

# Saint Vital

CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Mission- 1861*  
*Parish-1914*

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LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES: SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM & SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM & 8:00 PM



[Jesus said,] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."  
JOHN 15:1-2

April 28  
2024

## 5th Sunday of Easter

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please contact Candace at 204-453-0933 ext. 281 or candace@stvitalparish.ca for more information.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-6:45pm OR by appointment

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

### FUNERALS:

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office prior to making arrangements with the funeral home.

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# The Pruning Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he common myth is that we receive a new body every seven years as cells die and are replaced. However, stomach cells are renewed every two days or so because of acids and enzymes. Skin cells are replaced every two to three weeks. Bone cells last about ten years, and our brain cells stay with us for our entire lives. In a sense, then, we might say that our bodies are pruned, part of us remaining long-term to nurture and sustain like the trunk of a tree, and part of us severed so that life may be renewed and continue on.

If so with our bodies, are not our spirits also pruned? There is a core part of who we are that wends its way throughout our lives. Yet that “who” has rough edges in need of being smoothed; barbs need to be dulled; and certain inclinations simply need to be severed. Spouses tend to prune one another, the grace of a loving marriage. Children sometimes keep parents honest. Life events may grind down our independence and self-sufficiency. Illnesses, aging, job loss, the death of loved ones—all forcing us to recognize that we are not in control of life. We are thus pruned, forced to surrender much of what we once thought we could control.

Where is God in all of this? If God is woven into the warp and woof of all life, then all the events and rhythms of life can draw us closer to God, pruning us into goodness and fruitfulness. ●

## Reflect

**How have you been pruned and has this pruning led to new growth, new life?**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

4PM † Magdalina Jayma  
(Lucy LeDressay)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH

9AM † Mimi Olave  
(family)

11:30AM † Cecile LePage  
(Doris Cormier)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH

7PM Raiza & Teddy  
(Raiza Pumatong)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST

11:30AM † Salve Murillo  
(Gregoria Parado)

### THURSDAY, MAY 2ND

11:30AM Jacquelyn & Christian  
(Lorraine Roth)

### FRIDAY, MAY 3RD

11:30AM † Ramon Roberto Godoy  
(Marietta Godoy)

Please join us for the rosary on  
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays  
starting at 11:00am before the daily Mass.

# Dear Padre,

**Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?**

You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son's memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.

- Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature's way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
- Allow your friends to help. "Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened."
- If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32–35).
- If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it's just doing dishes or yard work.
- Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
- Don't be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
- Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
- After you have done everything you can, leave your loss in God's hands. The Lord will do for you what you cannot do for yourself. ●



ELINA SAZONOVA / PEXELS

**The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 29 <i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 14:5–18 Jn 14:21–26	April 30 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 14:19–28 Jn 14:27–31a	May 1 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 15:1–6 Jn 15:1–8	May 2 <i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 15:7–21 Jn 15:9–11	May 3 <i>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</i> 1 Cor 15:1–8 Jn 14:6–14	May 4 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 16:1–10 Jn 15:18–21	May 5 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48 1 Jn 4:7–10 Jn 15:9–17



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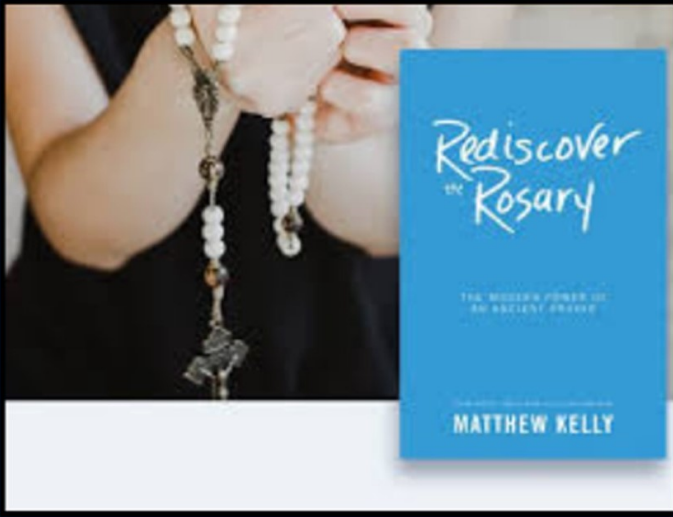
## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Jesus needs us, like the vine with the branches. Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so let us ask ourselves: in what sense does Jesus need us? He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians.**

**REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 2, 2021**


## Stewardship of Treasure - Financial Gifts to God

Thank you for your stewardship! We will once again update May 5th, 2024



*Spring Book Study*  
**Rediscover the Rosary - Matthew Kelly**  
**May 6, 13, 22 & 27, 2024**  
St. Vital Parish - Limited Space  
Hosted by Faith Formation Ministry  
Free Will Offering for Hardcover Book  
(valued at \$25)

Register by phone or links:  
204-453-0933  
<https://forms.gle/PnmjBh2u7a849xet8>



## First Communion Celebration - 2024!

26 young people in our parish will be celebrating First Holy Eucharist on Friday, May 10th at 6:30pm.

Please keep these children in your prayers as they finalize their preparations.

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A parish to call home! If you are new - WELCOME!

If you have been away - WELCOME HOME!