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9:00AM - 5:00PM

MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI

7:00AM

TUES & THUR

5:30PM

SATURDAY

5:30PM

**1st Saturdays - 8:00am*

SUNDAY

8:30AM

10:30AM

12:00PM

CONFESSION/ RECONCILIATION

TUES, THURS, SAT
4:45PM - 5:15PM

SUNDAY

**Please see weekly schedule*

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Call the office six weeks
in advance to prepare
registration documents

WEDDINGS

Call the office at least six
months in advance to reserve
date and complete marriage
preparation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Neomi Balderas, Marie Black, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Maria Chavez de Hernandez, Esther Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, Emiliano Cuellar, David Davis, Kate DeWein, John Ferguson, Vangie Gallardo, Juan Garza, Danny Gusme, Erlinda Hamilton, Eric Hawbecker, Marialice Hayes, Josephine Janczar, Mary Margaret Janosek, Steve Janosek, Markus Klink, Joe Mangione, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, Joseph McKinley, Gracie Miller, Amanda Murray, John David Navejar, Jim O'Brien, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Rey Ramos, Jose Sanchez, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Carolyn Smith, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick.



TUESDAY, 21ST

- TMIY: My Father's Father - 6:30am
- Rosary & Potluck - 6pm

WEDNESDAY, 22ND

- 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Bible Study - 9:30am
- Choir Practice - 7pm

THURSDAY, 23RD

- First Corinthians Bible Study - 6:30pm

SATURDAY, 25TH

- Men's Fellowship Group 8:30am

SUNDAY, 26TH

MOST HOLY TRINITY 
BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Graduation Mass -12pm



- Teen ACTS Planning Meeting - 1pm

New to the Parish?
We welcome you to join our faith family!





St. Rita of Cascia
(1381-1457)
May 22

If you're ever in Philadelphia on May 22, forget parking anywhere near Saint Rita's shrine. Cars line streets and fill medians as throngs pack a candlelight vigil and six Masses, honoring this patron-

ess of lost causes, hopeless situations, and— as her statue in countless churches built by twentieth-century immigrants testifies—difficult marriages, troubled homes, and alienated children. Wise people warn, be careful what you pray for. "Divine Savior," Rita prayed, "let me suffer like you!" Obedient to parents who refused her wish to become a nun, Rita married a man who returned her devotion with twenty years of abuse. When enemies murdered him, Rita's two sons swore revenge. Paintings depict her pointing the angry boys toward Christ crucified, whom she begged to restrain them. Within the year, both sons died. Alone now, Rita went to the convent but was refused. The nuns feared violence, since one of them was related to the murderer. Rita arranged peace between the families, made vows, and became much sought after as a counselor and intercessor for forty years on earth—and ever since in heaven.

—Peter Scagnelli

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, May 20

7:00AM **Fr. Jorge**

Rebecca Rodriguez's Birthday - Virginia Newton & Alvin Schmid

Tuesday, May 21

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Abe**

5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Abe**

Craig Michael Blount (d) - The Family

Wednesday, May 22

7:00AM **Fr. Jorge**

Doug Mursch (d) - Marilyn Johnson

Thursday, May 23

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Abe**

5:30 PM **Fr. Abe**

Lawrence Hamilton (d) - Bill Goodman

Friday, May 24

7:00 AM **Fr. Jorge**

Rie Jansen (d) - Marilyn Johnson

Saturday, May 25

4:30 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**

5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**

Cecilio & Becky Rodriguez
- Armando & Delia Salinas

Sunday, May 26 - *Most Holy Trinity*

8:30 AM **Fr. Jorge**

Olga Guerrero (d) - Family

10:30 AM **Fr. Jorge**

Moran Boys (d) - Pat LeVrier

12:00PM **Fr. Abe - *Graduation Mass***

Gloria Trujillo (d) - Carmen Drury



Last Weekend's Altar Flowers
were in loving memory of
†Jerry A. Sesco



Altar Flowers: If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary, please call the office at 734-7285. Each weekend in the bulletin we thank all those who sponsor the altar flowers.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalms — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or *Galatians 5:16-25*.

Gospel — As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) or *John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*.

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DONATION TO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Last weekend we welcomed Rev. Vincent Sakala, OMI to celebrate the 12:00 Mass to talk about his ministry with the Children in Need program. There was no second collection taken at the Mass. Instead, Fr. Jorge approved a donation to this cause from funds in the Parish Outreach account as Fr. Vincent's work with children supports the purpose of our parishioner's generous donations to that parish fund.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday:** Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday:** Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

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LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

Today's first reading recounts the great event of Pentecost. Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church. What does that mean?

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus said to his apostles: "stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Lk 24:49).

Christ made it clear that without the Holy Spirit, his apostles could not do the work he did. They could not grow in virtue. They could not accomplish the mission he gave them. It was only after Pentecost that the Church was able to live, thrive, and grow. Even though they had just spent three years with Jesus, the leaders of the Church that Christ had established couldn't do anything without the indwelling of the Spirit.

Two thousand years later, we need the Holy Spirit more than ever! St. Pope John Paul II constantly stressed openness to the Spirit of God, "We must rekindle in ourselves the impetus of the beginnings and allow ourselves to be filled with the ardor of the apostolic preaching which followed Pentecost."

Through baptism, the third person of the Holy Trinity makes our bodies his temple, a gift that is "confirmed" in the sacrament of confirmation. This is how Christ gives us the power to know Him and the Father, and to do what He calls us to do.

But the Holy Spirit, even as He lives inside of us as baptized Christians, is only as active as we allow. We must implore Him daily to help us. Having free will, we can choose to fan into flame the gift of the Holy Spirit and truly be transformed and empowered, or we can quench the flame and even allow it to be extinguished in us.

St. Pope John Paul II also said, "Whenever the Spirit intervenes, He leaves people astonished. He brings about events of amazing newness; He radically changes persons and history." This is the power of Pentecost. All we need to do to experience this kind of transformation is to say, like Mary did, "Be it done unto me."

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. (St. Augustine)

Christine Hanus

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Tuesday, May 21st.

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The Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group meets on Saturday mornings from 8:30-9:30 am in the Madonna Lower Level.

All men are invited to join us as we prepare for Sunday Mass with scripture, spiritual discussion and fellowship. Coffee is provided.



All men are invited to join the TMIY group for a weekly six part Spring program entitled "My father's Father" by Fr. Dave Pivonka.

Tuesday mornings 6:30am-7:30am.

2024 Spring Bible Study

Thursdays 6:30 to 8:00 pm

April 4 - June 13

Guadalupe Room

First Corinthians

We will read the first letter that Paul wrote to the church in Corinth. The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth were in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians. They, too, witnessed division, scandal, immorality, persecution and other trials. Paul's message to the Corinthians offers much needed wisdom for our own times. In this 11 week study, we will learn how Paul addresses divisions within the Church, emphasizes the importance of unity among church members and introduces the Corinthians to God's greatest gift – the Eucharist.

Enriched
in him in all speech and knowledge
1 Corinthians 1-5

All are welcome to join these Free sessions. Bring your Bible and writing material. Study questions will be provided each week.

Linda Enriquez: 210.387.4804 - linda.lamar@yahoo.com

Join the Ladies Bible Study Group as we study


33 Days to Eucharistic Glory by Dynamic Catholic.

This book study will be held for 5 weeks, beginning on Wednesday, April 24 through Wednesday, May 29th in the Guadalupe Room at 9:30 am.

We plan to consecrate ourselves to the Most Blessed Sacrament at Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Thursday, May 30.

Please call the office or Sarah Barlow (318-455-5458) to sign up or if you have any questions.

This isn't just another book. IT IS AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A SACRED JOURNEY—
a Spiritual Pilgrimage



2024 Teen ACTS Retreat

When: July 18-21, 2024

Where: Ebert Ranch

Cost: \$235

sign up here!



Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ;

for when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:10

Youth and Young Adults Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
19	20	21 Young Adult Worship on the River@ St. Joseph 7 pm	22	23 Young Adult Single Group @ St. Peter 7 pm	24	25
26	27 Youth night @OLG 7pm	28	29	30 Young Adult Single Group @ St. Peter 7 pm	31	





VBS Registration is OPEN!

June 10th – 14th
10 AM – 1 PM

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in to the Parish Office

Registration deadline Sunday, June 2nd



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