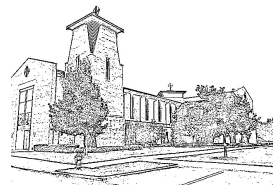


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THE *Ascension* OF THE LORD

MAY 13, 2018

Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there
looking up at the sky?
This Jesus who has been
taken up from you
into heaven will return
in the same way.

Acts 1:11



LA *Ascensión* DEL SEÑOR

13 DE MAYO DE 2018

Galileos,
¿qué hacen allí parados,
mirando al cielo?
Ese mismo Jesús que los ha
dejado para subir al cielo,
volverá como lo
han visto alejarse.

Hechos 1:11

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Psalm 47



God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trum-pets for the Lord.

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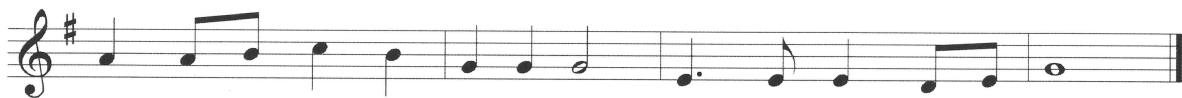
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Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?

Scott Soper



Lord, to whom shall we go? O Lord, to whom shall we go? You a-



lone have the words of last-ing life. Lord, to whom shall we go?

1. Bread of Life, manna in the desert, Saving Cup, promise from above. You are the one who sustains us in God's love.
2. Lamb of God, humble and obedient, Sacrifice, ransom for our sins. You are the Lord: in your death our life begins.
3. Risen One, fountain of salvation, Cornerstone, wonder to our eyes. You are the way and the truth, you are the life.
4. First and Last, Alpha and Omega, Morningstar: come to us again! You are the Christ, the Beginning and the End!

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Magnificat (Ang Puso Ko'y Nagpupuri)

Eduardo P. Hontiveros, SJ



My soul pro-claims the great - ness and the glo - ry of the



Lord, And my spir - it sings out with hap - pi-ness to my Sav - ior and my God.

1. He has looked with favor on me, on his lowly and pitiful servant.
From this day forth all nations shall proclaim the blessed one.
2. The Almighty has done wondrous deeds, and his Name is all-holy forever.
His mercy comes to all who fear him and worship his might and his love.
3. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their madness.
The mighty ones he has dethroned and the lowly he raises on high.

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Parish Calendar for the week of May 14th, 2018.

Monday, May 14th

7:30 am- Golf Tournament- Stonebridge Ranch Country Club
 8:00 am- Mass Chapel
 10:00 am – 2 pm- Prayers & Squares- Holy Family Room
 7 pm- CRHP Women – Classroom 3
 7 pm- CRSP Mujeres – St. Michael Hall
 7 pm- Jóvenes para Cristo- St. Rose Hall
 7 pm- Legion of Mary- North Drake
 7 pm- CRSP Continuation Formation- South Drake
 7 pm- Parent Meeting- Eng- Church

Tuesday, May 15th

10:00 am- Talleres de Oración y Vida- Classroom 5
 2:00 pm- St. Vincent de Paul Food Distribution- Holy Family Room
 5:30 pm- Mass- Chapel
 6:00 pm- Junta Mesa Directiva MFCC- North & South Drake
 7:00 pm- Grupo Emanuel – Church
 7:00 pm- Talleres de Oración y Vida- Classroom 5
 7:00 pm- St. Vincent the Paul monthly meeting- St. Michael Hall

Wednesday, May 16th

8:00 am- Mass- Chapel
 10:00 am- Women's Bible Study- Classroom 3
 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm- Children's Choir Rehearsal- St. Rose Hall & Holy Family Room
 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm- Adult Choir Rehearsal – Church Choir Loft

Thursday, May 17th

2:00 pm- St. Vincent de Paul Food Distribution- Holy Family Room
 5:30 pm- Mass, Adoration and Confessions- Church
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm- CRSP Hombres- St. Rose Hall

Friday, May 18th

5:00 pm- Confirmation Practice- Church
 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm- Movie Night- St. Rose & St. Michael Hall
 7:00 pm- Couples for Christ- Classroom 5
 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm- Ensayo Coro- Misa 9:30 am- Holy Family Room

Saturday, May 19th

7:30 am- St. Vincent de Paul Food Distribution- Holy Family Room
 9:00 am- Baptism Eng.- Church
 10:00 am – 4:00 pm- Faith Formation- All Classrooms (Last Day)
 11:00 am- Baptism Spa- Church
 1:30 pm- Wedding- Church
 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm- Confessions- Church
 5:00 pm- Mass – Church
 5:30 pm- Choir Rehearsal- Bride's Room
 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm- Spanish Mass- Church

Sunday, May 20th

8:00 am – English Mass- Church
 8:00 am Donut Social- St. Michael Hall
 9:00 am- MFCC Retreat- St. Rose & HF Hall
 9:30 am – Spanish Mass- Church
 11:30 am- English Mass- Church
 12:00 pm- Confirmation prep- St. Michael Hall
 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal- Bride's Room
 2:00 pm- Spanish Mass- Church
 3:00 pm- Youth Ministry- St. Michael Hall
 3:00 pm- Confirmation Preparation- St. Rose Hall
 5:00 pm- Confirmation Mass Eng.- Church

We pray for those who need the healing touch of Christ/
 Oramos por aquellos necesitan el toque de Christ

*Bertha Holley, Ken LaForge, Ralph Flores,
 Chris Paul, Sheila Mercedes Peltz, Marilyn Kelly,
 Jeffrey Gotses, Robert Kelly Dayton, April-Ann Love,
 Toni Hawley, Sue Nieson, Kay Dayton, Alex Cole,
 Heathr Wood, Michael Conway, Christy Lane,
 Jeffrey Gotses, Margarito Ramirez, Kerman Iriarte,
 Ryan Meadors, Sherry Owens, Rachael Owens.*

Please inform us of your loved one needing to be added to the prayer list, please call the parish office @ 972-542-4667.

Names will remain on the list for 1 month, at which time you can re-submit their names for prayers.
 Para agregar o quitar a alguien de la lista de oraciones, por favor lláma a la oficina.

Mass Intentions May 12 - 19, 2018

Saturday, May 12

5:00 pm † Glafira Lopez Preciado
 7:00 pm All students in our Faith Formation program & their families

Sunday, May 13

8:00 am For the People
 † Maria Luisa Mora
 9:30 am † Andres Martinez & Anita Perez
 † Sergio Garcia
 All Catechists & Aides in our Faith Formation program
 Lastenia Suastegui
 11:30 am † Audrey Kinney
 2:00 pm Animas de Purgatorio
 † Matilde Mora Barron
 Maria Arriaga
 Guadalupe Palacios

Monday, May 14

8:00 am † Lucas Ruiz

Tuesday, May 15

5:30 pm † Bielski Family

Wednesday, May 16

8:00 am † Michael J. Sullivan

Thursday, May 17

5:30 pm † Felipa Delfina Aguilera

Friday, May 18

8:00 am † joaquin Garcia

Saturday, May 19

5:00 pm † Arthur Paul
 7:00 pm † Jose Jesus Puga Alvarez

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No Queden Tristes

José A. Olivar & J. Pedro Martins

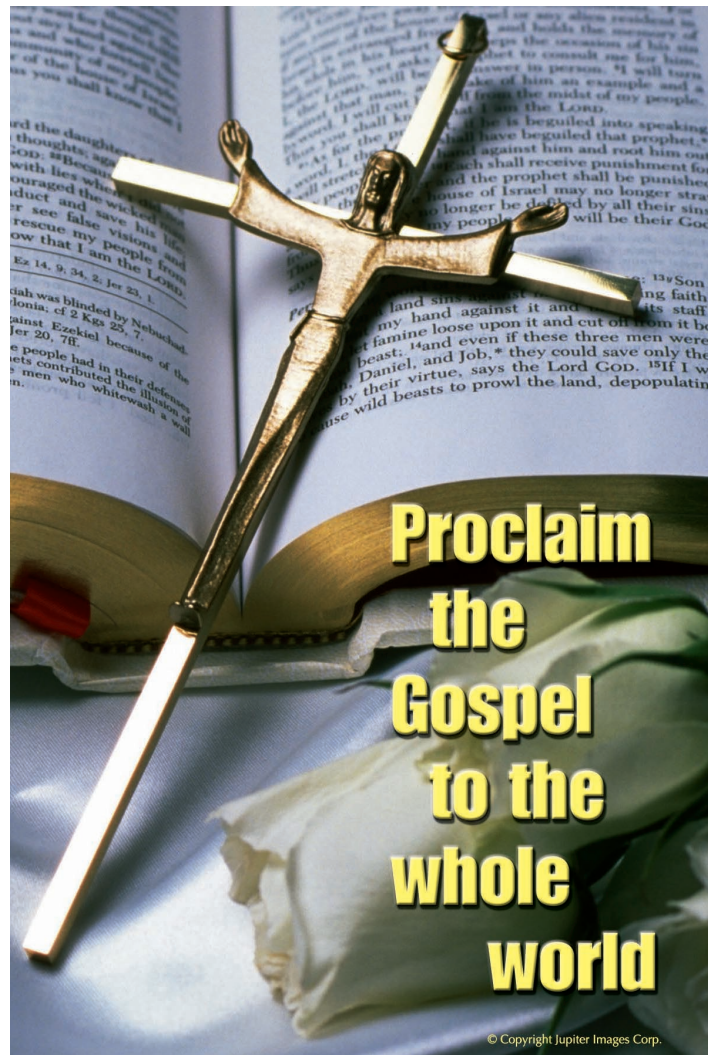
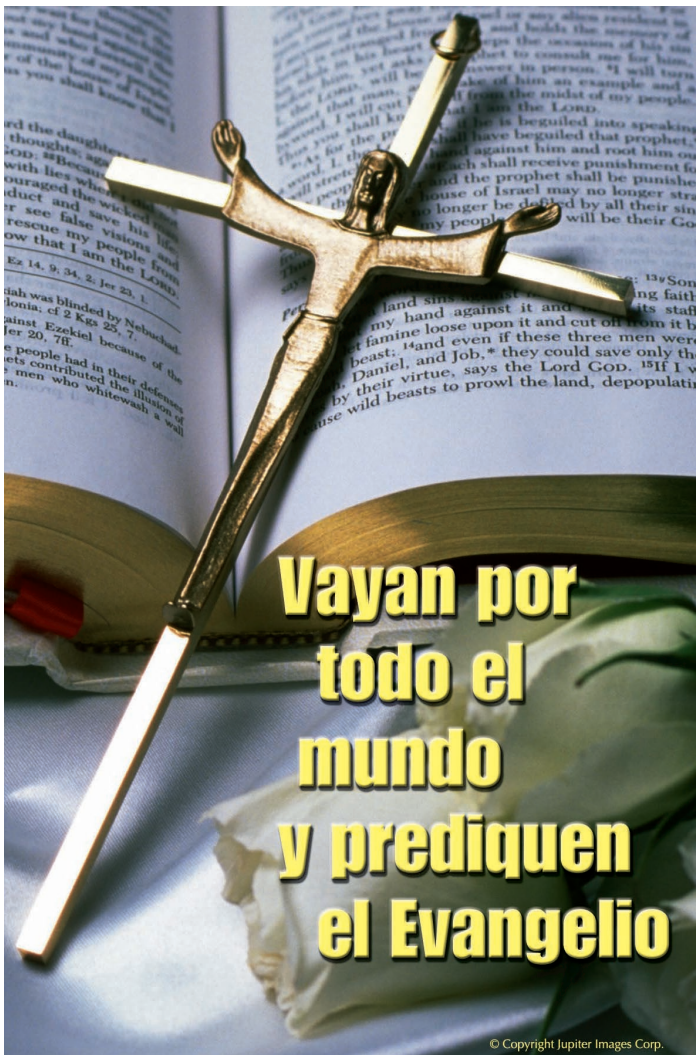


No que-den tris-tes; — aun-que me voy, aun-que me voy, yo vol-ve - ré.

1. Voy a la casa de mi Padre a prepararles un lugar.
2. Vendrá mi Espíritu a ustedes para enseñarles la verdad.
3. Serán testigos de mi amor por los confines de este mundo.
4. Anunciarán la Buena Nueva a cada pueblo de la tierra.
5. Cuando los hombres los persigan, no tengan miedo, confíen.
6. Yo estaré siempre con ustedes, con ustedes hasta el fin.

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:00 pm English
7:00 pm Spanish
Sunday: 8:00 am & 11:30 am English
Sunday: 9:30 am & 2:00 pm Spanish

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00 am
Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30 pm

Confessions: Thursday: 6:00-7:00 pm
Saturdays: 3:30 pm-4:30 pm

Adoration: Thursday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

First Friday 8:30 am - 10:00 am
Spanish Mass at 7:00 pm

After Hours: Sick Call or Funeral
Requests: 469-667-7324

Funerals: Contact Valerie Stagaman
972-542-4667 ext 114.

Weddings: Contact Brenda Rivera
972-542-4667 ext: 102.

Six months prior to wedding date.

Holy Family

919 Spence Rd • P.O. Box 482
Van Alstyne, Texas 75495 • 903-482-6322

Sunday: 9:00 am English

Sunday: 12 noon Spanish

Thursday: 9:00 am English

Priests

Rev. Eugene Azorji
Rev. Juan Carlos Marin

Deacons

George Polcer, John Rapier,
Juan Jorge Hernandez,
Patrick Hayes, Sid Little

Parish Manager: Deacon John Rapier

Director of Ministry: Deacon Sid Little

Business Manager: Joe Olickan

Director of Liturgy: Valerie Stagaman

Director of Faith Formation: Ronnie Ricano

Youth Ministry: Deandria Gonzalez

Facilities: Emilio Zavala



Baptisms / Bautismos

Registrations for Baptism and Baptism Class
are on

Tuesdays: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Call the Church office for more information:
972-542-4667

Registraziones para Bautismos y Pláticas
Bautismales están

Martes: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Miércoles: 3:00 p.m. – 6 ;00 p.m.

Por favor llama la oficina para mas
información: 972-542-4667

Collection Totals for May 6

Regular Collection: \$ 18,874.00

Building Fund: \$ 3,557.00

Attendance: 3156



Sistema de Comunicación de la Parroquia

San Miguel de Arcángel ahora tiene la capacidad de comunicar por correo electrónico o número de teléfono, notificaciones de bautismos, funerales, bodas o cualquier otro evento.

Usted puede ser parte de este sistema de comunicación yendo a nuestro sitio web: stmichaelmckinney.org, e inscribiéndose en Flocknote. Esto te permitirá recibir notificaciones.

La única información que necesitamos para registrarlo es su correo electrónico y número de teléfono, por favor, solo números de celulares, teléfonos de la casa no funciona en Flocknote.

Cualquier pregunta contacte al Diácono Sid a: deaconsid@stmichaelmckinney.org • 972-542-4667 ext 101.

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You want to be connected to the Parish?

*Go to the website and sign up for Flocknotes
and you will start receiving texts or emails of
events and happenings in the parish!*
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Registration is now open for Summer Programs at Cistercian Preparatory School. Summer Recreation, Academic, and Sport camps are available June 11 – July 6 for boys entering grades 3 to 12.

Cistercian Preparatory School has been forming boys academically, spiritually, and athletically for over 50 years relying on one thousand years of Cistercian tradition. Our Summer Programs are staffed by our regular faculty and coaches with help from our own alumni.

Check out our website at www.cistercian.org for a full schedule of offerings and to register. Contact us with questions summer@cistercian.org

CHRIST'S ENDURING PRESENCE FOR ALL TIMES

I have always imagined that the Lord's followers were very deflated, to the point of depression, when he ascended into the heavens before their eyes. This was the man who had completely changed their lives. This was the man whom they had abandoned, yet who brought them the Easter peace of reconciliation and forgiveness. It could have all ended in that place where Jesus ascended. We all know it did not. The Lord Jesus left his followers gifts that would always and forever make his presence known to them. And these gifts are at our disposal to this day. Every time we gather to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we know the presence of the Lord. Symbols, like my grandmother's one playing card, have tremendous power to evoke presence. Christ's presence inspires us to take his final words to his followers very seriously. It is in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit that we continue to make the gospel message known to those we meet. Today is not a day to celebrate the departure of Christ from this world. It is a day to celebrate the enduring presence of the Lord.

NEED A JOB? CAREER ALLIANCE CAN HELP!!!

Getting Referrals – How to Sell Yourself by

Debbie Mrazak

9:00 to 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 9 at

St. Jude Career Alliance,

1515 N. Greenville, Allen, TX.

Wednesday, May 16, 9:00 to 11:00

The nationally known career consultant Absolute Abby Will share the secrets about getting a job only recruiters know Open to all and free. For details contact

jbick@stjudeparish.com

Or www.stjudecareeralliance.net.

LA PRESENCIA DURADERA DE CRISTO PARA TODOS LOS TIEMPOS

Siempre he pensado que los seguidores del Señor se sintieron muy desanimados, al punto de la depresión, cuando ante sus ojos Jesús ascendió al cielo. Este fue el hombre que cambió completamente sus vidas. Este fue el hombre que abandonaron, pero que en la Pascua les trajo la paz de la reconciliación y el perdón. Todo podría haber terminado en el lugar donde ascendió Jesús. Pero todos sabemos que no fue así. El Señor Jesús dejó regalos a sus seguidores para que su presencia sea eternamente conocida por ellos. Y esos regalos están a nuestra disposición en este día. Cada vez que nos reunimos para celebrar los sacramentos, especialmente la Eucaristía, sabemos que el Señor está presente. Los símbolos, como la carta de la baraja de mi abuela, tienen un poder inmenso para evocar la presencia de alguien. La presencia de Cristo nos inspira a tomar seriamente sus últimas palabras a sus seguidores. Es en Cristo y por medio del poder del Espíritu Santo que continuamos proclamando el mensaje del Evangelio a los demás. Hoy no es un día para celebrar la partida de Cristo de este mundo. Es un día para celebrar la presencia eterna del Señor.



St. Vincent de Paul Distribución de Comestibles

Martes y Jueves de las 2PM a 4PM
2do Sábado del mes de las
8:30AM a 9:45AM

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday and Thursday • 2:00 pm-4:00 pm
2nd Saturday of the month • 8:30 am -9:45 am

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Thrift Store Pick up: 214-373-7837

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First Responders Mass

Wednesday, May 16th

6:00 p.m.

St. Gabriel Catholic Community
110 St. Gabriel Way, McKinney
Please wear your uniform to Mass.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Celebrating the Ascension of Jesus today, we explore the mystery of Jesus in heaven and on earth. The readings tell us of Jesus being taken up into heaven, and then taking his seat at God's right hand. This is to describe how Jesus has been given authority above all things, reigning over both heaven and earth. He ascended as a bodily human being, thus bringing a human presence to God's throne, where he intercedes for us with the Father. Jesus is both far above us as King and Shepherd, and intimately close to us as the human Emmanuel, "God with us." Jesus desires that we trust him to walk with us and to guide our lives. Ascension is an occasion for us to ponder more fully who Jesus is, and how Jesus invites us to be close to him.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13].

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven. (Mark 16:15-20).

WINNER

The winner of the Quilt is Jennifer Lukowsky!

Many thanks to Brenda Stewart for the material donations.

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ESPERANDO EN EL ESPÍRITU

Después de haber recibido las instrucciones finales de Jesús, y haberlo visto elevarse al cielo, a sus discípulos también se les dijo que esperaran. Jesús había prometido que pronto serían bautizados por el Espíritu Santo (en Pentecostés), sino ahora ellos mismos deben esperar y prepararse. Juntos con la última espera para el regreso de Jesús, ellos también necesitan aprender a esperar en las pequeñas cosas. Ellos esperaron el Espíritu para que los empoderara y guiara.

A menudo esperar es difícil para nosotros, la Iglesia. Tendemos a movernos rápido, a querer tomar decisiones y llevarlas a cabo. Algunas veces llegamos a la conclusión que tenemos buenas ideas y planes que harán una diferencia positiva, por lo que es momento de llevarla a cabo. Pero nuestras buenas ideas no son necesariamente las ideas de Dios para nosotros en ese momento específico. A menudo, necesitamos reducir nuestra velocidad, quizá poner nuestros planes ante Dios y esperar el Espíritu. En esos momentos, estamos aprendiendo que esto es el trabajo de Dios, no nuestro. Nosotros siempre debemos recibir de Dios, y ser sostenidos por Dios, para poder compartir a Dios con otras personas.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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Todos los viernes a partir del 11 de mayo de 2018 a las 7p

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ASCENSION

All three readings talk about Jesus being taken up into heaven or in a cloud or on high. These descriptions of the ascension actually tell us that Jesus is reunited with his Father and exalted in glory with the Father. Jesus not only has a new life that cannot be ended by death, he also is no longer limited by time or space as he was before he died. So what does that mean for us?

Because he is not limited, he can be with us everywhere. Through his Spirit, he gives us the power and the courage to act as Jesus and the vision of faith so see Jesus in others. Now this takes some practice. One way we learn is through the lives of the saints. We see how God works through them to do great things. We learn that they become more and more like Jesus, in how they treat others with love and respect.

But if the saints seem too distant, we can look at someone we love. Whether it is a parent, spouse, brother, sister or friend, the good that they do and the love they show is from God. So we can learn about God's love for us by letting ourselves be loved by another.

The other side of the coin is seeing Jesus in ourselves. We may have to forgive ourselves for the bad choices we have made in the past, or the bad habits we still have. We also have to accept that God really does love us as his children. And we have to accept that sometimes, even when we do our best, we still seem to fail. But the God who brings life out of death also brings success out of failure. So trust his promise that we have Jesus in us. Then do your best to follow Jesus and you may lead someone else to him.

LA BARAJA DE LA ABUELA

Mi abuela ha tenido una influencia profunda y perdurable en la vida de sus nietos. Ella fue nuestro primer familiar cercano en morir. Nunca olvidaré su velorio cuando, en una especie de procesión, cada uno de sus nietos adultos nos acercamos a su ataúd y colocamos un pequeño símbolo debajo de los pliegues del forro del féretro. Para mí fue una carta de la baraja que siempre usó mi abuela para crear una especie de abanico mágico, formado al doblar las cartas de un lado para el otro. Cada vez que hago el mismo "truco" para el deleite de mis sobrinos, la presencia de mi abuela es inconfundible.

Faith Formation Registration Dates

Returning Students Only

In St Michael's Hall

Tuesdays 9 AM-4:30PM

05/15, 05/22, 05/29

Wednesdays 9 AM-4:30PM

05/16, 05/23, 05/30

Parishioners

In St Rose Hall

Sunday, June 10, 2018 9 AM-3:30 PM

In St Michael's Hall

Tuesdays 9 AM-4:30PM

06/12, 06/19, 06/26

Wednesdays 9 AM-4:30PM

06/13, 06/20, 06/27

Non-Parishioners

In St Rose Hall

Sunday, July 8, 2018 9 AM-3:30 PM

Tuesdays 9 AM-4:30PM

07/10, 07/17, 07/24 07/31

Wednesdays 9 AM-4:30PM

07/11, 07/18, 07/25

St Michael 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Hi Everyone,

The weather for Monday May 14th is looking really good!! 77° / 58°, Partly Cloudy, 20% Waning Crescent
Record High 98°, Record Low 41°, Sunrise 6:28 am, Sunset 8:19 pm, Moonrise 6:08 am, Moonset 7:35 pm



Christine and I played the course yesterday and are getting out there again today!! With the rain from last week it is lush and green out there!! The New Mini Verde greens were aerated last week and will be looking good for our play. The aesthetics from the bunker reconstruction with the best-in-class sand is really nice but try not to experience it.

The event has shaped up well. We'll have a nice breakfast of breakfast burritos and refreshments waiting for you upon arrival. The complimentary driving range and putting greens will be available so come early and loosen up. The play will be fun and lots of events to participate in as you can see below.

We have a great lunch sponsored by Beam Concrete Construction of Hamburgers & Grilled Chicken Breasts, Potato Salad, Baked Beans & Club Chips. I wouldn't want you to miss the complimentary keg being provided by Landmark Home Warranty.

There are only 4 sponsorships left! If you would like to be the Presenting Sponsor, Breakfast Sponsor, Range or Yard Marker Sponsor follow the below link and go to the store tab.

*Don't miss out in playing the round with
Fr. Eugene or Fr. Juan Carlos!*

There is still room!! So tell your friends to reserve an individual place or team today online and pay by credit card or reserve your place and pay by check or credit card at registration. Just follow the link and go to the register tab.



<https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/stmichaelsgolf>

**Please feel free to share this event
with your friends!**



1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Ephesians 6: 1-3

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DARKNESS

Darkness is a good and necessary teacher. It is not to be avoided, denied, run from, or explained away. First, like Ezekiel the prophet, we must eat the scroll that is “lamentation, wailing, and moaning” in our belly, and only eventually becomes sweet as honey (see Ezekiel 2:9-10; 3:1-3).

By the time most people reach middle age, they’ve had days where life has lost its meaning, they no longer connect with an inner sense of motivation or joy. Sometimes this manifests as clinical depression and requires a therapist’s skilled care and medication. But even if we don’t experience depression, most of us go through a period of darkness, doubt, and malaise at some point in our lives.

There’s a darkness that we are led into by our own stupidity, sin (the illusion of separation), and selfishness (living out of the false self). We have to work our way out of this kind of darkness by brutal honesty, confession, surrender, forgiveness, apology, and restitution. It may feel simultaneously like dying and being liberated. We resist going through the darkness and facing our shadow, so we usually need help, as the Twelve Steps wisely identify. An accountability partner, spiritual director, or counselor can help us navigate this difficult, ego-humiliating process.

There’s another darkness that we’re led into by God, grace, and the nature of life itself. In many ways, the loss of meaning, motivation, purpose, and direction might feel even greater here. The saints and mystics called it “the dark night of the soul.” But even while we feel alone and that God has abandoned us, we sense that we have been led here intentionally. We know we are in “liminal space,” betwixt and between, on the threshold—and we have to stay here until we have learned something essential. It is still no fun and filled with doubt and “demons” of every sort. But it is the darkness of being held closely by God without our awareness. This is where transformation happens.

The darkness that we get ourselves into by our own “sinful” choices can also become the darkness of God. Regardless of the cause, the dark night is an opportunity to look for and find God—in different forms and ways than we’ve become accustomed. Even if we don’t feel like praying, staying committed to contemplative practice is particularly important.

Sometimes it may be tempting to remain in the darkness—it becomes familiar and we rebel against the light; the paralysis and self-pity has a strange attraction. We may feel an inner restlessness, as if we’re aimlessly pacing back and forth on the same path. Allowing periods of this seemingly fruitless darkness may be part of deconstructing our false self so that we can rebuild on the foundation of our True Self. We must lose our old image of God and our old ways of experiencing God’s presence to discover the absolute reality beneath all of our egoic fantasies and fears.

Fr Richard Rohr,
Center for Action and Contemplation

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Jesús se elevó en presencia de los discípulos (Hechos 1:1-11).

Salmo — Dios asciende entre aclamaciones, el Señor, al son de trompetas (Salmo 47 [46]).

Segunda lectura — Dios Padre sentó a Jesús a su derecha en los cielos (Efesios 1:17-23) o *Efesios 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

Evangelio — Jesús fue llevado al cielo (Marcos 16:15-20).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 1:15-27, 20-26; Sal 113 (112):1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Martes: Hch 20:17-27; Sal 68 (67):10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

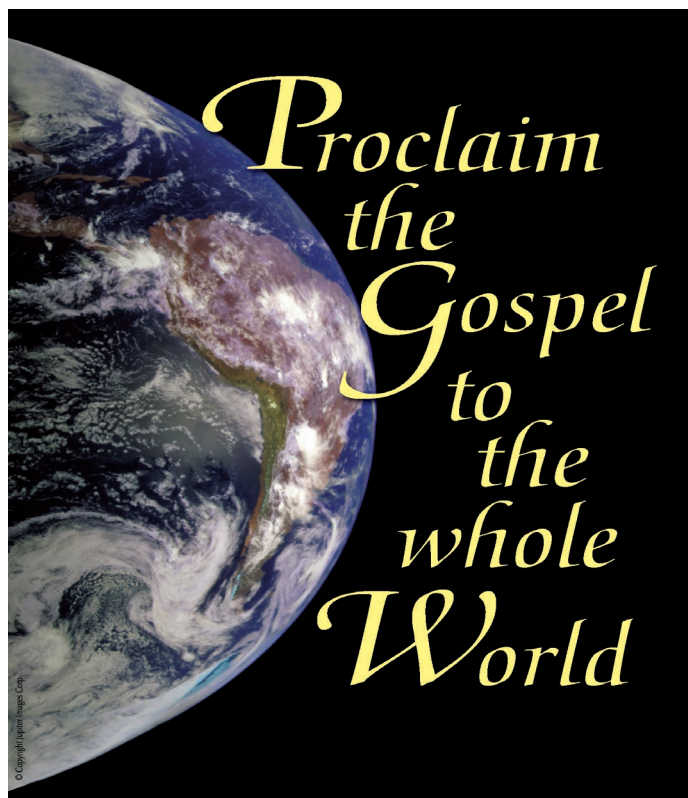
Miércoles: Hch 20:28-38; Sal 68 (67):29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Jueves: Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Viernes: Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Sábado: Hch 28:16-20, 30-31; Sal 11 (10):4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Domingo: Vigilia: Gn 11:1-9 o Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b o Ez 37:1-14 o Jl 3:1-5; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Día: Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104 (103):1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 o Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 o Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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