

## 5th Sunday of Easter B Homily

A vine is a terrible thing to waste. Train a vine to produce and it won't disappoint; especially a healthy vine. Take care of such a vine and you will be rewarded with an abundant harvest year after year.

Jesus knows vines. Jesus knows people. He gave us this wonderful parable. We have been so very blessed by the Lord. See how much he loves us.

“I am the vine, you are the branches.” Jesus is the vine. A vine provides life-giving and life-sustaining nutrients. We are the branches. Jesus supplies what is required and we receive all he offers.

Jesus supplies all the spiritual nourishment we need; nothing has been left out. He has provided us with numerous parables, teachings and examples to encourage and sustain our hope for eternal life.

Jesus nourishes us through the teachings of his Church. We are strengthened through the sacraments. When we invite Jesus into our life he never turns down the invitation. The divine teacher invites everyone to live in him in order that our souls are nourished through the gift of his uncountable graces.

Jesus is the vine and we are his branches. He prunes the branches in order to increase their fruit from season to season. He seeks to carefully trim away the parts that are harmful in order to strengthen each branch.

Jesus knows exactly where to prune and when. Everyone needs pruning throughout their life. Allow Jesus to prune the recesses of the soul that have been damaged by sin. Allow the vine to flourish and sprout forth stronger branches by cooperating with Jesus in all things.

Jesus I trust in you.