

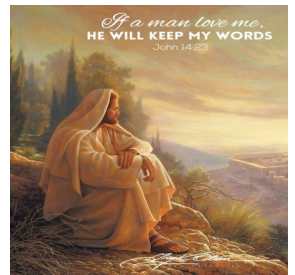


## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2017

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.."

(John 14:23)



### Weekly Mass Intentions

#### SAT. MAY 20, 2017– Easter Weekday

8 a.m. Mother's Day Novena - Dia 7

5 p.m. +Andrea Perez 18th Birthday (Perez-Villarreal Family)

#### SUN. MAY 21, 2017– Sixth Sunday of Easter

8 a.m. +Silvia Isabel Escobedo (ACTS Gloria a Dios)

+ Daniel Villagran (Mr. & Mrs. Leo Garcia)

10 a.m. Mother's Day Novena– Dia 8

12 p.m. +Gerardo Ramos (Family)

+Rosa Campero (Family)

+Francisco Javier Davalos -6th Anniversary (Family)

+Alberto Suarez-1st Anniversary (Family)

+Sylvia Isabel Escobedo Chacon

+Irma L. Palacios (Family)

2 p.m. **FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

4 p.m. +Francisco Campero (Familia)

6 p.m. +Rosa Maria Cuellar (Miles Family)

#### MON. May 22 2017– Saint Rita of Cascia

7 a.m. + Elias Herrera (Familia)

6 p.m. Mother Day Novena– Dia 9

#### TUE. May 23, 2017– Easter Weekday

7 a.m. Father Wojciech Kosowicz Birthday

6 p.m. + Virginia M. Benavides (Hijos)

#### WED. May 24, 2017– Easter Weekday

7 a.m. + Filiberto Martinez (Familia)

6 p.m. + Lupe Medina (Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Salinas)

#### THU. May 25, 2017-The Ascension of the Lord

7 a.m. Por la salud de Liana Benavides (Queta Benavides)

6 p.m. + Tirza Martin Cox (Birthday Club)

#### FRI. May 19, 2017 –Saint Philip Neri, Priest

7 a.m. . Por la salud de Liana Benavides (Queta Benavides)

6 p.m. + Maria Hoagland (Daughters & Grandson)

#### SAT. May 20, 2017– Saint Augustine of Canterbury

8 a.m. Intencion Especial

3 p.m. XV Magaly I. Lopez

5 p.m. + Emilio Marcos (Daughter, Nelly Marcos)

7 p.m. Wedding Viridiana Mercado and Daniel Hermosillo

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term Advocate to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is Paraclete, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

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*"Make Christ's presence a living reality in our lives and in the lives of others."*

## Everyday Stewardship

Q  
A

### What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit?

St. Paul first enumerates these in the Letter to the Galatians. There are twelve of them. They are charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. He explains in chapter 5 the proper use of freedom. The Galatians were divided within the community and the result is a litany of vice and corruption. The law of love had been set aside and in its place greed, selfishness, division and other diseases of the spirit are given free reign. These are the evils that enslave us, denying us the basic freedom we need to live our faith. Freedom is not a license to give in to the baser drives of our being, but rather an ability to choose the higher gifts and the life of faith. It is not a freedom from, but rather a freedom for. We are freed from the slavery of sin for the life of faith. The virtues St. Paul lists are the very ones that we often associate with saints, who live these virtues in extraordinary ways in very ordinary lives. The fruits of the Spirit are the way we measure our growth in holiness and in faith.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes the fruits of the Holy Spirit as perfections that the Spirit forms in us as "the first fruits of eternal glory" (#1832). In other words, these are the virtues that are the result of living our faith and bringing it to perfection.

### Save the Date!

**\*EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS\***  
**RECOLLECTION DAY**  
AUGUST 26TH AT 1 P.M.  
IN ST. PATRICK PARISH HALL

**Challenge & CONQUEST**  
FORGED IN VIRTUE. CALLED TO SERVE.

Registration will be available for those  
already in the ministry and for  
newcomers that wish to join. IG in Rm  
10 on Tuesday, May 24th  
& Wednesday, May 25th  
from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Office Closed**

on

*Monday, May 29th*

*In observance of Memorial Day*

My children could never succeed without their mother and me. That isn't me thinking too much of ourselves, it is just a fact. No one can find success in life in total isolation. I could never have become who I am today without my parents, various teachers and mentors, and my wife. Truth be told, I probably owe a lot of who I am to my children as well.

I can only imagine the fear and concern of the first disciples when it was apparent that Jesus was not going to be with them much longer. Some probably thought since Jesus had risen from the dead, he might just live with them in the same way forever. But Jesus tried to calm their fears by assuring them, "I will not leave you orphans." He said he would continue to come to them and that he would send the Spirit to be with them at all times. They would not have to continue what he had started and preach the good news to the ends of the earth on their own.

We may sometimes feel that we are alone. We may at times try to do too much or show others that we are independent and strong. However, without the help of others, without the help of God, true success will always elude us. Our actions and words can become empty. The gifts we have received can either be cultivated in secret and in the shadows, or we can welcome the help that God provides in his Spirit, his community, and the sacraments he gave us. By working together the world will truly know the power of the risen Lord.



Mis niños nunca podrían tener éxito sin la ayuda mía ni la de su mamá. No es que piense que somos gran cosa, sino que es la realidad. Nadie puede ser exitoso viviendo una vida aislado de los demás. Yo no podría ser quien soy sin la ayuda de mis padres, mis maestros o sin mi esposa. De hecho, mis hijos también tienen gran influencia.

Solo me puedo imaginar el miedo de los discípulos cuando se dieron cuenta de que Jesús ya no iba estar con ellos. Unos debieron haber pensado que después de la Resurrección, mejor Jesús se hubiera quedado entre ellos. Pero Jesús les trataba de calmar sus miedos, "No los dejaré desamparados". Les aseguró que él continuaría a visitarlos y que mandaría al Espíritu Santo a que esté con ellos. No tendrían que continuar lo que él había empezado o predicar la buena nueva al fin del mundo por sí mismos.

De vez en cuando podemos sentirnos solos, y hasta a veces podemos tratar de hacer demasiado para mostrar que somos independientes y fuertes. Sin embargo, sin la ayuda de los demás y sin la ayuda de Dios, el éxito verdadero nunca será de nosotros. Nuestras acciones y palabras podrían hacerse vacías. Nuestros dones serían un secreto. O podemos darle la bienvenida a la ayuda que nos da Dios a través de su Espíritu, su comunidad y los sacramentos. Podemos aprender el poder del Señor trabajando juntos.



# STEWARDSHIP

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May 13 & 14th 2017

5 P.M.	\$4,485.00
8 A.M.	\$5,318.00
10 A.M.	\$3,443.00
12 NOON	\$3,700.00
2 P.M.	\$1,964.00
4 P.M.	\$1,942.00
6 P.M.	\$1,287.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$506.23
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$22,645.23</b>
SPECIAL COLLECTION	\$6,212.00



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



All St. Patrick's Community is invited to Father Wojciech 75th Birthday Celebration! It will be Monday, May 22, 2017 starting Mass at 6 p.m. followed by a small dinner at the hall.



**SUMMER CALLS FOR NEW ADVENTURES!**

**VBS**

SOAK YOUR CHILDREN INTO THE SCRIPTURE  
ADORATION-BIBLE STUDY-ARTS & CRAFTS-GAMES-BASKETBALL AND MUCH MORE

Camps begin June 1st-3rd

Jul 31st-Aug 3rd

Register at [www.stpatricklaredo.org](http://www.stpatricklaredo.org)

## Women's Vocation to the Monastery

The Diocese is hosting a retreat for women who would like to discern the Vocation to the monastery. On behalf of Fr. Francisco Quiroz, Director of the Office of Vocations, he will be hosting the retreat in *Casa Guadalupe*, 2303 Corpus Christi St. 78043 on **SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017** from 10:00AM - 3:00PM



If anyone is interested, they can register by calling the Pastoral Center 956-727-2140. ext.7835 or Register in your parish and/or the secretary can give us a call.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Attention all graduates!*

GRADUATION MASS WILL BE  
SUNDAY MAY 28TH AT 6PM.  
RECEPTION WILL BE FOLLOWED  
IN THE PARISH HALL.



**EDGE**

Edge Middle School youth group will meet May 21st in the Parish Hall from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

## STEUBENVILLE LONE STAR

Life Teen High School Steubenville Lone Star Conference in Irving, Tx will be June 23rd-25th. Spots are still open. Deadline is May 20th. Register on the St. Patrick website.

[www.stpatricklaredo.org](http://www.stpatricklaredo.org)

### Confirmation News

Confirmation Date: Saturday, June 10 at 9 a.m.

**Friday, June 9, 2017** - Confession for confirmation students, parents and sponsors in the church at 7 p.m.

**Saturday, June 10, 2017** - Confirmation ceremony at 9 a.m. Students and sponsors only must be in the Parish Hall by 7:45 a.m.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Herrera at (956)726-4644.



JOSH BLAKESLEY BAND

Josh Blakesley Band will be holding a music workshop for all teens and adults. There will be a music ministry meeting for those interested on May 21st at 3:30pm in the Parish Hall. The band will provide music for the 6pm mass and a concert following the 6pm mass. All are welcome to join!



*The Sanctuary Lamp*  
is burning this week for:  
All Armed Forces



## Puzzle

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one. Then color in all the pictures.



### *Help us pray for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ*

Adolfo De Luna

Olinda Montemayor

Richard Camacho

Rene San Miguel

Aurora González

Michael 'Mikey' Leija Jr.

Refugio 'Cuco' Escobedo

Alex de la Garza

Adolph Puig

Jesse Rodríguez

Francisco Velásquez

Juan Eduardo Riojas

Frances Rizo

Rosa Vidaurri

*Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. O dearest Comforter of the Troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us.*