

# ST JOSEPH ON THE RIO GRANDE



## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything and remind you  
of all that I told you.” —Jn 14:26

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22, 2022

- Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
- Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
- Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday:** *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/ Jn 17:20-26

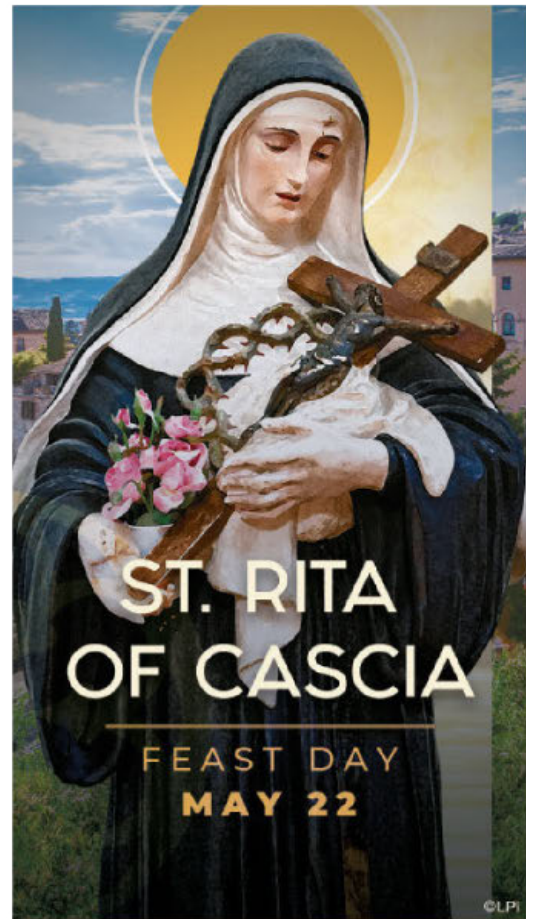
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22, 2022

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Philip Neri, Priest
- Friday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** 7th Sunday of Easter; The Ascension of the Lord; St. Paul VI, Pope

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Everyone wants to experience peace. When we look to the world to provide this for us, we can easily get disappointed. We associate peace with an absence of war and conflict, good relationships between neighbors and coworkers, the achievement of success and even the absence of noise! While all of these are worthy endeavors, pursuing them exclusively as a path to experiencing peace sets us up for failure. When we look for peace outside of ourselves, it will never be found. True and lasting peace is something that comes from within and not something we can produce on our own or receive from others. Peace is discovered when we experience an inner wholeness and harmony. It is born of a sense of connectedness with a God who is larger and greater than ourselves, gifting us with His presence. It is the only the peace offered by the Risen Christ that can settle our hearts and calm our fears. Regardless of the degree of turmoil around us, this sense of completeness that Jesus gives anchors our boats and prevents us from sinking.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows.

Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday May 23rd, 2022

9:00 am

✠ Muriel Kathrein

### Tuesday May 24th, 2022

9:00 am

✠ Severino and Steven  
Trujillo

### Wednesday May 25th, 2022

9:00 am

✠ William E. Blythe

### Thursday May 26th, 2022

9:00 am

No intentions

### Friday May 27th, 2022

9:00 am

St. Joseph (in thanksgiving  
for prayers answered)

### Saturday May 28th, 2022

5:00 pm

✠ James Randolph  
✠ Cora Sanchez  
George and Delia Ortiz  
(health)

### Sunday May 29th, 2022

8:00 am

Steve Wenzl and Family  
(special intentions)

10:00 am

✠ Priscilla Reyna-Jojola (1st  
anniversary)  
✠ Bernie Martinez

12:00 pm

For the People

On Monday, May 30th the  
parish office will be  
**closed** and there will be  
**no Mass** for the Memorial  
Day holiday.

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jesus tells his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence. St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: *"May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us."*

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God's presence to settle into our bones! It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else.

Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God's presence and promise. The elegance of God's Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God's life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

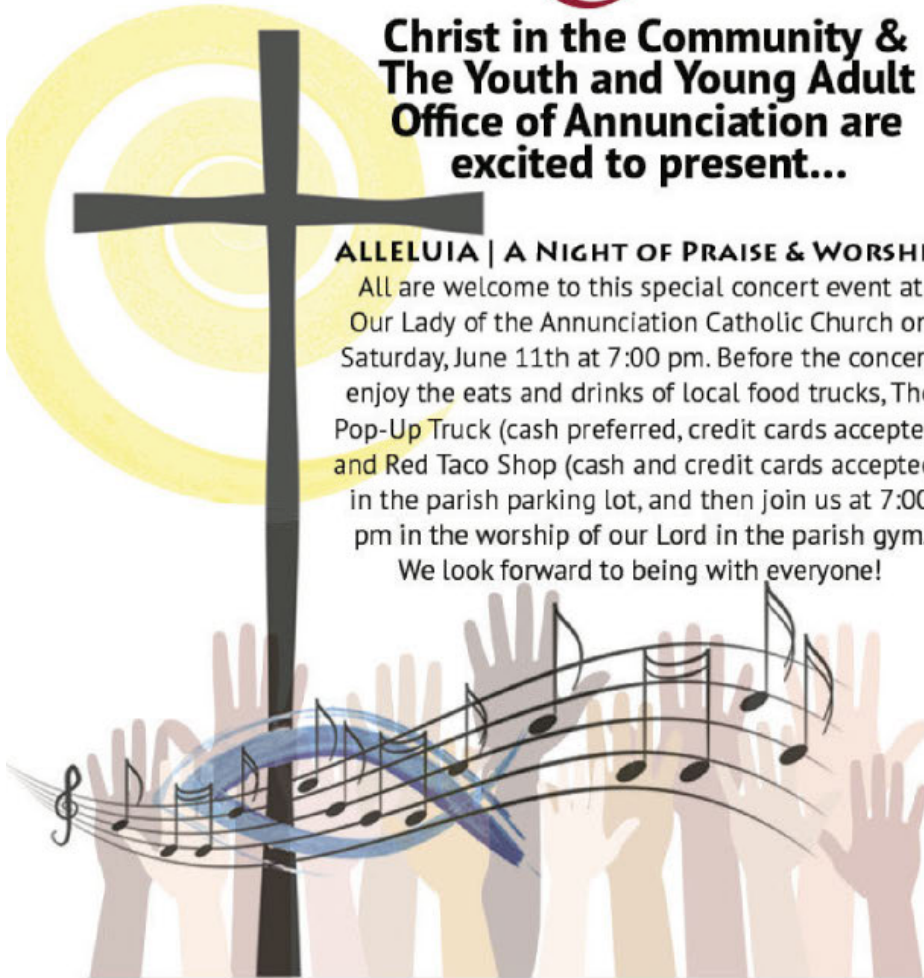
## RESPONDING *to the Call*

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### ALLELUIA | A NIGHT OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

All are welcome to this special concert event at Our Lady of the Annunciation Catholic Church on Saturday, June 11th at 7:00 pm. Before the concert, enjoy the eats and drinks of local food trucks, The Pop-Up Truck (cash preferred, credit cards accepted) and Red Taco Shop (cash and credit cards accepted), in the parish parking lot, and then join us at 7:00 pm in the worship of our Lord in the parish gym.

We look forward to being with everyone!



**CATECHESIS:** An education of children, young people, and adults in the faith of the Church through the teaching of Christian doctrine in an organic and systematic way to make them disciples of Jesus Christ.

— CCC, glossary



Have you enrolled for Youth Faith Formation yet? Classes are forming now.

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Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday  
5:00 pm MDT (Summer Schedule)  
4:00 pm MST (Winter Schedule)

### Sunday

8:00 am (Spanish)  
10:00 am  
12:00 noon  
Weekdays  
9:00 am

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday  
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm MDT (Summer Schedule)  
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm MST (Winter Schedule)

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## Prayer List

Ida Castillo, Carmela Benavidez, Jerry Chavez, Chris Conklin, Keri Moore, Noah and Jarred Peña, Rick Gonzales, Francine Romero, Margaret Klein, Phyllis Tabet, Muldrake Family, Mike Humpheries, Pat Sanchez, Sofia Armijo, Pearl Chavez, Josephine Arn, Danny and Hilda Abeyta, Valeria Ontiveros and family, Dale Weaver, Tina Archuleta, Kristi Peña, Anthony DeLeon, Michael Jones, J.D. and Hope Chavez, Steve Hay, Raymond Romero, Risa Caldwell, Fr. William McNichols, Deacon George Miller, Deacon Bert Dohle, Monsignor Flach, Pope Francis, Fr. Onwumelu, Archbishop Wester, Lorenza Flores, Monsignor Luna, all newly ordained Deacons, Pricy Saiz, Rosie Saiz, Natalia Duran, and Charlotte Apodaca.

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph on the Rio Grande is a member of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and is in union with the Roman Catholic Church. We believe in and celebrate the presence of Christ in our world through Word and Sacrament. We strive to make Jesus known in the local community through ministries of faith, hospitality, liturgy, compassion and justice.

**NEXT BULLETIN  
DEADLINE  
THURSDAY  
05.26.22**

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

Today's reading offers an excerpt from the "dissension and debate" taking place at the first Church council in Jerusalem over the question of male circumcision. How often do you experience conflict within your faith community?

### Second Reading

One of John's final visions depicts the heavenly Jerusalem where God's presence is fully known in all its splendor. Why do you think this vision of heaven was revealed to John?

### Gospel Reading

During his farewell discourse, Jesus reassured the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit and the promise of divine peace. When do you experience God's presence this way in your life?

## A Novena for Life *honoring* the Feast of the Visitation

Join us in prayer May 22-30.

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### COLLECTIONS OTHER THAN SUNDAY FOR APRIL

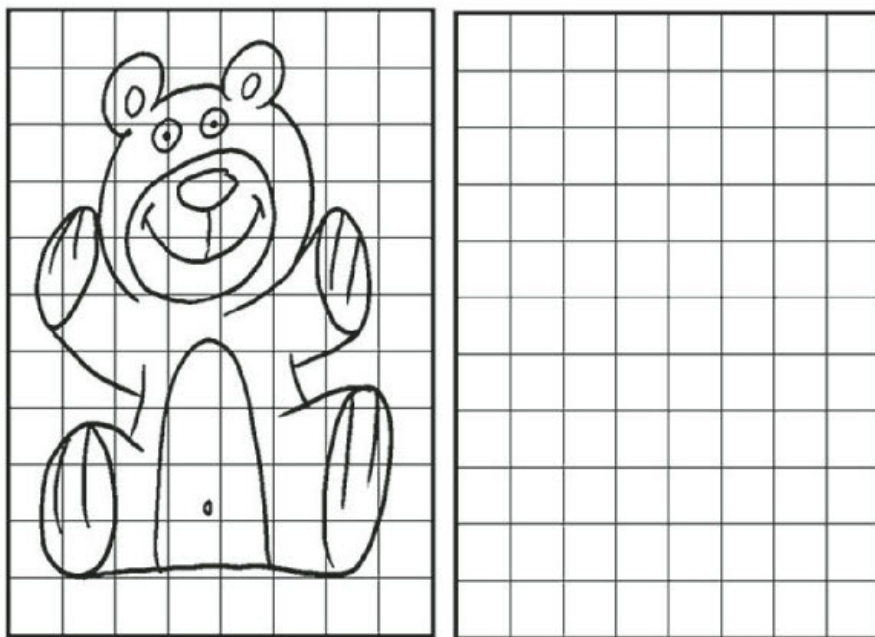
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# KIDS CORNER

## READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

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### SHARING THE GOSPEL

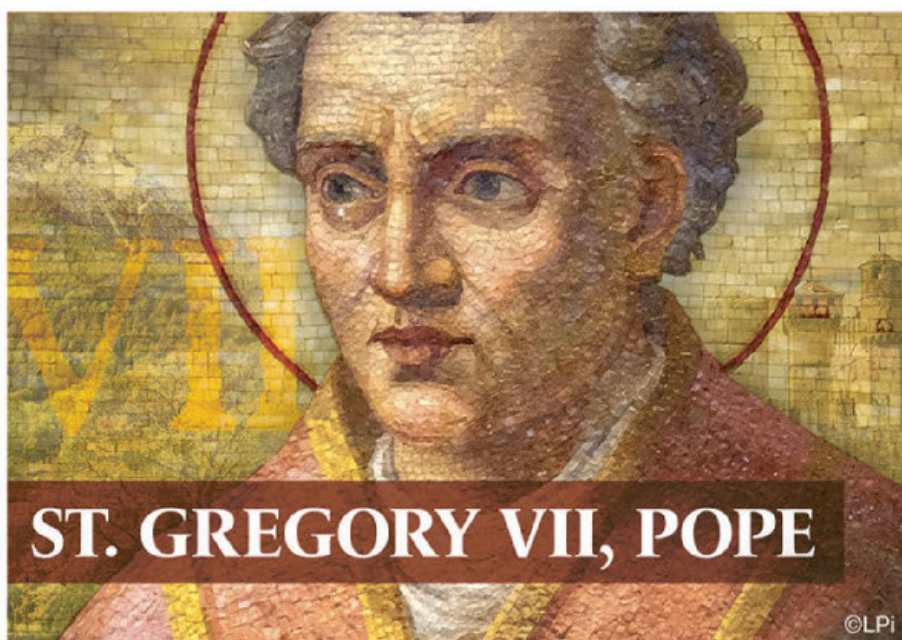
Jesus wants you to love him so much that you will always do what he asks. Jesus knows that if you put God first, you will have peace. Instead of wanting more toys, you will be happy to share them. Instead of wanting to get your own way, you will enjoy taking turns. You will feel good helping other people.

### PRAYER

Dear God, change my heart so that I want to put you and other people first.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will invite a friend over to play. I will share and take turns.



# PASSAGES



## Needed: RCIA Team Members

Monsignor Thomas D. Flach, recently offered to coordinate St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) needs volunteers to form a team to assist with the ministry of evangelization of the faith inquirers. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or would like more information, please call the Parish Office (505-839-7952) and leave a message with your name and telephone number and Monsignor Flach will return your call.



Dear St. Joseph, I entrust myself today to your loving care.

Be my protector and guide on this earthly pilgrimage.

Intercede for me that, like you, I may be truly devoted to Jesus and Mary.

Amen.

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