnecessary, and sometimes even outrightly sinful things takes place, we are then able to receive the nutrients of grace – uninhibitedly – from Jesus Who is the source of our nourishment.

So the pruning is as necessary as the sustenance in the case of the branches on the vine, as it is in the case of the soul that needs to bear fruit and bear it more abundantly. It is not enough that we merely open ourselves to Christ's grace (believe

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the Gospel), we need equally as well to turn away (repent) from the worldly allurements that keep us from receiving greater grace and thus bearing greater fruit [Mk 1:15]. Good fruit is the consequence of repentance [Mt 3:8]. And because God takes the initiative, repentance is that which follows upon the acknowledgment that we have freely received the love of God "...while we were yet sinners" [Rom 5:8].

"For the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of the great God and of our Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for Himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good." Titus 2:11-14

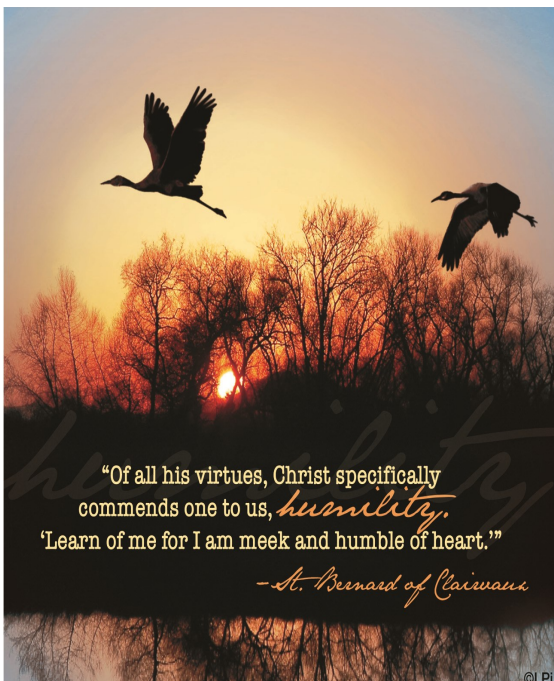
This discipline of God and His Divine Law is necessary, as St. Thomas says:

... because, just as the principal intention of human law is to created friendship between man and man; so the chief intention of the Divine Law is to establish man in friendship with God. Now since likeness is the reason of love, according to Ecclesiasticus 13:15: "Every beast loves its like"; there cannot possibly be any friendship of man to God, Who is supremely good, unless man becomes good: wherefore it is written (Lev 19:2; Lev 11:45): "You shall be holy, for I AM Holy." But the goodness of man is virtue, which "makes its possessor good". Therefore, it was necessary for the Old Law to include precepts about acts of virtue: and these are the moral precepts of The Law.
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Therefore, before man can become holy he must have the grace of God, which enables friendship with God, transforming us into the image of His Son. Man cannot "go it alone"; as Our Lord says in the image of the vine, "...without me you can do nothing." JESUS CHRIST IS THE GRACE OF GOD Who calls us *apart from ourselves* to live in the freedom of God's Children.

Easter Blessings,

Father Tim



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Diocese of San Diego



Pentecost For All People

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Good Shepherd Parish*
8200 Gold Coast Drive, San Diego

Let us pray, celebrate, and share the many gifts of our universal Church

Heritage Exhibits | Live Music

Experience a colorful feast of languages, cultures, and traditions

Information

adiaz@sdccatholic.org
(858) 490-8306

**Event will be held outdoors.
Physical distancing and masks required.
For sun protection, bring umbrellas, hats, etc.*



All Are Welcome

10 am | Call to Worship
11 am | Mass with Bishop McElroy
Auxiliary Bishops Dolan and Bejarano
Live Stream at: sdccatholic.org/pentecost2021

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National Day of Prayer 2021

Lord, we look up and see the billions of stars
You created, and we praise You. We look
around and see the billions of people You
created in Your image; uniquely, fearfully,
wonderfully, and we thank You. Wrap us in Your
Spirit and unite us in Your family, Lord.

Thank You for loving us first. In Your love for the
whole world, You sent Your Son to save us.

Jesus, in You alone we have abundant and
everlasting life. Thank you for teaching and
leading us to love and live, fruitful, and faithful.
In Your life, death, resurrection, and ascension
You are our Lord, our love, our life, and our
liberty. You came to "bind up the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to captives and
freedom to prisoners." You have freed us from
the penalty and shame of our sin; free to live
life as You designed and Your destiny
for our Nation.

Spirit search us, convict us, as we repent for
our sin and the sins of America. Please cleanse,
fill, and send us. We rejoice, knowing that Your
forgiveness makes us acceptable and effective
vessels for Your love, life and liberty in our
family, church, education, workplace, military,
government, art, entertainment, and media.

LORD, POUR OUT YOUR
LOVE, LIFE, AND
Liberty

We pray that America will be united in love to
serve You with all our hearts, all our ways, and
all of our days. Unite us to pray, love; to live and
walk by the Spirit. Conform and transform us
as we pray and proclaim, "Now the Lord is the
Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is liberty."

We pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Kathy Branzell
President, National Day of Prayer Task Force