

## Sample Email Text

"I am the Vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." ~John 15:5

Dear Parishioners,

As pandemic restrictions continue to lift and we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, we warmly invite you to return to the Eucharist with joy.

There is no coincidence that Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches to describe our relationship with him. A vineyard, like a garden, needs constant work. The vine provides the life to the branches. Take the vine away and the branch will die. Take away Christ, and we surely will die. The food of the Eucharist truly sustains us. When we are away our faith starts to wilt.

We invite you and your family to reconnect to Christ the Vine by celebrating the Eucharist with us in person. Nothing compares to being present with Christ at Mass. Livestreaming was beneficial in keeping us connected to God and the parish during the long months of the pandemic, but it is through your presence at Mass that Jesus is able to communicate to you the fullness of the graces he wishes to give.

Tending the garden of our faith takes work. We need to meet Jesus in the Eucharist. The most important thing to remember about our wilting faith is that Jesus offers us every opportunity to save it, no matter how wilted it has become. Please join us for Mass this Sunday at the Saturday Anticipated Mass at \_\_\_ or on Sunday at \_\_\_\_.

God bless you and your family,