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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS

Chapel
9:00 am, 12 Noon

SUNDAY ANTICIPATORY MASSES

Main Church
5:30 pm
7:00 pm (SPANISH)

SUNDAYS

Main Church
7:30 am
9:00 am (SPANISH)
10:30 am
12 Noon

WEEKDAYS

Chapel
Monday - Friday
7:00 am, 9:00 am & 12 Noon

WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

7:00 pm - Spanish Mass

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026

Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after the 9 am and 12:00 Noon Masses on Mondays

Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday after the 12 Noon Mass

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)
Wednesday 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
Saturday 11:00 am - 11:45 am

BAPTISMS

Prior arrangements must be made with one of the Priests in the rectory.

English Baptismal Class

held monthly after the 12 Noon Sunday Mass

English Baptisms

held monthly after the 12 Noon Sunday Mass

Spanish Baptismal Class

held monthly at 1:00 pm on a Saturday

Spanish Baptisms

held monthly at 1:00 pm on a Saturday

MARRIAGES BY APPOINTMENT:

Arrangements are to be made with Priest at least one year in advance of the proposed date and prior to the social arrangements. You must be registered at the parish and attending Mass for at least one year before scheduling a wedding or be an alum of one our schools.

Young Adult DINNER & FAITH FORMATION

Ages 18-39

Wednesday, May 6th

6:30-7:30pm dinner

7:30-8:30pm faith-based
Talk & Discussion

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YOUTH GROUP

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT

GAMES

PIZZA

FRIDAY
MAY 8TH
2026

6:30-8:30PM

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MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY MASS

**We will have our Annual Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 26
at the St. Francis Crypts in the new cemetery.**

The Mass will be tri-lingual and will commence at 11:00 am.

Dear Parishioners,

MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER ... Saturday, May 9 at 6:30 pm ... St. Raymond's Elementary School Gym ... Tickets will be sold after all the Masses ... For more information, please call the Pax Christi Sisters at 718-792-4044, ext. 2234.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA ... beginning on May 11, we will celebrate nine Masses for our mothers and grandmothers (Living and deceased) ... there are envelopes in your packets as well as on the ushers' tables at the entrances of the church ... you are welcome to write the names of your mothers and grandmothers (Living and deceased) and they will be remembered at the novena of Masses ... We appreciate your donation for the Masses.

EASTER COLLECTION ... for the church and for our flowers ... there are envelopes in your packets as well as on the ushers' tables at the entrances of the church ... your support is much appreciated ... the collection remains open during the Easter Season ... thanks for your generosity.

IN CHURCH ... are you texting or praying ... are you playing games or reading the Bible selections for the Sunday? Leave the phone in your pocket, put it off and ENJOY some quality time with God in church!

NEW AD SPONSORS ... please notice the businesses that are supporting our weekly bulletin ... we are grateful to the many businesses and offices that advertise and support the printing of our Sunday bulletin ... please consider patronizing them and tell them you saw their ad in our Sunday bulletin.

AS ALWAYS ... a reminder about arriving early --- or at least, on time --- for Mass ... Jesus deserves our complete attention from the beginning of the Mass until the end ... on time for the Masses on Saturday at 5:30 pm or 7 pm and Sunday at 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am, and 12 noon.

PARKING ... please be courteous ... do not use two spaces ... do not block other cars ... both parking lots are open --- on Castle Hill and on Purdy Street.

CREMATION ... as Catholics, we have permission of the church to be cremated ... the procedure for the funeral is: WAKE SERVICE WITH THE BODY, FUNERAL MASS WITH THE BODY, CREMATION and burial as soon as possible after the cremation ... we should not save the ashes at home, bring them to the beach or the mountains or leave them in the funeral home ... the ashes are to be treated with respect and dignity like a body and be buried as soon as possible after the cremation.

MASS INTENTIONS ... you can remember a family member or friend with an intention at a specific Mass come to the rectory for a specific date ... the offering is \$15 and Mass cards are available with each Mass ... the intentions can be for a living or deceased person ... intentions are printed in the bulletin.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION ... Just a reminder that we ask that you preferably receive Holy Communion in your hands, by holding out both hands one on top of the other. Also remember that the proper response to the priest before receiving Holy Communion is "Amen," not "Thank you."

BAPTISMS ... all Catholics should be baptized ... parents should be registered in the parish and attending weekly Sunday Mass in order to have the child baptized ... godparents must be practicing Catholics who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation and, if married, married in the church ... godparents must be members of a parish and must be attending weekly Mass ... if you are going to be a godparent, it

makes perfect and reasonable sense that you are practicing the faith and that you are a model for the child.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY ... the Catholic Church teaches that marriage is between a man and a woman, a sign of LOVE and LIFE ... Catholics should be married in the church and, if married only civilly, should speak to one of the priests about receiving the sacrament in the Church (called convalidation) ... please know that you are welcome to ask questions and to receive direction and advice about the SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY ... Please remember to secure a date for your wedding before making any arrangements with caterers, limo drivers, family and friends.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ... the usual practice for Catholic burials is a wake service in a funeral home, a Funeral Mass in the parish church, burial of the body or cremains in a cemetery (preferably a Catholic cemetery) ... speak with one of the priests for assistance before a death occurs and speak with a reputable funeral home director about pre-arrangements ... cremains (ashes) are held in the same reverence and respect as a body and so they should be treated carefully, respectfully, reverentially and buried as soon as possible after cremation.

PARISH REGISTRATION ... all members of the parish should be registered and receive parish mailings and envelopes ... if you are an adult (18 years and older), you should register to receive the envelopes and other information from the parish ... you need to be registered in order to receive recommendation letters, financial statements, tuition rates and other parish related issues ... HOW TO REGISTER? Come to the rectory office on Castle Hill Ave.

LATE FOR CHURCH? ... Why? Please resolve to arrive early for Mass, say a prayer, read the Scripture and be ready when we start it will make the Mass more prayerful and meaningful for all. Remember, if you miss the readings, you miss the teachings of Christ. St. Jerome wrote, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Getting to Church on time matters.

VISITING OF THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND ... If you know of anyone who is sick or homebound and would like to receive communion, Please call the rectory to give us your information as well as the information of the person who wishes to receive communion. They must reside in our parish area.

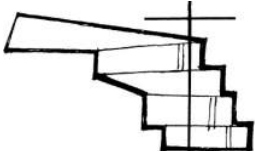
OUR FAITH

Many First Communions are celebrated during the Easter season. In addition to receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time in their lives, communicants receive a prayer book, a rosary, and a scapular. As a souvenir of the event, many communicants give their friends and relatives religious holy cards.



These holy cards bear images of Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary, angels, or saints and are very popular among Latinos. We place them in our cars, in books like the Bible or prayer books. We keep them on small altars at home or tucked into photo frames of our loved ones.

Many criticize this practice, recalling that in Exodus 20:3-5, God forbade the use of idols. The Catholic Church has never denied this, but remember that God also requested images of angels for the ark of the covenant (Exodus 25:17). In Numbers 21:8, He commanded the making of a miraculous image of a serpent. None of these images are considered idols because they are images in the service of God and a reminder of his presence, just like holy cards and religious images.



Quinto Domingo de Pascua
3 de mayo 2026

EL CAMINO

Hoy sentimos la perturbación de los apóstoles cuando empiezan a darse cuenta de que el Señor pronto los dejará. Temerosos preguntan: “Señor, no sabemos a dónde vas ¿cómo podemos saber el camino?” (Juan 14:5). Jesús les dice que *él* es el camino. El tiempo de Pascua ha sido un tiempo para crecer en la fe pascual para que, así también, nosotros podamos darnos cuenta de que Jesús es el camino. Nos consuela la promesa del Señor de que va a la casa de su Padre a preparar un lugar para nosotros, su pueblo elegido que ha sido llamado de las tinieblas a la luz admirable de Dios. Mientras el cirio pascual continúa ardiendo en este tiempo santo, recordemos que en nuestro bautismo nos dieron la luz de Cristo. Con Cristo, nuestra luz como faro iluminando nuestro camino, marchemos hacia la gloria de Pentecostés.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura—Eligieron a siete hombres, llenos del Espíritu Santo (Hechos 6:1-7).

Salmo—Que tu misericordia, Señor, venga sobre nosotros como lo esperamos de ti. (Salmo 32).

Segunda lectura—Ustedes son una raza elegida, un reino de sacerdotes (1 Pedro 2:4-9).

Evangelio—Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida (Juan 14:1-12).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 14:5-18; Sal 113B, 1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Martes: Hch 14:19-28; Sal 144, 10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31

Miércoles: Hch 15:1-6; Sal 121, 1-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Jn 15:1-8

Jueves: Hch 15:7-21; Sal 95, 1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Viernes: Hch 15:22-31; Sal 56:8-9, 10-12; Jn 15:12-17

Sábado: Hch 16, 1-10; Sal 99, 2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Domingo: Hch 8:5-8, 14-17 Sal 65:1-3a, 4-7a, 16, 20; 1 Ped 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

NUESTRA FE

Muchas primeras comuniones se celebran en el Tiempo de Pascua. Además de recibir el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús por primera vez en su vida los comulgantes reciben un libro de oraciones, un rosario y un escapulario. Como recuerdo del evento, muchos comulgantes regalan a sus amigos y parientes alguna estampita religiosa.



Las estampitas llevan imágenes de Jesucristo, la Virgen, los ángeles o los santos y son muy populares entre los latinos. Las ponemos en nuestros autos, en libros como la Biblia o libros de oración. Las tenemos en altarcitos domésticos o metidos en los marcos de las fotos de nuestros seres queridos.

Muchos critican esta práctica recordando que en Éxodo 20:3-5, Dios prohibió el uso de ídolos. Esto la Iglesia católica nunca lo ha negado, pero recuerda que Dios también pidió imágenes de ángeles para la arca de la alianza (Éxodo 25: 17). En Números 21:8 mandó hacer una imagen milagrosa de una serpiente. Ninguna de esas imágenes es considerada un ídolo porque son imágenes al servicio de Dios y recuerdo de su presencia igual que las estampitas e imágenes religiosas.

Joven adulto

CENA Y FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

Edades 18-39

Miércoles, 6 de mayo

6:30-7:30 pm cena

7:30-8:30 p.m. charla y discusión
basada en la fe

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MISA EN EL CEMENTERIO EL DÍA DE CONMEMORACIÓN

**Tendremos nuestra Misa Anual por el Día de
Conmemoración el Lunes, 25 de Mayo en las
Criptas de San Francisco en el nuevo cementerio.**

La misa será trilingüe y comenzará a las 11:00 am.

GRUPO JUVENIL
DE SAN RAMÓN

ESCUELA SECUNDARIA NOCHE JUVENIL

JUEGOS

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**VIERNES 8
DE MAYO
DE 2026**

6:30-8:30PM

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