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BEARING FRUIT

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.

In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the faith. The work they were doing was "with the consolation of the Holy Spirit." It was not their work alone, but the work of God.

We must ask ourselves, 'how is God bearing fruit in my life?' and 'have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?' The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord.

When we live a life like that — as a branch never separated from its vine — God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.

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Sunday Masses i
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses
See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	May 3	9:00 am	+James Mayhew	by Andrew & Verena Mayhew
Tues	May 4	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Andy Lipiec	by Bob & Joan Hignett
		12 Noon NEW!	Communion Service. Readings of the Day, Our Father. Holy Communion.	
		7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	ACTS Monthly Gathering by Zoom -	Speaker Father Christopher
Wed	May 5	9:00 am	+Larry Smith	by Martha Devlin
		10:30 am	Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	Fr .Christopher
Thurs	May 6	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Joan Moore & Beverley Carbin	by Martha Devlin
		6:30 pm NEW!	Communion Service. Readings of the Day, Our Father. Holy Communion.	
		8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Centre for Mental Health & Addiction (CMAH) Zoom Meeting	Fr. Christopher
Fri	May 7	9:00 am	+Brian Howard	by St. Martin's School Staff
		10:30 am - 12 Noon	Home/Front Door Visitations - Call office to Register.	Fr Christopher
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Fr .Christopher
Sat	May 8	8:30 am - 10:00 am	The Case for Jesus : Bible Study	Fr. Christopher
		The 6th Sunday of Easter		
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	First Reconciliation for those who registered.	
Sat	May 8	5:00 pm	Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	May 9	10:00 am	+Geraldine Bell	by John & Judy Terpstra

ONLINE EUCHARIST

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria

Sunday Mass live stream at 11:30 am.

Visit the diocesan website for viewing:

www.saintcd.com or on YouTube

St. Joseph Grimsby:

<http://www.facebook.com/StJoeGrimsby>

Vision TV: Sun - 8:00 am

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Mon - Sat - 6:30 am, 11:00 am,

3:00 pm, 10:30 pm

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Throughout the pandemic we have appealed for your weekly stewardship in creative and varied ways. With another lockdown we suffer financially as we are limited to nine people allowed to gather for public Mass. We are thankful for those who do support us either in person or by e-transfer or in mailing in your stewardship. We have noticed however, the same individuals giving.

We also want to address a misunderstanding that was brought to our attention. We are not financially supported by our diocese. In actual fact, we give 8% of our income semi-annually to the diocese; and 3% of yearly income to the Clergy Aid (Retired Priests Pension). Please consider that when giving your weekly stewardship.

Recent donations from the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus has been immensely appreciated. Thank you.

We have made some cut backs and reduced expenses as best we can. Voluntarily reductions in salary form pastor and staff have also taken place.

Thank you, for your stewardship.

PRE- REGISTRATION FOR MASS AND COMMUNION SERVICES

Please call or email the parish office before each Thursday at Noon to schedule for any Mass or Communion Service you wish to attend. We are only allowed to accommodate 10 people which includes the priest.

Some have recently pre-registered and then didn't show up. No notice was given of not being able to attend. Some have developed a habit of doing this. We cannot allow this to continue. Therefore, those individuals cannot pre-register until the lockdown is over.

Communion Services are offered this week in order to accommodate more people to receive the Eucharist. Opening and close prayers, readings of the day, Our Father, Holy Communion. We encourage you to attend weekday Mass. You, don't have to wait until Sunday.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

We considered it prudent to reschedule the reception of First Reconciliation and First Communion for our children until after the "stay at-home" order has ended. Hence, we are proposing alternate dates late May early June?

Parents will be given the dates after we consult with others.

Arrangements will be made (as before) for a limited number of families (and only immediate family members) to be present .We appreciate the understanding of the parents and teachers as yet another "curve ball" has been tossed in our direction.

We are inviting families to call the parish office and schedule First Reconciliation. We can safely do this with the Covid-19 Protocols. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you.

"VIRTUAL" CHILDREN'S LITURGY "

Our Children's Liturgy, under the direction of Mrs. Noseworthy is posting videos, lessons and the parish bulletin every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., to our catholic education community. Thank you; and God bless! We appreciate your ministry immensely.

Here is the program for achieving a truly forgiving heart...

Sunday: Forgive yourself.

Monday: Forgive your family.

Tuesday: Forgive your friends and associates.

Wednesday: Forgive across economic lines within your own nation.

Thursday: Forgive across cultural lines within your own nation.

Friday: Forgive across political lines within your own nation.

Saturday: Forgive other nations.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen