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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

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

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

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thelittleway73@gmail.com

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McGovern Hall, Peggy Hubble, President (661) 747-5942,
phubble523@gmail.com

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alperich049@gmail.com

Right to Life Rosary - 4th Thursday (monthly) 6:30 p.m.

Norm Reimers, ncreimers@att.net

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
Prayer Blankets are available in the parish office.

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-PASTOR'S PAGE—May 10, 2026

My Dear Family,

Once Socrates said “Speak only, if your words prove the silence around you.” What he meant was that our words should be intentional, purposeful communication rather than the thoughtless chatter. Which means to say our words should enrich rather than diminish the moment. It must carry and convey wisdom. We have lost the art of speaking and our words carry no wisdom. Therefore our conversations have become loaded with meaningless words and below standard. Sometimes full of vulgarity, profanity, and anger.

That’s why we need silence in our lives. As I am growing older I desire it so much. When I am in my rectory, it’s me alone. No TV noises, no human noises. I haven’t watched TV for more than 30 years. Silence can bring a profound understanding of yourself. You can pay attention to your thoughts and observe what’s going on in your inner world. But silence also can allow us to encounter a lot of inner noises, often these inner noises can be so disturbing that a busy and distracting life seems preferable to a time of silence.

Two disturbing “noises” present themselves quickly in our silence: ***the noise of lust and the noise of anger.***

Lust reveals our many unsatisfied needs, while anger reveals our many unresolved relationships. These two realities are very hard to face. Lust often acts as a signal—a “mask” or a symptom—revealing deeper, unaddressed emotional, psychological, or spiritual needs rather than merely a sexual desire. From the psychological and spiritual perspectives, this intense, often compulsive feeling, arises when individuals attempt to fill an inner void or manage discomfort with intense feelings. Anger can reveal our deeper feelings like fear, loneliness, and unmet needs. This can reveal how boundaries have been violated, how people have been unfair to us, or lack of emotional connections with the people who should have loved us. Well, what are we to do? Jesus says, “Go and learn the meaning of the words: Mercy is what pleases me, not sacrifice” (Matthew 9:13). What Jesus meant by sacrifice here is “offering up”, “cutting out”, “burning away”, or “killing”. This is what lots of people in my country do, when they are stuck with these problems. Either they offer sacrifices or offer “poojas” (Hindu or Buddhist way of offering worship) to overcome them. We shouldn’t do that with our lust and anger. It simply won’t work. But we can be merciful towards our own noisy selves that cry out from the depth of our being. We can turn these enemies into friends. How? Well, I will leave it for my next page. May I suggest to you, ***be good to yourself. Be kind. What is the second most important commandment? Love your neighbor as yourself. Learn to love yourself. Forgive yourself.***

You are much in my prayers.

God Bless You,
~***Father Joseph***~





Mi Querida Familia,

Una vez Sócrates dijo: "Habla solo si tus palabras prueban el silencio que te rodea" Lo que él quería decir era que nuestras palabras deberían ser comunicación intencional y con propósito en lugar de charla sin pensar. Lo que significa decir que nuestras palabras deberían enriquecer en lugar de disminuir el momento. Deben llevar y transmitir sabiduría. Hemos perdido el arte de hablar y nuestras palabras no contienen sabiduría. Por lo tanto, nuestras conversaciones se han llenado de palabras sin sentido y por debajo del estándar. A veces están llenas de vulgaridad, profanidad y enojo.

Es por eso que necesitamos silencio en nuestras vidas. A medida que envejezco, lo deseo tanto. Cuando estoy en mi rectoría, estoy solo. Sin ruidos de televisión, sin ruidos humanos. No he visto televisión durante más de 30 años. El silencio puede traer un entendimiento profundo de uno mismo. Puedes prestar atención a tus pensamientos y observar lo que está sucediendo en tu mundo interior. Pero el silencio también puede permitirnos encontrarnos con muchos ruidos internos; a menudo, estos ruidos internos pueden ser tan perturbadores que una vida ocupada y distraída parece preferible a un tiempo de silencio.

Dos "ruidos" disgustosos se presentan rápidamente en nuestro silencio: ***los sonidos de lujuria y los ruidos de la ira.***

El deseo revela nuestras muchas necesidades insatisfechas, mientras que la ira revela nuestras muchas relaciones no resueltas. Estas dos realidades son muy difíciles de enfrentar. La lujuria a menudo actúa como una señal, una 'máscara' o un síntoma, revelando necesidades emocionales, psicológicas o espirituales más profundas y no atendidas, en lugar de ser simplemente un deseo sexual. Desde las perspectivas psicológica y espiritual, este sentimiento intenso, a menudo compulsivo, surge cuando las personas intentan llenar un vacío interno o manejar el malestar con sentimientos intensos. La ira puede revelar nuestros sentimientos más profundos como el miedo, la soledad y las necesidades insatisfechas. Esto puede mostrar cómo se han violado los límites, cómo las personas han sido injustas con nosotros o la falta de conexiones emocionales con las personas que deberían habernos amado. Bueno, ¿qué vamos a hacer? Jesús dice: "Ve y aprende el significado de las palabras: Misericordia quiero, y no sacrificio" (Mateo 9:13). Lo que Jesús quiso decir con sacrificio aquí es "ofrecer", "cortar", "quemar" o "matar". Esto es lo que mucha gente en mi país hace, cuando se enfrentan a estos problemas. O bien ofrecen sacrificios o realizan 'poojas' (la forma hindú o budista de ofrecer adoración) para superarlos. No deberíamos hacer eso con nuestra lujuria y enojo. Simplemente no funcionará, pero podemos ser misericordiosos con nuestro propio yo ruidoso que grita desde lo profundo de nuestro ser. Podemos convertir a estos enemigos en amigos. ¿Cómo? Bueno, lo dejo para mi próxima página. Permítanme sugerirles, ***sean buenos consigo mismos. Sé amable. ¿Cuál es el segundo mandamiento más importante? Ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Aprende a amarte a ti mismo. Perdónate a ti mismo.***

Estás mucho en mis oraciones.

Que Dios te bendiga,

~Padre Joseph~



The sixth Sunday of Easter highlights the close relationship between Jesus and his followers. The readings show Jesus speaking with love and care. He promises the Holy Spirit, who will guide and help the disciples. Jesus reminds them to keep his commandments and stay in his love. These readings call us to trust Jesus and follow him.

We also hear messages about peace and hope. In one year, Peter shares that God's love is for everyone. In another, we see the early Church working through disagreements.

The message is clear: The Christian life is built on love, unity and trust in God's help. The 6th Sunday of Easter helps us remember that even when life is hard, we are never alone. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit!



El sexto domingo de Pascua resalta la estrecha relación entre Jesús y sus seguidores

Las lecturas muestran a Jesús hablando con amor y cuidado. Él promete el Espíritu Santo, quién guiará y ayudará a los discípulos.

Jesús les recuerda que guarden sus mandamientos y permanezcan en su amor. Estas lecturas nos llaman a confiar en El mensaje es claro: La vida cristiana se construye sobre el amor, la unidad y la confianza en la ayuda de Dios. Jesús envía al Espíritu Santo!

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Gracious and loving God, On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the gift of resurrection life. You have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light, and You invite us to live as people of hope, peace and love. Amen!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat May 9	4 pm	+Genovevo Medina
Sun May 10	7:45 am	+Deceased members of Knights of Columbus 12719
	9:30 am	Int. of Moses Cabrera on his birthday
	11 am	+Roberto Solis on the anniversary of his passing
Mon May 11	8 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tue May 12	8 am	Int. of Familia Garcia
Wed May 13	8 am	Int. of Joanne Border
Thu May 14	8 am	+Olivia Banducci
Fri May 15	8 am	+Lou and +Loretta Becherucci on their wedding anniversary
Sat May 16	4 pm	+Kevin, +Scott, and +Jeff Border
Sun May 17	7:45 am	+Larry DeAngelis
	9:30 am	+Eugene White
	11 am	Available/Disponible

OREMUS

Please keep these parishioners in your prayers

Father Joseph Warnakulasooriya

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Today we gather as a family to celebrate the joy of the Easter season. On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, we remember that Jesus promised to be with us always through the Holy Spirit Amen!



Majka Milost, Trst, Croatia

Traditions holds that on May 10, 1291, angels carried the Holy House of Mary from Nazareth to Trsat, where it stayed until its miraculous transport to Loreto, Italy, 1924. Pope Urban V gave the shire of Trsat an oil painting of the Mother of Mercy with the Christ Child. In 1715, it received the first papal coronation of an image outside Italy. Our Lady of Trsat goes in process on her feast day. May 10th.

Mark your calendars, ladies!

LADIES GUILD INSTALLATION DINNER

Thursday, May 14th at -Hodel's Buffet
5:30 PM ~ \$10.00 per person
Reservations required by Monday 5/11 to
Peggy Hubble (661) 747- 5942

Join us for delicious dinner (and berry cobbler!) and great conversation as we install our new officers for the coming year. Teri Pierce will continue as Vice President and Nancy Blair will become our new Treasurer

Bring a friend!

The Holy Rosary

There was a family that lived by the riverbank. The Father & Mother and their two children, would pray before meals and pray the "Holy Rosary" in the evening. One day, there was a heavy rain which resulted in the water levels rising. By the evening, their home was flooded so they stood on top of their table until help arrived. The water levels continued to rise and they eventually were in their attic by the evening....waiting, waiting..as the water levels continued to rise even more, they realized that help had not yet arrived They eventually went up to the highest point of their home, the roof....The Father & Mother became more and more anxious as they waited. The Mother & Father decided to recite the rosary, so as a family they did just that. An Angel then appeared before them and carried The family to a safe place.

Remember that the family that prays together, stands together.
God will protect your family against the perils of this world.

Amen!

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Two containers-Foyer of the Church

Golden Oldies Luncheon

May 27th—11:00 am—1:00 pm- - \$13.00 Cash only
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