



Saint Dominic Catholic Community

*God's Call to Build:
Our Bridge To The Future*
**Dios Nos ha Llamado a Construir:
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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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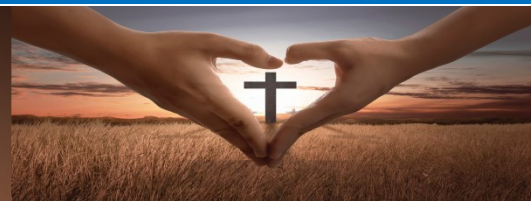
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Asst. - Jocelyn Vera - English

From the first week of
September through the
last week of May

SIXTH SUNDAY OF

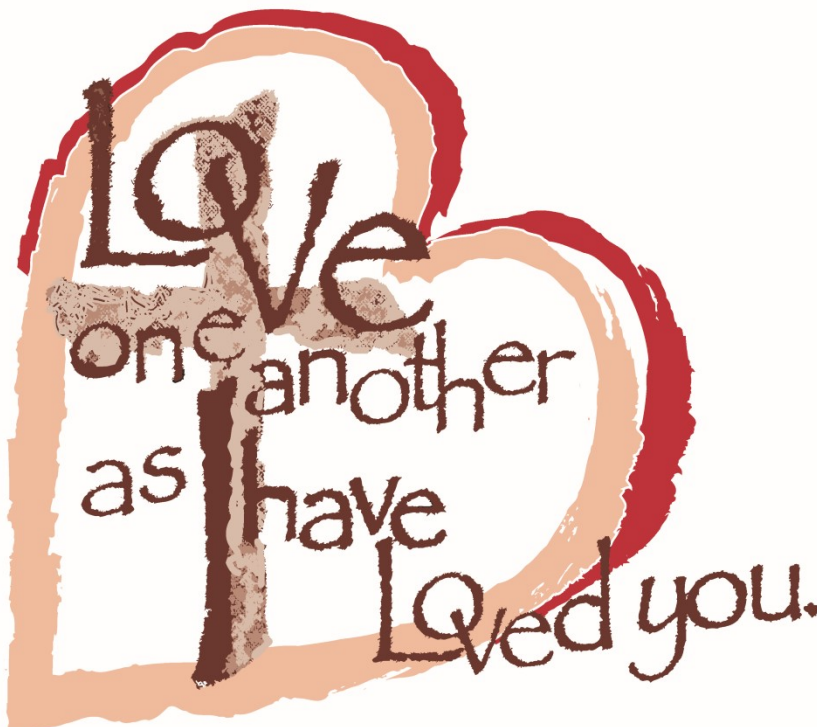
Easter

MAY 6, 2018



No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13



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Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St. Dominic, Houston, TX, a multi-cultured community, joined together by faith in Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church, commit ourselves to help each other grow in the understanding of our faith, celebrate this faith in Liturgy and live it out by using the gifts of each person in the service of others, especially those in need, so that in the end, we may become truly a community of faith: truly the people of God and be of service to all!

Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday -English 8:15 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - **English** 8:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.

Español 9:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m. English

Wednesday 7:00 pm English

Liturgy of the Hours:

Morning Prayer: Sunday - Saturday 7:30 a.m.

Evening Prayer: Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

& Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Devotions: Rosary of the Virgin Mary:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting: Spanish - Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Novena to the Sacred Heart:

During the Friday morning Holy Mass

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

After Wednesday Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Weekly Holy Hour:

Thursday 8:30 -9:30 a.m.

First Friday -9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Sacrament:

Wednesday 6:00 - 6:45 pm Saturday-5:00-5:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents & Sponsors please register one week in advance.

English Baptism Class: First Tuesday & Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

English Baptism Celebration:

Third Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Clase Pre Bautismal:

Primer Martes y Jueves del mes a las 7:00 p.m.

Bautismos Español:

Segundo Sábado del mes al las 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Marriage – Quinceañera Celebrations

Call the Parish office 6 months in advance to schedule appointment with priest.

Sacrament of the anointing of the sick

Please call the parish office to make arrangements for communion to be brought to your home or to the hospital.

Parish Registration

If you are new to the parish, please register at the office.

Monday –Friday 8:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.

Pre -Baptismal Registration

Must register in the parish office,

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am –3:30 pm a week prior to the class.

Bring child's birth certificate; required to register

Sponsors if married must be married by the Catholic Church and marriage certificate required.

If single they must be at least 16, and bring copy of their Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation

Parents and godparents must attend two pre-baptismal classes held 1st Tuesday & Thursday of the month at 7:00 - 9:30 pm.

Donation for class is \$75.00

Baptism celebration 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am

Child being baptized can not be older than 7 yrs. Old.

Children 7 years and older must be prepared through the parish Catechism Program. (Guidelines of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston)

Información Pre- Bautismal - Pase a la oficina parroquial Lunes –Viernes, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm una semana antes de la clase. Es requerido presentar la acta de nacimiento del niño/a quien van a bautizar.

Padrinos Si están casados

deben estar casados por la iglesia Católica es requerido presentar la acta de matrimonio.

Si son solteros, deben tener por lo menos 16 años y presentar su acta de Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación.

Papas y Padrinos tienen que asistir a dos pláticas pre-bautismales el primer martes y jueves del mes de 7:00-9:30 pm. **Donación** para la platica: \$75.00

Bautismos el segundo Sábado del mes a las 9:00 am

Niños sin bautizar no deben ser mayores de 7 años de edad.

Niños deben recibir catecismo en el programa de la parroquia. (Guías de Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston)

Presentación de Tres Años

Cuarto domingo del mes durante la misa de 1:00 p.m.

Pasa a la oficina y presente acta de bautismo para registrase

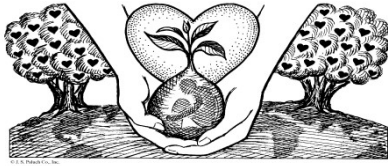
Sacrament of Marriage: Register at least 6 months in advance; drop by the office and fill out form and be ready to meet the pastor; Pick up wedding information check-list.

Quinceañera Celebrations: The family must be registered in the parish for a period of three (3) months prior to the date of the first preparation session. The candidate should register for her/his Quince Años ceremony on or before her/his 14th birthday. The candidate must have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and must have received First Eucharist prior to the time of the ceremony. If the honoree has not received the Sacrament of Communion, she/he should be enrolled to prepare to receive the sacrament before the Quince Años ceremony. The candidate must attend and complete preparation sessions with the coordinator and must join our parish youth program. Pick up Quinceañera information check-list.

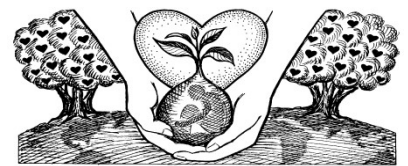
Pray For The Sick

Bobbie Anderson Vitaliana Nisnisan
Georgia Malonson Neal Valk
Glice Ligason
Mervin Auzenne
Joe Lozoya
Eola Corbello
Lynn Doane
Erica Taylor
Doreen Whitmeer
Elma Revelo
Gretchen King
Laura Rucka
Noito Valdehueva





From The Pastor



Dear Friends in St. Dominic

One of the defining aspects of being Catholic is devotion to Mary. The month of MAY is a month dedicated to Mary, our mother, queen of heaven and earth! Highlight of our May celebration is the crowning of Mary, thus recognizing her truly as queen of heaven and earth.

This Sunday's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. This Sunday's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others. When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude. Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he

Sincerely yours in Christ
Rev. Roger Estorque



Queridos Amigos en San Dominic,

Uno de los aspectos definitorios de ser católico es la devoción a María. ¡El mes de MAYO es un mes dedicado a María, nuestra madre, reina del cielo y de la tierra! Lo más destacado de nuestra celebración de mayo es la coronación de María, reconociéndola así verdaderamente como reina del cielo y la tierra.

El Evangelio de este domingo sigue inmediatamente después del Evangelio proclamado la semana pasada, en el que Jesús enseñó que él era la viña y que sus discípulos eran las ramas. En el ejemplo de la viña y las ramas, aprendimos que nuestra unión con Jesús conducirá a un servicio fructífero. La lectura de este domingo extiende esta enseñanza a describir el tipo de servicio que los cristianos están llamados a ofrecer a los demás. Cuando Juan escribió este Evangelio, su comunidad fue influenciada por un conjunto de creencias religiosas llamadas Gnosticismo. Parece que una de las intenciones de Juan fue distinguir las creencias cristianas de las creencias de los gnósticos. La evidencia de esto se puede encontrar en el Evangelio de hoy.

Uno de los principios de la enseñanza gnóstica era la importancia del conocimiento, o *gnosis*, como el aspecto determinante de la fe. Leemos el Evangelio de hoy como una respuesta a esta enseñanza. En el Evangelio de Juan, escuchamos a Jesús afirmar que es conocido por el Padre y que sus discípulos conocerán al Padre al conocer a Jesús. En este pasaje, sin embargo, Jesús les recuerda a sus discípulos que este conocimiento debe expresarse en amor. Aquellos que conocen bien a Jesús, y Jesús dice que sus discípulos sí lo conocen, se amarán unos a otros. El conocimiento conduce al amor, lo que conduce a la acción. John le recuerda a su comunidad que Jesús enseñó que el amor es el signo de un verdadero discípulo y, por lo tanto, un verdadero cristiano. Aún más, un verdadero discípulo muestra un tipo particular de amor, amor sacrificial.

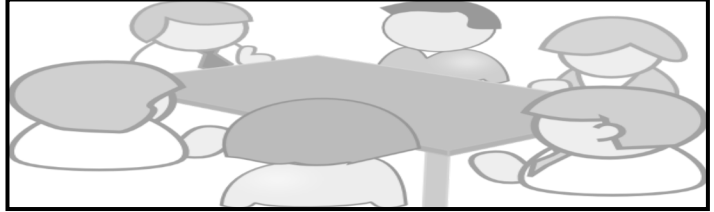
En griego, hay dos palabras para el amor que se usan en este paso. El primero es *ágape*. El segundo es *philia*. La primera palabra se usa con más frecuencia para describir el amor por otras personas y por Dios. Se entiende como el tipo de amor más elevado y más perfecto. La segunda palabra se usa para describir el afecto de la amistad. En este contexto, John parece usar estas palabras como sinónimos. La raíz de la palabra griega para amigo proviene de este segundo término para el amor, *philia*. Al usar esta palabra, Jesús transforma los términos de su relación con sus discípulos y redefine para ellos su relación con Dios. En las Escrituras hebreas, la fe en Dios lo hizo a uno un siervo de Dios.

Aquí Jesús enseña que su relación con sus discípulos se basa en la amistad, no en la servidumbre. Otro aspecto de la creencia gnóstica enseñó que un creyente era una persona elegida, elegida y apartada del mundo. John le recuerda a su comunidad que Jesús también enseñó que el discípulo es uno que ha sido elegido, uno que ha sido elegido por Jesús. Sin embargo, ser elegido por Jesús no debe separarse del mundo. En cambio, ser elegido por Jesús debe ser enviado para servir al mundo como lo hizo. Los discípulos de Jesús fueron elegidos y enviados al mundo para dar fruto al servir a los demás, sacrificándose por los demás, con amor. En el contexto del Evangelio de Juan, estas palabras se pronuncian antes de Jesús Crucifixión. Leemos sus instrucciones para los discípulos a la luz de su muerte y Resurrección. Sabemos que el mismo Jesús nos da el mejor ejemplo del tipo de amor y servicio que él

¡Atentamente suyo en Cristo
Rev. Roger Estorque



Mass Intentions



Saturday	May 5th
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
6:00 pm	† All Souls/Difuntos
Sunday	May 6th
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
9:30 am	† Amanda Trejo Martinez/Familia
	† Luis Futiño/Familia Fortuño
11:15 am	† Juvenal Garcia /Ernesto Saldaña
1:00 pm	† Jose Luz Hernandez/Martha Sierra
	† Elman Melgar/Ingrid Perez
Monday	May 7th
8:00 am	Health-Antoniell Maldonado/Lucia Soto
Tuesday	May 8th
8:00 am	† Josefina Gonzalez /Laura Zubiete
Wednesday	May 9th
7:00 pm	† All Souls/Difuntos
Thursday	May 10th The Ascension of the Lord
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
7:00 pm	Asamblea de Oración
Friday	May 11th
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
Saturday	May 12th
	<i>Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Panc</i>
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
6:00 pm	† All Souls/Difuntos

Monday	May 7th
6:00 pm	Pastoral Meeting
Tuesday	May 8th
5:30 pm	Coro Angeles de Dios/Mr. Tello
5:30 pm	Legion de Maria-Spanish
6:45 pm	RCIC, RCIT –English & Español
7:00 pm	RCIA– English & Español
7:00 pm	Oración y Vida– Jurek Hall
Wednesday	May 9th
6:45 pm	Confirmation I & II
7:00 pm	Formación de Asamblea
Thursday	May 10th
5:30 pm	Legion of Mary-English
7:00 pm	Youth Group
Friday	May 11th
5:30 pm	OEC Formación de Padres
5:45 pm	1st Communion English & Español
Saturday	May 12th
9:00 am	Bautismos en Español
10:00 am	English -1st Communion
4:30 pm	Ensayo de 1 ^o Comunión

READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
May 7th	Gospel: Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
May 8th	Gospel: Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
May 9th	Gospel: Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
May 10th	Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20
	(for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4;
	Gospel: Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7;
May 11th	Gospel: Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;
May 12th	Gospel: Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1
May 13th	Gospel: Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19;
	or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
	Eph 1:17- 23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

Yearly Budget
\$332,500.00



Weekly Budget
\$6,694.23

4/29/2018	1st	2nd
6:00 pm	\$1,181.10	\$ 151.34
8:00 am	\$1,131.51	\$ 208.00
9:30 am	\$1,188.77	\$ 364.51
11:15 am	\$1,216.00	\$ 149.00
1:00 pm	\$ 888.63	\$ 290.94
Total	\$5,606.01	\$1,163.79



2018 - GOAL \$34,000.00

Paid:	\$16,115.65
Pledged:	\$27,240.00
Participants:	177
Paid Under:	(\$17,884.35)
Pledge Under:	(\$ 6,760.00)

Eucharistic ADORATION 1st Friday

Holy Hour for Vocations:

on Thursdays: 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.

Next Full Day Adoration : June 1, 2018

8:30am-9:00 p.m. **Jesus asks us, "Can you not spend an hour with me?"** For further information, call Mrs. Gloria Casey @ 713-453-4968

ST. DOMINIC

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list, have a visit, homebound, and receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing. Call the Parish office - 281-458-2910

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Favor de pasar al la oficina por lo menos una semana antes de fecha de intención. No le de su intención a ultima hora al lector. El nombre de intención debe aparecer en el boletín. El boletín es enviado a imprenta en lunes para edición del próximo domingo. La donación por intención son \$10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Please come by the office at least a week prior to date that you want intention mentioned. Please do not give name to lector last minute before intentions are mentioned. Names will appear in the bulletin. Bulletin is sent to press on
Monday of the week
before Sunday edition.
Donation per intention is \$10.00

LA ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

Se reúne cada Jueves a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia. Venga a las alabanzas y charlas de diferentes predicadores



SALONES

El Salón Centro de vida parroquial ya esta listo para alquilar para Bodas, Quinceañeras, Bautizos, Aniversarios, etc. Tenemos tres (3) salones; el grande tiene capacidad para 350 personas e los salones chicos, para 100 y 75 personas. Para mas información por favor, llamar a la oficina parroquial.

Hall Rental

The Parish Life Center is ready to rent for Weddings, Quinceañeras, Baptisms, Anniversaries, etc. We have three (3) halls; Parish Life Center has capacity for 350 people and small halls, for 100 and 75 people. For more information, please call the parish office

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS Leaders & Time

Altar Servers: Mercedes Flores -Spanish

Clem & Cecile Monta English 3rd Saturday 9:00 am.

E. M. of Holy Communion:- Mary LeBlanc -English

E. M. de Eucaristia: Uriel & Lucila Duran

Lectors English: Gale Lamanilao

Lectores Spanish: Rogelio Mendez

Liturgy English Music: Melner Calvo, Sundays 5:00 pm

Liturgia Musica Espanol: Valentin Cobos, Jesus Puente, Elias Tello

Ushers/Greeters English : Antonio Razo, Denise Manzo

Acomodadores Español: Miguel Rodriguez

Offertory Collection Counters: Gloria Casey

Parish Pastoral Council- Juan Hernandez, 1st. Monday 6:00 pm

Parish Finance Council: Hector Hernandez quarterly & as necessary

Baptismal classes- English Melner Calvo, Alex Bozon, Clem Monta

Clases Pre -Bautismales Español Lauro y Veronica Leal,

Rogelio y Reyna Mendez , Valentin y Araceli Cobos

Catholic Daughters Juanita Hernandez, 3rd Tuesday 6:30 pm

Family Ministry- Melner Calvo

Knights of Columbus: Robert Baccigalopi, 1st. Sunday 9:30 am

Legion of Mary- Esmeralda Ramirez, Saturday 9:00 a.m. English

Legion de Maria - Angelita Gonzalez, Martes 7:00 p.m. Español

Facilities Maintenance: Daron Monteilh & Raymond Helfrich

Asamblea De Oración, Jesus & Ma. Dolores Velasquez Jueves 7:00 pm

MFCC St. Dominic: Gerardo y Esmeralda Marroquin

Hispanic Ministry Coordinator: Salvador Manzo

Parish Youth Ministry: Rosana Gonzales Thursday 7:00 pm

Clase Pre-Nupcial : Jose y Silvia Cervantes

Pre-Nuptial Class: English Melner Calvo, Clem Monta, Alex Bozon

Nullity Sponsors: Clem Monta & Alex Bozon

Virtus Facilitator Español: Salvador Manzo

Virtus Facilitator English: Rosana Gonzales

Vocation: Antonio Razo , Denise Manzo

Evangelization: Salvador Manzo

Pro-Life Gabriel Esmeralda Gallegos

Parents Faith Formation:

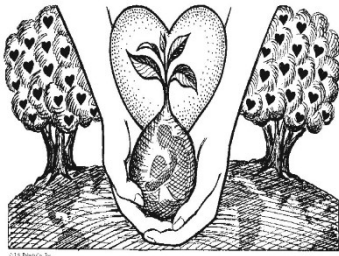
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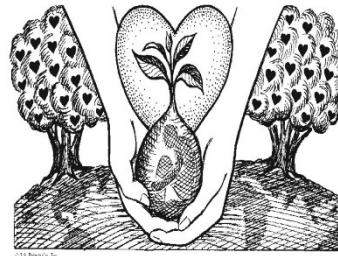
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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018

It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you and appointed you to go
and bear fruit.

— John 15:16



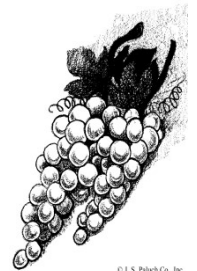
Sexto Domingo de Pascua
6 de mayo de 2018

No son ustedes los que me han elegido,
soy yo quien los ha elegido
y los ha destinado para que vayan y den fruto.

— Juan 15:16

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR OCE PROGRAM
FECHAS IMPORTANTES DE DOCTRINA**

May 5, Saturday 4:30 pm English 1st Communion Rehearsal
May 12, Saturday 10:00 am 1st Communion English
May 12, Saturday 4:30 pm Spanish 1st Communion Rehearsal Spanish
May 19, Saturday 10:00 am 1st Communion Spanish



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm -- The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading -- Let us love one another, because love is of God (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John 4:11-16.

Gospel -- This is my commandment: love one another as I love you (John 15:9-17) or John 17:11b-19.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Mediante las prédicas de Pedro, el Espíritu Santo viene a los gentiles (Hechos 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Salmo -- El Señor revela a las naciones su justicia (Salmo 98 [97]).

Segunda lectura -- Dios es amor y Dios nos ama (1 Juan 4:7-10) o 1 Juan 4:11-16.

Evangelio -- Jesús da este mandamiento a sus discípulos: ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado (Juan 15:9-17) o Juan 17:11b-19.

OEC REGISTRATION
2018-2019
RETURNING STUDENTS
UNTIL – JUNE 15TH

NEW STUDENTS
JUNE 15TH - AUGUST 10TH
NO REGISTRATION ON MONDAYS
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY, FRIDAY
8:30 AM—4:30 PM
OR CALL FOR APPOINTMENT

REGISTRO OEC (DOCTRINA)
2018-2019
ESTUDIANTES QUE REGRESAN
Hasta el - 15 DE JUNIO

NUEVOS ESTUDIANTES
15 DE JUNIO - 10 DE AGOSTO
NO HAY REGISTRACIONES LOS LUNES
MARTES MIÉRCOLES JUEVES VIERNES
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
O LLAME PARA CITA

Sixth Sunday of Easter
It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you and appointed you to
go and bear fruit.
-- John 15:16



Sexto Domingo de Pascua
No son ustedes los que me
han elegido, soy yo quien los
ha elegido y los ha destinado
para que vayan y den fruto.
-- Juan 15:16

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to "love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday's selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God's love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer "shows partiality" to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God's love extends to all people, and so should ours.

ÁMENSE UNOS A OTROS

En el Evangelio para el Sexto Domingo de Pascua nos encontramos con un desafío extraordinario. Jesús nos dice: "ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado" (Juan 15:12). La carta del apóstol san Juan retoma este mandamiento. Por supuesto, debemos amar a nuestros familiares, nuestros colegas, las personas que nos agradan. Pero la Sagrada Escritura aclara que también debemos amar a los que ignoramos, a los que evitamos deliberadamente e incluso a los que nos sentimos tentados de despreciar.

En la selección de los Hechos de los Apóstoles para este domingo, Pedro nos muestra hasta dónde llega el amor de Dios y hasta dónde debe llegar nuestra respuesta de amor. Pedro comprende que Dios ya "no hace distinciones" y no comparte su amor divino exclusivamente con los judíos. Cristo ha revelado que el amor de Dios llega a todas las personas y lo mismo debe hacer el nuestro.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Durante la Última Cena, Jesús dijo a sus apóstoles: "Yo soy la vid, ustedes son los sarmientos" (Juan 15:5). Jesús añade que los sarmientos (ramas) que permanecen en él, dan mucho fruto. Según la agricultura, la vid es una parra, es decir, una planta perenne de ramas frondosas.

Una parte importante de la vid son las hojas. Es obvio que una vid tiene hojas, pero Jesús no las menciona, prefiere enfocarse en los sarmientos. Las partes de la vid son las raíces, tronco, sarmientos, hojas, flores y fruto. Según esta división Jesús sería el tronco, pero él dice ser la vid completa. Esta es una imagen de la unidad que Jesús quiere entre sus seguidores. Recordemos que Jesús celebra la Última Cena con sus discípulos. La comunidad de discípulos unidos a Jesús formamos la vid. Los sarmientos o ramas conducen agua y minerales a las hojas, flores y frutos, y son útiles en tanto estén unidos a la vid. Lo mismo vale de los cristianos, discípulos de Jesús. Son ellos y ellas los que hacen presente y le dan vida a Jesús en el mundo de hoy.

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