

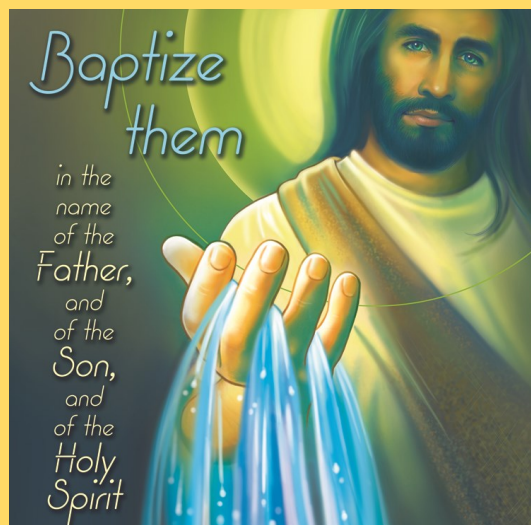
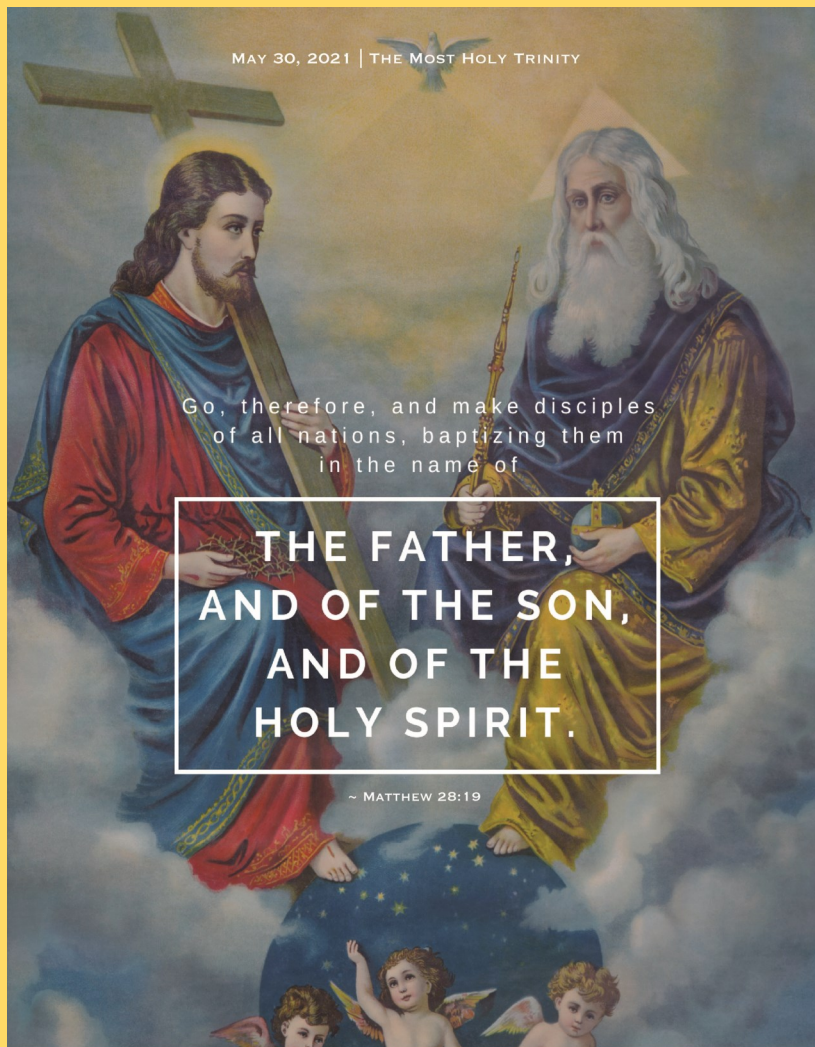


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Together in Mission Commitment Weekend: June 5 & 6

Thoughts from Fr. Tony

"We are called to a community of love: the Trinity." (Roman)

Today we celebrate the Central Mystery of our Faith in the Most Holy Trinity!

Our God in three Divine persons! We pray, 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us keep the mystery of the Trinity in our hearts not as a mathematical (one in three, three in one) puzzling mystery to resolve. Let us take it rather as a mystery of relationships and love.

The Trinity is a community of love of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. The language spoken is only love and relationship. Therefore, our call is *"at the end of the day, it is all about relationships"*.

To all of you...to our leaders and volunteers who continue *to speak the language of the Holy Spirit... love – I love you.*

To all our Benefactors & Sponsors believing so much that *'at the end of the day it is all about relationships'*...our relationships with Him, the 'Word made Flesh'... for all your love, care, generosity, and prayers as we celebrated the Miracle of Pentecost. I cannot thank you enough.

To our Bishops Dave & Alex leading us in our 'speaking in tongues'...thank you & we heard you.

Thank you, thank you, thank you and I cannot thank you enough as I pray ***"Come Holy Spirit renew the face of our St. Lorenzo Ruiz Community"***.



**Thank you,
thank you,
thank you!**

***'Speak Lord,
your servant is
listening.'***

***"If today I hear
your voice,
harden not my
heart."***

**'I am your server
today'...Welcome Home!**

We cannot thank you enough...

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Thank you Environment volunteers



'You are the Best of the Best, thank you, thank you!' but of course your 'halos' are not perfect....Fr. Tony

(Magda, Candy, Mayette, Fidel, Josie, Emy, not in photo: Au & Beth)

And the Word was made Flesh...

Storytelling on the Gift of the Spirit

(continued from last week)

It's been 26 years since I welcomed the Holy Spirit into my heart and in addition to those 2 prayers, he has been performing miracles on a daily basis in my life. I consider it a miracle when I'm moved to get up early in the morning to receive our Lord in the real presence of the Holy Eucharist. I have come to realize through the years that when I consume him into my body, he becomes a part of me. When that happens he slowly transformed my whole being and it is no longer I who live, but he who lives in me. The fruits of the Holy Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, began to be manifested in the way I act, speak, think, and in my interaction with people. I began to look at the opposite sex in the way our Lord looked at them. I have come to look at pornography and lust with distaste. One day, I was convicted by the Holy Spirit to get rid of my prized collection of Playboy magazines, which was a sad day for me, but once I made the decision, I felt liberated. I even contemplated giving them away to my non-Christian friends, but I didn't want to be the cause of them committing a mortal sin. The manifestation of the Holy Spirit in my life and transforming me into the person that I have now become was the first miracle and prayer request that was answered.



Because of the peace from having the Holy Spirit in my life, my demeanor changed and my family, and most importantly my father, noticed a change in my attitude. My interactions with him became to change. I became more patient with his nagging, or should I say his attitude towards me changed and nagged me less because I listened to his corrections. One incident bear witness to the power of the Holy Spirit. It happened one morning when my father wanted to give me advice about something I did. He began the customary address once he has grown to develop some respect for my feelings and not wanting to offend me, he would say, "Don't be offended when I say this to you..." But for some odd reason, I was not in the mood to get corrected that day and I wasn't feeling the Holy Spirit working in me, I wanted my father to know what I was thinking, and I told him to "please allow me to make my own decisions and if I needed help, I would seek his advice." And I reminded him of what he always told us to do things on our own and only seek help if it's really necessary. That didn't really go well with him, and I saw his face turn red and change from an expression of concern to one of anger. And he responded with a voice that is more of dismay and sadness, rather than anger. He said, "That's the problem with you kids, you never appreciate what I do for you." The moment I saw my father's expression and heard what he said, I realized that I made a mistake and was quickly convicted by the Holy Spirit.

So I asked God for forgiveness and prayed in my heart for what I should do. He said, "Ask him for forgiveness, go give him a hug, and tell him 'I love you and I appreciate everything you have done for me.'" My pride wanted to say "No", and insisted that I walk out of the room, in anger, and storm out of the house, and slam the door as hard as I could to show my rebellion and hate. But the power of the Holy Spirit was greater that day, and He moved me to go up to my father, give him a big hug, kiss him on the cheek, and tell him "I loved him and appreciated everything he has done for me." I asked him for forgiveness. On that moment, I witnessed a miracle. I felt the tension from my father's whole body relax and he began to cry, and embraced me back. My relationship with my father began to transform after that memorable day. I saw my father's love for me began to grow. Not that his love was never there, it was because I responded in love that he felt comfortable to show me his love.

-John Domingo

(storytelling continues in next bulletin issue)

Worship

WE PRAY & WORSHIP.

WE ARE A PRIESTLY COMMUNITY.



Father Tony baptizes the newest addition to the Gonzalez' grandchildren. **Welcome home baby Wesley!**

Fr. Tony lost one of his closest friends of 26 years in December — **Mario Gonzalez**...and was buried when Father was struggling between life & death in January. He brings life of Grandpa Mario to their 6 grandchildren. All of them were baptized by Fr. Tony.

-May 22, 2021

Today, I receive Jesus who is my **Friend!**



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Adult Confirmation



Do you want to continue your faith journey? Are you over the age of 18, and have been baptized and received your First Holy Communion? **Then the 12 week -Adult Confirmation Program is for you.** Classes begin Monday, June 28th. **Registration forms** are available in the vestibule or the Parish Office.

Let us continue to *journey* together with the **WORD**

In line with our "**Come Down Zacchaeus..**" program, we gladly share this great opportunity for us and everyone to re-evaluate our lives, our lives as Catholics, and true believers of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Like Zacchaeus accepting Jesus in his home, preparing for God's arrival. May we do the same coming down and accept him fully.

The following are the Word Among Us Groups that available for you:

- ⇒ **Mondays 7:30pm** Dave & Edith De Leon (deleondy@yahoo.com)
- ⇒ **Tuesdays 9:30am** Linda Talcott/Bob Kondrath (linda@shop4georgie.com)
- ⇒ **Wednesdays 7:00 pm** Ray & Jasmine Apodaca (rayapodaca@saintlorenzo.org)
- ⇒ **Miércoles 11:00 am y 7:00 pm** Gaby Coria (Gabycoria@saintlorenzo.org)
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- ⇒ **Fridays 5:00 pm** Adriana Melchor (melchorpoly5@gmail.com)
- ⇒ **Saturdays 10:30 am** Susie Taon (Susietaon@saintlorenzo.org)

Adult Faith Formation in the Parish

"Come Down Zacchaeus" is the theme of our parish program that our Pastor Fr. Tony is leading us to **reimagine** in order **"to bring the faith home."** How to make this happen is by becoming an "adult parish."

"Becoming and Being" an adult parish would take a big leap on the part of "all" adults. The adults who are involved in the lives of the children and youth in the parish. Parents, godparents, catechists, and other parish volunteers involved in different ministries.

Becoming and being Church would mean to go back to the basic teachings of the Church. These teachings might have been overlooked for many years especially for those baptized during infancy. Thus, all are invited to "Come Down, Zacchaeus."

St. Lorenzo Ruiz parish continue to move forward like a boat powerfully propelled by two oars (Fr. Tony). One on the right, that is the 'discovery and rediscovery' of our Faith. This "oar" is Learning and 'relearning' what we believe (**Creed**), how we celebrate what we believe (**Sacraments**), how do we live our lives because of what we believe - (**Morality**) and how do we cradle enrich this faith believing life through our Prayers and Devotions. The oar on the left, is using the "Word Among Us", a liturgical guide and make the **Word Made Flesh**. We understand the Word by and through the very story of our own lives. With Jesus Christ living and growing within our hearts and minds through His words, the Spirit and Life within us will be like a fire to ignite a drooping spirit.

Goal: To re-evangelize the adults involve in the lives of the children and youth in the parish. Parents, godparents, sponsors, catechists, and other parish volunteers involved in different ministries.

Method/Format: Five sessions- Two hours per session (to be fine tuned).

Resource Materials:

1. United States Catholic Catechism for Adults by USCCB.
2. Word Among Us

Adults to be involved (ASAP):

- Parents and Sponsors of Baptism group.
- Parents and Sponsors of Adult Confirmation groups.
- Parents and Sponsors of Religious Education Groups:
 - Elementary
 - Youth in Confirmation I and II.
 - Quinceañera Group

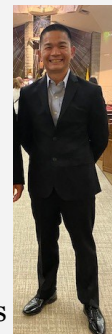
Susie Taon

Parish Formation Director

Listen to Marc...our Sacristan...

(continued from last week)

The truth is that Jesus died for all our sins (took our sins with Him on the cross). All would include past, present, and future. That is what Jesus had to do so God can grace us with salvation, meaning we can now go to heaven only if we truly believe in Jesus. So that means Jesus took all Hitler's sins, all the rapists' sins, terrorists' sins, and every sin you can think of. Wow! That is how much God loves us. God sent Jesus to die on the cross for all our sins and for all our sickness. The concept of God punishing us ended (old covenant) when Jesus died on the cross. In John 8: 1-11 A woman caught in adultery showed me that Jesus did not condemn the woman but told her not to sin anymore. The reason Jesus did not condemn her was that Jesus would take the punishment for her at the cross.



Ever since the pandemic began, I started to read the Bible more. Searching to know more about God and His goodness. One of the things I learned is that God is love and His love for us never ceases. It is only when we sin, we choose to stop receiving God's love. It is like Wi-Fi signal. If we are out of range, we do not receive the signal. It's not that the signal stopped but we are too far away to get the signal. It is only when we truly experience God's love then we can love others the same way. How can we give unconditional love unless we experience it first? And when we do, we will begin to love others without thinking about and even more than when we tried to love. Loving others unconditionally will be a byproduct of knowing God's love for us.

Lastly to know God's love we must learn from Jesus (no one can come to the Father except through me- John 14:6). The Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-8) is the key. We must stick to the word and not with our feelings. As Jesus said, the cares of the world, the deceitfulness of riches, and lust for other things choke the Word. If you look up from the altar you will see a banner and it states "In the beginning was the Word..." We should start looking from the Word... the word of God.

-Marc Nicdao

Diaconate Virtual Information Day

Hosted by the Diaconate Formation Office

Sunday, June 27, 2021 2pm – 4pm

Presentaciones son en inglés y español. To register send your name, parish & pastor's name to Deacon Melecio Zamora at: dmz2011@la-archdiocese.org

Service

WE SERVE & WE SHARE.

WE ARE A KINGLY PEOPLE.

Our Parish recognizes and honors our servants...

Congratulations Doulos Awardees on Pentecost— *"Doulos" awards are the highest recognition award bestowed upon an individual/couple/family by our Community of Faith*



Deacon Brian & Ann Marie Miller



Sheila Sobretudo



Manny & Lutching Cartagena

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Registration is required. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Instruction classes: every 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Group Baptisms every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am.

Bautismos en Español: Cada cuarto Domingo del mes a las 3:00pm. Para mas información por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.

Anointing/Visitation of the Sick Contact the Parish Office 909-595-9545 Unción a enfermos— Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.

Matrimony Couples wishing to celebrate their wedding must contact a priest at least 6 months in advance prior to setting a date. This time is necessary to fulfill the prerequisites for receiving the sacrament.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Preparation for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. For information, call the Parish Office and leave a message for **Bob Kondrath**.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) For more information call the Parish Office and leave a message for **Linda Talcott**.



Esther Berg

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

Would you like to serve your community and parish? Sign up as an usher!

Contact: Ralph/Mary 213-703-1527

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Mass Schedule*

In Person, inside church

Mon to Fri: 7:00am and 7:00pm (only 7pm livestreamed)

Sat: 8:00am and 5:00pm (only 5pm livestreamed)

Sunday:

7:30am Church – livestreamed

9:00am (Outdoor – Pavilion)

10:30am Church – livestreamed

12:00pm (Outdoor – Pavilion)

1:30pm (Spanish) Church – livestreamed

6:30pm Church

Confession: Monday-Friday: 6:45am & 6:45pm & Saturday: 3:30pm -4:30pm

Parish Office 909-595-9545

**subject to change – call for special masses*

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SAINT LORENZO PENTECOST 2021

You are the very miracle of Pentecost!



Thank you Bishops
Dave & Alex!



The Risen Lord & the Word coming home



Hearing & recognizing our own lives in the many languages



Thank you for sharing your gift of song!



Newly confirmed releasing of doves



Servant leaders serving with a smile



Benny, aren't you 4th degree?



Bishop Alex says: Google the gifts of
the Holy Spirit.

As Covid-19 is on the way out...there is a deeper Covid that we need to take care of...our inability to accept & embrace one another...

Let us all speak the language of the Spirit...**LOVE.**



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...sirs, you are special & blessed even without distancing