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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

Morning Church!

One of the local blessings of living in the NC is being surrounded by 250 vineyards. Every vineyard is a reminder of the vital importance Jesus places on relationship. As hard as some people try, there is no denying all of us are irrevocably connected to God and one another.

Vineyards tangled network of branches bursting with fruit show us the possibilities of remaining close to Christ and beside one another, even in our knotted network.

Though some may deny that all of us are connected to all of us, that some of us need to be cut off and thrown into the fire, Jesus says otherwise.

Apart from Christ we have no true life and are not grounded in graced faith. Apart from one another we disavow that we are the Body of Christ!

If the Vine gives life to the branches, then we need to ask some deeper questions.

What does it mean to remain in Christ?
 What does it mean to remain in his Word?
 What kind of fruit is our faith producing?
 What needs to be pruned from our lives
 so that fruit can yield a hundredfold?

It's all about our relationship with God
 and one another. It's *always* about relationship.

In CommUNITY,


**Rough Translations**

Hope nonetheless.
 Hope despite.
 Hope regardless.
 Hope still.

Hope where we had ceased to hope.
 Hope amid what threatens hope.
 Hope with those who feed our hope.
 Hope beyond what we had hoped.

Hope that draws us past our limits.
 Hope that defies expectations.
 Hope that questions what we have known.
 Hope that makes a way where there is none.

Hope that takes us past our fear.
 Hope that calls us into life.
 Hope that holds us beyond death.
 Hope that blesses those to come.


~ Jan Richardson

🍇 **HEARTwork ~ Reflecting & Acting on The Word ~**

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Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

APRIL	
	28 5th Sun Easter Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
30	Communion Service, 12:15p
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	01 Feast: St. Joseph the Worker RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
	05 6th Sun Easter Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
	07 The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p
	08 RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
12	Feast: Ascension <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>
	13 Ladies Guild, 5p
14	The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p
	15 RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
16	Wise Ones, 1p 
	18 Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
19	Pentecost Sunday <i>Wear Red Sunday</i>
20	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Cntr. 1:30-6:00p 
	21 The Chosen, 10a; Ministerial Association, 12N Communion Service, 12:15p
	22 RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p
26	Feast: The Body & Blood of Christ

 Mass Intentions	
28	+McKenzie & McKinley Orta
05	+Georgette Dyer
12	All Mothers, living and deceased In gratitude for our Ladies Guild

Birthdays & Anniversaries



28 Luis Rodriguez 30 Liza Go-Harris, Vanessa Lopez

29 Julie & Patrick Colglazier 30 Luma & Cleo Peruzzo

Pope Francis Walking the Word:

...we need Christ...who says to us that
before the observance
of The Commandments,
before the Beatitudes,
before Works of Mercy,
it is necessary to be united to him,
to REMAIN in him.
We cannot be good Christians
if we do not remain in Jesus.
With Him, we can do everything.



Eileen, Helen & Rose Marie ~ an SSJ Family



+S. Rose Marie Kean, SSJ

<i>Born</i>	1938
<i>Born to Eternal Life</i>	April 14, 2024
68 years of religious life	
<p><i>Rose Marie is the third member of her family to enter the Sisters of St. Joseph. If you look closely, you can see she's proudly wore her deceased sisters' SSJ Profession rings.</i></p>	



+S. Eileen Kean, SSJ

<i>Born</i>	1931
<i>Born to Eternal Life</i>	July 6, 2019
70 years of religious life	



+S. Helen Kean, SSJ

<i>Born</i>	1935
<i>Born to Eternal Life</i>	August 12, 2021
68 years of religious life	

Let perpetual light shine upon them.

THANK YOU...

...Doris Watson, who made a lovely corsage for Andrea Faw; and boutonnieres Stephen Faust, Charlie Faw, Jacob Wagoner, and Ethan VanHorn, for their Confirmation and First Communion at the Easter Vigil; as well as for their sponsors, Brandon Haneline, John Orta, and Phillip Parrish.



Who We Are

Change for Global Change is a 501(c)(3) organization founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph (Phila.) in 2006. With even greater urgency, our organization represents a necessary response to the unmet needs of persons who are poor, marginalized, and vulnerable by committing to the flourishing of Earth through sustainable practices.

What We Do

We raise awareness of sustainability issues that affect the lives of every person on our planet.

We collect donations – large and small—from caring people, so that joining together in a neighbor-to-neighbor, across-the-street and around-the-world effort, we can make a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers in need.

This allows us to provide grants for sustainability projects sponsored by our Sisters and Associates throughout the world, where the people they serve lack many basic necessities, especially potable water. Receptacle for your donations/change is in the lobby. *Thank you!*

Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit.



Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!



Answers to True or False: 1.true 2.true 3.true 4.true 5.false 6.true 7.false

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024



Jesus tells us that He is the true vine and we are the branches.

But something needs to be done to the branches so that they will bear good fruit. Follow the dots to find out what it is. (Start at the little grapes!)



Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine

May 8

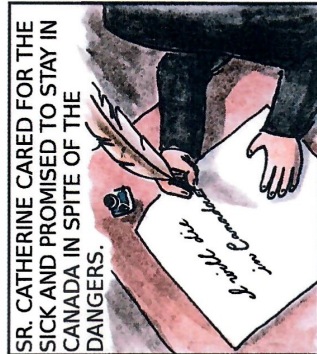
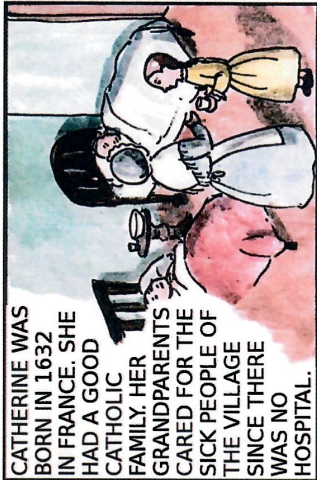
SAINT PAUL: TRUE OR FALSE

How much do you know about Saint Paul when he first became a Christian?

1. Saint Paul's name used to be Saul. True or false?
2. Before his conversion, Saint Paul hated the Christians. True or false?
3. The disciples in Jerusalem were afraid of Paul when he first came. True or false?
4. Barnabas told the other Christians that Saint Paul had seen our Lord on the way to Damascus. True or false?
5. It took a long time before Saint Paul began to speak about Jesus in public. True or false?
6. When Saint Paul told some people about Jesus, they tried to kill him. True or false?
7. The other disciples would not let Saint Paul travel around to preach about Jesus. True or false?

St. Paul:
Persecutor
 to
Proclaimer

Don't forget to check your answers on the back page!



BLESSED CATHERINE LOVED THE SICK PEOPLE AND CARED FOR THEM BECAUSE SHE KNEW THAT BY HELPING OTHERS SHE WAS BEING KIND TO JESUS. WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE WHO IS POOR OR SICK OR LONELY, REMEMBER THAT BY BEING KIND TO THAT PERSON YOU ARE BEING KIND TO JESUS.