

# St. Charles Borromeo Parish Diocese of Charlotte



**Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024**

Fr. Kenneth Whittington, *Pastor*  
Rev. Mr. Ed Konarski, *Deacon*  
Rev. Mr. John Martino, *Deacon*  
Rev. Mr. Miguel Sebastian, *Deacon*



## Mass Schedule

### Monday - Friday

12 Noon

### Saturday

5 PM-English

### Sunday

9:00 AM-English

12 Noon/PM-English

5:00 PM-Spanish

## Sacraments

### Baptisms

By appointment

### Marriage

Contact office at least 6 months in advance.

### Reconciliation

Monday & Friday , 6-7 PM

Father Ken's office

Also by appointment

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I am the  
vine you  
are the  
branches,  
remain  
in Me!



“By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit”

Today, the Gospel presents the allegory of the vine and the branches. Christ is the true vine, we are the branches, and the Father is the vine grower.

The Father wants us to bear much fruit. It is quite logical. The vine grower plants his vine so that it bears much fruit. If we start a business, we want it to be productive. Jesus insists: "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain" (Jn 15:16).

You have been chosen. God has set His sight on you. Through the Baptism He has grafted you onto the true vine that is Christ. You have the life of Christ, the Christian life. You own the main element for bearing fruit: your union with Christ, because "a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine" (Jn 15:4). Jesus states it emphatically: "Apart from me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5). "His strength is only gentleness; nothing is so tender as this, and nothing like this so firm" (Saint Francis de Sales). How many things have you wanted to do without Christ? The fruit that the Father expects from us is that of good deeds and the practice of virtues. What is the union with Christ that makes us capable of bearing this fruit? Faith and charity, that is, remaining in God's grace.

When you live in grace, all acts of virtue are fruits pleasing to the Father. They are works that Jesus Christ does through you. They are works of Christ that give glory to the Father and become heaven for you. It is worth living always in God's grace! "Anyone who does not remain in me [because of sin] will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned" (Jn 15:6). This is a clear reference to hell. Are you like a branch full of life?

May the Virgin Mary help us to increase the grace so that we can bear much fruit to glorify the Father.

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday** Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday** Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday** Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday** Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

**Friday** 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14

**Saturday** Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

Masses for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on May 9th and 10th at 7:00 pm.

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR**

Weekly Budget	\$ 10,000.00
Received Week of April 14	\$ 6,166.00
Over/(Short) Year-to-date	\$ 25,130.00

**DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2024**

Goal:	\$ 56,682.00
Paid:	\$ 31,013.08
Pledge Balance:	\$ 21,126.92
Paid + Pledge Balance	\$ 52,140.00
<b>Over (Bold) Under:</b>	( \$ 4,542.00 )
Donors	122

Thank you Father Ken for sponsoring The Kontras Quartet concert on Saturday night, April 20. It was wonderful, and a marvelous gift to our church.

**THANK YOU!!**

Weekly Schedule

Monday, April 29

Noon Mass

Tuesday, April 30

Noon Mass

Wednesday, May 1

Noon Mass-Anthony Justus(+)

5:15 pm-Youth Schola

6:30 pm-Children's Choir

7:00 pm-Fr. Ken's Class

Thursday, May 2

Noon Mass

5:45 pm-Ultreya

7:00 pm-Adult Choir

Friday, May 3

Noon Mass

12:30-1:30 pm-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, May 4

Confirmation Retreat

5:00 pm Mass-Haskel Buff (+)

Sunday, May 5

9:00 am-Mass-English

12 pm/Noon-English-**Pro Populo**

5:00 pm Mass-Spanish

**March for Life pilgrimage to Raleigh**

Join the Diocese of Charlotte Office of Family Life for a day pilgrimage on Saturday, May 18, to our state capitol to join North Carolina Right to Life in a rally and march for life. Organize groups to attend and march under an identifying banner to represent your church, school or community. The day-long event kicks off with a youth rally at 12:45 p.m. at Halifax Mall, 300 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, N.C. (the grassy area behind the N.C. General Assembly Building). Multiple buses are planned from the Asheville, Charlotte and Greensboro areas. Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up. Please email [FamilyLife@rcdoc.org](mailto:FamilyLife@rcdoc.org) with any questions.



Youth and adults from our church will be attending Catholic Heart WorkCamp in Richmond, VA from June 16th to June 22nd. The Registration fee is \$450. If anyone would like to sponsor one of our youth, all donations are greatly needed and appreciated. Donations are also needed to assist with food, gas, supplies and vehicle rental.

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

Monday, April 29 - Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Thursday, May 1 - Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday, May 3 - Feast of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

**75TH ANNIVERSARY QUILT**

The long-awaited and much anticipated 75th Anniversary St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church quilt is finished and hanging in Murray Hall. It is on the wall behind the stage. Hand-crafted by Cindy Konarski and Terri Martino, the quilt shows hand-drawn pictures by our youth, the diversity of our parish, sacraments, and various organizations within our church. If you haven't seen the quilt, please take time to view this beautiful addition to our church.

**HELP FOR PARISHIONERS**

The Hope Fund provides assistance to parishioners in need. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, please make checks payable to St. Charles and mark HOPE FUND on the check.

**Abbreviated Directory**

Faith Formation—10:30 AM Sunday

Faith Formation Director: *Gail Watson* 437-3108

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**New Office Hours: 9AM—12 Noon**

**1PM-3 PM Monday-Friday**

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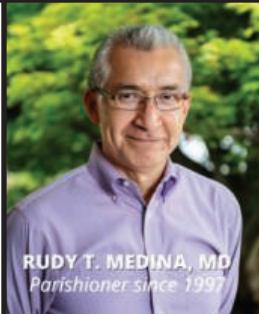
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