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Confessions by Appointment

Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Rectory (Fr. David's Home):
3323 86th Street, Lubbock, TX 79423

May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTION:

Saturday, May 20:

For the People of SJTB

Sunday, May 21:

Arturo Cortez (ER)

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading:

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm:

"Let all the earth cry out to God
with joy."
(Psalm 66)

Second Reading:

1 Peter 3: 15-18

Gospel Acclamation:

"I will give you another Advocate,
the Spirit of truth."

Gospel:

John 14: 15-21



**Congratulations
to our Graduates!**

Coronado High School

Juan Esteban Zuniga

Lubbock High School

Daphanie Valdez

Bailee Alonzo

Brianna Hernandez

Alex Bonner

Cruzita Luna

Lubbock Cooper High School

Adrian Robert Cabanas

Xavier Gonzales

Victoria Danielle Ybanez

Monterey High School

Annabelle Garduno

Monterey High School

Mariah Leal

Covenant School of Nursing

Briana Magallanes

Lubbock Christian University

Sonya Diaz

Texas Tech University

Brittany Rodriguez

Nicole Sarabia

Robert Joseph Esquivel

Texas Tech HSC

Brian Rodriguez

**Catholic Charities Annual
Night to Remember 'Luau'**

June 4, 2017.

McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center
(17th & University)

Beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Admission is \$125.00 for two.

For more information, please call
Cynthia Quintanilla at 806-765-
8475 ext 125 or email questions to
cynthiaq@cclubbock.org



Save the Dates:

Blood Drive:

June 17

Summer Faith Fest:

July 17, 18, 19

**Diocesan Catholic
Appeal**

Thank you to all who have
generously filled out a
commitment form for the
Diocesan Catholic Appeal.
Take Lord, Receive

PRAYER INTENTION LIST

Week of May 21, 2017

Healing & Good Health

- Ann Race -Chris Oyervidez
- Robert Ruiz -Johnny Berumen
- Andrea Garcia -Mary Salazar
- Lydia Mecalco -Erica Perez
- Adam Guzman -Sally Frausto
- Nancy Lee -Miranda Esquibel
- Martina Rodriguez -Jason Mata
- Cruz Delgado -Danny Chavez
- Charlotte Amato
- Stephen Locascio
- Robert Nombrano
- Phillip Nombrano
- Sammy Velasquez
- Angela Rodriguez
- Students & Staff of O.L. Slaton
- John Michael Gamboa

General

- Anna Esquibel
- April Sanchez & Family
- Jacob Sanchez & Family
- Johnny Ortiz & Family
- Gonzalez Family
- Suzanne & Damon McCall
- Analie Magallanes
- Belinda Magallanes
- Michelle Olivares
- Tessa Aguilar
- Evangeline Jimenez

Eternal Rest

- Charley Wesson
- Gagne "Kris" Kastiauseu
- All the faithful departed +

New Victim's Assistance Coordinator

is available to help you or anyone who has been a victim of child abuse. We will listen to your needs and support you. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

Contact Oscar Reyes

806-543-9178

oreyes_lubbock@yahoo.com

Celebrate the Holy Spirit

Do you remember to ask the Holy Spirit for guidance, strength, comfort, gifts for service, love, peace, power, and self-control every day? I often say to people, "Don't go anywhere without your divine companion, advocate, friend, counselor, the Holy Spirit; and certainly do not make any decisions without consulting the Spirit; and do not depend only on your own human love, power and wisdom without seeking the divine love, power and wisdom available through the Spirit."

We tend to have a wrong way of thinking that Jesus died for our sins; gave us teachings about the way we should live; and then he said, "Go and do your best." *No!* This is not the full message of Jesus' teaching. We cannot fully live Jesus' call without the Holy Spirit. We often do not understand the fulfillment of Jesus' mission only comes with the sending of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the Christ (Messiah, anointed one-by the Spirit) who makes it possible for all of his followers to be anointed missionaries who are led and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Often, we have not come to realize fully the importance of the Holy Spirit. If we are having trouble with our breathing, we do not have much energy. If we are not receiving the "breath of God," the Holy Spirit, we do not have the spiritual energy that we need for our lives.

The Holy Spirit is described in the Scriptures as breath, wind, living water, power, fire, etc. We become enlivened, enlightened and enthusiastic (*en Theo* means "in God", God in us) through the presence of the Spirit within us.

Jesus said, "ask, seek and knock" for God's gifts, especially the Holy Spirit (Lk 11:9-13). Jesus said it was better that he leaves his apostles, because only then could he send the advocate, the Holy Spirit (Jn 16:7-15). *Wow!* The Holy Spirit is even more important than having Jesus with us physically. As a child, I often thought how great it would be to have Jesus live in our day, but I did not realize Jesus can be fully alive for us through our experience of the Holy Spirit.

After Jesus' resurrection before ascending to heaven, Jesus told his followers not to go out yet. He said to wait, and pray, until they received "Power from on High," the Holy Spirit (Lk 24: 49; Acts 1:4-5,8). The Holy Spirit continues and completes Jesus' mission. The presence, truth and the power of Jesus are manifested through us by the Holy Spirit.

For your own sake, the sake of the Church and world, and the sake of those far from Jesus, let us seek to understand and trust in the Spirit more consciously, and consistently, in our daily lives. Let us call on our advocate daily, and not go anywhere without the Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

- BY FATHER BOB HOGAN, BBD