

# The Piarist Fathers



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Rev. David Powers Sch.P.

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Very Rev. Fernando Negro, Sch.P.  
Rev. Jesús Negro, Sch.P.  
Rev. Emilio Sotomayor, Sch.P.  
Rev. Richard Wyzykiewicz Sch.P.

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## July 2022

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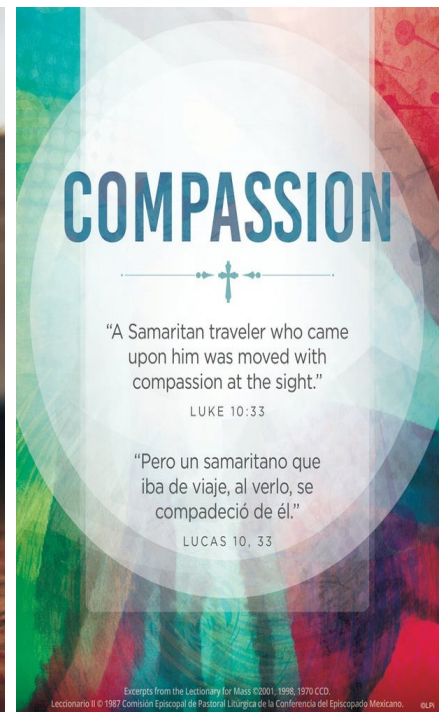
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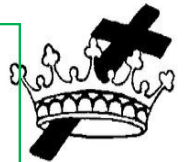
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## Mass Schedule (Horario de Misas)

**Holy Days:** 8:30AM, 12:15 PM, 8:00PM

**Weekdays & Sat.:** 8:30AM, 12:15 PM

Morning Prayer: Daily 8:30AM

**Spanish Mass:** Sunday, 12:00 Noon

Monday Thru Friday-7:00 PM

**French Mass:** Sunday, 6:30 PM

**Saturday:** 5:30 PM

**Sunday:** AM PM  
8:00 12:00 (Español)  
10:00 (Family) 5:00  
6:30 (Francais)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS-Fridays during Lent-**  
1PM-Eng, 6PM French & 7PM Spanish

**Confessions:** Saturday — 4 to 5:30

**Sick Or Emergency Calls:**

Call the Rectory at 718-892-3232

### Devotions:

- Circulo De Oracion: lunes, 7 a 9.00PM
- Miraculous Medal Novena  
Monday after 12:15 PM Mass
- Exposición del Santísimo y Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia: miércoles, 7PM
- Eucharistic Adoration  
Thursday between the 8:30 & 12:15 Masses
- First Friday: 1 to 6:30PM
- Sacred Heart Novena: Thursday, Noon
- English Bible Study: Tuesday, 1PM & 7:30PM  
and Sunday 11:15AM
- Rosary: Wednesday, 1:00PM

**Baptisms:** Arrangements must be made at the Rectory for Baptismal Class. Bring a copy of the child's Birth Certificate and Godparent documents.

**Marriages:** Arrangements for weddings should be made as soon as possible at the Rectory.

**Parish Registration:** All Catholics who live within the parish boundaries should fill out a registration card at the Rectory.

**Registro Parroquial** Todos los católicos que viven dentro de los límites de la parroquia deben llegar una tarjeta de registro en la rectoría



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### The Four Marks of the Church

In the Nicene Creed, we profess, "We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church": these are the four marks of the Church. They are inseparable and intrinsically linked to each other. Our Lord Himself in founding the Church marked it with these primary characteristics, which reflect its essential features and mission, and through the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Church fulfills these marks. We can show how the Church of the apostles resembles in all essentials the Church of today by showing how the early Church already bore the marks, or "notes," of the true Church which are still professed today in the Nicene Creed.

Thus, the Church of the apostles was definitely **one**: "There is one body and one spirit," Paul wrote, "just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one holy baptism, one God and Father of us all." Paul linked this primitive unity to the Church's Eucharistic bread: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of one bread." Jesus promised "there would be one flock, one shepherd."

Similarly, the Church of the apostles was **holy**. When we say that, we mean among other things that it had the all-holy God himself as its author. We do not mean that all of its members have ceased to be sinners and have themselves become all-holy. Quite the contrary, the Church from the beginning, was composed of sinners: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." One of the things implicit in the appellation "holy" as applied to the Church, then, is that the Church from the beginning has been endowed with the sacramental means to help make holy the sinners who are found in her ranks. The Church has been given the seven sacraments along with the word precisely in order to be able to help make sinners holy. The holiness of the Church, of which the creed properly speaks, has always had reference to her divine Founder and to what the Church was founded by him with the power and authority to do, not with the condition of her members.

The third great historic mark or note of the one true Church was that this Church was **Catholic**. "Catholic" means "universal." From the very beginning, it was difficult to see how the "little flock" of which the Church then consisted could qualify as "universal." Still, just as the embryo contains in germ the whole human being, so the Church already contained the universality that would quickly begin to manifest itself. It is not without significance that the Holy Spirit came down upon the Church at Pentecost at a time when "there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven." It was to them that the Holy Spirit temporarily enabled the apostles to speak in these many new languages. The Catholicity of the Church resides as much in the fact that the holy Church is for everybody at all times as it does in the fact that it was indeed destined to spread everywhere throughout the whole world.

Finally, the Church that issued from the commission of Christ to the apostles was necessarily **apostolic**. Christ founded the Church upon the apostles. The apostles of all people understood perfectly well that they did not set themselves up in their own little apostolic community. The historical evidence is clear that they did pass it on to successors (the bishops). Indeed there are already references in the New Testament itself to the appointment of many bishops by the apostles, as well as to the appointment of further bishops by them.

The Catholic Church descends in an unbroken line from the holy apostles of Jesus Christ and is only headed by a single recognized designated leader, just as the apostles of Jesus plainly functioned, on the evidence of the New Testament, under the leadership of Peter. Only the Catholic Church can establish its apostolicity by demonstrating an organic link with the original apostles on whom Christ manifestly established his Church.

Jesus said nothing more solemnly and categorically than these words, in which he declared that the apostles and their successors would speak for him in the serious business of gathering in and sanctifying his people and leading them toward the salvation he offers. Jesus intended that the fullness of his grace should come to his people in a Church that, from the beginning, was what the creed still calls it today: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.

### 50 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

On **Thursday, July 21**, Rev. Jesus Negro, Sch.P. will celebrate his Golden Jubilee of priesthood, 50 years as a Piarist Father at the **7PM** concelebrated Spanish Mass. He was born in 1946 in the little village of Bello, which is nestled in the Province of Teruel, Spain. He was the first of eleven siblings, two are now deceased and three are Piarist priests. There were 7 brothers in the family.

He joined the Piarists in September 1957 in Zaragoza and entered the novitiate in 1961, making his simple profession on August 15, 1962. He professed solemn vows January 6, 1970, and he was ordained a priest on July 21, 1972, by an Augustinian bishop, the Most Rev. Ramon Gonzalez, Bishop of Amazonia, which perhaps foreshadowed his future ministry in South America. For the next two years, he cared for the postulants and then spent the next nine years teaching third grade in Zaragoza. He was then transferred to Argentina, where he cared for the postulants for two years and spent the next three years teaching religion and serving as the school chaplain at the Piarist School in Rosario. He was next sent to India from 1996-2004, where he again cared for the postulants. He is especially fond of having spent a year working with Fr. Alfaro as a missionary in the forests of northern India. He then returned to Argentina, and for the next five years he taught religion. He was transferred to Peralta de la Sal, in Spain, which is the birthplace of St. Joseph Calasanz, and he served as pastor there. He was next sent to Bolivia for four years, where he worked in a simple Piarist boarding residence, where the students stay during the week because the Piarist school they attend was too far away from their villages for them to commute daily. He returned to Peralta for another year and at the end of 2017, Father was sent to Puerto Rico, where he served as the pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish in Ponce. Finally, in 2020, he was assigned to St. Helena's to minister to the Hispanic parishioners. He also helps parents to prepare for the baptism of their children. Fr. Jesus enjoys the great ministerial diversity he has experienced in his life, but he especially enjoyed teaching elementary children, in the spirit of St. Joseph Calasanz. He hopes that one day some boy will decide to become a Piarist priest because of him, and, who knows, perhaps one already has.

### St. Camillus de Lellis - July 18

St. Camillus' mother was nearly sixty years old when he was born (1550). As a youth, he gave himself to the sinful pleasures of this world. His conversion dates from the feast of the Purification, in 1575. Two attempts to enter the Capuchin Order were frustrated by an incurable sore on his leg. In Rome St. Camillus was received in a hospital for incurables; before long he was placed in charge because of his ability and zeal for virtue. He brought to the sick every imaginable kind of spiritual and bodily aid. At the age of thirty-two, he began studying for Holy Orders and was not ashamed of being numbered with children. After his ordination to the holy priesthood, he founded a congregation of Regular Clerics, called "Ministers to the Sick." As a fourth vow, the community assumed the duty of caring for the plague-ridden at the risk of their lives. With invincible patience Camillus persevered day and night in the service of the sick, performing the meanest of duties. His love shone forth most brightly when the city of Rome was stricken by epidemic and famine, and when the plague raged at Nola. Having suffered five different maladies, which he called God's mercy, he died in Rome at the age of sixty-five. On his lips was the prayer for the dying: "May the face of Christ Jesus shine gloriously upon you." Leo XIII declared him the heavenly patron of hospitals and added his name to the litany for the dying. Pius XI declared him the protector of all nuns who care for the sick. St. Camillus died in Rome on July 14, 1614. The General Roman Calendar celebrates the Optional Memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis on July 14, but the particular calendar for the United States transfers Camillus to July 18 so as to not conflict with St. Kateri Tekakwitha.

### St. Aurea - July 19

She was a Roman Catholic Martyr of Spain and, she was born in Cordova, in the ninth century to Muslim parents. She was also the sister of Sts. Adolphus and John, who were martyred at Cordova. Aurea became a Christian after her husband died, and took the veil at a monastery in Cudeclara, Spain, where she remained for more than twenty years. Aurea was ultimately denounced as a Christian by her parents to religious specialists and she received a

martyr's crown in 856 by beheading for converting to the faith.

### **St. Apollinaris - July 20**

Early accounts report that Saint Apollinaris came to Rome from Antioch with St. Peter, by whom he was consecrated bishop, and sent to Ravenna to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He converted many to the faith of Christ, for which reason he was seized by the priests of the idols and severely beaten. At his prayer, a nobleman named Boniface, who had long been dumb, recovered the power of speech, and his daughter was delivered from an evil unclean spirit; on this account, a fresh sedition was raised against Apollinaris. He was beaten with rods, and made to walk barefoot over burning coals; but as the fire did him no injury, he was driven from the city, and then went to Aemilia where he raised from the dead the daughter of Rufinus, a patrician, whose entire family thereupon believed in Jesus Christ. The prefect was greatly angered by this conversion, and sending for Apollinaris he commanded him to give up propagating the faith of Christ in the city. But Apollinaris paid no attention to his commands and was tortured on the rack. Boiling water was poured upon his wounds, and his mouth was bruised and broken with a stone; finally, he was loaded with irons, and shut up in prison. Four days afterward he was put on board a ship and sent into exile; but the boat was wrecked, and Apollinaris arrived in Mysia, whence he passed to the banks of the Danube and into Thrace. In the temple of Serapis the demon refused to utter his oracles. He returned to Ravenna; but on the accusation of the same priests of the idols, he was placed in the custody of a centurion. As this centurion, however, worshipped Christ in secret, Apollinaris was allowed to escape by night. When this became known, he was pursued and overtaken by the guards, who beat and left him for dead. He was carried away by the Christians, and seven days after, while exhorting them to constancy in the faith, he passed away. His body was buried near the city walls.

### **St. Margaret of Antioch - July 20**

She was a virgin martyr of the third century. During the reign (284-305) of the Roman emperor Diocletian, Margaret allegedly refused marriage with the prefect Olybrius at Antioch and was consequently beheaded after undergoing extravagant trials and tortures. Her designation as patron saint of expectant mothers (particularly in difficult labor) and her emblem, a dragon, are based on one of her trials: Satan, disguised as a dragon, swallowed Margaret; but, his stomach, however, soon rejected her and opened and let her out unharmed. Her veneration spread from the East to the West at the time of the Crusades. She is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers.

### **St. Lawrence of Brindisi - July 21**

He was the first Capuchin Franciscan to be honored as a Doctor. He was born in 1559 at Brindisi, a town located on the Adriatic coast of the heel of Italy. Educated from his youth by the Conventual Franciscan Friars, he acquired great facility in languages and is considered the greatest linguist among the Doctors of the Church. He was ordained at age 23. His fields of labor were many: army chaplain, diplomat, leader of the Counter-Reformation in Austria and Bohemia, a teacher of Sacred Scripture, an exegete, and a mariologist. St. Lawrence offers priests a wonderful model for their studies and preaching. He was canonized in 1881 by Leo XIII.

### **St. Mary Magdalene - July 22**

The feast of Saint Mary Magdalene is considered one of the most mystical of feasts, and it is said that of all the songs of the saints, that of Mary Magdalene is the sweetest and strongest because her love was so great. That love was praised by Jesus Himself who said that because much was forgiven her, she loved much. She was buried in Ephesus where she went with Saint John after the Resurrection, and Saint Willibald, the English pilgrim to the Holy Land in the eighth century, was shown her tomb there. She was the first recorded witness to the resurrection of Jesus. She stood with Mary at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday afternoon and had been by the side of Mary during these difficult hours. Then, on Easter morning, she went with the other women to the tomb and it was there, that Jesus appeared to her. It was she who brought the news of the Resurrection to the Apostles. Mary was from Magdala, a small fishing town on the Sea of Galilee. She was known to be a "great sinner," who heard Jesus speak of the mercy and forgiveness of God and changed her life completely. Her witness to the Resurrection moved Peter and John to go and see for themselves: "I have seen the Lord and these things he said to me." Jesus had chosen her to bring the news to them and she simply told them what had happened. She has always been the example of great love and great forgiveness, one of those

close to Jesus who grasped the truth of God's love for human beings and spent her life bearing witness to that love. In 2016, the liturgical celebration honoring St. Mary Magdalene was raised from a memorial to a feast, commemorating the "apostle of the apostles" with a liturgical feast, the same celebration as most of the apostles (except for Peter and Paul).

### **St. Bridget - July 23**

Patron saint of Sweden, St. Bridget married a young prince and lived happily with him for 28 years, bearing him eight children. St. Catherine of Sweden was their daughter. After her husband died, Bridget founded the Order of the Most Holy Savior, erecting at Vadstena a double monastery for monks and nuns. Following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, she later went to Rome, where she worked for the return of the Popes from Avignon. She died of natural causes in 1373, at the age of seventy-one. This Nordic mystic is famous for her Revelations concerning the sufferings of our Redeemer. She is one of the six patron saints of Europe.

**IMPORTANT PARISH CARNIVAL MEETINGS** in the Rectory Meeting Room on **Sunday, July 17** after the **Noon** Mass.

**RAFFLE ITEMS AND FLEA MARKET ITEMS NEEDED** for the upcoming Parish Carnival, which will take place **August 11-21**. We will have our usual raffle of many different items, and we are looking for donations of good and new items for it. We will also have a flea market there because there are so many people who attend it. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the rectory and let us know if they are for the raffle or flea market.

**ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL** takes place this weekend at all Masses. The Mission Appeal this year is for the Catholic Diocese of Ondo in Nigeria. We also pray for the 40 parishioners of Saint Francis Xavier Church in Ondo who were murdered by terrorists on Pentecost, and we ask for your kind generosity in the Mission Appeal collection. **Due to Today's Mission Appeal**, the School collection envelopes can be put in next week along with next weekend's Summer Maintenance Collection.

**NEW MISSALETES** for August 7 are in and are available for purchase for \$2 in the rectory.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help live-stream the English and Spanish Masses. We will train. Call the rectory for information.

**DO YOU WANT TO BE A CATECHIST THIS YEAR?** Free catechist training classes this summer. See Fr. Richard for more information on how you can teach religious education classes.

**BIBLE STUDY** on St. Luke is held every **Tuesday at 1PM** and **7:30PM** and **Sunday at 11:15AM** in the Green Building.

**ENGLISH PRAYER GROUP** meets virtually **Sat. at 1:30PM**.

**SPANISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meets on every **Monday at 7:30PM** in the church following the **7PM** Mass.

**LEGION OF MARY** meets every **Sat at 1PM** in the Rectory. They will next pray a public rosary in front of the church with music on **Sat., July 30 at 1PM**. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** is also prayed in English every **Saturday at 1:30PM** virtually and every **Monday** in Spanish in the church at **7:30PM**.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND**-Contact the rectory at **718-892-3232** if you would like the Holy Eucharist brought to your home, or you may bring a pyx to Mass for it.

**CHILD BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES** in **English and Spanish** every **Thursday at 7pm**. You must telephone the rectory for an appointment and bring the necessary documents.

**ST. HELENA FOOD PANTRY** is open every **Wednesday at 12PM** at the Westchester Ave entrance to the Green Building. Food donations are always welcome. People are in great need.

**BREAST CANCER SCREENING** Mammography Van in front of St. Helena on **Sun., Sept. 25 from 9AM-4:30PM**. Call the rectory to reserve a time slot. Any woman in NYC 49+ can apply.



**ST HELENA SCHOOL** has seats open for September 2022 enrollment of Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4. Please go to [mySchools.nyc](http://mySchools.nyc) for more info and to sign up. The St. Helena code is **XADQ**.

**ST. HELENA HOLY LAND TOUR**-Fr. David will lead an 11-day pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan from **October 21-31, 2022**. Renew your own wedding vows in Cana, the town of Jesus' first miracle. We will all renew our own Baptismal vows at the sacred Jordan River, and of course, we will have daily Mass. We will also visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Nazareth, Capernaum, Petra, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Carmel, Qumran, Tiberias, the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee, and so much more. We will stay at five different four-star hotels. The cost is \$4,300 per person from JFK. This is the opportunity of a lifetime. A \$500 deposit is required. Call the rectory at **718-892-3232** for a brochure and to reserve your spot. Also, invite all your friends because the trip is open to people from outside the parish.



**PARISH SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM at Month 7** Thank you for praying for me. I am 7 months old now, and I am growing every day, I'm between 14 and 17 inches long and weigh about 4 1/2 pounds. I move around a lot but it's getting crowded in here! Sometimes I even get the hiccups!

**VIEW ON FORMED**-Good, solid Catholic Information is so very important. Everyone here at St. Helena's has a free parish subscription at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). Just click the icon and join as a parishioner. Friday is the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene. Watch: Easter in Art: *Mary Magdalene*, FORMED Daily: *Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene*, or Via Lucis- Station 3: *The Risen Lord Appears to Mary Magdalene*. Listen to: *Three Women and the Lord*.

**PARKCHESTER FARMER'S MARKET** at the intersection of White Plains & Westchester Avenue every **Friday, 8AM-4PM**.

**POPE FRANCIS** has appointed three women (two religious sisters and one consecrated virgin) to the Dicastery for Bishops, giving women a direct role for the first time in the body that selects candidates to become bishops.

**THE BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL I** will take place on **September 4**, the Vatican has announced.

**FIFTH LARGEST RELIGIOUS ORDER**-With the ordination of 17 men to the priesthood this summer, the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX) now claims to be "the fifth-largest religious congregation of ordained priests among its professed members," with over 700 priests. It is an international fraternity founded in 1970.

**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID**-If you are interested in being trained for Adult Mental Health First Aid and available **July 23rd** from **10am- 3pm** please fill out the pre-registration form by clicking this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QQ7M95X>.

**ONLINE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES IN THEOLOGY THROUGH SAINT JOSEPH'S SEMINARY**-Take classes In-person or online and expand your understanding of the Catholic Faith; Affordable tuition; Faithful to the Magisterium; More info: [www.dunwoodie.edu](http://www.dunwoodie.edu). Contact: [sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu](mailto:sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu)

**FREE HEALTHY FOOD** is given out every **Tuesday** at **1PM** at 1990 McGraw Ave. Text Essen to 726879 to pre-register.

**IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID** and are looking for treatment, call **212-268-4319 #9**.

**WANTED**-An apartment to share in the Parkchester area. Call Sosthene at **347-623-9204** if you know of anything available.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA)** meet every **Saturday** at **11AM** in the Calasanz Room. Peer support is so important.

**VIRTUAL AL-ANON MEETINGS**-meet every **Saturday** at **9AM**. Call in at **667-770-1448**, and the access code is: **178602**.

**AA BIG BOOK** in-person meetings have resumed at **7PM** in the Green Building on **Saturdays**. The virtual Zoom Meeting Code is **84360210329** and the password is **dasolution**.

## 50 AÑOS DE SACERDOCIO

El jueves 21 de julio, el Rvdo. Jesús Negro, Sch.P. celebrará sus bodas de oro sacerdotales como sacerdote escolapio en la misa en español concelebrada de las 7 de la tarde. P. Jesús Negro nació en 1946 en el pequeño pueblo de Bello, de la provincia de Teruel, España. Fue el primero de once hermanos, dos ya fallecidos y tres sacerdotes escolapios.

Entró en los Escolapios en septiembre de 1957 en Zaragoza y comenzó en el noviciado en 1961, haciendo su profesión simple el 15 de agosto de 1962. Hizo los votos solemnes el 6 de enero de 1970, y fue ordenado sacerdote el 21 de julio de 1972 por un obispo agustino, el reverendo Ramón González, obispo de la Amazonia Peruana, lo que tal vez presagiaba su futuro ministerio en Sudamérica. Durante los dos años siguientes atendió a los postulantes y luego pasó los nueve años siguientes enseñando tercer grado en Zaragoza y Alcañiz. Luego fue enviado a Argentina, donde atendió a los postulantes durante dos años y pasó los siguientes tres años enseñando religión y sirviendo como capellán escolar en el Colegio de los Escolapios de Rosario. A continuación fue enviado a la India, de 1996 a 2004, donde volvió a atender a los postulantes. Recuerda especialmente haber pasado un año trabajando con el P. Alfaro como misionero en la selva del norte de la India. Luego regresó a Argentina, y durante los siguientes cinco años enseñó religión. Fue trasladado a Peralta de la Sal, en España, que es la cuna de San José de Calasanz, y allí ejerció de párroco. A continuación, fue enviado a Bolivia durante cuatro años, trabajando en un internado escolapio, donde los alumnos se alojan durante la semana porque el colegio escolapio al que asisten está demasiado lejos de sus pueblos para que puedan desplazarse diariamente. Volvió a Peralta un año más y, a finales de 2017, fue enviado a Puerto Rico, donde ejerció como párroco de la parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Carmen en Ponce. Finalmente, en 2020, fue asignado a Santa Elena para atender a los feligreses hispanos.

El P. Jesús disfruta de la gran diversidad ministerial que ha experimentado en su vida, pero especialmente disfrutaba enseñando a niños de primaria, en el espíritu de San José de Calasanz. Espera que algún día algún niño decida hacerse escolapio gracias a él, y, quién sabe, quizás alguno ya lo haya hecho.

**EDUCACIÓN CÍVICA PARA LA ALIMENTACIÓN**-Este es un programa para personas de bajos ingresos que viven en el Bronx. En el marco de este programa, una persona asistirá a una hora y media de clase un domingo, a partir de finales de julio.

Después de la clase, cada participante recibirá alimentos gratis. Las clases son sesiones informativas de educación cívica diseñadas en la CUNY con el fin de aumentar la comprensión del sistema político estadounidense y aumentar la participación electoral de las personas de bajos ingresos que viven en Nueva York. En cada sesión se inscribirán entre 25 y 50 personas cada tres meses. Para inscribirse en la primera sesión, que comienza a finales de julio aquí en Santa Elena en el Edificio Verde, llame al **347-649-4253** o envíe un correo electrónico a: [archerkentbloodcenter@gmail.com](mailto:archerkentbloodcenter@gmail.com)

**SE NECESITAN TRADUCTORES VOLUNTARIOS**-El programa de Educación Cívica para la Alimentación sólo se ofrece en inglés, pero creemos que muchos miembros de la comunidad española estarían interesados en el programa. Por lo tanto, estamos buscando voluntarios que traduzcan la parte de la clase al español para ellos. Quizás dos personas podrían traducir durante 45 minutos cada una. Si usted está interesado, por favor llame a la rectoría al **718-892-3232**.

**LAS FAMILIAS DEBEN SER EL CENTRO DE ATENCIÓN** Ayudar a las familias a rezar en todo el mundo es oportuno, necesario y se encuentra entre las obras de misericordia y compasión más valiosas que se llevan a cabo en cualquier parte

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

del mundo. Es oportuno porque la masacre de inocentes en nuestras escuelas continúa sin cesar. Es necesaria porque estos asesinatos en serie no se producen en el vacío. Y por último, después de cada nuevo ataque a nuestros jóvenes inocentes, y a otros, escuchamos las mismas peticiones frenéticas, ruidosas y furiosas para que se actúe.

Mientras la gente y los políticos luchan por encontrar una solución práctica a esta prolongada tragedia nacional, todos necesitan buscar dentro de sus almas para encontrar un camino espiritual hacia adelante, y ese camino debe comenzar con la familia para que podamos proporcionarles la esperanza necesaria para despertar a la nación de esta pesadilla de décadas.

"La familia que reza unida permanece unida" es una frase familiar que resuena en millones de familias de todos los credos en todos los continentes. Captura y condensa en pocas palabras la promesa cuyo tiempo, verdad y relevancia han cerrado el círculo. En el Encuentro Mundial de las Familias de 2015 en Filadelfia, el Papa Francisco llamó a la familia "Obra maestra de Dios". La familia es el mayor tesoro de la tierra. En ella nacen, se alimentan y se cuidan en el amor la vida, el propósito, el significado, el valor y todas las relaciones humanas. Este año, el Encuentro Mundial de las Familias se celebró en Roma con un enfoque en la familia como el bloque de construcción fundamental de la sociedad civil y la Iglesia. Para reconstruir una sociedad civil sana, familia por familia, necesitamos el compromiso activo de las iglesias, sinagogas, mezquitas, templos y la amistad de todas las personas de buena voluntad. Los creyentes pueden animarse con este sabio consejo tan repetido: "Se hacen más cosas con la oración de las que este mundo sueña". Con respeto a los no creyentes, los incluimos en nuestra sincera preocupación, ya que ellos también aman a sus familias y abrazan el bien que crean y sostienen los lazos familiares. La lucha por construir una comunidad amada, familia por familia, llevará décadas de hombres, mujeres y niños creciendo juntos en amor, unidad y paz. Nuestro mundo necesita héroes del siglo XXI que recen diaria y devotamente como familias para las familias. Hacerlo ayudará a desencadenar para la lucha la fuerza más poderosa en el cielo o en la tierra. La familia, fortalecida por la oración, ofrece la mejor esperanza, el único camino verdadero y sostenible, para salir del actual pantano de violencia y desesperanza. La oración humilla el corazón humano, abre el espíritu a la verdad fundamental de que todas las personas, sin distinción, son miembros de la familia más antigua y más

inclusiva de todas, la familia humana. Y, por último, ¡la oración nunca conoce la derrota!

*St. Helena Congratulates  
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## Mass Intentions

### July 17 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00** In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted to Alessandra Savino  
**10:00 S** +Carlos Fontanez  
**12:00 (Sp)** +Maria del Carmen Valladares; +Gertrudis Rosa and Gertrudis Centeno; +Eduardo Nieves  
**5:00** +Felicitia Fontanez  
**6:30 (Fr)** +Margaret Bongyii & Raphael Mbinkar

### July 18 – Monday — St. Camillus de Lellis

**6:30\*** Intentions for Joanne Savino's Eye Exam in September  
**8:30 S** +José Rivera; +James and Peaid Crastos  
**12:15** +Michael Guido-Happy Birthday in Heaven  
**7:00 (Sp)** +William Ortiz and Ada Rodriguez

### July 19 – Tuesday — St. Aurea

**6:30\*** In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted to J. Savino  
**8:30 S** In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
**12:15** In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted to Therese Diallo

### July 20 – Wednesday— St. Apollinaris and St. Margaret

**6:30** For Suzanne Piscitelli's Eyes: That Her Optic Nerves be Thickened and Sufficient Ocular Hydration Provided  
**8:30 S** +Rosa Peña  
**12:15** In Thanksgiving to St. Jude

### July 21 – Thursday — St. Lawrence of Brindisi

**6:30** In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted to S. Piscitelli  
**8:30** +Catherine Carolan  
**12:15** Floyd Bushell and Family Intentions

### July 22 – Friday—St. Mary Magdalene

**6:30** Divine Justice for the Gang Rapes of Women in Sudan  
**8:30 S** +Luciana Coronel-Talavera  
**12:15** +Luis Capellan  
**7:00 (Sp)** +Lorenzo Fuentes; +Fr. Fabian Lopez, Fr. Tadeo Sapio, Cirilo Luciano, Sr. and Intentions for Cirilo Luciano, Jr.

### July 23 – Saturday— St. Bridget

**6:30** St. Helena Prayer Guild  
**8:30 S** In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted to Women in Sudan  
**12:15** +Ralph A. Cerbone, Jr.  
**5:30** In Honor of Mother Mary

### July 24 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00** Joan Millar-Health Intentions  
**10:00 S** +Isabelo Fontanez  
**12:00 (Sp)** +Maria del Carmen Valladares  
**5:00** For Brenda and Scott Van de Weghe: That They Understand the Need to be Reconciled to God & to Practice Their Faith  
**6:30(Fr)** +Margaret Bongyii & Raphael Mbinkar

*Names only said in Prayer of the Faithful are in Italics  
\*not a public Mass; +=deceased; S=Mass is live-streamed*

### Readings for the week of July 17, 2022

**Sun:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42; **Mon:** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42; **Tues:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8//Mt 12:46-50; **Wed:** Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9; **Thurs:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17; **Fri:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18; **Sat:** Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30; **Next Sun:** Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-1

