# FIFTH SUNDAY OF



MAY 2, 2021

By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

John 15:8

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ ~ 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.  $\sim \sim$  Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Salon Fundraiser

Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday during Week of May 3 - 8, 2021

Call to make an appointment for haircuts, blowout, hair coloring and sale of hair products. Show this flyer or mention "St. Anastasia" and Fantastic Sams will donate 25% of your total salon treatment to the

# Class of 2021

Fantastic Sams Salon is in Westchester Village 8801 D S. Sepulveda Blvd, Westchester, CA 90045 Phone: (310) 216-8066



CELEBRATING OUR FAITH ~ Next Week ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter Saturday, May 8th, and Sunday, May 9th, 2021

MASSES:	<u>CELEBRANTS:</u>	
Sat: 5 pm	Fr. Semik	
Sun: 7 am	Fr. Semik	
Sun: 9 am	Msgr. Cox	
Sun: 11 am	Fr. Semik	
Holy Communion @ 12:30 pm	Fr. Innocent	
Sun: 5 pm	Fr. Innocent	



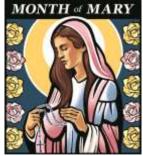
We encourage all to read and reflect on the Biblical passages that will be proclaimed at <u>Masses next week!</u>

First Reading — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God is love (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John 4:11-16. Gospel — No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:9-17) or John 17:11b-19.

**The Month of Mary and the Popes** ~ The pious practice of honoring Mary during the month of May has been especially recommended by the Popes. Pius XII, made frequent reference to it, and in his great Encyclical *on the Sacred Liturgy (Mediator Dei)*, characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops" (No. 182). Paul VI, wrote a short encyclical in 1965 using the <u>Month of Mary</u> devotion as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. He urged the faithful to make use of this practice which is "gladdening and consoling" and by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is honored and the Christian people are enriched with spiritual gifts" (no. 2). In May of 2002 Pope John Paul II said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favorite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!"



And the recitation of the Rosary, the powerful prayer to Our Lady!



Saint Anastasia was born in 281 A.D. and became a perfect symbol of peace, humanity, and solidarity. Her Feast Day is December 25th. She is a symbol of dialogue and collaboration. In her spirit, and in the spirit of love, we welcome all to the Catholic Community of St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

May 1st, The Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker; The Story -To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response

to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor. Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical Laborem Exercens, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure

authentic progress by man and society." Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but cer-

tainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy **and community of family life and work.**" (https:// www.saintsfeastfamily.com/copy-of-st-joseph-theworker-may-1)



## Did You Know?

Beware the dangers of online enticement The events of 2020 pushed most of our lives more fully online than ever before: working from home, virtual schooling, Zoom get-togethers. This past year also saw a dramatic increase in reports of online child abuse, including online enticement. Enticement involves an individual communicating online with someone believed to be a child, with the intent to commit a sex offense or to abduct the child. Online enticement can happen to any child using the internet. Parents should be very aware of what their children do online, including who they talk to and what sites they spend



time on. For more information, visit <u>https://</u> www.missingkids.org/blog/2021/risein-online-enticement-and-other-trends-ncmec-releases-2020-

REMINDERS: ◆Saint Anastasia offers Drive-Through Holy Communion, Sundays at 12:30 pm. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

<u>CONFESSIONS</u> on Saturday, from 3:30 to 4:45 PM DIAMOND COURTYARD

Holy Water is available in the Parish Office. Those interested, please call before coming, since the office remains CLOSED to the Public, @ 310-670-2243. A donation is welcomed!

## NEWS FROM YOUR DRE (PCL)

Please contact me for any of the following, with questions or concerns.

Sacrament Preparation Class Updates:

- First Holy Communion Year 1 and Year 2,
- Confirmation -Year 1 and Year 2,
- RCIA
- Family " ZOOMING with Jesus Time (Open to all families with or without children),
- Baptism Class Parents/Godparents.

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## FACTS OF LIFE

## Mother Conceives While She's Already Pregnant and Gives Birth to Twins: "Miracles Can Happen"

What some might call an unplanned pregnancy, Rebecca Roberts describes as a miracle. Last year, the 39-year-old from Wiltshire, England, experienced the extraordinarily rare occurrence of becoming pregnant, while already pregnant. And in September, she gave birth to twins after conceiving them approximately **three weeks apart, "Miracles can happen, and my children are proof of that,"** Roberts said.

For about a year, she said she and her partner, Rhys Weaver, struggled to get pregnant, and, when they finally did, they were thrilled. Her six-week pregnancy appointment was especially memorable because they heard their **unborn baby's heartbeat for the first time, she said. But six weeks later, they** were in for a huge shock, and so were the doctors. It was her 12-week **ultrasound appointment, and suddenly everyone stopped talking "I thought something awful had happened," Roberts said. "The sonographer looked at me and was like, 'Do you know you're expecting twins?" "Then they told me there was a three-week size difference between the two** 

**babies that the doctors couldn't understand.**" Puzzled, doctors eventually told Roberts that her pregnancy was the result of an extremely rare oc-



currence called superfetation, in which the mother's ovary releases eggs at two separate times and allows for the conception of a second child, according to the report.

On Sept. 17, she was induced and gave birth to Noah, the oldest, born at 33 weeks of pregnancy weighing 4 pounds, 10 ounces, and

Rosalie, born at 30 weeks of pregnancy weighing 2 pounds, 7 ounces. Now, the twins are growing healthy and strong at home with their parents. Roberts and Weaver said their babies are a miracle and

a blessing. <u>www.lifenews.com</u>







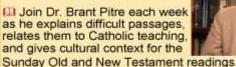




Get your walking shoes ready because the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life South Bay is on, albeit virtually. Walk at the park, along the strand, in your neighborhood, or wherever you like to *raise money* for the Pregnancy Help Center. Although this is still a fundraiser, we have added a fun for all ages Celebrating Life Scavenger Hunt **to search for God's blessing of life. Once you register, you'll get Scavenger Hunt directions.** Start walking and search at any time, but to get a prize for what you found submit picture proof by May 6<sup>th</sup>. Watch the short YouTube video on May 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the event, hear the prize winners and learn about the life-saving work of the Center. To register or donate, go to supportphctorrance.org. For additional information contact Gigi Harnden at (424) 263-4855 or gigiharnden@phctorrance.org.

## St. Anastasia Home Bible Study Does the Bible Really Say That?!

#### Did a reading you heard at Mass ever leave you baffled?



On your own schedule, watch his engaging videos and participate in moderated Q&A and discussion with other members of St. Anastasia Bible Study.

Every Sunday like never before you will experience the richness of Sacred Scripture. Yes, it all makes sense.

There is no charge but registration is needed. Contact: Carolyn Godlewski at ScriptureStudyGal@gmail.com



"...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones that these..." - John 14:12 Work is not just for adults. We all work in different ways. You For Kids!

all work in different ways. You do school work, homework, and chores around the house. You might work at practicing something like, playing the piano or pitching a ball. Work might get you dirty or sweaty or make your fingers or arms or even your head hurt! But you can feel good after you have worked hard. You can feel good *while* you work too, knowing that even your smallest work contributes to

someone, somewhere, even if you do not know how. Your work becomes greater when you do it with God and for God, and when you do your work with love. All you have to do is pray, like this: Jesus, be with me in my work today!



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<u>BAPTISM</u>: Parents and Godparents are required to participate in preparation program. Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243.

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