

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18

BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — This is God’s commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Catherine of Siena

Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday: St. Athanasius

Friday: Sts. Philip and James; First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday

PRAYER CORNER

EVENING PRAYER

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch or weep tonight, and give Your angels and saints charge over those who sleep.

Tend Your sick ones, O Loving Lord; rest Your weary ones; bless Your dying ones; soothe Your suffering ones; pity Your afflicted ones; shield Your joyous ones. All for Your love’s sake. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: David Beckham Birthday

Matt Thomas Birthday

Wednesday: Raid 22nd Anniversary †

Thursday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday: Susanne Birthday †

Saturday: In honor of the Sacred Heart & Holy Spirit for a special intention

JUST TO LAUGH

When your life is in darkness, pray to God and ask Him to free you from darkness.

Even after you pray, if you are still in darkness —

PLEASE PAY THE ELECTRICITY BILL.

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The story is told of a politician who, after receiving the proof of a picture, was very angry with the photographer.

He stormed back to the man’s studio and screamed at him: “This picture does not do me justice!”

The photographer replied, “Sir, with a face like yours, what you need is mercy, not justice!”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$4,130.00	\$3,964.00
Number of Families contributing	74	55
Total Pledge for 2024	\$157,619.00	\$159,756.00
Pledged to Date (16 Weeks)	\$49,243.00	\$49,992.00
Received to Date	\$44,314.00	\$34,929.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,929.00	\$15,063.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$364.00	\$5,520.00

25 ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$360.00	\$1,380.00

5 families made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2024 GOAL
\$1,840.00	\$17,862.00

POOR BOX totaled \$34.00.

14 CHILDREN contributed \$39.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Wife and Family of Duggan in loving memory of him on the 7th anniversary of his death;
2. the Family of Danny Ho Mulholland in loving memory of him on his 68th Birthday;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

LOOK AHEAD

Why is a **CAR'S WINDSHIELD** so **LARGE** and the **REARVIEW MIRROR** so **SMALL**? Because our **PAST** is **Not** as **IMPORTANT** as **OUR FUTURE**.
So, **LOOK AHEAD** and **MOVE ON**.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER will be celebrated this Wednesday, May 1st at 10:30 A.M. Please bring tools to be blessed.

CANDLES Due to people forgetting to pay for candles, please come to the church office to purchase a candle as they will no longer be in the Church. Thank you.

MAY GOD GIVE YOU

- ❖ *For every **STORM**, a **RAINBOW**...*
- ❖ *For every **TEAR**, a **SMILE**...*
- ❖ *For every **CARE**, a **PROMISE**...*
- ❖ *And a **BLESSING** in each **TRIAL**...*
- ❖ *For every **PROBLEM IN LIFE**, a **FAITHFUL FRIEND** to share,*
- ❖ *For every **SIGH**, a **SWEET SONG**...*
- ❖ *And an **ANSWER** for each **PRAYER**.*

FEAST OF BLESSED CEFERINO On May 4, 1997 Pope John Paul II declared Ceferino Blessed. Blessed Ceferino is very special to us. Hence it is our honor and privilege to celebrate his feast this Friday, May 3rd at 10:30 A.M. Mass. All are requested to participate to be spiritually blessed.

THANK YOU to two parish members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for *Catholic Home Missions Appeal*. Please be generous in this collection.

THREE KINDS OF PEOPLE

There are three kinds of people in the world:

The **WILL'S** – The **WONT'S** – The **CANT'S**.

1. The **WILL'S** accomplish **EVERYTHING**.
2. The **WONT'S** oppose **EVERYTHING**.
3. The **CANT'S** fail in **EVERYTHING**.

READERS

Sat. Apr. 27th, 5:30 P.M.
Julie Ann & Natalie

Sun. Apr. 28th, 11:30 A.M.
Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

Sat. May 4th, 4:00 P.M.
Macy & Montela

Sun. May 5th, 10:00 A.M.
Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Tuesday	-	Natalie
Wednesday	-	Gracelynn
Thursday	-	Christina
Friday	-	Lauren Ashley

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Tuesday	-	Jack's Mary Rita
Wednesday	-	Lauren Ashley
Thursday	-	Cathy Carroll
Friday	-	Rosie Cat

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Right
Left

April 27th
Theresa Hun
Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

April 28th
Ned's Rose Marie

May 5th
Ned's Rose Marie