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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Vigil, English)

Sunday 7:45 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. (Spanish)

Daily Masses:

Monday - Communion Service 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

First Saturday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., or by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Chapel)

Mon., Tue., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Knights of Columbus - 1st Thursday (monthly) 7:00 p.m.,

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Bible Study - Tuesday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Room A

Spanish Prayer Group - Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

McGovern Hall, Oscar Coreas, (661) 477-2252

Prayer Blanket Ministry - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (monthly)

9:00 a.m. - Noon, Room B, Karen Flores, (661) 393-5171
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-PASTOR'S PAGE—May 1, 2026

My Dear Family, Happy Easter once again,

Today Jesus made a special appearance on the road to Emmaus. Before I get into the story let me give you a news article from the newspaper. It goes like this:

“On the eve of the annual celebration of Jesus of Nazareth, the one million inhabitants of this city was shocked by the announcement of the body identified as that of Jesus which was found in a long neglected tomb outside of the boundary of the city. Rumors been circulating last week that very important discovery was about to be announced. The news however, far outstretch all of our guesses. The initial reaction of Christians here and around the world have been one of the astonishments, bewilderments and defensive disbeliefs. We have to wait and see just what this discovery will have on the 2000 year old religion. To the mind of the writer, it appears, Christianity will have to take its place on the same level with other religions around the world. No longer does its followers claim that, unlike other religions, that the tomb of it's founder is empty. Evidently a 2000 year old lie has come to an end.”

Well, you need to know that its fake news. It's not a real news article. If that article was true, then our faith is worthless. All of this celebration of Easter is absolutely stupid. As Paul the Apostle says in 1 Corinthian 15 says, “We would be the most miserable people in the world.” Well, that's not the way it is. Jesus Christ had three basic credentials: 1. His impact on history. He died at 33 and His ministry was only 3 years long. He was born in an obscure town and yet impact of that lonely, obscure life vibrates through the hallways of time and history. Unlike of the other human life. 2. He fulfilled prophecy. More than 310 O.T. prophecies were fulfilled. 3. Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Most religions of the world are based upon philosophies, the teachings and the postulates of its founders. Of all the 4 world religions are based on personalities. That is Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism and Islam. Of those 4 religions only Christian faith claims resurrection for its founders. The story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus and Jesus joining them at their lowest point in their life; their dreams were shattered, their hope was gone. But Jesus joins them. Our God is on the move. Look, they were not looking for Jesus. He is the last person they would look for. He is dead, He is gone. They saw His lifeless body. They put Him in a tomb. This, I want you to think about. People are not really looking for God. People at times say, I am searching for God, I am on search for a spiritual truth. That's not true. They are not looking for God. The truth is God has been and is looking for you. God isn't lost, but we are. God was looking for Adam and Eve in the garden. And Jesus said that He came to seek and find what is lost. He is looking for people. Here is what is so beautiful; this sets Christianity apart from all the other religions. All the other religions are mans attempt to reach up to God. But Christianity presents a God who is on the move, seeking the lost. And He finds you exactly where you are. Be open to Him. Listen to Him. For He is walking with you.

Let your hearts burn as you listen to Him.

May your eyes be open in the Holy Eucharist.

God Bless You,
~Father Joseph~





Mi Querida Familia, ¡Felices Pascuas una vez más!,

Hoy, Jesús hizo una aparición especial en el camino a Emaús; pero antes de entrar en esa historia, permítanme compartir con ustedes un artículo del periódico. Dice así:

“En vísperas de la celebración anual de Jesús de Nazaret, el millón de habitantes de esta ciudad quedó conmocionado por el anuncio del hallazgo de un cuerpo —identificado como el de Jesús— en una tumba largamente descuidada, situada justo a las afueras de los límites de la ciudad. Durante la semana pasada circularon rumores de que estaba a punto de anunciarse un descubrimiento de gran importancia. Sin embargo, la noticia superó con creces todas nuestras conjeturas. La reacción inicial de los cristianos, tanto aquí como en el resto del mundo, ha sido de asombro, desconcierto y una incredulidad defensiva. Tendremos que esperar y ver qué repercusión tendrá este descubrimiento sobre esta religión de dos mil años de antigüedad. A juicio del autor, parece que el cristianismo tendrá que situarse al mismo nivel que las demás religiones del mundo. Sus seguidores ya no afirman que, a diferencia de otras religiones, la tumba de su fundador está vacía. Evidentemente, una mentira de dos mil años ha llegado a su fin.”

Bueno, tienes que saber que son noticias falsas. No es un artículo de noticias real. Si ese artículo fuera cierto, entonces nuestra fe no tendría ningún valor. Toda esta celebración de la Pascua es absolutamente estúpida. Como dice el apóstol Pablo en 1 Corintios 15: «Seríamos las personas más miserables del mundo». Pues bien, las cosas no son así. Jesucristo poseía tres credenciales fundamentales: (1) Su impacto en la historia. Murió a los 33 años y su ministerio duró tan solo tres años. Nació en un pueblo insignificante y, sin embargo, el impacto de aquella vida solitaria y oscura resuena a través de los pasillos del tiempo y de la historia. A diferencia de cualquier otra vida humana. (2) Él cumplió la profecía. Se cumplieron más de 310 profecías del Antiguo Testamento. (3) La resurrección de Jesucristo.

A mayoría de las religiones del mundo se basan en filosofías, en las enseñanzas y en los postulados de sus fundadores. De todas ellas, cuatro religiones mundiales se fundamentan en personalidades: el judaísmo, el cristianismo, el budismo y el islam. De esas cuatro religiones, solo la fe cristiana reivindica la resurrección para sus fundadores. La historia narra cómo dos discípulos, que se dirigían a Emaús, son alcanzados por Jesús en el momento más bajo de sus vidas: sus sueños se habían hecho añicos y su esperanza se había desvanecido. Pero Jesús se une a ellos. Nuestro Dios está en movimiento. Miren: ellos no estaban buscando a Jesús. Él es la última persona que buscarían. Él está muerto; se ha ido. Vieron su cuerpo sin vida. Lo pusieron en una tumba. Esto es lo que quiero que piensen. La gente no busca a Dios. A veces la gente dice: «Estoy buscando a Dios», «Estoy en busca de una verdad espiritual». Eso no es cierto. Ellos no están buscando a Dios. La verdad es que Dios te ha estado buscando y te está buscando. Dios no está perdido; nosotros lo estamos. Dios estaba buscando a Adán y a Eva en el jardín. Y Jesús dijo que Él vino a buscar y a encontrar lo que está perdido. Él está buscando personas. Aquí es donde reside lo verdaderamente hermoso; esto distingue al cristianismo de todas las demás religiones. Todas las demás religiones son el intento del hombre de elevarse hacia Dios; sin embargo, el cristianismo presenta a un Dios que está en movimiento, buscando a los perdidos, y que te encuentra exactamente donde te encuentras. Ábrete a Él. Escúchalo.

Pues Él camina contigo. Deja que tus corazones ardan mientras lo escuchas.

Que tus ojos estén abiertos en la Santa Eucaristía.

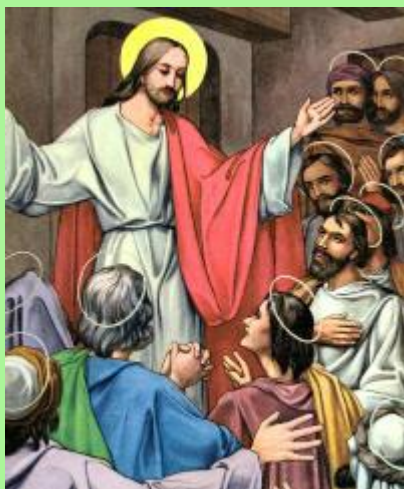
Que Dios te bendiga,

~Padre Joseph~



The Fifth Sunday of Easter is celebrated on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

It is part of the Easter season, which spans from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, focusing on the resurrection of Jesus and the growth of the early Church. This Sunday continues the themes of hope, faith and discipleship emphasizing the call to follow Jesus and live in His light.



The Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you will know the way”

The most effective means of acquiring true Christian spirituality is through participation in the Mass. We must renounce our personal, human, egotistical spirit and rid ourself of all that is worldly and transient. For this reason we receive the Holy Eucharist, which is the spiritualized and glorified flesh and blood of the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat May 2	8 am 4 pm	Int. of Athanasius Mendez +Joe and +Shirley Clerou
Sun May 3	7:45 am 9:30 am 11 am	+Imelda Garcia and +David Guerra Int. of All CTK Catechists & Volunteers +Isidro Romero
Mon May 4	8 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tue May 5	8 am	Int. of Familia Silva
Wed May 6	8 am	+Celeste Rivas Hernandez
Thu May 7	8 am	+Aurelio Hernandez Int. of Jackie Merz and +Bill Merz
Fri May 8	8 am	+Lou and +Loretta Becherucci
Sat May 9	4 pm	+Genovevo Medina
Sun May 10	7:45 am 9:30 am 11 am	+Deceased members of Knights of Columbus 12719 Int. of Moses Cabrera on his birthday Available/Disponible



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Please keep these parishioners in your prayers



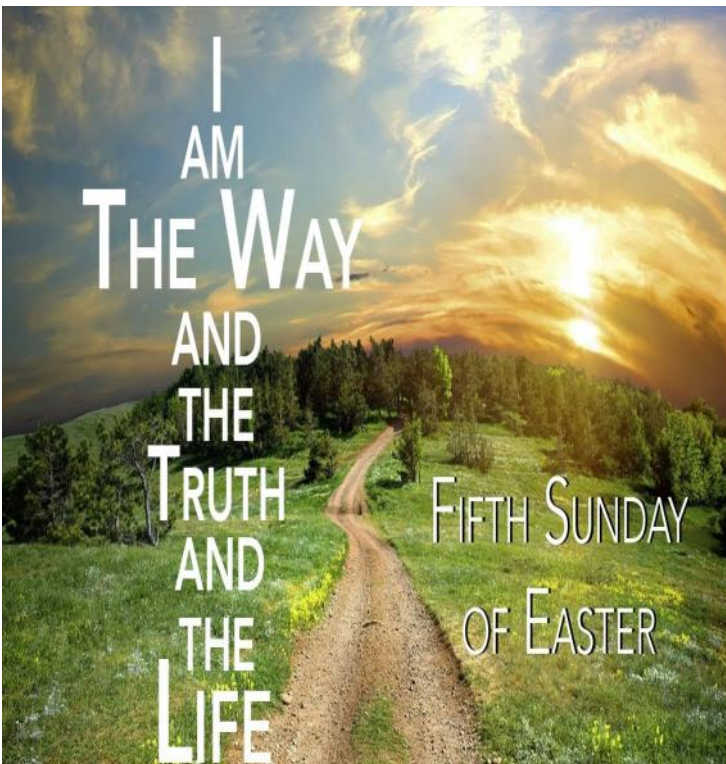
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Sarah Uribe
Sarah Flores
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Luis Campos*

*And all those who have been in our prior bulletins
Requiescat in Pace*



For the past two weeks we've promoted a day
 That's been set aside and is here to stay
 We pay honor to mothers and express how we feel
 If you liked my poetry and what it's about
 Then the tenth of May you will want to shout
 "You're the greatest Mom and God made you mine
 Number one in quality and top of the line"
 If you missed getting tickets and need to survive
 Call Jude by Monday at 570-9239
 I've enjoyed writing verses promoting Mother's Day
 And brought you a smile like a lovely bouquet

Fred Hupp



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St. Augustine of Hippo



It's that time of year again!
 The annual Ladies Guild Rummage Sale will
 be May 8th, 8:00 am—2 pm
 May 9th, 8:00 am—12-noon

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