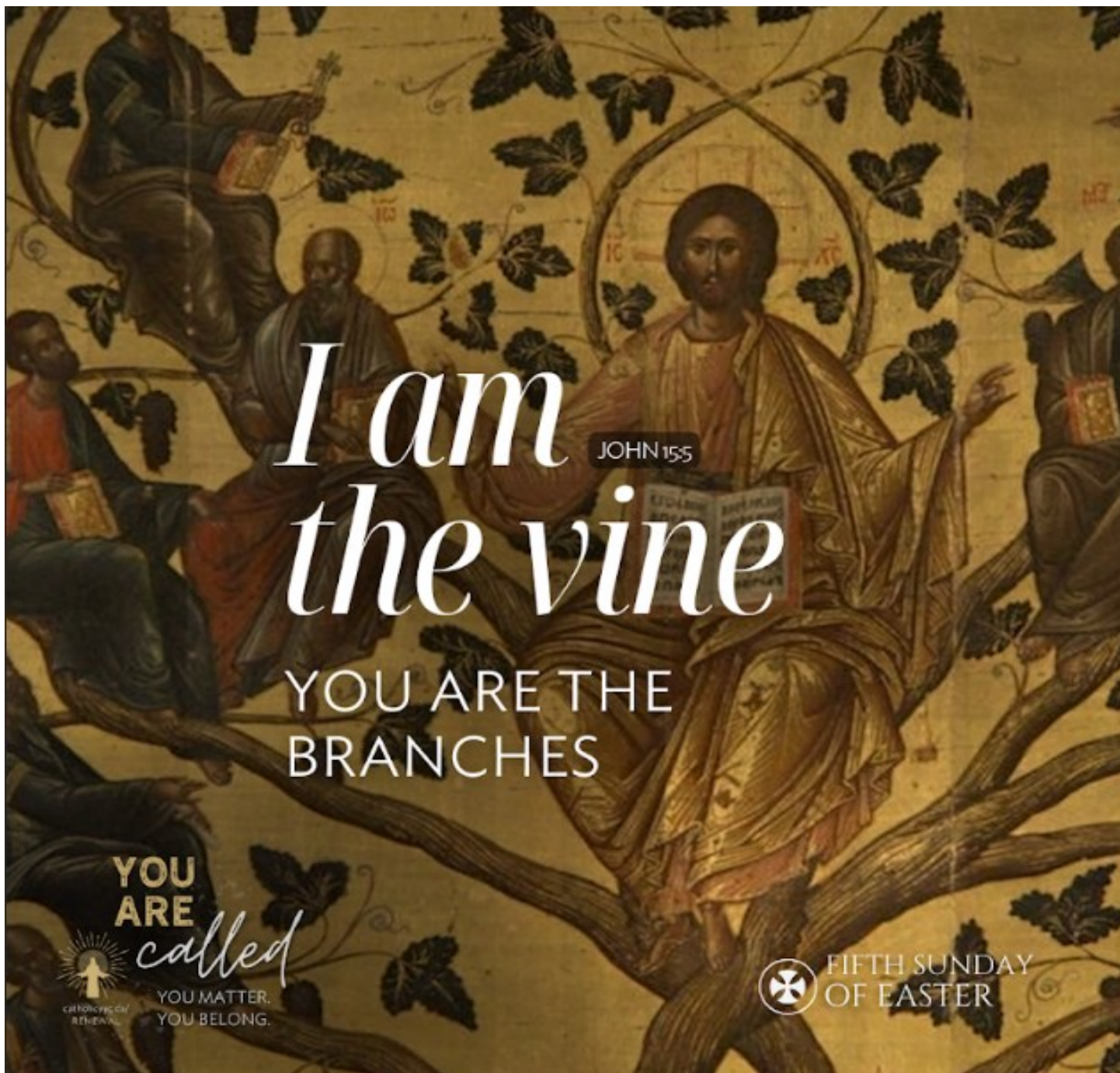


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April 27/28, 2024

MASS TIMES & PARISH INFO

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am & 11am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Saturday
9:00am

First Friday

Mass at 7pm (no 9am Mass)

PARISH OFFICE

Office is closed on Mondays
Tues to Fri 9am to 4pm
Lunch break 12:00 – 1pm

Are you **NEW** or recent to our parish?

Welcome! If you have been coming consistently for 6 months or more, please pick up a registration form from our Information Desk in the foyer.

Confessions



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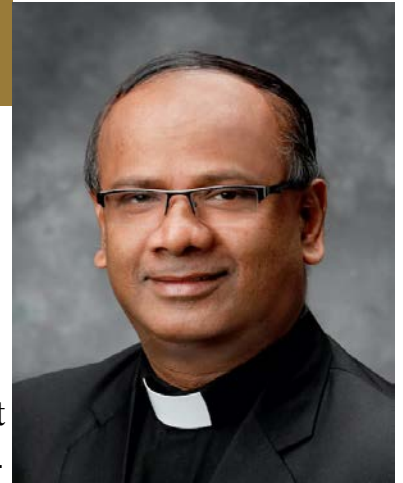
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FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, PRIEST & MARTYR

APRIL 24TH



St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen received the **name of Mark Rey** at the time of his birth, during 1577 in a small town of Sigmaringen, present-day Germany. Mark **decided to follow in the footsteps of his brother who had become a Capuchin friar**. In 1612, at the age of thirty-four, Mark was **ordained a priest**, entered the Capuchins, and took the name "**Fidelis**," which means "**faithful**."

St. Fidelis was **well educated** and was **very faithful and devout**, went to church regularly to **attend Mass** and was **very caring to the poor and sick**.

St. Fidelis was confronted outside the church by a mob and told **to choose between his Catholic beliefs and his life**. Fidelis said, "**The Catholic religion is the faith of all ages. I fear not death**." He was **beaten and stabbed to death in 1622**. The sight of his martyrdom, however, is said to have **converted one of the Protestant preachers who led the mob**.

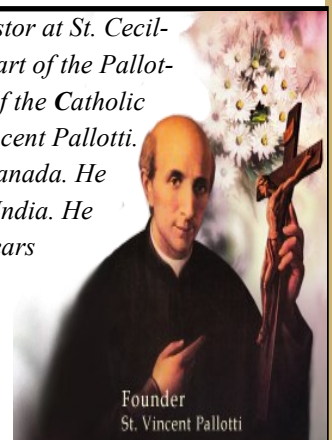
St. Fidelis was canonized by **Pope Benedict XIV in 1746**. He served also as **the head of the Congregation for the Spreading of the Faith**. **Patron Saint** of lawyers and the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

Saying of the Saint:

"I am sent to you to confute, not to embrace your heresy. The Catholic religion is the faith of all ages, I fear not death. . . Pardon my enemies, O Lord: blinded by passion they know not what they do. Lord Jesus, have mercy on me. Mary, Mother of God, succor me." St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen.

Fr. Paul Raj, SAC has been the pastor at St. Cecilia's since November 2014 and is part of the Pallottine Fathers Community (Society of the Catholic Apostolate) who's patron is St. Vincent Pallotti. St. Cecilia's is his first parish in Canada. He comes from the Tamil province of India. He was also in the Philippines for 3 years serving and studying.

*To learn more about the Pallottine Fathers please visit their website:
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 27

9:00am: Int. Jessica Gregorash—Birthday
 5:00pm: Int. Donna & Katherine Feddema—Birthdays

Sunday, April 28

9:00am: †Arthur Belick
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, April 29
 No Mass

Tuesday, April 30

9:00am: †Leo Boyko

Wednesday, May 1

9:00am: †Rayna Callaghan

Thursday, May 2

9:00am: †Biren and Kavari Das

Friday, May 3

7:00pm: Int. Michael & Danny Corren—Birthdays

Saturday, May 4

9:00am: Int. Fr. Real Ouellette—22yr ordination ann.
 5:00pm: Int. Kara Bunz—Birthday


Sunday, May 5

9:00am: †Angela and Tony Correa
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

<i>Mass Readings</i>	
<u><i>Saturday, Apr 27</i></u> Acts 13.44-52 John 14.7-14	<u><i>Sunday, April 28</i></u> Acts 9.26-31 1 John 3.18-24 John 15.1-8
<u><i>Mon, Apr 29 (no Mass)</i></u> Acts 14.5-18 John 14.21-26	<u><i>Tuesday, Apr 30</i></u> Acts 14.19-28 John 14.27-31a
<u><i>Wednesday, May 1</i></u> Acts 15.1-6 John 15.1-8	<u><i>Thursday, May 2</i></u> Acts 15.7-21 John 15.9-11
<u><i>Friday, May 3</i></u> 1 Corinthians 15.1-8 John 14.6-14	<u><i>Saturday, May 4</i></u> Acts 16.1-10 John 15.18-21
<u><i>Sunday, May 5</i></u> Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4.7-10 John 15.9-17	

The Pope's Prayer Intention

April 2024



For the role of women We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



Got bottles for refunding? We have a large, marked wooden box in the hall where the double doors are for those who wish to donate their bottles. All the refunds collected from these donations support our Youth Group. Please rinse bottles before donating.

Parish News Update



Would **box 213** please call the parish office.
You need to register your number otherwise
we won't know who is making the donation.

UPCOMING BAPTISM PREP CLASSES



Sat. May. 4 at 9:30am

Sat. June 1 at 9:30am

Please sign up via the office.

SACRAMENT CLASS SCHEDULE

Class Dates for 1st Comm (Sat. at 10am): May 11 Retreat June 8

Celebration of Sacrament on Sunday, June 9, 2024 at the 11am Mass

Class Dates for Confirm. (Sat. at 10am): Retreat May 25th

Celebration of Sacrament: Wednesday, May 29th at 7pm



Parishioner Danny Barth will be participating in this year's Hike For Life, collecting pledges and donations for Pro Life Calgary. Envelopes and pledge forms can be found in the foyer. Please make out any cheques to the Calgary Pro Life Association



Cakes this month in celebration of those with an April birthday or wedding anniversary have been generously sponsored by Pauline M. If you would like to sponsor the monthly cakes, the cost is \$150. You do not need to order or pick up the cakes, we take care of that! We are accepting sponsors for October, November and December.



Our Catholic Women's League will again be selling roses on Mother's Day weekend May 11/12 for \$5 each. Proceeds go toward Calgary Pro Life.

Handling panhandling. What do we do? Respectfully acknowledge the person asking for money and politely say "no". Panhandling is illegal (Calgary by-law 3M99). Panhandlers may not be homeless or may panhandle as part of a larger syndicated operation. Our local Society of St. Vincent de Paul also distributes groceries to needy families in the area throughout the year. Or you may contact one of the city's social agencies that help, including the Drop-in Centre (263-6217), Mustard Seed Street Ministry (269-1319), Salvation Army (410-1111), CUPS (221-8781), Alpha House (234-7388) and EXIT (262-9953). Let us help our church and other organizations help street people help themselves and re-discover their sense of human dignity and respect. If you see a panhandler in need or trouble or if you have encountered an aggressive panhandler, you may call the Panhandling Outreach Worker (221-8788) or the police (403 266-1234).

St. Vincent de Paul Society

403-252-2790 ext. 223

Over and over, we are invited to place our trust in God. We can imagine the terrified followers of Jesus hiding behind locked doors.

This might be a good time to spend with Jesus looking at the fears in our own lives, which keep us locked up from asking for Jesus' help. The needy too are afraid to ask for help.

Pantry Needs: Canned fruit, creamed corn, canned peas, pancake mix (just add water)





Our CWL are selling 50/50 tickets to help fund their programs. Tickets will be sold after the weekend Masses until the draw. Draw will take place Mother's Day, May 12 after the 11am Mass once all ticket purchases are completed. Tickets are 1 for \$2, or 3 for \$5.

This is just to inform everyone that there will *not* be a garage sale this year.

Our schools:

We have within our parish boundary: St. Matthew School (K-9), St. Cecilia School (K-6) and St. William School (K-6)

40 HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

“Could you not stay awake with me one hour?” (Matt. 26.40)

Our 40 Hour Devotion started at 6am on Fri, April 26th and goes until 10pm Sat, April 27th. We have at least 2 people per hour signed up so you are welcome to sit anytime you wish.



St. Matthew School
Monthly Newsletter
<https://stmatthew.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>

St. Cecilia School
Monthly Newsletter
<https://stcecilia.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>

St. William School
Monthly Newsletter
<https://stwilliam.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>

Parish financial support -Thank you!				
	January	February	Mar 9/10	Mar 16/17
Parish support (Envelopes + Loose)	\$16,282.70	\$17,760.50	\$4,308.20	\$3,685.40
Together in Action	\$738.00	\$1,775.00	\$615.00	\$75.00
St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Env's + SSVP env's)	\$455.00	\$720.00	\$370.00	\$20.00
Building Maintenance	\$195.00	\$150.00	\$265.00	\$35.00
Development and Peace	—	—	—	\$561.60
Seminarian Fund	—	—	—	\$329.64
DIRECT DEBIT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER: \$11,380.00 (includes special donations outside of parish support)				

We are almost caught up so we appreciate your continued patience as we await the most up-to-date financials. All methods of your donations have continued to be getting deposited.



Diocesan News

NEWS.CalgaryDiocese.ca | FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING in the DIOCESE.

National Family & Life Week | May 13-19 Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Diocese of Calgary invites all the faithful to celebrate the joy and beauty of family and life during the National Family & Life Week, May 13-19. This year's theme, "Love hopes all things," is inspired by the words of Saint Paul, the Apostle: "[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Corinthians 13:7). This theme, linked to *Amoris Laetitia*, a discourse on love by Pope Francis, guides us towards hope, a theological virtue that renews our relationship with God and others.

Miscarriage Care Ministries The Miscarriage Ministry Committee in the Diocese of Calgary is organizing an information night about its mission and vision. We desire to be a place of support for those experiencing this unique form of loss. Join us for an evening of learning about this ministry, assessing the community's needs, sharing best practices, and fellowship. When: **Fri, May 24, 7pm-9m:** Catholic Pastoral Cen-

Catholic Education Week | May 5-10, 2024 In the month of May, we celebrate Catholic Education Week in Alberta, the Yukon, and Northwest Territories. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024, "Courage to Lead," reminds us of our call and responsibility to live and uphold the teachings of our Catholic faith, even amidst the challenges of the world around us. Let us celebrate **Catholic Education Week** (May 14-19) this month with the provincial theme "*Courage to Lead*" (c.f. Micah 4:5). This Week also provides a special opportunity to thank each one of you for your extraordinary service to Catholic education. May God grant us the wisdom, courage, and strength to fulfill our sacred duty with courage and love, knowing that He walks alongside us every step of the way.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition - May 24 St. Michael's Parish in Calgary invites you to the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, with exhibits designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis, before his death from Leukemia at the age of 15. His intention was to bring a greater awareness to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The exhibition is comprised of 169 panels with historical descriptions and an extensive assortment of photographs and artwork of Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Vatican. When: **May 24 to June 2 at St. Michael's, Calgary.** [More](#)

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St. Cecilia's Parish
Profit & Loss Statement (Unaudited)

	Actuals		Change	Comments
	Year to date Dec-23	Year to date Dec-22		
Revenue				
Weekly Collections	367,732	318,856	48,876	Includes envelopes, pre-authorized deductions & loose contributions
Other Income				
Donation/grant	13,472	19,657	(6,185)	
Other Income	113,993	58,704	55,289	
Welfare- other	15	103	(88)	
Clergy Rent	7,200	7,200	0	
Hall Booking	6,010	1,100	4,910	
Sale of Church Supplies	14,057	11,556	2,502	
Stole Fees	1,100	2,590	(1,490)	
Roof Repair	0	0	0	
Repair & Maintenance Fund	59,187	24,909	34,278	Specific donations for repairs like the rectory repairs
Interest	8,352	3,568	4,783	
Bulletin Advertising	1,850	1,200	650	
Religious Education	0	405	(405)	
Other Revenues	16,222	6,073	10,149	Sound system, stained glass, flowers
TOTAL REVENUE	495,197	397,217	97,980	
Expenses				
Salaries & Benefits	137,063	131,781	(5,282)	
Property Maintenance & Operating Ex	234,860	148,449	(86,411)	repairs, sound system, pews, insurance, snow removal
Rectory Operating	12,387	9,951	(2,436)	
Administration Expenses	24,006	21,446	(2,560)	
Diocesan Support	57,156	53,796	(3,360)	
Church Programs	23,126	14,721	(8,405)	Driven by high musical expenses & church supplies
TOTAL EXPENSES	488,598	380,145	(108,454)	
Operating surplus (deficit)	6,599	17,072	(10,473)	

Prepared by: George Henri Fournier, CGA, CPA, Chairman, Parish Finance Council



Men's Silent Retreat June 7-9th

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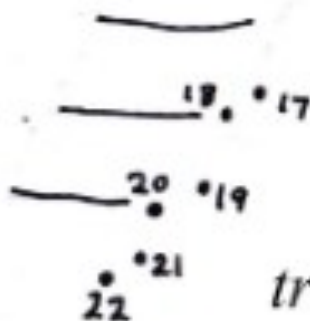
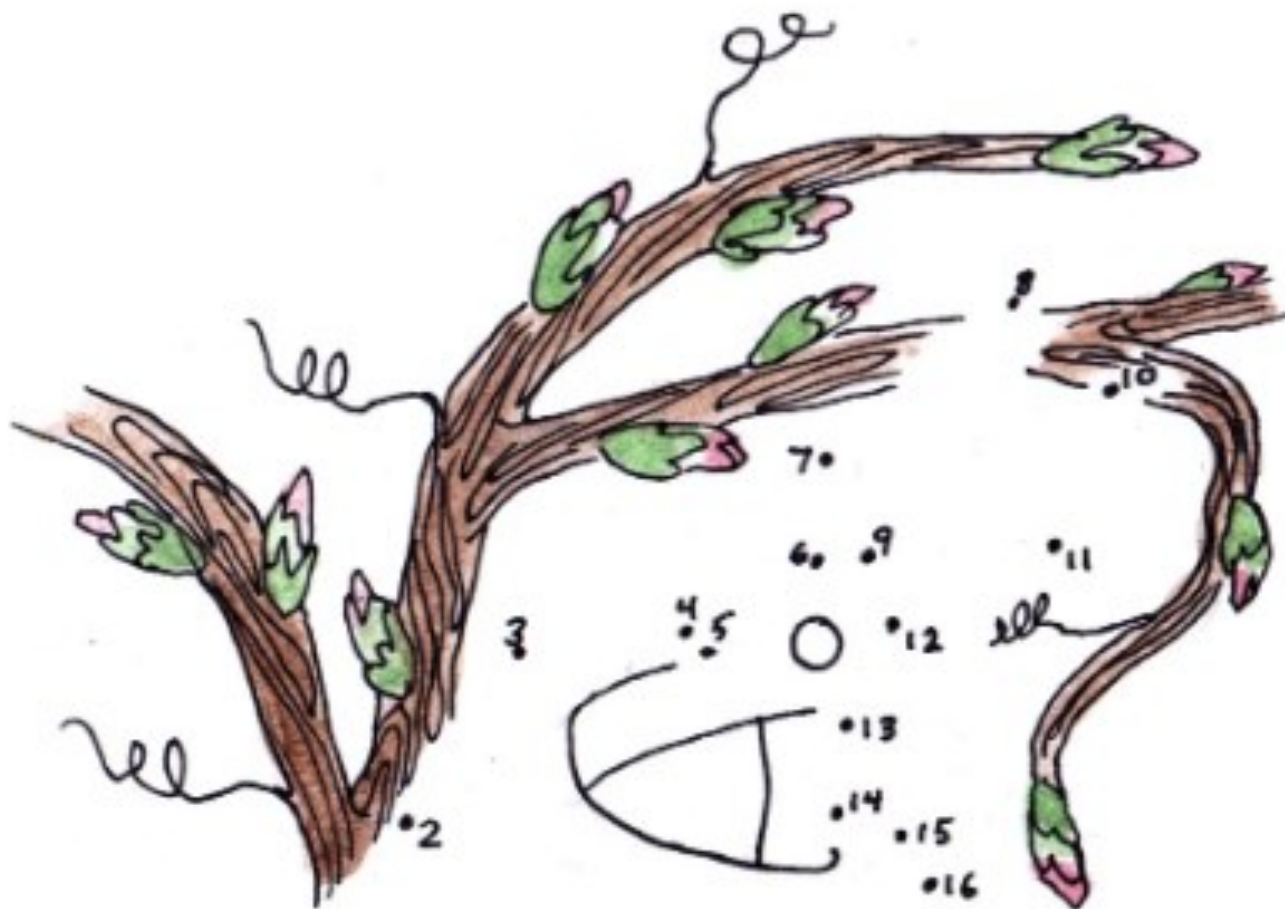
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Len White: 403-271-6055

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Knights of Columbus

KIDS' PAGE



Jesus tells us
that He is the
true vine and we
are the branches.

But something needs
to be done to the branches so
that they will bear good fruit.
Follow the dots to find out what
it is. (Start at the little grapes!)

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ROOM BOOKINGS

Mon	Apr 29	
Tues	Apr 30	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Boardroom)
Wed	May 1	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice 7:00pm—Couples For Christ (Aud)
Thur	May 2	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am)
Fri	May 3	9:00am—Adoration All Day 3:00am—Divine Mercy 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Aud) 7:00pm—MASS with Bishop William McGrattan for CWL + Hall
Sat	May 4	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 9:30am—Baptism Class (Boardroom) 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm—MASS 6:00pm—Private Party setup (Hall)
Sun	May 5	9:00am—MASS 11:00am—MASS Afternoon—Private Party (Hall)



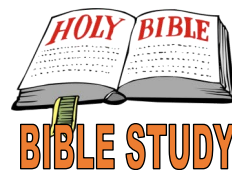
Prayer Shawl Ministry: last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn available. **Next meet: Tues. Apr 30th**



Every First Friday beginning with the 7pm Mass. Night concludes by 9pm. **Next meeting: May 3**



Our Youth will be having a bake sale in the hall the weekend of May 18/19 to support their activities.



Tuesdays after the 9am Mass. New members welcome!



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