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To make arrangements, please contact the parish office.

### Websites

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### Mass Schedule

**Weekend**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. (R)  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. (B), 10:30 a.m. (R)

### Weekday

Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (R) (Mass & Adoration); Wednesday 8:00 a.m. (B); Thursday 8:00 a.m. (R); Friday 8:00 a.m. (B)

### Communion to the Sick & Shut-ins

If you have a loved one or know of someone who is homebound that would like to be receiving communion, please let Fr. Petrica know at [steve.petrica@gmail.com](mailto:steve.petrica@gmail.com) so that he can make certain that they are able to receive this sacrament.

### Anointing of the Sick

Call to request this sacrament anytime.

### Sacrament of Penance

First Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (R)  
Third Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (B)  
Confession by appointment anytime.  
Saturday confessions followed by Mass at 9:00 a.m.



## The Reason For Our Hope

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends—faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of his presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see his eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do. ©LPi

## Financial Updates

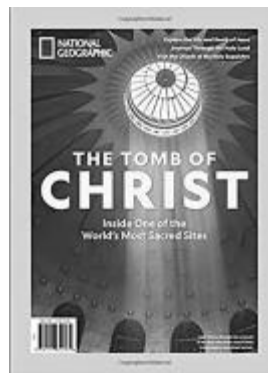
I have been very gratified by the way our parishioners have stepped up to keep our parish afloat financially during the coronavirus crisis. Several mail in their weekly offering envelopes and several others have signed up for our online giving provision. A few have made special gifts to keep us going. The result of your faithfulness and generosity is that I expect we will emerge from this event

having suffered some loss, but essentially fiscally intact. This is good news. Thank you!

Our giving at the diocesan level has also been gratifying. We have *pledged* more than enough to meet our parish goal for the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. And as people continue to make good their pledges, we have now paid completely more than 84% of our goal. Please keep it up — both for the sake of diocesan programs and ministries the ACA supports, and also because the parish will be rebated any funds our parishioners remit above our goal!

## New Addition to the Library

I continue to be deeply affected by my experiences in the Holy Land last year. So when I saw this new National Geographic publication, *The Tomb of Christ: Inside One of the World's Most Sacred Sites*, I couldn't pass it by. The tomb of Jesus is enshrined in a structure called the Edicule, at the heart of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. ***This is the very place where the resurrection***



***happened.*** To my mind, it is the most sacred site in the world, and this little book conveys some sense of the beauty and depth of the place. The text is concise and fair; it is the photos that shine. The book is on the literature table in the narthex of Immaculate Conception. Feel free to borrow it. Until you can make the actual pilgrimage, you can enjoy this “virtual pilgrimage”!

## On the Cover

“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,” photographed by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. This image of the Holy Spirit descending is from the center of the dome of the Rosary Chapel in the Church of Santo Domingo, Puebla, Mexico. The Latin text reads “*requiescet super eam Spiritus Domini,*” which is based on Isaiah 11:2:

The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

There is a subtle difference, however: The Latin of Isaiah reads “*super eum*” (“upon **him**”), while the inscription in the dome has been recast to read “*super eam,*” which is feminine (“upon **her**”). In the context of a rosary chapel, this is therefore a representation of the Holy Spirit descending upon Mary at the Annunciation. You may also recognize this verse as the source for the prayer over the candidates in the rite of Confirmation.

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## May 21, Feast of the Mexican Martyrs St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

In the 1920s, Mexican President Elias Calles began enforcing brutal anti-Catholic laws. Priests who ignored the laws were fined, arrested, and even killed. Soon, many Catholics rebelled against the government, beginning the three year Cristero War, dramatized in the 2012 film, *For Greater Glory*. Thousands of federal troops, rebels, and civilians were killed and the cruel treatment of priests and laypeople at the hands of the government deepened. Pope St. John Paul II canonized 25 saints from this period, most of them priests who did not take up arms but continued to carry out their ministry in the face of persecution and death. This feast day is a reminder that religious persecution is not relegated to a distant time or a distant land. Still, more importantly, we celebrate the courage, faithfulness, and selflessness of these saints.

Why not celebrate the liturgical feast with a culinary feast of *Rajas con Crema* (Slices—that is, of peppers and onions—with cream)? This is a popular dish in central and southern Mexico that can be served at breakfast or dinner and eaten as a side dish or a main course with beans and eggs. Poblano peppers are best but bell peppers will work just fine.

### Ingredients

6 large peppers (poblanos or bell)      ½ cup cheese (Monterey jack or cheddar)  
½ large onion cut into strips      ½ cup milk

### St. Bernadette's Offerings

Weekend of May 3, 2020

Envelopes ..... \$1,490.00  
Online offerings ..... 250.00  
Total ..... \$1,740.00

Same weekend last year ..... \$2,738.00  
Difference ..... -998.00

Weekend of May 10, 2020

Envelopes ..... \$835.00  
Loose offerings ..... 720.00  
Online offerings ..... 280.00  
Total ..... \$1,835.00

Same weekend last year ..... \$1,801.00  
Difference ..... -34.00

*May the gift you have promised not be an exaction, but a willing gift. (cf. II Cor. 9:5)*



*Rajas con Crema*

1 Tbsp. of butter                      salt  
½ cup sour cream

1. Char the peppers on all sides. The best way to do this is over the open flame of a gas stovetop. Just set them on the grate and turn them with tongs. Let them get nice and black. You can do this in an oven on broil if you have to, but an open flame is best. And more fun!
2. Let the peppers cool then use your fingers to peel off the charred skin. The blackened parts will come off easily. You can run the peppers under water quickly if you need to.
3. Remove the tops and seeds from the peppers and then cut them into thin strips.
4. Heat the butter in a skillet and add the sliced onion. After a few minutes, toss in the peppers and add a bit of salt. Stir and cook for a minute. Then add the sour cream and milk, simmer for another three or four minutes. The peppers should be soft but not mushy. Remove from heat, add the cheese and stir.
5. Serve with warm tortillas.

*From "FEAST! Real Food, Reflections, and Simple Living for the Christian Year" by Daniel and Haley Stewart*

### Mass Intentions

"Remember me at the altar of the Lord."

—St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine

### Tuesday, May 19: Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. .... (R)

### Wednesday, May 20: St. Bernardine of Siena

8:00 a.m. .... (R)

### Thursday, May 21: St. Christopher Magallanes

8:00 a.m. .... (R)

### Friday, May 22: St. Rita of Cascia

8:00 a.m. .... (R)

### Saturday, May 23: Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. .... (R)

### Sunday, May 24: Ascension of the Lord

8:30 a.m. .... Melissa Carden (B)

10:30 a.m. .... People of the Parish (R)

*When requesting Mass intentions, be sure to specify the date and time you'd like.*

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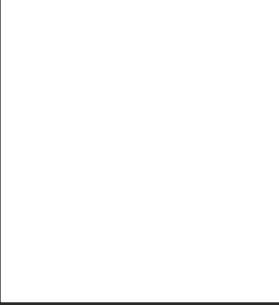
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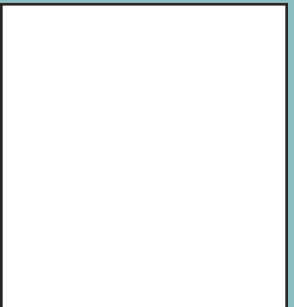
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