



## AUGUSTINIAN FRIARS

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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)

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### Weekdays

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

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

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

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### 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.

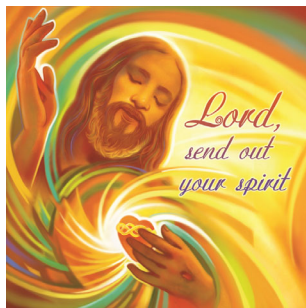
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### GOT SPIRIT?

When we were in high school, there was an old cheer at ballgames, “We’ve got spirit, yes we do. We’ve got spirit, how ‘bout you?” We would scream it back and forth with the opposing team’s fans. And while, “Got Spirit?” could certainly be the catchphrase today, we see people receiving the spirit in many different ways. In Acts, there appear a loud noise and a driving wind, followed by people being able to understand speech in many languages. It is reminiscent of a booming, “This is my Son, my Beloved.” Psalm 104 “Lord, Send out Your Spirit” was also the first psalm used at the Easter Vigil, in response to the creation story. First Corinthians acknowledges that there are many different spiritual gifts, but we must use them together as the body of Christ. The Sequence is a beautiful prayer that calls down the Spirit. In John’s Gospel, the Spirit comes through the breath of Jesus. What can we take away from this? That the Spirit of God is not “one size fits all.” Rather, the Holy Spirit will come to us, speak to us, be given to us, as each of us needs.



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### CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

#### To the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit;  
and they shall be created.  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.  
Let us pray.  
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit  
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, make the earth new by the power of your Spirit (Psalm 104).

**Second Reading** — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

**Gospel** — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

### OUR FASCINATING FAITH

#### Pentecost

Today the Church remembers the moment when the very breath of God rushed from the mouth of the risen Jesus, filling the disciples with the Holy Spirit. Today’s readings bring us to the culmination of the great fifty-day celebration of Easter with images of strong driving winds and tongues of fire. We cry out to God in today’s psalm, “Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!” During these fifty days, we have baptized, confirmed, and shared the Eucharist with the newly initiated. We have spent these days savoring the meaning of the sacramental life. In these sacramental moments, the Church is reborn. In this moment of Pentecost, we are reborn. We are given the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we, like the disciples, can be sent forth to be Christ for the world. Let us be open and vulnerable to the driving winds and tongues of flame that can signal a new Pentecost. Let God’s word once again bring us the power to renew the face of the earth.

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**Sunday**  
Pentecost Sunday;

**Monday**  
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Eighth Week in Ordinary Time; Memorial Day

**Wednesday**  
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thursday**  
St. Justin  
**Friday**  
Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; First Friday

**Saturday**  
St. Charles Lwanga and Companions;  
First Saturday

### THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord.

See the Holy Spirit

In the readings on Pentecost Sunday, the Spirit is described as a driving wind and tongues of fire. Knowing that the Holy Spirit is a Person of the Trinity, we seem to be able to picture the Spirit only in terms of what the Spirit does. In our second reading, Paul tries to explain just that. Though the English translation sounds vague, let's jump in.

First, Paul says that we cannot know Jesus as Lord without the Spirit. The Spirit is the way Jesus is present today, so anyone who truly believes in Jesus is guided by the Spirit. The Spirit never contradicts Jesus, so anyone claiming to have new knowledge that is opposed to what Jesus taught is not using the Spirit. So, for example, if someone starts a cult that teaches that we no longer need to love our enemies, we know that the Spirit is not in them.

Second, Paul acknowledges that the Spirit works in many ways. As examples, he mentions there are many different gifts and services in the church. He emphasizes that all these differences come from one and the same God. Even today we see this happening; people serve the Church in different ways and with different abilities. People even have different ways of looking at things. Some have more patience than others, some are better listeners, and some are great organizers. The point is that all these differences come from the same source, God.

When we think of the strength of the Church, we usually think of its unity, i.e., one baptism, one faith, one Lord. But we also draw strength from the diversity of gifts and services that people offer to God. No one person can do all it takes to bring the world to Christ. Even Jesus shared his work of spreading the gospel with his disciples. If sin brought a multitude of problems to the world, then the Spirit brings a multitude of gifts to help us through these problems. As Paul says, this diversity of gifts is all part of one Body of Christ. So look at the gifts of those around you, and you may be able to see the Holy Spirit more clearly.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MAY 29, 2023

- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
- Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52
- Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33
- Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MAY 29, 2023

- Monday 9:00am** Jose Peguero Montero (D); Reyna Castillo Coronado, Pedro Antonio Castillo, Ramon Canelo Valdez, Francisco (D); Teofilo H. Candelario (D)
- Tuesday 8:30am** Domingo Basora (D)
- 12:00pm** Julia Rodriguez Perez (D)
- Wednesday 8:30am** Maria Olinda Ramirez, Keren Hernandez, Maria Petronila Ramirez (D)(D)
- 12:00pm**
- Thursday 8:30am** Luz Pelaez, Teofilo Pelaez, Elvira Arichabala (D)
- 12:00pm**
- Friday 8:30am** Juan Santana (D)
- 12:00pm**
- Saturday 7:45am** Binh An (Thanh)
- 7:00pm** Vidal De Jesus Guzman Francisco (D); Maria Dolores Mora, Elvido Mora Reyes, Tomas Reyes (D); Jose Ramon Taveras (D) - 1 año; Jasmine Arias Salcedo (D)
- Sunday 8:00am** People of SNT; Saint Martha
- 9:30am** Dino Ferrari (D); Jose Mejia
- 11:30am** Kalipe Noel, Kalipe Oscar, Esse Nosselake, Attivi Alice (L)
- 1:30pm** Phero Thong & Magarita Han (D)



The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023 in observance of Memorial Day. There will be only one bilingual mass that day at 9AM.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

MAY 14, 2023

Tithing: \$8,879.96  
 Children: \$0.00  
 Total: \$8,879.96

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

*We pray for the sick: Nancy Cruz*

*We pray for the dead: Francisca Palacio*

# Vascular & Organ Wellness Ultrasound Screenings

## St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church

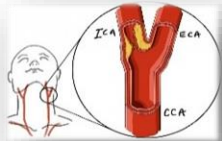
### Saturday, June 17

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.



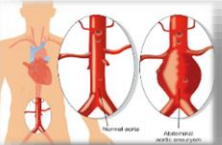
#### Stroke Risk Screening

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.**

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Since 2001!**

