

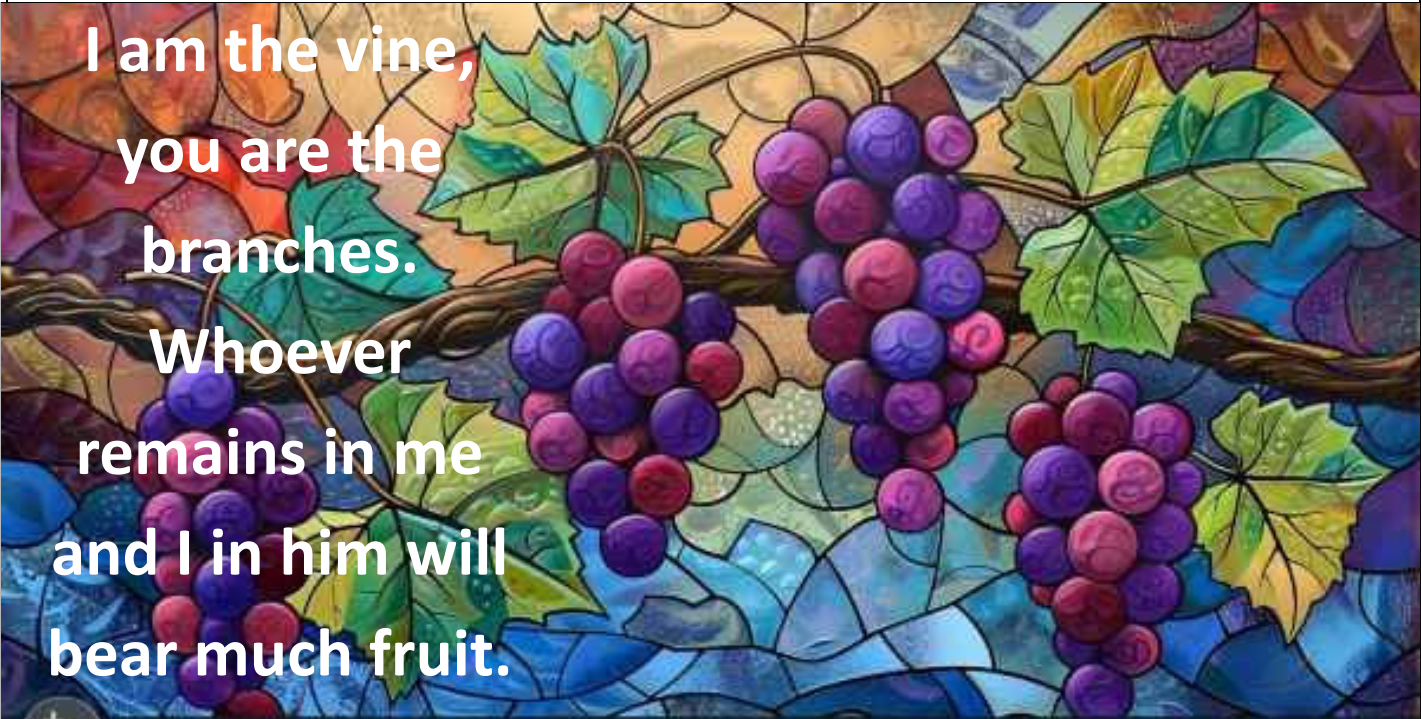
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*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*April 28, 2024*



I am the vine,  
you are the  
branches.  
Whoever  
remains in me  
and I in him will  
bear much fruit.

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**All Masses Livestreamed except Sunday 8am**

**Confessions: 20 minutes before**

**Saturday Vigil and each Sunday Mass**

**Office Hours: Mon.— Fri. , 9am — 4:30pm**

**Baptisms: 2nd Sat. of month, 12:30pm**

**(Registered Parishioners only)**

**Baptismal Prep: 3rd Sat. of month, 10:00am**

**(Registered Parishioners only)**

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear children, let us not  
love with words or speech  
but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18



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### Bearing Fruit

The Gospel for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year B presents us with the beautiful metaphor of the vine and the branches. Jesus emphasizes the importance of remaining in Him to bear fruit. Like branches that cannot survive, let alone bear fruit when severed from the vine, our spiritual lives wither without a deep and sustaining connection to Christ. This imagery invites us to consider the nature of the fruit we're called to bear. It's not merely about individual accomplishments but about contributing to the flourishing of the whole community, to the glory of God.

Bearing fruit requires trust and drawing strength from the Lord. It involves pruning—letting go of what hinders our growth and embracing a process of spiritual refinement. This is not always comfortable, but it is necessary for growth . . . efforts, grounded in faith and sustained by grace, can lead to abundant life for ourselves and for others.

### Building Community through Action

The early Christian community was revolutionary. It wasn't just about belief; it was about a new way of living together, where everyone's needs were met, and love was the guiding principle. The actions of the early Christians were as crucial as their words in spreading the message of Jesus. They lived their faith in such a way that it drew others to join them, fascinated by the love they showed to one another and the marginalized in society . . .

This calls us to reflect on our communities. Are we creating spaces where everyone feels welcome and valued? Are our actions reflective of the Gospel's call to love and serve one another? Building a community that mirrors the early Church requires both bold proclamation and bold living.

**Love in Action:** Reflect on the statement from 1 John about love not being merely in words but in actions and truth. Can you identify recent actions you've taken that express your love for others in a concrete way? What is one action you can take this week to show love more tangibly?

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## Pastor's Column

**Laudato Si / Earth Day** – Earth Day is an annual celebration that honors the achievements of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect the Earth's natural resources for future generations. First organized in the US on April 22, 1970, it sought to educate on the importance of environmental conservation. In 1990, Earth Day became a global event with more than 140 countries participating, addressing now the issues of global warming and renewable energy. In 2015, Pope Francis wrote an encyclical "*Laudato Si – On Care of Our Common Home*." The title *Laudato Si*, which means *Praise Be to You*, was chosen, because it recalls St Francis' *Canticle of the Creatures* that praises God for the wonders of Creation. In the encyclical, the Pope addresses critical issues related to the environment, consumerism, irresponsible development, and global warming. He calls for a swift and unified global action and presents a holistic vision for human flourishing and sustainable development. Some examples include: the 5Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose and Refuse); transitioning to Renewable Energy, Advocacy and Policy, Education, and Ecological Conversion. This conversion calls us to see our interconnectedness with nature and take responsibility for its care. Furthermore, this should lead us to a change in lifestyle, consumption patterns and attitudes. For these reasons our parish celebrated Earth Day last Sunday. Following the 10am mass, hospitality was held in our Convent garden. Under a sunny sky, many parishioners came and enjoyed the food, drinks and good company. There was a festive corner for kids to do arts and crafts. It was a beautiful day to hold an e-Waste recycling drive, and a women's clothing swap. Of the clothes donated, many were very nice and even new. Many went away happy to have found something that fitted them, while benefiting our Mother Earth. I want to thank **Rachel Leluc**, who chaired the event, along with her team that promoted the event, sorted the clothes and decorated the garden — **Michael Walsh** and **St. Anne Friends of the Earth (SAFE)**, as well as **Isabel Tostoos** from the Preschool, who spearheaded Kids Korner and built an interactive garden and faire doors. In addition, I also want to thank the **Girl Scouts** for holding the e-Waste drive, the **Knights of Columbus** for grilling hot dogs wrapped with bacon, and the **Shalom Group** for holding hospitality in the garden. It was a beautiful Earth Day and fun was had by all. Thank you for supporting this event and caring for our Mother Earth.



–Fr. Dan





*Saint Anne Parish*  
**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**WEEK of April 28, 2024**

**Sunday, April 28**

- 8:00am** Intentions, Pura Lippi
- 10:00am** People of the Parish  
Intentions, Jun and Thelma Zerna
- Noon** People of the Parish

**Monday, April 29**

- 8:45am** Jose Lopez Vasquez and  
Jose Lopez Saveda (D)

**Tuesday, April 30**

- 8:45am** Janey Paz (D)

**Wednesday, May 1**

- 8:45am** Kristine Ann Quinn (D)

**Thursday, May 2**

- 8:45am** Eileen Baglietto Holsten (D)

**Friday, May 3**

- 8:45am** Fernando Lomparte, Maria Pacheco,  
and Family (D)

**Saturday, May 4**

- 8:45am** Confraternity of Saint Anne
- 5:00pm** Deacon Charles Seagren (D)

A **memorial Mass** for long-time parishioner **Bea Wirth-Jimenez** will be celebrated at Saint Anne Church on **Thursday, May 2 at 1:30pm** followed by a reception in the Hall. Bea served on Saint Anne's Finance and Pastoral Councils, ran the Gift Shop and the Parish Festival Treasure Nook, and began our program of Hospitality after Sunday Masses. A true pillar of the church, she always loved a good party!



**Path Through the Dark – A Play Portraying the Life of Nono Nagle, Foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation**

Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, 2:30pm  
Presentation Theater, University of San Francisco 2350 Turk Blvd., San Francisco

Reserve Tickets: <https://presentationsisterssf.org>

Contact: Sister Stephanie Still, PBVM [ststill@pbvmsf.org](mailto:ststill@pbvmsf.org)  
*Path Through the Dark* is being presented by the Sisters of the Presentation to celebrate their **170th Anniversary** of their presence in San Francisco. The one act play celebrates the foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation, Nano Nagle, who founded the order in Ireland in 1775.

The performance is free. Reception in the Presentation Motherhouse will follow.

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2024**

Have you ever heard someone being accused of having a "parochial" outlook? Although the primary meaning of "parochial" (as in the phrase "parochial school") is "of, relating to, or supported by a church parish," the secondary meaning is "limited in range or understanding." Since the word "catholic" means "universal," we should not be Catholics who are so narrowly concerned about our parish that we ignore the broader needs of our Archdiocese. To be an exclusively *parochial Catholic* is a contradiction in terms! So please help in contributing our parish share to the Archdiocese for the many programs that they sponsor and that a single parish could not. These programs include priestly formation, property management, staff support, media outreach, Chinese ministry, hospital/prison chaplains, teacher incentive grants, and the list goes on.

Saint Anne's assessment for 2024 is **\$51,889**.

You may make your contribution by writing a check to **Annual Archdiocesan Appeal 2024** and dropping it off in the collection basket or the rectory in the envelopes you will find at the ends of the pews or at church entrances.

Or you can donate online at [SFArch.org/AAA](http://SFArch.org/AAA)

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**Previous Week's Collections**

- 1st Collection, April 21, 2024 — \$2,951.00
- Property and Insurance Fund — \$1,117.00

***This Week's 2nd Collection***

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