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Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 2, 2021 Year B



We need pruning in our Christian life. Cutting out of our lives everything that is contrary to the spirit of Jesus and renewing our commitment to Christian ideals in our lives every day is the first type of self-imposed pruning expected of us. A second means of pruning is practicing self-control over our evil inclinations, sinful addictions and aberrations. Cordial mingling in our neighborhood and society with people of different cultures, races, religions and orientations enables us to prune away our selfish, judgmental, prejudicial tendencies so that we

can treat others in our society with Christian charity and openness. Jesus prunes, purifies and strengthens us by enabling us to face with courage of our Christian convictions the pain and suffering, contradictions and difficulties which He permits to enter our lives. (*frtonyhomilies*)

Nei discorsi di addio del Vangelo secondo san Giovanni (capitoli 13-17) l'evangelista prende spunto dalle parole di Gesù per riflettere, con il carisma che gli è proprio, sulla vita dei credenti dal tempo dell'Ascensione al ritorno del Signore. Egli si riconosce talmente legato al Signore attraverso lo Spirito di Dio che parla ai suoi ascoltatori e ai suoi lettori usando l' "io" di Cristo. Per mezzo della sua voce, il Signore rivela a coloro che credono in lui qual è la loro situazione, ordinando loro di agire in modo giusto.

*È durante la festa liturgica delle domeniche che vanno da Pasqua alla Pentecoste che la Chiesa propone alla lettura questi discorsi, per mostrare ai credenti cos'è infine importante per la loro vita. Attraverso un paragone, il Signore ci rivela oggi che tutti quelli che gli sono legati mediante la fede vivono in vera simbiosi. Come i tralci della vite, che sono generati e nutriti dalla vite stessa, noi cristiani siamo legati in modo vitale a Gesù Cristo nella comunità della Chiesa. Vi sono molte condizioni perché la forza vitale e la grazia di Cristo possano portare i loro frutti nella nostra vita: ogni tralcio deve essere liberato dai germogli superflui, deve essere sano e reagire in simbiosi fertile con la vite. (*lachiensa.it*)*

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Leanne Branchflower, Nola, Carmela Bovezza, Judiel Teodoro, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Kathy Romanow, Maurizzio Pierazzi, Vanessa Borg, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Paliaga Family, Peta Wright, Danilo Surio, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Adam

Recently deceased: Maria Rosa Polon Bejasa, Paul Deguara, Stella Micaloff, Peter: Nguyen-Chi Thianh, Phyllis Flood, Rosina Careri, Maria Loronzetto, Concetta Rizzo

We pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Michele Malarbi, Margaret Tomarchio, Laura Maria Zoanetti, Maria Lamonaca, Carmelo Lamonaca, Alma Ambrosini, Di Sebastiano Baresi, Guido Comazzetto, Rosa Lattanzio, Antonio Zugaro, Maria Raso, Giuseppe Caroselli, Denis Bede Negline, Graciano Madamba, Engracia Hollman, Clelia Ruiu, Ruiu Family, Denticarta Family

We especially pray for all the deceased whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Rosters for weekend masses May 8/9

Lectors:
 Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm : J. George
 Sunday 9.00 am : S. Peake
 Sunday 10.30 am : M. Costa

Special ministers:
 Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm: J. Butera
 Sunday 9.00 am : J. Busuttil

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm
 Sunday 9.00 am ; 10.30 (Italian mass)

Joke of the week

A man was going to a costume party dressed as the Devil – red suit, pointy tail and pitchfork. As he walked it began to rain and he looked for shelter. The only place was a little country church, so in he went. It just so happened they were holding a revival meeting that night. When people turned and saw the Devil, they dived for the exits. One poor fellow's coat got caught on a pew. As the man in the costume approached, he turned and cried "Mr. Devil, I've been a member of this church for 30 years, but I've been on your side all along." (*frtonyshomilies.com*)

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