



**PRINCE OF PEACE**  
**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 ST MONICA • ST MARTIN OF TOURS  
 LYFORD, TX

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 17, 2025 AD - LITURGICAL YEAR C



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 345 N MARTIN CAVAZOS DR  
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**ST. MONICA**  
 FM 1018 & 1420  
 SANTA MONICA, TX



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE**  
 OF  
**BROWNSVILLE**

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### MASS TIMES \* HORARIO DE MISAS

**Saturday** 8:00am Saint Martin (Bilingual)  
 4:30pm Santa Monica (English)  
 6:30pm Prince of Peace (Spanish)  
**Sunday** 8:30am Saint Martin (Bilingual)  
 10:30am Prince of Peace (English)  
**Monday** 8:00am Prince of Peace (Bilingual)  
**Tuesday** 6:00pm Saint Martin (English)  
**Wednesday** 4:00pm Santa Monica (English)  
**Thursday** 6:00pm Prince of Peace (Bilingual)  
**Friday** 8:00am Prince of Peace (Bilingual)

### CONFESSIONS \* CONFESIONES

**Saturday** 9:30am Prince of Peace  
 4:00pm Santa Monica  
**Sunday** 8:00am Saint Martin  
**Tuesday** 6:30pm Saint Martin  
**Wednesday** 3:30pm Santa Monica  
**Thursday** 6:30pm Prince of Peace

### ADORATION \* ADORACIÓN

**Tuesday** 6:30pm Saint Martin  
**Thursday** 6:30pm Prince of Peace

### CARE FOR THE SICK

If you know someone who is sick and homebound who would like a visit from a priest or in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick please call the office to schedule a visit.

WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS

a part of  
 our Flock!



Keep in touch with us via  
 email and text!



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# HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY/SABADO** August/Agosto 16, 2025  
**Santa Monica** 4:00pm  
 For the People of the Parish

**Prince of Peace** 6:30pm  
 +Maria Cano by Lopez Family  
 +J. Guadalupe Lopez by Family  
 +Juana Guerra by Lopez Family

**SUNDAY/DOMINGO** August/Agosto 17, 2025  
**St. Martin of Tours** 8:30am  
 +Pete Alvarez by his wife, Vicky

**Prince of Peace** 10:30am  
 +Sylvia V. Flores by Family  
 +Gabriella Marina "Gaby" Rivera by Family  
 +Rudy Garcia by Irma Flores  
 +Ignacio and +Maria Gomez by their daughter, Irma  
 +Juan Guadalupe Costilla by his sister, Claudia  
 +Ralph Rincones by Mondragon Family  
 +Rosa Molina Quilantan by Mondragon Family  
 +Abel Cavazos by his wife, Gloria  
 For Healing for Arturo Costilla by Family  
 In Thanksgiving for Olga Aparicio by Marina Q. Rivera

**MONDAY/LUNES** August/Agosto 18, 2025  
**Prince of Peace** 8:00am

**TUESDAY/MARTES** August/Agosto 19, 2025  
**St. Martin of Tours** 6:00pm

**WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES** August/Agosto 20, 2025  
**Santa Monica** 4:00pm

**THURSDAY/JUEVES** August/Agosto 21, 2025  
**Prince of Peace** 6:00pm

**FRIDAY/VIERNES** August/Agosto 22, 2025  
**Prince of Peace** 8:00am

**SATURDAY/SABADO** August/Agosto 23, 2025  
**San Martin** 8:00am  
 For the Wellbeing of Thomas, Jannifer and Lisa Quintero by Their Parents

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY OR LITURGICAL CELEBRATION
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>08/17</b>	<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
MONDAY	08/18	Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
LYFORD	08/18	8:00am Daily Mass
TUESDAY	08/19	Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
SEBASTIAN	08/19	6:00pm Daily Mass
WEDNESDAY	08/20	Memorial of Saint Bernard
SANTA MONICA	08/20	4:00pm Daily Mass
THURSDAY	08/21	Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope
LYFORD	08/21	6:00pm Daily Mass
FRIDAY	08/22	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
LYFORD	08/22	6:00pm Rosary, Procession, and Crowning
SATURDAY	08/23	Saturday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
SEBASTIAN	08/23	8:00am Daily Mass
LYFORD	08/23	Confessions 9:30am

### SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4  
 Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

### DAILY MASS READINGS



**Liturgical Color for next Sunday August 24: Green**  
 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS OFFERING/OFRENDAS

#### PRINCE OF PEACE

Saturday, 8/9, Reg. Offering: \$360.11 2nd Collect: \$105.25  
 Sunday, 8/10, Reg. Offering: \$1,004.00 2nd Collect: \$144.00  
 Deposit: \$4,600.30 Expenses: \$4,265.37

#### ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Sunday, 8/10, Reg. Offering: \$697.15 2nd Collect: \$484.00  
 Expenses: \$3,772.96

#### ST. MONICA

Saturday, 8/9, Reg. Offering: \$360.11 2nd Collect: \$105.25  
 St. Monica Festival: \$3,010.00 Expenses: \$1,749.84

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Starting with at Rosary at 6:30pm at Prince of Peace  
 Followed by a small Procession and Crowning  
 On Friday, August 22, 2025.  
 Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**SANTA MONICA FESTIVAL**

**SAT. AUGUST 23, 2025**  
**5:30-9:00PM AT CHURCH GROUNDS**  
**167 FM 1420 SANTA MONICA, TX**

**4:00PM - HOLY MASS**  
**5:45 PM - LOTERIA GAME**  
 (TICKETS FOR LOTERIA CARDS WILL BE SOLD)  
**8:45 PM - RAFFLE DRAWING**  
 (NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)

**JOIN US FOR BURGERS, LOADED BAKED POTATOES, STREET TACOS, DESSERTS, AND MUCH MORE!**

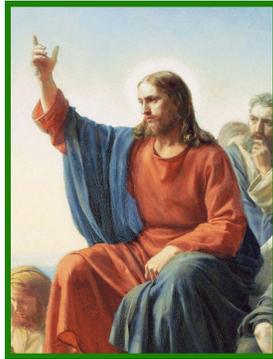
# I HAVE COME TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE

MESSAGE BY POPE BENEDICT XVI SUNDAY, 14 AUGUST 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

The Gospel for this Sunday (Lk 12:49-53) is part of Jesus' teachings to the disciples during his journey to Jerusalem, where death on the cross awaits him. To explain the purpose of his mission, he takes three images: fire, baptism and division. Today I wish to talk about the first image: fire.

Jesus expresses it with these words: "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!" (v. 49). The fire that Jesus speaks of is the fire of the Holy Spirit, the presence living and working in us from the day of our Baptism. It — the fire — is a creative force that purifies and renews, that burns all human misery, all selfishness, all sin, which transforms us from within, regenerates us and makes us able to love. Jesus wants the Holy Spirit to blaze like fire in our heart, for it is only from the heart that the fire of divine love can spread and advance the Kingdom of God. It does not come from the head, it comes from the heart. This is why Jesus wants fire to enter our heart. If we open ourselves completely to the action of this fire which is the Holy Spirit, He will give us the boldness and the fervor to proclaim to everyone Jesus and his consoling message of mercy and salvation, navigating on the open sea, without fear. In fulfilling her mission in the world, the Church — namely all of us who make up the Church — needs the Holy Spirit's help so as not to let herself be held back by fear and by calculation, so as not to become accustomed to walking inside of safe borders. These two attitudes lead the Church to be a functional Church, which never takes risks. Instead, the apostolic courage that the Holy Spirit kindles in us like a fire helps us to overcome walls and barriers, makes us creative and spurs us to get moving in order to walk even on uncharted or arduous paths, offering hope to those we meet. With this fire of the Holy Spirit we are called to become, more and more, communities of people who are guid-



ed and transformed, full of understanding; people with expanded hearts and joyful faces. Now more than ever there is need for priests, consecrated people and lay faithful, with the attentive gaze of an apostle, to be moved by and to pause before hardship and material and spiritual poverty, thus characterizing the journey of evangelization and of the mission with the healing cadence of closeness. It is precisely the fire of the Holy Spirit that leads us to be neighbours to others, to the needy, to so much human misery, to so many problems, to refugees, to displaced people, to those who are suffering.

At this moment I am thinking with admiration especially of the many priests, men and women religious and lay faithful who, throughout the world, are dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel with great love and faithfulness, often even at the cost of their lives. Their exemplary testimony reminds us that the Church does not need bureaucrats and diligent officials, but passionate missionaries, consumed by ardour to bring to everyone the consoling word of Jesus and his grace. This is the fire of the Holy Spirit. If the Church does not receive this fire, or does not let it inflame her, she becomes a cold or merely lukewarm Church, incapable of giving life, because she is made up of cold and lukewarm Christians. It will do us good today to take five minutes to ask ourselves: "How is my heart? Is it cold? Is it lukewarm? Is it capable of receiving this fire?" Let us take five minutes for this. It will do everyone good. Let us ask the Virgin Mary to pray with us and for us to the Heavenly Father, that he dispense upon all believers the Holy Spirit, the divine flame which warms hearts and helps us to be in solidarity with the joys and the sufferings of our brothers and sisters. May we be sustained on our journey by the example of St Maximilian Kolbe, martyr of charity, whose feast day is today: may he teach us to live the fire of love for God and for our neighbour.

**CCD**  
*Registration Bash*

**SUNDAY AUGUST 31**

JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) FOR CCD

**AFTER 8:30AM MASS IN SAN MARTIN AND AFTER 10:30AM MASS IN PRINCE OF PEACE**

ADULTS INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SACRAMENTS CAN SPEAK TO RUBEN DE LA ROSA AT THE BASH.

GRADES K-12 AND ADULTS

**REGISTER NOW**

**Thank You for a Blessed Spaghetti Night Fundraiser!**

We are so grateful to everyone who made our Spaghetti Night a success—those who cooked, served, donated, joined us for a delicious meal, and those who prayed for its success. Your generosity helps keep our beloved parish strong and able to serve our community in faith and love throughout the year. May God bless you abundantly for the care and dedication you show to our church.

**DO YOU LOVE YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH? WE NEED YOU!**

We are looking for Catechists to help form the next generation of faithful Catholics. No teaching experience required - just a willing heart and love for Christ. Training is provided. Please call the office to get more information and please attend our Meeting for Catechists on **August 30th at 9am-12:00pm.**

**Back to School BLESSING**

**ON AUGUST 23 & AUGUST 24 DURING THE WEEKEND MASSES.**

**ALL Students Kinder through College, Teachers and all School Personnel are invited to come receive a special blessing to begin the new school year. There will be a special blessing for Athletes. Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks for a blessing of backpacks.**

# HE VENIDO A TRAER FUEGO A LA TIERRA

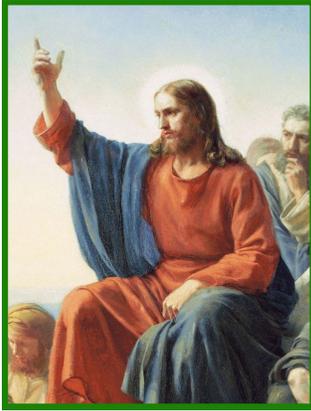
MENSAJE DE SU SANTIDAD EL PAPA BENEDICTO XVI, DOMINGO 14 DE AGOSTO DE 2016

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, ¡buenos días!  
El Evangelio de este domingo (Lc 12, 49-53) forma parte de las enseñanzas de Jesús dirigidas a sus discípulos a lo largo del camino de subida hacia Jerusalén, donde le espera la muerte en la cruz. Para indicar el objetivo de su misión, Él se sirve de tres imágenes: el fuego, el bautismo y la división. Hoy deseo hablar de la primera imagen: el fuego.

Jesús la narra con estas palabras: «He venido a arrojar un fuego sobre la tierra, ¡y cuánto desearía que ya estuviera encendido!» (v. 49). El fuego del cual habla Jesús es el fuego del Espíritu Santo, presencia viva y operante en nosotros desde el día de nuestro Bautismo. Este —el fuego— es una fuerza creadora que purifica y renueva, quema toda miseria humana, todo egoísmo, todo pecado, nos transforma desde dentro, nos regenera y nos hace capaces de amar.

Jesús desea que el Espíritu Santo estalle como el fuego en nuestro corazón, porque sólo partiendo del corazón el incendio del amor divino podrá extenderse y hacer progresar el Reino de Dios. No parte de la cabeza, parte del corazón. Y por eso Jesús quiere que el fuego entre en nuestro corazón. Si nos abrimos completamente a la acción de este fuego que es el Espíritu Santo, Él nos donará la audacia y el fervor para anunciar a todos a Jesús y su confortante mensaje de misericordia y salvación, navegando en alta mar, sin miedos.

Cumpliendo su misión en el mundo, la Iglesia —es decir, todos los que somos la Iglesia— necesita la ayuda del Espíritu Santo para no ser paralizada por el miedo y el cálculo, para no acostumbrarse a caminar dentro de confines seguros. Estas dos actitudes llevan a la Iglesia a ser una Iglesia funcional, que nunca arriesga. En cambio, la valentía apostólica que el Espíritu Santo enciende en nosotros como un fuego nos ayuda a superar los muros y las barreras, nos hace creativos y nos impulsa a ponernos en marcha para caminar incluso por vías inexploradas o incómodas, dando esperanzas a cuantos encontramos. Con este fuego del Espíritu Santo estamos llamados a convertirnos cada vez más en una comunidad de



personas guiadas y transformadas, llenas de comprensión, personas con el corazón abierto y el rostro alegre. Hoy más que nunca se necesitan sacerdotes, consagrados y fieles laicos, con la atenta mirada del apóstol, para conmoverse y detenerse ante las minusvalías y la pobreza material y espiritual, caracterizando así el camino de la evangelización y de la misión con el ritmo sanador de la proximidad.

Es precisamente el fuego del Espíritu Santo que nos lleva a hacernos prójimos de los demás, de los necesitados, de tantas miserias humanas, de tantos problemas, de los refugiados, de aquellos que sufren.

En este momento, pienso también con admiración sobre todo en los numerosos sacerdotes, religiosos y fieles laicos que, por todo el mundo, se dedican a anunciar el Evangelio con gran amor y fidelidad, no pocas veces a costa de sus

vidas. Su ejemplar testimonio nos recuerda que la Iglesia no necesita burócratas y diligentes funcionarios, sino misioneros apasionados, devorados por el entusiasmo de llevar a todos la confortante palabra de Jesús y su gracia. Este es el fuego del Espíritu Santo. Si la Iglesia no recibe este fuego o no lo deja entrar en sí, se convierte en una Iglesia fría o solamente tibia, incapaz de dar vida, porque está compuesta por cristianos fríos y tibios. Nos hará bien, hoy, tomarnos cinco minutos y preguntarnos: ¿Cómo está mi corazón? ¿Es frío? ¿Es tibio? ¿Es capaz de recibir este fuego? Dedicemos cinco minutos a esto. Nos hará bien a todos.

Y pidamos a la Virgen María que rece con nosotros y por nosotros al Padre celestial, para que infunda sobre todos los creyentes el Espíritu Santo, fuego divino que enciende los corazones y nos ayuda a ser solidarios con las alegrías y los sufrimientos de nuestros hermanos. Que nos sostenga en nuestro camino el ejemplo de san Maximiliano Kolbe, mártir de la caridad, de quien hoy celebramos la fiesta: que él nos enseñe a vivir el fuego del amor por Dios y por el prójimo.

**Do you have Raffle Tickets to turn in?**

**The Santa Monica Festival is right around the corner, please return your raffle ticket money to the committee or to the office as soon as possible. Thank you for all your help .**

## LOVE BUILDS HOPE CAMPAIGN

Mark your calendar. We will be officially kicking off the Love Builds Hope Campaign at Masses on September 20/21.

Stay tuned campaign details in the coming



for more tails weeks.

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR A MARITAL ENRICHMENT EVENING



For all married couples interested in a shared couples.

Mark your calendars for  
**Saturday, September 13th from 11:30am to 1:30pm**  
**At the Prince of Peace Parish Hall.**