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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

NEVER A DULL MOMENT



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Today's readings take us through a wide range of powerful feelings; they seem to promise that the life of a believer will never be dull. In the Acts of the Apostles, we see Stephen become the first martyr among Jesus' followers. His attackers harbor such rage toward him and his words about Jesus that they cover their ears as they run toward him. Before he dies, Stephen asks the Lord to forgive his murderers. The reading from Revelation uses the word *come* six times, assuring us that the Lord hears the prayers of witnesses like Stephen. God, who is Alpha and Omega, invites faithful followers to enter into the eternal city. As John's Gospel assures us, we glimpse heaven even now, in daily life, when we tend to our loving relationship with God. Rage, forgiveness, violence, paradise, intimacy—today's readings help us understand the demands and ecstasies of discipleship.

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This Seventh Sunday of Easter is a time of waiting, just as Jesus at his Ascension had promised the coming of the Spirit, but had asked them to wait patiently. As we wait, we are presented with visions of the future promised by God. In the Gospel, Jesus expresses his deep longing for all of God's beloved to be in unity with God. The passage from Revelation concludes the Bible, envisioning the completion of God's mission to heal and reconcile with us. And in Acts, Stephen's vision of Jesus at God's side points to the centrality of Jesus to make this come about. We continue Jesus' ministry by healing and forgiving as he did; by rejecting violence or seeking power over others; and by enduring suffering when necessary. This time of waiting echoes the hope and anticipation we experience in all of life, as we await the final fulfillment of God's promised future.

GOD'S PROMISES

We hear today from the conclusion of the Bible's final book, in Revelation 22. John of Patmos uses imagery to summarize the messages of his book: that God has been faithful to humanity and to the chosen followers, even when they have not. God acts justly in dealing with us, and also acts graciously in forgiveness. God is trustworthy, promising a future beyond our greatest dreams, and working continuously toward its realization. Jesus is revealed to be at the center of all God's saving work.

Through all the imagery presented in John's visions, the author wants his readers to make a choice. In his environment, he asked for a choice between the idol of the Roman imperial system, or of God revealed in Jesus. In our own time, each culture, always a mix of virtue or of sin, has elements of idolatry that make false promises. When we encounter these idols, do we fully trust God and God's promises? Whom do we serve?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Because Stephen professes his faith in the Son of Man, he is stoned to death (Acts 7:55-60).

Psalms — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

Second Reading — I, the Alpha and the Omega, am coming soon (Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

Gospel — Father, I pray that they may all be one, as you and I are one, that they may be brought to perfection (John 17:20-26).

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A CONVERSATION

The Gospel passage from John has the tone of overhearing a conversation. Jesus prays with his Father for his small band of followers, and we get to listen in. This prayer concludes his extended reflections at the end of the Last Supper in the Gospel of John. At this critical moment, Jesus shows his deep longing that the community of disciples will live in full unity with each other and with God, and then together embrace the world in loving service.

Perhaps we might prayerfully imagine a similar conversation, of Father, Son, and Spirit, about your own parish community. What might the Trinity consider about your own parish? The conversation might include God's longing that the parish be united, with each other and with God. The Trinitarian conversation might touch on precisely how the Spirit is working toward this unity, and how together with the parish, God is embracing your neighborhood in loving service. What else might they say?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
 so that we, who believe that the Savior of the human race
 is with you in your glory,
 may experience, as he promised,
 until the end of the world,
 his abiding presence among us.
 Who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday
 Seventh Sunday of Easter;
 World Communications Day
Monday
 Memorial Day
Tuesday
 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday
 St. Justin
Thursday
 Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
Friday
 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions;
 First Friday
Saturday
 First Saturday;
 Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

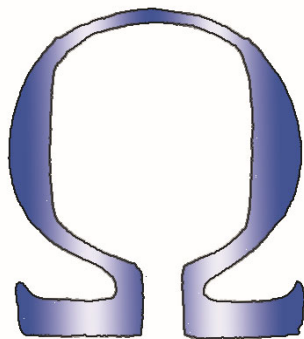
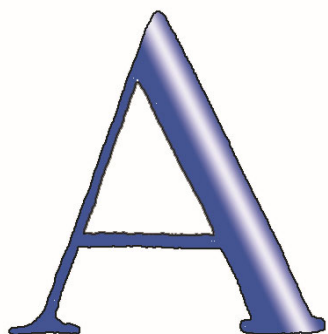
MAY 30, 2022

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
 Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
 Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
 Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-
 20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
 Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1
 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17;
 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MAY 30, 2022

Monday
9:00am Julia Rodriguez (D); Angelina Frias (D)
Tuesday
8:30am Beatriz Lendorf (D); Luis Aquino (D)
12:00pm
Wednesday
8:30am
12:00pm
Thursday
8:30am
12:00pm
Friday
8:30am
12:00pm
Saturday
7:45am Terexa Tieu & Vicente Khuê (D)
7:00pm
Sunday
8:00am
9:30am Sonia Gonzalez (D), Miguel Angel Vichay
 Tovar (D), Jose rturo Flores Manzaba (D);
 Deban Ernesto Tejada & Sandra Garcia (D)
11:30am People of SNT
1:30pm Phero Thong & Magarita Han



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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

MAY 15, 2022

Tithing: \$8,157.26
Children: \$0.00
Total: \$8,157.26

*We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of
 Tolentine.*

We pray for the sick:

We pray for the dead:



The parish office will be closed on
 Monday, May 30, 2022 in
 observance of Memorial Day. There
 will be only one bilingual mass that
 day at 9AM.

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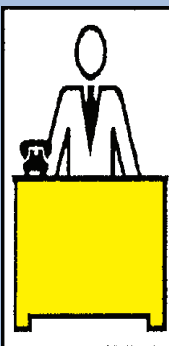
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