



## Parish News

April 30, 2021

**From the desk of Fr. David**

The comparison of the Chosen People with a vine was often used in the Old Testament. In Isaiah's " Song of the Vineyard" (Isaiah 5:1-7) God complains that despite all the love and care, he had lavished on his vineyard, all it produced was wild, sour grapes.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Apart from me, you can do nothing."

The Lord is describing 2 situations on the vine:

- 1) The branch that bears no fruit is cut off and removed from the vine.
- 2) The branch that bears fruit, is pruned so that it can bear more fruit.

Pruning can be very painful, it can take the form of trials, difficulties and hardships, but this pruning can bear much fruit in this, we also receive a glimpse into the purpose of suffering. If you are the branch that bears much fruit, He expects more from you, and so His pruning of your branches is an act of love. God prunes you because He loves you. Maybe you are experiencing:

- Good or bad health
- A perfect family or a family full of strife and problems
- Much success in life or an abundance of failure

St. Paul in Philippians 4 remind us: Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again - Rejoice, The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

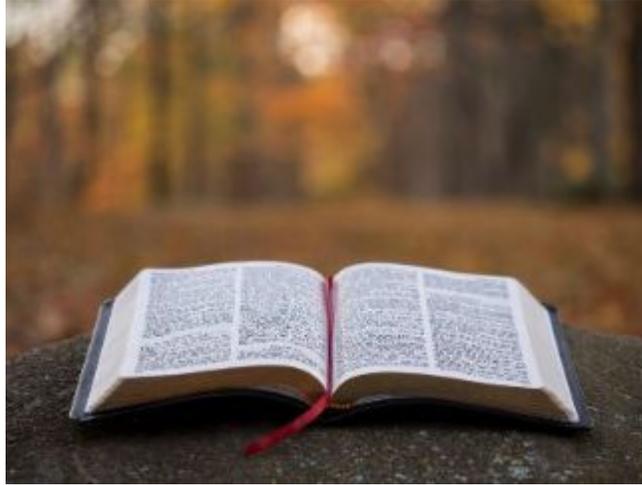
May, is also the month of Mary, Jesus' mother and our mother. Mary's desire is that we know, love and serve Jesus, her son. Mary knows that Jesus is the answer to our trials and difficulties.

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**" He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to Him, let go of yourself, lose yourself on the Cross, and you will find yourself entirely."**

***St. Catherine of Siena***

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Annual retreat for Priests (virtual) will be held May 17 - 21. During this week, no priest will be in the office and Parish's schedule will be as follows:

Monday May 17: No Mass celebration

Tuesday May 18 - Friday May 21: Evening Mass at 7 pm (No morning Mass this week)

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## Our Special Place



would like to thank Stephen, Rafael, Nazira, Jeanne, office staff and all the people who have been involved, in one way or another, in the job.

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## Overnight Eucharistic Adoration



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Chapel of Annunciation, from **Saturday May 1 at 8:00 pm to Sunday May 2 at 8:00 am**. If you would like to accept the Lord's invitation and commit to making a Holy Hour, please contact Nazira.

Email: [eucharisticadoration2019@outlook.com](mailto:eucharisticadoration2019@outlook.com)

Phone: Call or Text: 403-978-1303

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## Sacrament of First Communion



On Sunday May 2, children from St. Jude School will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion in our Parish. Let us pray for all those children and families, may the Lord strengthen them and guide them in every step of their life.

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### Please consider helping our CWL



Holy Spirit CWL is planning to hold a Book Sale, which is their annual major fundraiser. In order to hold the sale, **CWL requires a double garage from mid-August to mid-September**, it does not need to be empty, but needs to allow room to stack boxes as the books are sorted.

If you have a garage, or know of someone who is able to lend their garage for 3 - 4 weeks, please contact Gail Thauberger by phone at 403-258-0362 or email at [gbthauberger@shaw.ca](mailto:gbthauberger@shaw.ca)

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## 12 Hours of Praying for Palliative Care



In March, the federal government passed Bill C-7, which loosened restrictions on Medical Assistance in Dying. Although MAID has become a right for Canadians, no such right has been given for quality palliative care. From May 2nd - 8th, The Catholic Women's League of Canada, invites members to join their sisters in prayer, for ONE hour on any day of this week, to pray for those in palliative care, their families, and their caregivers. Our hope is that members will gather together spiritually to pray in our own homes or in our churches as allowed. There are several prayer options suggested: [12 Hours of Prayer](#) • [Luminous Mysteries](#) • [Beatitudes for Caregivers](#) • [Beatitudes for Those who Minister to the Sick](#)

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## Feast of Our Lady of Fatima - May 13



The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima is **Thursday, May 13, 2021**. The message of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima is an urgent call to conversion of heart, penance and repentance. Please consider joining these events:

### **1) Mater Fatima for the World - Mass & Worldwide Rosary**

On May 13, Colombia will host the worldwide rosary, which will be held at the National Marian Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquirá, the Patron Saint of Colombia. The worldwide rosary will be held within the framework of the 450th anniversary of the Battle of Lepanto's victory, in which the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima heard the appeal made by the Church and the people. Holy Mass, Exposition, Rosary, Consecration to Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and Procession will be livestreamed **starting at 10 am** (Calgary time). Livestream links: [Youtube](#) | [Facebook Live](#)

### **2) Our Lady of Fatima Parish - Mass & Rosary**

On May 13, Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Calgary, invites all the faithful to participate in the day's celebration through Mass and Rosary at 6 pm. Livestream links: [Facebook Live](#) or watch on TELUS Optik TV Ch. 877

### **3) Holy Spirit Parish Consecration**

On May 13, here at Holy Spirit, we will celebrate the ending of the retreat Consoling the Heart of Jesus. There will be a Mass celebration at 7 pm, ending with the consecration to the Heart of Jesus and to Our Mother Mary.

### **4) Novena to Our Lady of Fatima**

On May 4, start the [Novena](#) to our mother.

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## Calgary Catholic Charismatic Renewal Society

Calgary Catholic Charismatic Renewal Society (CCCRS) invites you to prepare and celebrate Pentecost this year with the following prayer events:

- [Novena to the Holy Spirit - Online](#)  
Join 9 days of Novena with CCCRS, priests, prayer groups and Catholic communities around the Diocese. When: **May 13 to May 21, 2021, starts at 6:30 pm**. For more details and to join Zoom meetings, [click here](#)
  - May 13 – *Humility against pride* with Fr Jarek Dziuba
  - May 14 – *Kindness against envy* with Fr. Rodel Abanto
  - May 15 – *Abstinence against gluttony* with Fr. Gabriel Arihi
  - May 16 – *Chastity against lust* with Fr. Ben Croix
  - May 17 – *Patience against anger* with Fr. Julian Studden
  - May 18 – *Generosity against greed* with Fr. Shibu Kallarakkal
  - May 19 – *Diligence against sloth* with Deacon Norm Dumais
  - May 20 – *Holiness, a call to repentance* with Fr. Jerry D'Souza
  - May 21 – *Rejoice in Hope* with Fr. Cristino Bouvette
- [Pentecost Vigil Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & Reflection](#)  
When: Saturday, May 22 at 7 pm (Mass with Bishop McGrattan), followed by Eucharistic Adoration and reflection. Registration is ***required*** for those attending in person. To register, contact Beata at 403-397-6124 or email [beatabanka@shaw.ca](mailto:beatabanka@shaw.ca). If you are not able to attend, watch livestreams with these links [Mass](#) | [Eucharistic Adoration and Reflection](#)

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**Jesus Heals - Healing Mass & Adoration**



Many are burdened and depressed by sicknesses and ailments. Jesus Heals offers a unique opportunity to join and seek healing of mind, body and soul. **The program features Healing Mass, Preaching, Praise and Worship, and Eucharistic Adoration.**

[Click here to join.](#)

## Widening the Circle - FCJ Retreat



Join us virtually, at the FCJ Christian Life Centre in Calgary, in the global tribute

Sisters to the city of Calgary and Southern Alberta since 1885. You will be delighted with the engaging entertainment, testimonials, prizes and fundraising activities. [Details here](#)

When: **May 16, 2021 at 3 pm to 5 pm**

Livestream link: [fcjcentre.ca/bicentennial](https://fcjcentre.ca/bicentennial)

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## St. Benedict School Bilingual Program

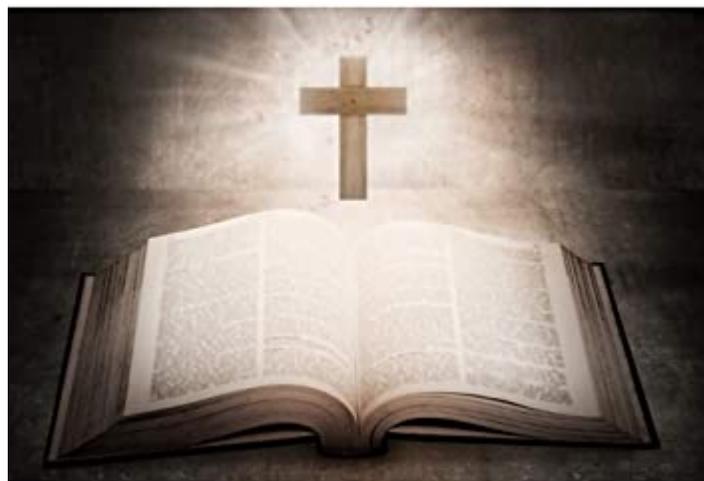


The poster features a yellow background. In the top left, there is a logo with the letters 'is' and 'a' inside a red apple shape. To its right is a logo with the letter 'e' and a red cross, with the text 'Escuela de Español en Inglés' below it. In the top right corner, there is a photograph of four young children smiling. Below these elements, the text reads: 'Creer y crecer en comunidad' in black, 'SPANISH BILINGUAL' in red, 'K-12 PROGRAM' in red, and 'Believe, belong, become' in black. At the bottom left is the Calgary Catholic School District logo, which consists of a stylized 'C' and 'S' with a cross. To the right of the logo, the text 'CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT' is written in black.

St. Benedict School offers a bilingual program (Spanish/English). For those who are interested, check for more [information here](#).

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## Weekly Readings



**Monday May 3:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 / Psalm 19 / John 14:6-14

**Tuesday May 4:** Acts 14:19-28 / Psalm 145 / John 14:27-31a

**Wednesday May 5:** Acts 15:1-6 / Psalm 122 / John 15:1-8

**Thursday May 6:** 2 Timothy 4:1-5 / Psalm 96 / John 10:11-16

**Friday May 7:** Acts 15:22-31 / Psalm 57 / John 15:12-17

## Kid's Word Search

### Hail Mary Word Search 1

B L H S I N N E R S	AMEN	JESUS
F O O E J E S U S F	AMONG	LORD
H K Y R A M C A R J	BLESSED	MARY
B D Y R D O S U F A	DEATH	MOTHER
G E A H V W I U M N	FRUIT	PRAY
R S R A D T L O O P	FULL	SINNERS
A S P I E L N R T N	GOD	THEE
C E D L A G H Z H E	GRACE	WOMEN
E L O V T T H E E M	HAIL	
K B G M H O U R R A	HOUR	

Resources for Catholic Educators

4catholiceducators.com

Let's have our kids entertained while they learn some words. To print the worksheet click on the image.

## News from the Diocese of Calgary

### 1) Spiritual Direction Training Program

The FCJ Centre offers a two-year spiritual direction training program that meets on Wednesday evenings and includes four-weekend retreats. It is open to men and women who believe that God is calling them to the ministry of one-on-one companioning with people who are seeking a deeper relationship with God through the integration of faith and life. For more information, visit [fcjcentre.ca/sdtp](http://fcjcentre.ca/sdtp) or contact Sr. Madeleine Gregg, fcJ at 403-228-4215. The application deadline is June 30, 2021.

### 2) Freedom through Healing Retreat

The Triumph: Freedom Through Healing program, facilitated by Jerry and Donna Kristian, is a nine-day Christ-centered journey of inner healing and discovery equipping and empowering people with the tools needed to make meaningful and lasting changes in their lives – a path to true freedom through

When: **June 3-11, 2021**. For more information or to register call Harriet at **403-239-6885** | [triumphretreat.com](http://triumphretreat.com) | [Brochure](#)

### 3) **Jesus, save me!**

"On February 2, 2001, the most tragic and miraculous incident of my life took place. I was shot by a rebel group in India who fights against the Indian army for the separation of Manipur from the Indian federation." But a series of miracles kept Fr. Tomy Manjaly alive. Fr. Tomy is the Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Strathmore, AB. [Read his story here.](#)

### 4) **Students, teachers and parents have faith in Catholic education**

A record 250 key players in Alberta's publicly funded separate system gathered in the Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education (GrACE) Virtual Summit on April 19, to renew their hope for the future of Catholic education. The delegates included all Alberta bishops, trustees from across the province, administrators, teachers, students and parents. [Read more](#)

### 5) **Pope praying for Bishop-Elect of South Sudan after shooting attack**

Unknown armed men have shot and wounded the Bishop-elect of South Sudan's Rumbek Catholic Diocese. The Italian-born Fr. Christian Carlassare, a Comboni Missionary, was attacked on Sunday night in Rumbek. The gunmen went to his residence, and shot him in both legs. Pope Francis was aware of the shooting and was praying for Fr. Carlassare and the people of South Sudan. [Read more](#)

### 6) **Asia Bibi challenges Pakistan leader on blasphemy laws**

Asia Bibi, who was on death row for years after being accused of besmirching the name of the founder of Islam, called the laws a "sword" in the hands of the Muslim majority against the country's Christian minority. Speaking from her home in Canada, Bibi addressed part of her remarks to Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, saying, "Abolish the blasphemy law or prevent its abuse." Bibi also asked "the international community" to "enforce the right to religious freedom." [Read more](#)

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Our parish relies on your Sunday offerings for maintenance and growth. By making your pre-authorized offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to care for your parish during this difficult time. We are now accepting debit/credit cards and online donations, which during this Covid-19 period, are safe options to keep giving. If you are interested in this way of helping, please contact the Parish Office or [click here](#) to register.

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Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will.

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## Parish Schedule

### Mass Times

Monday to Friday: 9 am

Wednesday: 7 pm

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Sunday: 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 7 pm

The 5 pm Saturday Mass will be livestreamed. To view Mass live, visit our [YouTube Channel](#)

Mass Intentions

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## **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Monday – Friday:** 11 am – 4 pm

**Saturday:** Noon – 4 pm

Please sign up for Adoration using the invitation forms at the Welcome Desk, or contact Nazira Abi Rached. Text or call: **403-978-1303** or Email: [eucharisticadoration2019@outlook.com](mailto:eucharisticadoration2019@outlook.com)

## **Rosary & Prayer Group**

**Rosary** will take place in the Chapel every Wednesday at 6 pm and daily at 10 am on Zoom. To receive a Zoom invitation, contact Marta Toltesi: [totustuus@shaw.ca](mailto:totustuus@shaw.ca).

**Four Mysteries of the Rosary** are prayed every first Friday of the month at 4 pm in the Chapel.

**The Divine Mercy Chaplet** is prayed on zoom daily at 3:00 pm.

To receive the link, email Marta Toltesi: [totustuus@shaw.ca](mailto:totustuus@shaw.ca).

**Monday Prayer Group:** One hour of prayer every Monday evening in the Chapel beginning at 7:15 pm. Our hour encompasses the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome. Contact **Jeanne 403-281-3432**.

**Please pray for the sick:** Terez Blonde, Art Chouinard, Kye Beatty, Wilferd Becker, Brett Tennant, Jennifer Newton, Cindy Tennant, Michael Fraser, Bob Norton, Bill Dolan, Vi Metcalf, Mauricio Leiva, Ed Chala, Paul Hortner, Gary and

**Pray for the repose of the soul of:** Irene Monteith, Sister Mary Treasa George, Salvacion Barol and Albert Gerritsen.

**Prayer requests:** The Rosary Making Apostolate has an Intercessory Prayer Ministry with over 150 'prayer partners' interceding for the requests received. The CWL also prays for these intentions. To request prayers send an email to [totustuus@shaw.ca](mailto:totustuus@shaw.ca).

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## Catholic Links

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[Vatican.va](#)

[CWL](#)

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**St. Jude School**

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## Contact us

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**Mother Mary, pray for us.**



**St. Joseph, pray for us.**

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