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SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIFTING UP HIS
EYES TO HEAVEN,
JESUS PRAYED.

— JOHN 17:1 —

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord! On this 40th day of the Easter Season we recall that Jesus left us in order that the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Holy Spirit would come and dwell among us! Call out for the Holy Spirit to be with you and your Family!

This weekend, our nation also celebrates Mother's Day! Join us as we celebrate the Mothers and mother figures in your life. Our Saint Joseph's family could not exist without the amazing moms, sisters, aunts, grandma's, mentors, and friends in our lives, who support us and our parish community each and every day.

My annual gift to the Saint Joseph's Eighth Grade graduation class is taking them to the Cathedral of our Lady of the Angels. This past Tuesday I enjoyed giving them a two hour personal tour of the Cathedral. We also celebrated the Holy Mass, had lunch on the outdoor plaza and shopped in the gift Shop. This year's class may be small in number, however, they are powerful in stature:



The construction on the rebuilding of our parish hall/gym commenced this past Tuesday and every week I will continue to post pictures to keep you informed about the forward movement of the construction project. Thanks to many of you

who have made a donation or pledge to support the campaign.



The new blue construction fence with windows!!



Welcome to our new Supervisor for the Project: Mr. Martin Yearsley of Vancrest Construction Corporation! Please pray that all of our construction workers will be safe!

Ascension Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection." (Acts 1:21-22)

Psalm:

The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Ps 103)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. (1 Jn 4:16)

Gospel:

"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." (Jn 17:11)

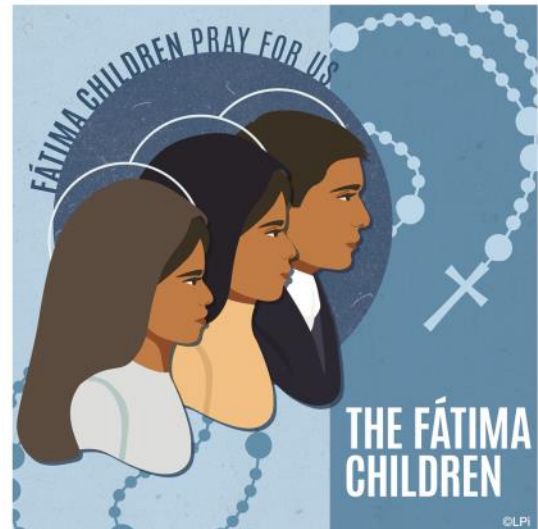
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In his prayer to the Father, Jesus says it aloud to remind us, always and forever: if we belong to Him, we belong to the truth. Lord, may those words ring in our ears as we go into the world as Christ taught us. We are consecrated to the truth.

Observances for the week of May 12, 2024

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Mother's Day
- Monday:** Our Lady of Fatima
- Tuesday:** St. Matthias, Apostle
- Wednesday:** St. Isidore
- Saturday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr; Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday



Saint of the week

The Fátima children, St. Francisco Marto, St. Jacinta Marto, and Venerable Lucia dos Santos, ages 7-10 years, impacted the world after the many apparitions of Mary they experienced. They shared Mary's call to pray the rosary and for peace in the world.

Prayer of Mission

Dear Lord,
Grace us with courage and zeal as we go forth in Your name, speaking your Word, offering Your love, and bringing Your healing to a world in need. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 12, 2024

Sunday:

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Monday:

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday:

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday:

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

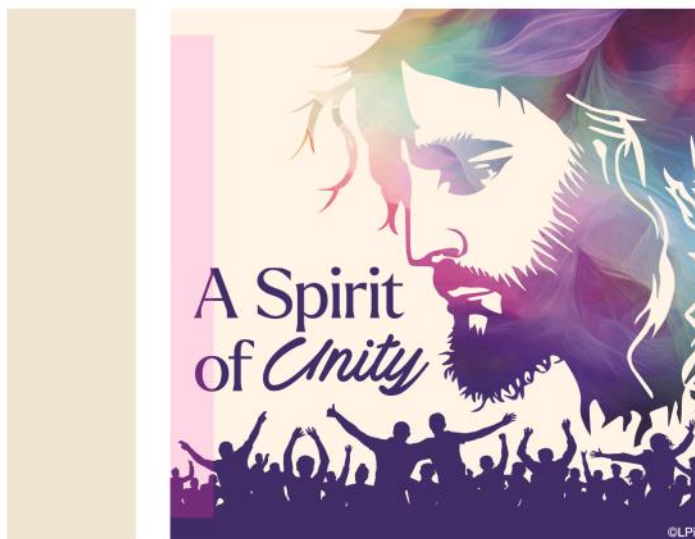
Nest Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/

Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: *Tutti dentro*. It means, “Everyone in.” He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church’s primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus’ concern is unity, praying to the Father, “**that they may be one, even as we are one**” (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope’s desire because it is that of Jesus — and it should be ours, too.

— Father John Muir

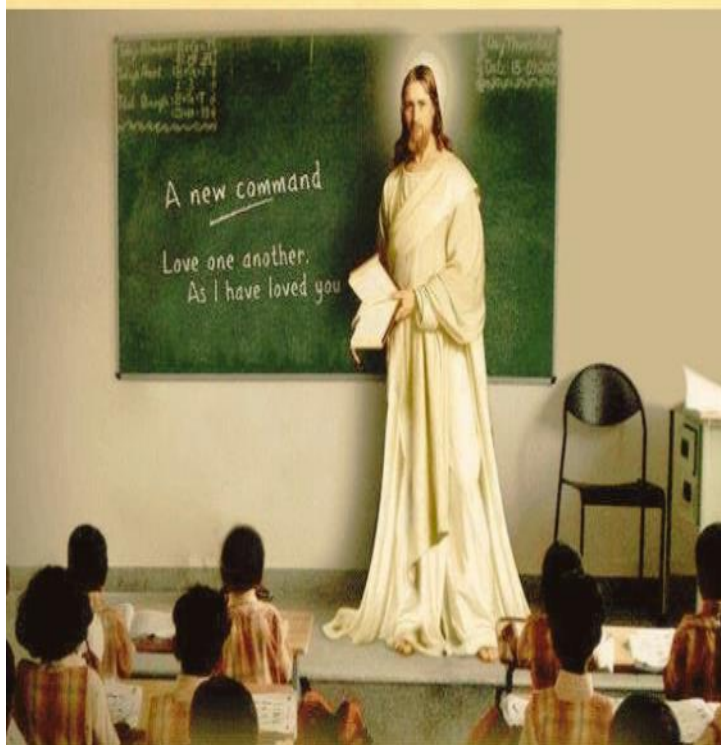
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Men's Weekend
October 19th and 20th, 2024

To learn more and to sign up, visit <https://stjosephlb.org/welcome-christ-renews/> or scan the QR code.





Did You Know?



When a child discloses Abuse

It is incredibly difficult to hear the stories of abuse victims — and even harder when the victim is a child. But how an adult reacts when a child trusts him or her with an abuse disclosure is very important. Staying calm and listening attentively is critical. Let the child know you hear and believe him or her, and that you are here to help. After your conversation, be sure to document any details that could help an investigation and begin taking steps to report the abuse and ensure that the child is safe. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article “When a Child Discloses” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



We are looking for additional families that would like to be altar servers at all Masses! Catholic Liturgy is meant to be the Work of the People. Families who attend Mass together are encouraged to serve together in this ministry of service. All families that attend St. Joseph are invited to apply. Families who apply will receive appropriate training in the ministry and will meet with Monsignor Kevin prior to serving. Then they will be added to an Altar Server schedule. We hope that you will join in this special ministry!

Please email the Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, Monica Wissuchek, at stjfamilyaltarservers@gmail.com to register for the next training in early February. Monica will work with each family to help meet their individual needs, and to train and schedule them for liturgies throughout the year.



Seniors Group

The St. Joseph Senior Group will meet for breakfast at the **El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant** on **Monday, May 13, at 9:30 am.**

Join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St. Joseph and he/she will direct you to the area we are gathering in. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast.

We look forward to seeing you there! For future reference, we will be meeting there the **2nd Monday of every month**, at the same time, until the hall is finished.



Movement for a Better World



“Charity is the form, mover, mother and root of all the virtues.” -St. Thomas Aquinas

Opportunities! For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark, 562-431-4385. Examples: Sandwich Ministry driver coordinator to Catholic Charities, weekend drive coordinator, holiday food purchase coordinator, essential home furnishings distribution team.

Would you like to stay abreast of home furnishing items in need? Let us know!

June 22-23: Homeless Kit Drive. Provide daily necessities and hope to people experiencing homelessness.



St. Joseph Grief Support



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