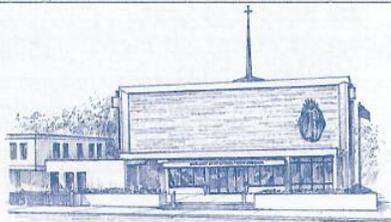
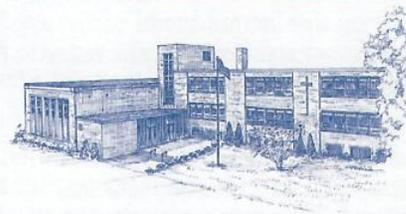


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 7:30 pm (Español)
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 Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
 & 6:00 pm (Español)
 Weekdays: 8:00 am & 12:05 pm Mondays,
 Wednesdays & Fridays (English)
 7:00pm Monday thru Friday (Español)

Holyday Masses Times, language and places will be published in the Sunday bulletin.

Misas Festivas El tiempo, el idioma y el lugar será publicado en el boletín del domingo.

Reconciliation/Reconciliacion: Saturday: 4:15- 4:45 pm; 6:45 pm-7:15 pm (Español). Priest is available upon request or by appointment. El sacerdote estará disponible con cita también

Marriage/Boda: Arrangements should be made at least (6) months in advance. Only parish members will be allowed to register. Los arreglos deben de hacerse al menos (6) seis meses por adelantado. Solo parroquianos se pueden registrar.

Sweet Sixteen/Quinceañeras: Please register with Rosie at 347-318-2110 at least (6) months in advance. Favor de registrarse con Rosie al 347-318-2110 por lo menos (6) meses por adelantado.

Baptism

You must register at the Parish Office and present the birth certificate. You will then be guided through the process. Preparation includes establishing affiliation, attending class and reflecting on how to choose Sponsors. The process will take about 3 months. Baptism Ceremony: Third Saturday of the month at 11:00am.

Bautismo

Hay que inscribirse en la oficina y presentar la acta de nacimiento. Un miembro del Equipo Bautismal se comunicara para visitarte. La preparación incluye saber si eres miembro de la parroquia, asistir a dos clases y reflexión sobre como elegir a los Padrinos. El proceso demora tres meses. Ceremonia del bautismo; Cada primer y tercer sabado del mes a las 12:00pm.

Religious Education

If you would like information regarding our Religious Education Program for children or adults, please call Natalia at 475-295-2293.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 22, 2022



Weekly Announced Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – May 21

8:00am~ NO MASS

5:00pm- † Bryan Graves

Offered by: Linda Graves

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – May 22

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

10:00am- † Judy DeSantis

By: mom, Angie DeSantis

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – May 23

8:00am- † Fausto Rodriguez

Offered by: Estela Hernandez

12:05pm- † Fr. William Halbing

Offered by: Ortiz Family

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Tuesday – May 24

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – May 25

8:00am- † Gregorio Agalo-os

Offered by: Family

12:05pm- † Josephine Bruno

Offered by: Buckley, Nolan & Petronella Families

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday – May 26 ~Ascension Thursday~

12:05pm~ Special Intentions for St. Theresa – St. Rita Stream Academy

Offered by: Julie Ann Fair

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – May 27

8:00am- † Fr. Joseph Mc Andrew

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Church

12:05pm- † Anne & Linda Hannan & Jack Field

By: Cinderella Wonszewitz

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – May 28

5:00pm- † Willy Sander ~1st Anniversay~

Offered by: Linda Graves

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – May 29

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

10:00am- † Pop-Pop & Peter ~Birthday~

Offered by: Family

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

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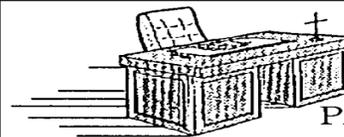
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“The Risen Jesus promises that he will send his Spirit”. (John 14:23-29)

“Promises are promises, they are erased over the years, like all things that we loved yesterday”. These words of the Argentine songwriter “Tormenta” take me back to my childhood where, without knowing it, I sang the heartbreaks and misunderstandings of life. However, today in my priestly life I do believe in the "promises" of the Risen Jesus. Jesus' promises are a sign of hope in a world that has to endure war and death imposed on the little ones but with the strength of the Risen Jesus who promises to give us his Holy Spirit who will guide us to the complete truth. It is in Jesus’ promises that we can dream of that world of justice, peace and love for all. These promises keep us active in charity and do not fade over the years...

The fifty days of Easter are a call to celebrate Jesus' victory over evil and death. This season that began with the celebration of Christ's resurrection extends until the Solemnity of Pentecost which commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit. The apostles received it in tongues of fire when the Holy Spirit descended upon them. The Easter joy is the result of Jesus' promises at the Last Supper when Jesus told the apostles that He would come and dwell in them. A great joy and happiness! Let's celebrate this Sixth Sunday of Easter remembering that the promise of Jesus does not go out of style and is still the cause of our joy.

To understand the power of the Spirit put into action, let us imagine the apostles who, without the physical presence of their Master, had to make decisions about the future of the Church. They could have created a closed and restricted group to those who resembled them. They could also have created rules that reflected their new doctrine. After all, Jesus did not give them hard and fast rules to follow. However, the apostles, led by their Master's promise that his Spirit would lead them to the complete truth, assumed or rather “discerned” that it would NOT be necessary for the Gentiles to convert to Judaism in order to accept the Christian faith. In some way, and using a broad understanding of church, we can say that the fruit of the Spirit of the Risen Jesus is the same that summons the apostles of yesterday and the believers of today to an INCLUSIVE CHURCH. That is the same teaching of today's Gospel that fosters in the apostles peace in the midst of war. It is the same Spirit, indeed, that encourages and overcomes any fear that seeks to dominate our hearts. I do believe that the fruit of Jesus’ Spirit is in his Church and is ready to flourish in the fruits that produce peace and harmony in God's people. "Remember that I will be with you until the end of time..."

← CONTINUED

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 22: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Psalms 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Revelation: 21:10-14, 22-23

May 29: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:1-11
Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9
Ephesians 1:17-23



PLEASE NOTE: The new weekday Mass schedule that will take effect the end of next week.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – On this Solemnity, **Thursday, May 26th**, we celebrate Christ's bodily ascension into heaven, which occurred in the presence of his apostles. The Feast of the Ascension commemorates Jesus' ascension into heaven 40 days after his resurrection. Thus Ascension falls 40 days after Easter, on the 6th Thursday of Easter and is a Holy Day of obligation. Mass time are: **12:05pm (English)** & 7:00pm (Spanish). "*As they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.*" (Acts: 1-9).

UPCOMING CHANGES TO OUR MASS TIMES / NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE - This has been a difficult and challenging adjustment but deemed necessary to our Mass schedule. **Beginning Saturday, May 28th** we will suppress the 8:00am Masses and will offer a **daily 12:05pm Mass** (Monday through Friday). Schedules are never permanent and can be changed in the future as need demands. While this new schedule may be inconvenient to some, it is being instituted with the idea of improving the quality of our worship. Thank you for your love for this church and commitment to it. Let's keep it up. The future might not be certain, but what is certain is that realizing our vision for our growing parish needs will require more love, more commitment, and more collaboration from all of us.

2022 – 2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM - Registrations have begun! Parents interested in registering their children for our CCD program can do so by visiting our Parish Rectory or online in our Parish website. It is a two-year program for each sacrament. Children entering the 1st grade should now be registered for First Holy Communion classes and children entering the 6th grade should now be registered for Confirmation classes. The child's baptismal certificate is required. Classes will start in September. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

2022 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to our parishioners who have already given to the Cardinal's Appeal. Many families have pledged their support to this year's Archdiocesan Cardinal's Appeal towards our goal. Visit www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate today and make your pledge. You may also visit the rectory for help in making your pledge/donation. **Parish #340.**
Learn more online: <https://cardinalsappeal.org/areas-of-support>.

MASS INTENTIONS - Have you ever thought about having a Mass said for yourself? Although it may seem odd, there is a great advantage for having a Mass said for oneself, in that you can attend and pray for yourself as the priest prays for you and your intentions. Many saints have said that this is actually a "double blessing". You may also have Masses said for celebrations (wedding anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) You can also request an intention for the Candles or the Bread & Wine.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES - Certificates attesting to the fact that someone is of practicing Catholic faith is often required when they are asked to sponsor someone at the time of Baptism, Confirmation or Marriage. **Registered and active parishioners** (for a minimum of six months) may receive a sponsor certificate from the Rectory by calling ahead and making this request. Verification of parish membership must be verified in order full-fill this request. This also applies for anyone requiring a letter for immigration and/or any other letter and signature required from the pastor. If you are not registered, please come into the parish office to do so and start using your offertory envelopes.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Everyone wants to experience peace. When we look to the world to provide this for us, we can easily get disappointed. We associate peace with an absence of war and conflict, good relationships between neighbors and coworkers, the achievement of success and even the absence of noise! While all of these are worthy endeavors, pursuing them exclusively as a path to experiencing peace sets us up for failure. When we look for peace outside of ourselves, it will never be found. True and lasting peace is something that comes from within and not something we can produce on our own or receive from others. Peace is discovered when we experience an inner wholeness and harmony. It is born of a sense of connectedness with a God who is larger and greater than ourselves, gifting us with His presence. It is the only the peace offered by the Risen Christ that can settle our hearts and calm our fears. Regardless of the degree of turmoil around us, this sense of completeness that Jesus gives anchors our boats and prevents us from sinking.

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR MASS - If you'd like to give God an opportunity to speak to you even before coming mass each week, preview the Sunday readings at the Catholic Bishops' website: <https://bible.usccb.org/>. This is a wonderful way to pray and opens the door for God to enter your day.



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