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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

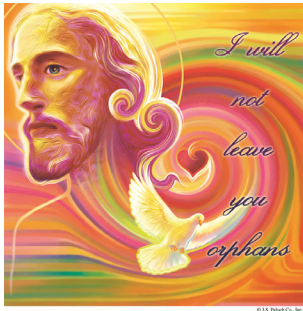
MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

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

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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



THE ADVOCATE

As Jesus prepared the apostles for the time when he would no longer be with them physically, and knowing that they would face hardship, trials, and persecution in the future, he promised them an Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Through baptism that same Spirit dwells within us, always with us to guide us in the truth of God's love and strengthen us so that we may know Christ and live as Christ's people. Now, as in every time, God knows it is not always easy to live as a Christian. With the assurance of the Holy Spirit's presence, we find the grace to love Jesus and to keep the Lord's commandments.

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CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**Fatima Prayer**

O my Jesus,
forgive us our sins,
save us from the fires of hell,
lead all souls to heaven,
especially those who
have most need of your mercy. Amen.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH**Saint Isidore the Farmer (May 15)**

On May 15 of each year, the farmers in Ichocán, Peru, adorn their mules and their homes with the fruits of their harvest in honor of Saint Isidore the Farmer. The image of the saint is taken in a procession through the town to bless the work of the farmers. Many Latin American countries celebrate this feast in a similar manner. On a continent where agriculture represents the principal occupation, the importance of this Spanish saint of the twelfth century is not surprising. Saint Isidore has a background similar to that of many people in Latin America and many Latinos in the United States. Born in 1070, he was the son of working parents in Madrid, a poor and religious family. He did not go to school and became an orphan at ten years of age. He worked as a country laborer for a rich family and did agricultural work all his life.

He married a woman named Maria, who also became a saint. Together with their son, the three formed a holy family and were recognized as pious and generous persons. Years after Isidore's death in 1130, his body was discovered to be miraculously incorrupt. In 1622 Pope Gregory XV canonized this humble farmer together with such great religious figures as Teresa of Ávila, Ignatius Loyola, and Francis Xavier. Thank God that sainthood is not found only among the priests and religious. Married couples and fathers and mothers can also become saints.

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

Psalm — May the whole world shout to God in jubilation (Psalm 66).

Second Reading — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) *or 1 Peter 4:13-16*.

Gospel — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) *or John 17:1-11a*.

Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter;
Mother's Day

Monday

St. Isidore the Farmer

Thursday

The Ascension of the Lord
(unless transferred to Sunday);

St. John I

Saturday

St. Bernardine of Siena;
Armed Forces Day

**MOTHERHOOD**

All mothers are working mothers.

—Anonymous

Share in the Power

This Sunday is two weeks before Pentecost, but already the readings prepare us for that feast. The first reading from Acts shows us the conversion of the Samaritans, thanks to Philip's preaching and curing the sick. He did this through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit makes Jesus present today, not just in the sacraments, but through us, his disciples.

The Gospel gives us a hint of this in Jesus' words: "I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20). Jesus knew that after his Resurrection appearances, he would not be visible as a man. Instead, he would live in all of his followers through the power of the Holy Spirit. That's why he tells the disciples that the Spirit will be with them and in them. So confirmation, the laying on of hands (Acts 8:17), reminds us that when God lives in us, we share in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading, Peter gives us practical advice. First, he tells us to be ready to explain our hope in the Lord. That hope comes from our faith in the Resurrection. When you see someone curing the sick, you could be tempted to say, "I can't do that." But when you hear that people saw and talked to Jesus after he rose from the dead, then hear that anyone who follows Jesus will share in that resurrection, you begin to have real hope. When we share that hope, we do so gently and reverently. None of this "I'm saved and you're not!" stuff. We are all sinners and Christ's death brought us all forgiveness.

Next, Peter tells us to avoid sin, not because we won't be forgiven again, but to show that we can live a life free from sin, selfishness, and hatred. Freedom from sin allows us to give a good example of how to live. Abandoning selfishness allows us to love others without counting the cost. When we are free from hatred, we are able to forgive others as we have been forgiven. As we live in Jesus and he in us, our happiness will attract people to God.

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Healing After Abortion: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are: Jan.14, Feb. 4, March 11, and May 20 in English, and May 6 in Spanish. For more dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866) 575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

APRIL 30, 2023

Tithing: \$8,405.09
 Children: \$0.00
 Total: \$8,405.09

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MAY 15, 2023

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
 Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MAY 15, 2023

Monday
8:30am San Anthony Negron (D), Filomena Reyes (D), Dolores Hernandez Canela (D), Cruz Negron (D), Felix Antonio Hernandez, Keren Hernandez (D)

12:00pm
Tuesday
8:30am Benera Suftron, Petra Ortiz, Damaris Sanchez, Wilberto Rivera (D)

12:00pm
Wednesday
8:30am Graciela Solano Decaza (D); Agustin Mata De La Rosa (D)
 Pascal Jose Murphy (L) - 2nd birthday

12:00pm
Thursday
8:30am Ramon Colon
12:00pm
Friday
8:30am Maria C. Colon (D), Jose Ulises Garcia, Maria Tereza Alvarez, Jose Ramon Garcia (D)

12:00pm
Saturday
7:45am Phero Thong & Magarita (D)
7:00pm Graciela Torres, Hernan Victorio, Minerva Sanchez (D), Francia Fernandez, Jose Fernandez (D), Luis Emilio Alvarez Rodriguez, Padres de Emilio (D)

Sunday
8:00am People of SNT; Mino Gonzalez (D)
9:30am Concepcion Garcia (D), Diego Garcia, Para la salud de Venacia De La Luz Muñoz
11:30am Confort Assiongloo, Victorine Gbossou, Fidelis Anthony, Bernard Esse (D)
1:30pm Phero & Maria

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

We pray for the sick: Nancy Cruz

We pray for the dead: Celestina Garcia, Eduardo Alicano, Carmen Narvaez

Vascular & Organ Wellness Ultrasound Screenings

St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church

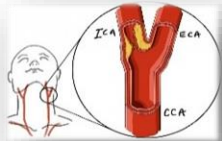
Saturday, June 17

Please call 832-437-7355 for your appointment. *Appointments are limited due to our COVID safety procedures.*

Do You Have Any of These Risk Factors?

High Blood Pressure ♦ High Cholesterol ♦ Family History of Stroke, Heart Attack, Aortic Aneurysms or Cancer
Diabetes ♦ Atrial Fibrillation ♦ Obesity

The first symptom of a stroke IS a stroke! Early detection helps to save lives. Manage these controllable risk factors: smoking, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, excessive weight, and alcohol consumption.



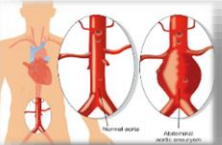
Stroke Risk Screening

Ultrasound of the carotid artery looking for plaque or blocked arteries.



Liver Screening

Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as masses or tumors.



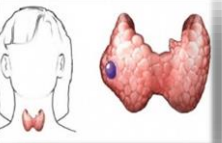
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Ultrasound of the abdominal aorta looking for an aneurysm.



Kidneys (2) Screening †

Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as cysts, masses and stones.



Thyroid Screening †

Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as nodules or cysts.



Gallbladder Screening †

Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as polyps, stones, and sludge.

Total Discounted Package: All 7 Ultrasounds for \$169

Savings of \$174; Appointments: 832-437-7355; † No substitutions or discounts allowed

Additional Testing Available*

- ♦ A1c (Diabetes) \$25
- ♦ Lipids/Cholesterol \$25
- ♦ VTD (Vitamin D) \$45
- ♦ PSA (Prostate) \$45
- ♦ TSH (Thyroid) \$45
- ♦ CRP - (Cardiac/Inflammation) \$45
- ♦ GGT (Liver Enzyme) \$45
- ♦ CRE (Kidney Creatinine Serum) \$45
- ♦ TTE (Testosterone) \$45
- ♦ Bone Density (T-Score) \$25

**These additional tests are not included in the Total Package cost and may not be available in all regions.*



For blood package pricing, open phone camera, hover over QR code and tap the link.

Screening Preparations

- ♦ Wear a two-piece comfortable outfit.
- ♦ No food or caffeine 4 hours prior to screening.
- ♦ If you are diabetic, make sure to eat a light meal.
- ♦ **If you are taking medication, continue to take it.**

**Saving Lives
Since 2001!**

