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SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Sat	05/08	5:00 pm	1st Anniv Remembrance of †Jose Martinez, offered by Lisa Martinez
		7:00 pm	†Charles, †Duane, & †Matthew McKown, offered by Rebecca McKown
			†Maria Dolores Olvera, offered by Delia Romero
			†Animas del Purgatorio, & †Imelda Vega, offered by Angelica Velasco
			†Adela Ponce, offered by Juanita Garcia
Sun	05/09	8:00 am	For the People
		10:00 am	B-day Intentions of Aurora Canales, & Guadalupe Gonzalez, offered by SFOA staff
			†Laura Rodriguez, offered by Guadalupe Gonzalez
		12:00 pm	†Imelda Flores, offered by Lorena Quinonez
			†Maria Alvarado & †Animas del Purgatorio, offered by Family Berumen
			Linajo †Family Flores
Mon	05/10	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tues	05/11	8:00 am	Communion Service & Liturgy of the Word
Wed	05/12	6:30 pm	Communion Service & Liturgy of the Word
Thurs	05/13	8:00 am	Communion Service & Liturgy of the Word
Fri	05/14	8:00 am	Communion Service & Liturgy of the Word

For all the Masses offered this weekend we are beginning the Mother's Day Novena.

Sunday offering 05/02 \$5,229.00
Agape Misa 05/02 \$422.00
Catholic Home Missions 05/02 \$45.00
 We Share online—May will be posted in June 6 bulletin
Thank you all for your support of the parishes operational expenses. Online donations for the Sunday offering and Building Fund may be made at:
www.stfrancislancaster.org
Collection envelopes may also be mailed via USPS to the parish office or dropped in secure drop box on south side of parish center door.

Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/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 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
 Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/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 Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Observances for the week of May 9, 2021

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
 Monday: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
 Wednesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
 Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord [holy day in some U.S. dioceses]; Our Lady of Fatima
 Friday: St. Matthias, Apostle
 Saturday: St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day
 Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day ©LPi

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday	English	5:00 PM
	Spanish	7:00 PM
Sunday	English	8:00 AM
	English	10:00 AM
	Spanish	12:00 PM

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon.-Comm. Ser.	English	8:00 AM
Wed.	Spanish	6:30 PM
Tues, Thurs, & Fri	English	8:00 AM

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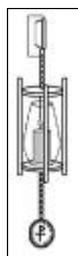
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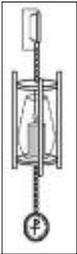


Sanctuary Candle burns the week of
May 9-15, 2021

In Loving Memory of
†Laura Rodriguez

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.*

Offered by Mom, Guadalupe Gonzalez



Sanctuary Candle burns the week of
 May 9-15, 2021
 In Loving Memory of
 †Michael Alva
*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon him.
 May he rest in peace.*
 Offered by Elizabeth & Don Kilgore

Mother's Day Mass Intention Novena cards are available in the Narthex. You may pick one up and after filling it out drop in collection boxes. The first day of the Novena will be celebrated on Sunday, May 9, and days 2-5 will be offered upon Fr. Manny's return June 8-11 and June 15-18.



**Annual Blood Drive @
 St. Francis of Assisi
 Parish Hall on
 Sunday, June 13, 2021
 9 am to 1 pm.
 Contact Sylvia Hermosillo @
 469-337-5128.**

Carter blood donations are needed now more than ever. Please schedule your appointment by calling Sylvia. Walk ins are welcome, but those with appointments will be taken first. Please eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids before your donation.

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism has resumed. Deacon Larry offers English baptismal classes via Zoom on the third Wednesday during the month of May. Each session is from 7 pm to 9 pm. The Spanish classes are once every 2 weeks on Tuesday.
 Parents and sponsors must register at the office at least 2 days before the class. For registration and more information please call the office at 972-227-4124.

**Guadalupe Radio Network
 Radio for the Soul
 KATH 910 English and KJON 850 Spanish**

Televised English & Spanish Mass Schedule update—
 Please note recent changes to the broadcast Mass schedule. All through the year of 2021, the English Mass will be broadcast on KDFI Channel 27 at 11:00 AM and replayed at 12:00 PM. The Spanish Mass will be broadcast at 8:00 AM on Univision 23.

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**St. Vincent de Paul Help line—
 972-218-6605**

**Food Pantry—During the Pandemic, please call
 the helpline # above for food distribution times.**

Federal assistance is available to eligible individuals and families affected by the severe winter storm. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is offering an individual assistance program that people may be eligible for due to the winter storm in February. Typical expenses may include hotel, repairs to the home or damage to personal property appliances like washers not covered by insurance or insurance denied to cover the damages. Please be aware the applicant registration for FEMA is before the May 20th application deadline.

Ways to apply for FEMA Assistance:
 Telephone: 1-800-621-3362 (FEMA)
 Online: [disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov)

For additional information about how FEMA and other organizations can assist in the recovery from the winter storms please go to the following website:
<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4586>

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Please keep the sick members of our Parish family in your prayers: Dolores S. Gatpandan, Francis Miramontes, Alexander Rodriguez, Baruch Escalante, Don Mazoch, Stephen Juneau, Johnny Martinez, Sara Raines, Janey Hood, Deacon Larry and Phyllis Seidemann, Esteban Lira, Pete Romero, Diana Diaz, Raquel Baiza, Kenneth Cruz, Jr., Richard Oishei, Kenny Gunderman, Margie & Sam, Jesus Aguilar, Rosendo Lopez, Julia Lopez, K C Pena, Leah Pena, Lillie Munoz, Oscar Guerrero, Isidra Reyna, Enemencio Jaso, Alveno & Ruby Dickson, Mary Brown, Catalina Gonzalez, Brianna Dean, Nicolas & Angelo Florido, Rosa Maria Santos, Yolanda Diaz, Josefina Aguero, Laurie Williamson, Osvaldo Mendoza Jr., Abigail Renata, Jerry Donoho, Abraham Perez, Luis Maldonado, and all those who are not listed and still are in need of our prayers. If you have a person to add on this prayer list, please call the office at 972-227-4124. You can also write the names of your sick loved ones in the notebook on the stand in the Narthex.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – La sociedad actual tiene muchos sufrimientos y sinsabores; la pandemia ha dejado secuelas que no se curan tan fácilmente. Existe mucho por hacer, a pesar de que tenemos grandes héroes que arriesgaron su vida por la salud de otros. Tanto en el ambiente de la salud y la comida, hubo amor y esperanza de parte de mucha gente. Las personas eligieron hacer el bien en lugar de hacer el mal. La Iglesia misionera reza incansablemente por la salud y el bienestar de todos. ¿Qué hiciste tú, y que haces para aliviar el dolor de los demás? ¿Dónde pusiste tu amor durante el tiempo que estuviste en casa? Hoy, la Liturgia nos presenta a Jesús con el mandato de vivir la alianza del amor. “*Ámense los unos a los otros: esto es lo que les mando*” (Juan 15:17). Tener amor es un don que solo el Espíritu de Dios puede encender en los corazones. Bien decimos al invocar al Espíritu Santo: *Ven, Espíritu Santo y enciende mi corazón con el fuego de tu amor*. Este Espíritu de Dios habita en nosotros desde nuestro bautismo. Solo falta abrirle el corazón para que crezca su llama. De ese modo estaremos listos para la misión. Quien se sabe amado lleva hasta el extremo el mandato de Jesús. ¡Amar hasta el extremo! Sus buenas obras son silenciosas pero llenas de misericordia. Con estas obras se da razón de la esperanza, concretamente la esperanza cristiana. Señor, ayúdanos a querer lo que tú haces y que sepamos hacer lo que tú quieres de nosotros, especialmente en este momento de la historia. ©LPi

The Diocese of Dallas is looking for faithful, committed Catholic men to answer the call to the diaconate. Good deacons can be a great asset to the local Church. Classes begin in September for the 6-year period of formation. Those interested in applying should attend an information session this spring. Please visit cathdal.org/deacons, or email diaconate@cathdal.org to find out who can apply, and how to attend an information session.

La Diócesis de Dallas está buscando hombres católicos fieles y comprometidos para responder al llamado al diaconado. Los buenos diáconos pueden ser de gran valor para la Iglesia local. Las clases comienzan en septiembre para el periodo de formación de 6 años. Los interesados en aplicar deben asistir a una sesión informativa esta primavera. Visite cathdal.org/deacons, o envíe un correo electrónico a diaconate@cathdal.org para informarse quién puede postularse y cómo asistir a una sesión de información.



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Saint Vs. Blessed

What is the difference between a “Saint” and a “Blessed”?

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the “canon”) of saints. This is the meaning of the word “canonization.”

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person’s life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of “heroic virtue.” Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as “Blessed.” This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the “Blessed” is canonized and honored with the title “Saint,” meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor. ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION - "Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share. ©LPi

I cannot do all the good that the world needs, But the world needs all the good that I can do. Jana Stanfield

Religious Education

Happy Mother's Day!

God our Creator, we pray:
 for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;
 for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
 for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
 for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
 for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
 for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
 for those who have children they do not want;
 for those who raise children on their own;
 for those who have lost a child;
 for those who care for the children of others;
 for those whose children have left home;
 and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.



Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.

¡Feliz Día de las Madres!

Dios y Creador nuestro, te pedimos:
 por las mujeres que recientemente se convirtieron en madres, para que asuman sus nuevas responsabilidades;
 por las mujeres embarazadas, que están a la expectativa deseando el nacimiento de su bebe;
 por las madres que están cansadas, estresadas o deprimidas;
 por las madres que luchan por equilibrar las tareas del trabajo y la familia;
 por las madres que no pueden alimentar a sus hijos debido a la pobreza;
 por las madres cuyos hijos tienen discapacidades físicas, mentales o emocionales;
 por las madres que tienen hijos que no quieren;
 por las madres solteras que crían hijos por su cuenta;
 por las madres que han perdido a un hijo;
 por las madres que cuidan a los hijos de otros;
 por las madres cuyos hijos se han ido de casa;



Y por las mujeres cuyo deseo de ser madre no se ha cumplido.

Bendice a todas las madres, para que su amor sea profundo y tierno, y que puedan llevar a sus hijos a conocer y hacer lo que es bueno, viviendo no para sí mismos, sino para Dios y para los demás. Amén.

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