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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.

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-PASTOR'S PAGE—May 17, 2026

My Dear Family,

I am happy to come back with the continuation of what I couldn't complete in my Pastor's Page last week. Last week I spoke to you about how lust and anger can reveal our many unsatisfied needs and many unresolved relationships. So, how do we tame these **Inner Enemies**, or how can I **Befriend these emotional outbursts**.

I am sure that we all know the story of **Beauty and the Beast**. The beast learns the bitter truth; that he has to let Belle go even though it is painful. It is only in giving her freedom, that he can love her truly. I think that's what we have to learn with our lust and anger. **What does our lust and anger tell about us?** If you listen to them, they say "**I have some unfulfilled needs**" and "**Who really loves me?**" Well, we want to push these two away as unwelcome guests, right? We feel and recognize that our anxious driven hearts need some **healing**. Sometimes we feel tired, worn out, frustrated, and at times depressed with the way we feel about ourselves. Our constant restlessness calls us to look for the true inner rest where lust and anger can convert into a deeper way of loving.

There is a lot of unruly energy in our lust and anger. It's here the beauty of grace comes to our healing. It's here, the beauty comes to rescue the beast in us. It's here the beauty, the grace of God, comes to rescue our inner ugliness. It's here the grace of God can become a balm to our inner wounded soul. When we meet that beauty of the grace of God, and through the inner healing, that same energy of lust and anger can be directed towards loving well, we can transform not only ourselves but even those who might otherwise become the victims of our anger and lust. This is not a one-time striving. Your struggle will continue until one day you can echo with the Apostle Paul's famous declaration **1 Corinthians 15:10**, where he writes: "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain."

Be patient with yourselves. It takes time and many moments of repentance and tears. I promise you, by the grace of God, it is possible.

We pray for our children who are receiving Jesus for the first time into their hearts. Keep them in your prayers. As Jesus said "Let the children come to me, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven". Let's not prevent our children from coming to Jesus. Rather, let's accompany them to Jesus.

There isn't a single day that goes by without raising my heart and mind to God and our Blessed Mother for you. Keep me in your prayers.

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





Mi Querida Familia,

Mi querida familia, estoy feliz de volver con la continuación de lo que no pude completar en la Página de mi Pastor la semana pasada.

La semana pasada te hablé sobre cómo la lujuria y la ira pueden revelar nuestras muchas necesidades insatisfechas y muchas relaciones sin resolver. Entonces, ¿cómo domamos a estos "Enemigos Interiores", o cómo puedo "hacerme amigo de estos estallidos emocionales"?

Estoy seguro de que todos conocemos la historia de La Bella y la Bestia. La bestia aprende la amarga verdad: que tiene que dejar ir a Bella aunque sea doloroso. Solo al darle libertad, puede amarla verdaderamente. Creo que eso es lo que tenemos que aprender con nuestra lujuria y enojo. **¿Qué nos dice nuestra lujuria y nuestra ira sobre nosotros?** Si los escuchas, dicen "**Tengo algunas necesidades no satisfechas**" y "**¿Quién realmente me ama?**" Bueno, queremos alejarlos como invitados no deseados, ¿verdad? Sentimos y reconocemos que nuestros corazones impulsados por la ansiedad necesitan algo de **sanación**. A veces nos sentimos cansados, agotados, frustrados y, a veces, deprimidos con la forma en que nos sentimos acerca de nosotros mismos. Nuestra constante inquietud nos llama a buscar el verdadero descanso interior donde la lujuria y la ira puedan convertirse en una forma más profunda de amar.

Hay mucha energía indomable en nuestro deseo y enojo. Es aquí donde la belleza de la gracia llega a nuestra sanación. Es aquí, la belleza viene a rescatar a la bestia en nosotros. Es aquí donde la belleza, la gracia de Dios, viene a nuestro rescate, a nuestra fealdad interior. Es aquí donde la gracia de Dios puede convertirse en un bálsamo para nuestra alma interior herida. Cuando encontramos esa belleza de la gracia de Dios, y a través de la sanación interior, esa misma energía de lujuria y enojo puede ser dirigida hacia amar bien, podemos transformar no solo a nosotros mismos sino incluso a aquellos que de otro modo podrían convertirse en víctimas de nuestra ira y lujuria. Este es un esfuerzo único. Tu lucha continuará hasta que un día puedas hacer eco de la famosa declaración del apóstol Pablo en **1 Corintios 15:10** donde él escribe: "Pero por la gracia de Dios **soy lo que soy, y su gracia hacia mí no ha sido en vano**".

Tened paciencia con vosotros mismos. Lleva tiempo y muchos momentos de arrepentimiento y lágrimas. Os prometo, por la gracia de Dios, que es posible.

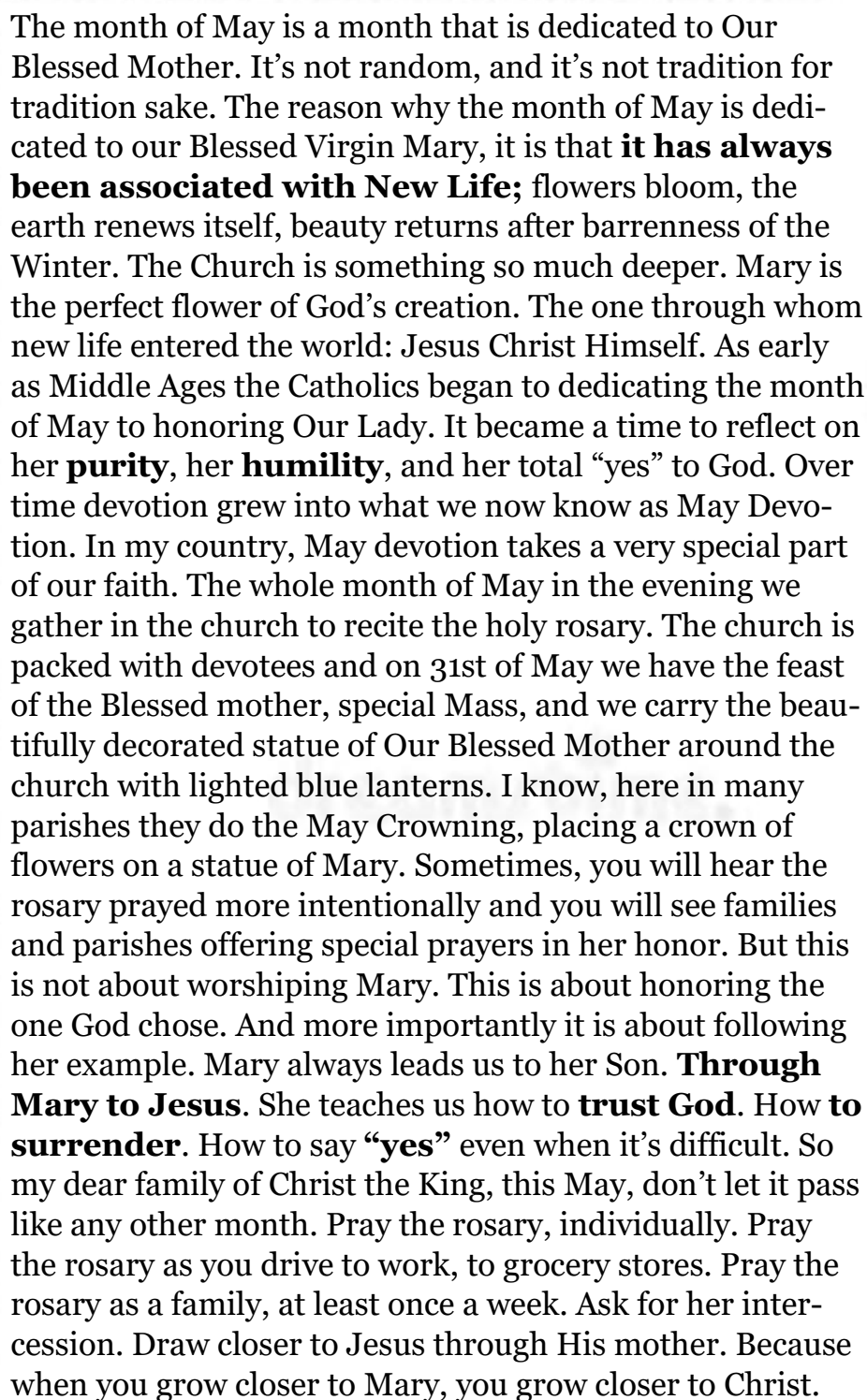
Oramos por nuestros hijos que están recibiendo a Jesús por primera vez en sus corazones. Manténganlos en sus oraciones. Como dijo Jesús: "Dejen que los niños vengan a mí, porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos." No impidamos que nuestros hijos vengan a Jesús, más bien, acompañémoslos a Jesús.

No pasa un solo día sin que eleve mi corazón y mi mente a Dios y a nuestra Bendita Madre por ti. Mantenme en tus oraciones.

Que Dios te bendiga,

~Padre Joseph~





The month of May is a month that is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. It's not random, and it's not tradition for tradition sake. The reason why the month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Virgin Mary, it is that **it has always been associated with New Life**; flowers bloom, the earth renews itself, beauty returns after barrenness of the Winter. The Church is something so much deeper. Mary is the perfect flower of God's creation. The one through whom new life entered the world: Jesus Christ Himself. As early as Middle Ages the Catholics began to dedicating the month of May to honoring Our Lady. It became a time to reflect on her **purity**, her **humility**, and her total "yes" to God. Over time devotion grew into what we now know as May Devotion. In my country, May devotion takes a very special part of our faith. The whole month of May in the evening we gather in the church to recite the holy rosary. The church is packed with devotees and on 31st of May we have the feast of the Blessed mother, special Mass, and we carry the beautifully decorated statue of Our Blessed Mother around the church with lighted blue lanterns. I know, here in many parishes they do the May Crowning, placing a crown of flowers on a statue of Mary. Sometimes, you will hear the rosary prayed more intentionally and you will see families and parishes offering special prayers in her honor. But this is not about worshiping Mary. This is about honoring the one God chose. And more importantly it is about following her example. Mary always leads us to her Son. **Through Mary to Jesus**. She teaches us how to **trust God**. How to **surrender**. How to say "**yes**" even when it's difficult. So my dear family of Christ the King, this May, don't let it pass like any other month. Pray the rosary, individually. Pray the rosary as you drive to work, to grocery stores. Pray the rosary as a family, at least once a week. Ask for her intercession. Draw closer to Jesus through His mother. Because when you grow closer to Mary, you grow closer to Christ.

~Father Joseph~



El mes de Mayo es un mes dedicado a nuestra Santísima Madre. No es al azar, y no es tradición por el simple hecho de la tradición. La razón por la que el mes de mayo está dedicado a nuestra Santísima Virgen María es que **siempre ha estado asociado con la Nueva Vida**; las flores florecen, la tierra se renueva, la belleza regresa después de la esterilidad del invierno. La Iglesia es algo más profundo. María es una flor perfecta de la creación de Dios. Aquel a través de quien la vida nueva entró al mundo; Jesucristo mismo. Ya en la Edad Media, los católicos comenzaron a dedicar el mes de mayo a honrar a Nuestra Señora. Se convirtió en un momento para reflexionar sobre su **pureza**, su **humildad** y su total '**sí**' a Dios. Con el tiempo, la devoción creció hasta convertirse en lo que ahora conocemos como la Devoción de Mayo. En mi país, la devoción de mayo ocupa una parte muy especial de nuestra fe. Durante todo el mes de mayo, por la tarde nos reunimos en la iglesia para rezar el santo rosario. La iglesia se llena de devotos y el 31 de mayo celebramos la fiesta de la Santísima Madre, con una misa especial, y llevamos la hermosa estatua decorada de Nuestra Santísima Madre alrededor de la iglesia con linternas azules encendidas. Sé que aquí en muchas parroquias se realiza la Coronación de Mayo, colocando una corona de flores en una estatua de María. A veces, se escuchará rezar el rosario con más intención y se verá a las familias y parroquias ofreciendo oraciones especiales en su honor. Pero esto no se trata de adorar a María. Se trata de honrar al único Dios que eligió. Y más importante aún, se trata de seguir su ejemplo. María siempre nos conduce a su Hijo. **A través de María hacia Jesús.** Ella nos enseña cómo **confiar en Dios**. Cómo **entregarse**. Cómo decir "**sí**" incluso cuando es difícil. Así que, mi querida familia de Cristo Rey, este mayo, no dejen que pase como cualquier otro mes. Recen el rosario, individualmente. Recen el rosario mientras conducen al trabajo, a las tiendas de comestibles. Recen el rosario en familia, al menos una vez a la semana. Pide su intercesión. Acércate más a Jesús a través de Su Madre. Porque cuando te acercas a María, te acercas más a Cristo.

~Padre Joseph~

The Ascension is the event recorded in the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Luke, in which Jesus—forty days after his Resurrection led his disciples to the Mount of Olives outside Jerusalem, blessed them, and was taken up into heaven before their eyes.

Two angels appeared and said to the disciples: “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven” (Acts) 1:11)

The Ascension marks the completion of Christ’s earthly mission. He who became flesh, suffered, died, and rose from the dead now returns to the Father—but not without us. He takes our human nature with him into the heart of the Trinity. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, wherever the Head has gone, the Body follows.

“He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father”



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Mon May 18	8 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tue May 19	8 am	Int. of Familia Garcia
Wed May 20	8 am	Int. of Phillip and April Padilla & Grandchildren
Thu May 21	8 am	Available/Disponible
Fri May 22	8 am	Available/Disponible
Sat May 23	4 pm	+Suzanne Cunningham
Sun May 24	7:45 am	+Leo and +Joan Abler
	9:30 am	+Genovevo Medina
	11 am	Available/Disponible

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We invite the women of the parish, ages 18 years and above for a day of inspiration and fellowship

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united in love, and bold in witness
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compassion in their decisions
We pray for those who in body, mind or spirit: bring them
comfort healing and peace
We pray for our communities and families: helps us to live in
harmony, forgiving as we have been forgiven.*

*Señor, oramos por tu iglesia en todo el mundo.
Mantennos fieles a tu Palabra,
unidos en amor y valientes en testimonio.
Oramos por aquellos que en cuerpo, mente o espíritu, les
traigan consuelo, sanación y paz. Oramos por nuestras co-
munidades y familias,
perdonando como hemos sido perdonados*

FAMILY ADORATION NIGHT

Adoration will take place on **May 21st** in the Church from **6:00–8:30pm.**

Family adoration night will be every third Thursday of every month at the same time and place.

La adoración tendrá lugar el **19 de Marzo** en la iglesia, de **6:00 a 8:30pm.**



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