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Monday—Saturday: Morning Prayer 7:30 AM.

Monday—Saturday: Mass 8:00 AM (English)

Saturday: 5:30 PM (English)

**Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM &
11:30 AM (English)
1:30 PM (Spanish)**

Holy Days: The schedule will be announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :

Saturday, 4:30 PM

SACRAMENTS: Visit Our Website for information

Tuesdays, 5:00 - 6:00 PM: Prayer Hour for Peace.

First Fridays, 8:30-10:00 AM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour for Vocations, Benediction.

Fridays, 7:00-8:00 PM (Spanish): Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction.

First Saturdays, 8:30-9:15 AM: Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima (Rosary and meditation on the mysteries).

Sundays, 12:30 PM: Flame of Love Rosary

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In the readings today we can understand that by being the strong people of faith that God created us to be, we can participate in the object of our practice of and in faith, which is our salvation. How we do this is very important! Why? We are the ones that need to make the choice to do so. This is part of the grace that God gives us in "Free will," that we participate by our actions. As mentioned in the first reading, change happens, that we can be healed.

In the second reading we hear that we should not judge and show any partiality towards anyone, regardless of who they are. I truly believe that the opposite of Love is being judgmental. It is not hate nor indifference, because if it was, you would first have to judge them. In loving our neighbors as ourselves, we, as Scripture mentions, become rich in faith and heirs to the Kingdom we have been promised.

In the Gospel today we hear of the healing of the deaf-mute man. What I find interesting is that the man was accepting of his condition, and that it was the people who brought him to Jesus. As many of them then as so today, people want to believe, but they feel that if God is, then He must prove that He is. That is not what faith entails, sisters and brothers. But remember that Jesus knew their hearts and how hard their hearts were, so He heals the deaf-mute man.

Maybe the questions is for us, are we happy with our lives today or do we need to let Jesus work within and through us? Many instances of healing come through the beautiful sacrament of Confession. God loves us so much that as sinners we go to Him, and after confessions, we sinners leave without sin by the incredible grace of God's love and mercy. Much like the deaf-mute man, we need to embrace the idea that we too can let Jesus' healing hands be what we need them to be, a wonderful action of Love that is in itself, God.

~ Fr. Tom

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En las lecturas de hoy, podemos entender que al ser la gente fuerte de la fe que Dios nos creó, podemos participar en el objeto de nuestra práctica de y en la fe, que es nuestra salvación. ¿Cómo hacemos esto es muy importante! ¿Por qué? Somos los que necesitan hacer la opción de hacerlo. Esto es parte de la gracia que Dios nos da en " Libre albedrío", que participamos en nuestras acciones. Como se mencionó en la primera lectura, ocurre el cambio, que podemos ser curados.

En la segunda lectura, escuchamos que no debemos juzgar y mostrar ninguna parcialidad hacia cualquier persona, independientemente de quienes sean. Realmente creo que lo opuesto al amor es ser crítico. No es el odio ni la indiferencia, porque si fuera, primero tendrías que juzgarlos. Al amar a nuestros vecinos, ya que nosotros, nosotros, como menciona las Escrituras, se vuelven ricos en fe y herederos al reino que hemos sido prometidos.

En el Evangelio hoy, escuchamos de la curación del sordomudo mudo. Que me parece interesante es que el hombre estaba aceptando su condición, y que eran las personas que lo llevaban a Jesús. Tan muchos de ellos, de modo que hoy, la gente quiere creer, pero sienten que si Dios es, entonces debe probar que lo es. Eso no es lo que la fe conlleva, las hermanas y los hermanos. Pero recuerda que Jesús conocía sus corazones y cuán difíciles eran sus corazones, así que cura al hombre sordo. Tal vez las preguntas son para nosotros, ¿estamos contentos con nuestras vidas hoy o tenemos que dejar que Jesús trabaje dentro y a través de nosotros? Muchos casos de curación vienen a través del hermoso sacramento de la confesión. Dios nos ama tanto que, como los pecadores, nos vamos, y después de las confesiones, los pecadores nos vamos sin pecado por la increíble gracia del amor y la misericordia de Dios. Al igual que el hombre sordo, necesitamos abrazar la idea de que también podemos dejar que las manos curativas de Jesús sean lo que necesitamos que sean, una maravillosa acción de amor que es en sí misma, Dios.

~ P. Tomás

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Difficult Choices by Dan Keays

At some time in our lives we all must make a hard decision. Sometimes the choice is obvious, but change can still be difficult. Family problems, work dilemmas, home selling and remodeling, and many others require introspection and careful thought, and it can be fraught with doubts.

Churches also face such dilemmas. Times change, and we must all adapt. Prior to the early 1960s all Catholic Masses throughout the world were celebrated in one language, Latin. At St. Patrick's, as in other parishes, the altar was at the far end of the church and the priest said Mass with his back to the congregation. The sanctuary was separated from the rest of the church by a railing. Sacred scripture was read twice, first in Latin while the priest faced the altar, then in English from the pulpit. Many parishioners followed the liturgy by reading a book called a missal, or missalette, a shortened version of the book from which the priest read but written in the local language. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was reverent, devotional, and historical, but in some ways remote and detached from the congregation.

The Second Vatican Council of the early 1960s pointedly addressed this. It was declared that the priest should face the congregation, and the Mass should be celebrated in the local language. In response to this, St. Patrick's erected an altar in the sanctuary just in front of the traditional altar, but it was still rather far removed from the congregation. It was a something of a half-way measure.

Father Robert Gavotto, a graduate of St. Augustine high school, became pastor in 1981. He had been vice-chancellor of the diocese of San Diego and was well acquainted with the liturgical and architectural changes recommended by the Church. In May of 1982 a meeting was held for parishioners to discuss proposed changes for St. Patrick's church. About 150 attended and the discussion was lively, at times heated. The reasons for the change were thoughtfully presented and made sense, but intentionally destroying parts of a beautiful church that had meant so much to so many for many years was for some extremely difficult, for others unacceptable.

In the end the plan went ahead. At first a few rather simple changes were undertaken, like removing the communion rail and changing the arrangement of the chairs and pulpit. But major changes were imminent: the sanctuary was entirely redone, and the altar moved to near its present prominent position. The original altar against the east wall was removed, original statues were replaced by modern ones, and floor tiles removed and replaced. While the work was being done daily Mass was held in the first-grade classroom, and the hall was set up for Sunday Masses.

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In addition to professional contractors 170 parishioners gave their time and expertise. The work was completed in two months at a cost of \$50,000. The main framework of the church, of course, wasn't affected by the changes of 1984. The church has retained its historic dignity and majestic appeal. Only the altar and confessionals were changed. Parishioners now are but a few feet away from the altar, much like the apostles at the Last Supper, and the priest makes eye contact with the faithful while the words he utters are easily heard and reflected upon. It could be argued that a young Catholic today would be greatly perplexed by the old ways. Still, tradition is important, sometimes vital. The original church contained some magnificent sculpture and ornamentation. Having it removed was painful to see. But change, while often arduous, can lead to much, much more in terms of intimacy and understanding.

As Father Vincent McGarvey of St. Patrick's once remarked, "to try to re-live the past is impossible; to ignore it is foolish." The current sanctuary contains a portion of the original altar, a sculptural depiction of Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper. It's mounted in the sanctuary on the south wall. Beautifully done, it is not only a reminder of Jesus' great gift to us, but a reflection on our church's past. If you've not seen it, go up after Mass and see it for yourself.

Mass Intentions for the Week:

September 6 — 12

Mon. 8:00 AM	Dr. Maria Dammeyer † Harold Fisher †
Tues. 8:00 AM	Douglas Gimber † Terrence B. Geddis †
Wed. 8:00 AM	Catherine Laumea HB Art & Dee Specht †
Thurs. 8:00 AM	Rodolfo Sambo, Sr. † Nicholas Bils †
Fri. 8:00 AM	Amelia T. Seibert † Rev. Harry Neely, OSA †
Sat. 8:00 AM	Manuel Miranda & Benjamin Villa † Bud Gallagher †

† Rest In Peace **HB** Happy Birthday **HA** Happy Anniversar

Facebook Information

MASS AND FEASTS — Mass continues to be live streamed on Sunday. These videos are available on the Parish Facebook page.

PASTOR UPDATE — Fr. Flores' anticipated arrival was updated to October

MASK REMINDER — A reminder was posted that masks are required for mass attendance

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**St. Patrick's
CENTENNIAL COUNTDOWN: # 7**

"Tick Tock...Tick Tock", the centennial clock is ticking, and our year-long celebration commences in just 7 weeks. You can help preserve the history of our parish by assisting the Centennial Committee to capture the content and character of our past century onto informative, attractive and memorable displays. To volunteer your time and talents, please contact **Roni Kleinhenn** at ronidon2@gmail.com.

"Tick Tock... Tick Tock", el reloj del centenario está corriendo, y nuestra celebración de un año comienza en solo 7 semanas. Puedes ayudar a preservar la historia de nuestra parroquia ayudando al Comité del Centenario a capturar el contenido y el carácter de nuestro siglo pasado en exhibiciones informativas, atractivas y memorables. Para ofrecer tu tiempo y talento como voluntario, comuníquese con **Roni Kleinhenn** en ronidon2@gmail.com.

Designated Donations

September 5 - Hogar Infantil: Help us care for orphan children in Tijuana.

September 12 – Building Fund: Help us to maintain and beautify the Parish buildings.

September 19 – For the Poor: Support Catholic Non-Profit.

Religious Education Programs for Children & Youth Request Your Donations

The programs are in need of masks, sanitizing lotion and disinfecting wipes. Your donations will be very appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

Los Programas de Educacion Religiosa requieren donaciones de mascarillas, locion desinfectate y toallas para desinfectar. Gracias por su generosidad.

Readings for the Week:

September 6 – 12

Sundays: Year B — Weekdays: Year III

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3; Ps 62:6-7,9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2,8-9,10-11;
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 13:6ab,6c
Mt 1:1-16,18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2,3-4,5-6;
Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14;
Ps 16:1b-2a&5,7-8,11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17;
Ps 113:1b-2,3-4,5a&6-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9;
Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Maravillas de la visita de Dios

La primera lectura y el evangelio de hoy nos invitan al asombro frente a las maravillas de Dios. Este es el Dios grande y poderoso, que hace hablar a los mudos y oír a los sordos. Después de conocerle, después de ver sus obras, también nosotros exclamamos: "¡Qué bien lo hace todo!".

Dios triunfa y su triunfo es victoria sobre los pueblos enemigos del pueblo elegido. En el evangelio, en cambio, estos elementos de venganza o represalia a los demás han quedado silenciados. La gran derrotada aquí es la enfermedad, y es el mal mismo el que recibe daño, no otros pueblos. En el evangelio queda claro que no se trata de pasar el mal a otros sino de superarlo.

En segundo lugar, observemos la pasmosa cercanía de Dios en la sanación que se nos describe en el evangelio. Cristo hace este milagro no sólo liberando de su mal al enfermo, sino prácticamente acariciando su dolencia, diríamos untándose de su malestar: usa su saliva para tocar la lengua, mete sus propios dedos en los oídos. Sabemos que el Señor hubiera podido hacer su milagro de muchas otras formas y comprendemos que en esto no se trata de hacer espectáculo ni mucho menos de una especie de "ritual" de curación.

¡Effetá! "

Jesús pronuncia una palabra aramea que quedó tan grabada en el recuerdo de los discípulos que así fue transcrita al texto griego original y así ha pasado incluso hasta nuestras traducciones: "Effetá", "Ábrete".

"Ábrete" dice Jesús a nuestros corazones, tantas veces endurecidos, y lo repite a nuestras bocas, demasiado tímidas al proclamar la Buena Nueva.

"Ábrete" dice Jesús a nuestros hogares, tantas veces encerrados en su egoísmo o esclavizados por las vanidades y trajines de este mundo.

"Ábrete" dice Jesús a las Cámaras Legislativas, tantas veces cerradas a la vida, capaces de vender sangre de niños abortados o la estabilidad de las familias del mañana con tal de lograr unos votos más.

"Ábrete", nos dice el Señor a todos: "dame espacio en tu corazón, dame espacio en tu país, dame espacio en tus pensamientos, dame espacio en tus esperanzas". Amén.

Fr Nelson Medina, OP

Labor Drive Holiday

The Parish Office will be closed next **Monday, September 6**, for the Labor Day Holiday.

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