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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

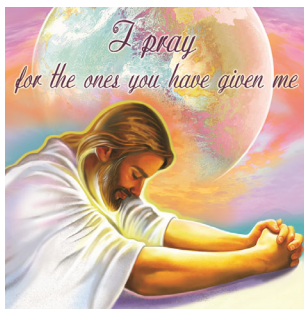
MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

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

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



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



PREPARING FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER

There is a simple, detailed intimacy in our reading from Acts today. Instead of just saying “the disciples returned to Jerusalem,” each one is listed by name, along with Mary, some other women, and some relatives. The absence of Judas is painfully obvious. In contemporary terms, we might think of this as Jesus’ “entourage” or “posse.” This was the community devoted to prayer. Psalm 27 is called a “womb to tomb” scripture, as it is commonly used for baptisms and funerals. How appropriate it is as we hear the next chapter in God’s plan. First Peter foreshadows the pain and suffering that these individuals will undergo for the sake of Christ as they continue to glorify God. This echoes the language of the Gospel, where Jesus speaks of glorifying God and himself being glorified as he prays for these followers who are now left in the world to carry out the message and the vision.

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CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer for the Church

We pray you, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ have revealed your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

World Communications Day

In addition to the liturgical calendar, the Church designates various Sundays throughout the year as days to focus on particular subjects. Today is one such day.

World Communications Day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication (the press, motions pictures, radio, television, and now, of course, the internet) afford the Church to communicate the gospel message.

The worldwide observance of this day came in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, when the Church realized it must engage fully with the modern world. This realization is expressed in the opening statement of the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et spes* (The Church in the Modern World), which says: “The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anguishes of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anguishes of the followers of Christ as well.” In setting up this day, Pope Paul VI wanted to draw attention to the communications media and the enormous power they have for cultural transformation.

You can go online to discover the pope’s annual message for today: just search on “World Communications Day 2023.”

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Eleven and the women devoted themselves to prayer (Acts 1:12-14).

Psalm — I trust that I will know God’s grace in the heavenly land (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Glorify God if you suffer for the name of Christian (1 Peter 4:13-16).

Gospel — The Son will give eternal life to all those who are given to him by the Father (John 17:1-11a).

Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter;
World Communications Day

Monday

St. Rita of Cascia; Victoria Day (Canada)

Thursday

St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi;
Shavuot (“Weeks”), the Jewish festival of
the giving of the Law, begins at sunset;
Julian Calendar Ascension

Friday

St. Philip Neri

Saturday

St. Augustine of Canterbury

BIG MOUTHS

What should not be heard by little ears should not be said by big mouths.

—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

MAY 7, 2023

Tithing: \$8,671.15
 Children: \$0.00
 Total: \$8,671.15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MAY 22, 2023

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
 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; Jn 20:19-23

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MAY 22, 2023

Monday
8:30am Maximino Cañedo (D), Rita Antonia Marte (L) - cumpleaños
12:00pm
Tuesday
8:30am Celestino Rosario (D); Acción de gracias al Divino Niño - por la salud de Sonia Marisan
12:00pm
Wednesday
8:30am Juan Bautista Hernandez, Keren Hernandez, Rosa Caines, Anastacio Montero (D)
12:00pm
Thursday
8:30am Seth Victoria - (L) cumpleaños; Evangelina De La Rosa (D); Acción de gracias al Divino Niño - por la salud de Sonia Marisan
12:00pm
Friday
8:30am Jose Ramon Minaya (D); Paul Paz (D)
12:00pm
Saturday
7:45am
7:00pm Phaolo Chung (D)
 Benita Rosario (D); Irene Rodriguez (D) - 1 año; Acción de gracias al Divino Niño - por la salud de Sonia Marisan
Sunday
8:00am
9:30am People of SNT; Virgen Mary Octaviano Sanchez (D) & Sanchez Family; Luz Araceli Hurtado, Ramon Jimenez Betancourt (D)
11:30am Carmen Milagros Ocasio (D); Maria Celeste Ureña, Ana Celia Martinez (D)
1:30pm Lorenzo Nguyen & Madalena Ga (D)

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

We pray for the sick: Nancy Cruz

We pray for the dead: June Mitchell

Vascular & Organ Wellness Ultrasound Screenings

St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church

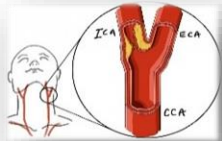
Saturday, June 17

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.



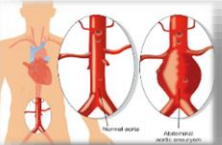
Stroke Risk Screening

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!**

