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Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

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.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

AUGUST 17, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 18

8:30 a.m. Ricardo Reyes (D), Julia Burbano (D)
12:00 p.m. Marco Fortunato (D)

Tuesday, August 12

8:30 a.m. Nancy Margarita Perez (D)
12:00 pm All Souls

Wednesday, August 13

8:30 a.m. Gabriela Cruz Frias & Bienvenido De La Cruz, Angela Sosa De La Cruz (D)
12:00 p.m. Esperanza, Armando Rivero (D)

Thursday, August 14

8:30 a.m. Maria Virgen Sanchez de Taveras (D)
12:00p.m. Adote Vincent, Aziadou Marie, Adote Lucienm Adote Leandres, Adote Dominiques (D)

Friday, August 15

8:30 a.m. Carmen Caban (D)
12:00 p.m. Kale Adote—Thanksgiving for birthday

Saturday, August 16

7:45 a.m. Phero Trang & Maria Ty
7:00 p.m. Pedro Flores, Maximino Flores, Eloisa Olivera, Rafael Flores Olivera (D), Nadin Flores Villaman, Alfonso Polanco, Jose Antonio Polanco (D), Ana Maria Ventura Cespedes (D)

Sunday, August 17

8:00 a.m. People of SNT
9:30: a.m. Elsa Maria Marte (D), Blas Rodriguez (D), todos las almas del Purgatorio, Vicente Vivanco (D), Maria Sanchez - sanación
11:30 am Roberto Perez (D), Santa Ramirez, Alberto Eismendez (D), Thanksgiving
1:30 pm Gioanbaotixita Chau(D)

READINGS

First Reading:

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Heb 12:1)

Gospel:

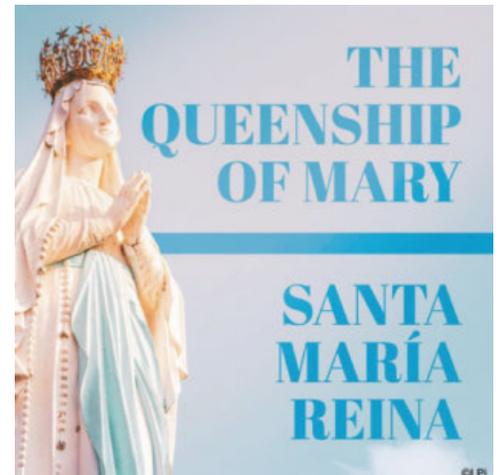
Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

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Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 12:49-53

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. **"Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?"** he asks, **"No, tell you, but rather division"** (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— *Father John Muir*

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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DOMINGO 14 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2025
 11:00 AM @ CENTRO PADRE SMITH

PRIMER DIA DE CLASE
DOMINGO 28 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2025

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CLASS EVERY TUESDAY
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PARENTS ORIENTATION MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
 7:00 PM @ FATHER SMITH CENTER

FIRST DAY OF CLASS
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

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MARTES 16 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2025
 7:00 PM @ CENTRO PADRE SMITH

PRIMER DIA DE CLASE
MARTES 23 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2025

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames.

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