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Eucharist Adoration

Monday - Friday 8:30am-9:30am

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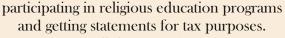
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FOR THE WEEK OF 5-22

OUR PARISHIONERS CONTRIBUTED \$13, 826 IN THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK, TO FURTHER THE MISSION AND MINISTRY PROVIDED BY THE

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Call the office for a registration form or email lbarton@nativitycatholic.org



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5/28

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory 5:00 pm Mathew Grobareck, RIP SUNDAY 5/29

7:30 am Howard Matthews, RIP 9:00 am Manuel Ortiz, SI

10:30am Gene Kordsmeier, RIP MONDAY 5/30

8:00 Michael Gennuso, RIP

TUESDAY 5/31 8:00 Louis Barrios, RIP

WEDNESDAY 6/1

8:00 Dan Butler Jr., RIP THURSDAY 6/2

8:00 Bob Bearce, RIP

Friday 6/3

8:00 Richard Powell, RIP

SATURDAY 6/4

8:00 am Toni Nevin-Flores, RIP 5:00 pm Douglas Winton Ealy, RIP



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Articles to help you grow in your Catholic faith and walk with the Lord in everyday life.

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June: The gift of the Eucharist

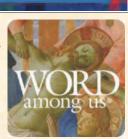
July: Finding peace in the midst of life's trials

September: The dignity of every human person, created in God's image and likeness.

Be sure to pick up a copy as each issue becomes available so you can experience the joy of hearing from God each day!

In order for us to continue to provide this publication, we encourage your donations.

Please deposit a check in the collection basket with the words "The Word Among Us" on the memo line.



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings in the Lord

Today is the seventh Sunday after Easter. In many Catholic Churches the feast of the Ascension of our Lord into heaven is celebrated on this Sunday. In others, the feast is celebrated forty days after Easter Sunday, which should have been last Thursday. Many bishops in the world have requested the Vatican to celebrate this feast on a Sunday so that many people would be able to participate actively in the Eucharist and be able to rejoice as well as understand the meaning of the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and its significance for every Christian as follower of Jesus in the world. This feast happens on a Sunday prior to the feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the twelve apostles, some disciples, and the Blessed Virgin

First, what is the meaning of this feast? Today's feast reaffirms our faith that Jesus is from heaven, and he returns to heaven to be with His Father and the Holy Spirit and his disciples do the work that he started on earth. Truly, this feast makes us aware that Jesus indeed has fulfilled his mission in becoming a man, namely, to do the will of his Father so that man may know how much God loves him despite his sinfulness and abject infidelities to the covenant relationship he has made with God even in the Old Testament and now in the new reign of the Church of the New Covenant through baptism.

He now returns to his true nature as the God whose reign on earth should be manifested and continued, while he is in glorious throne. The men and women who have freely chosen to follow him and be his disciples. "As the Father has sent me, so now I send you into the world." These were among the final words that he mentioned in one of his appearances to his disciples after his resurrection. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the For this reason in the first reading, we hear the two angels telling the disciples who were intently looking at the sky as (Jesus) was ascending, "why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

Second, this feast makes us aware that being left behind in the world, the disciples have an important task that Jesus had given them as a mission. He mentioned in the gospel reading today that "you are witnesses of these things." What are the disciples witnesses of? How should the disciples be witnesses? As witnesses, the disciples are expected to outwardly manifest their faith that indeed Jesus Christ has come into the world to save man from the slavery of sin and lead him into his final destiny of being in communion with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in his Kingdom of love and peace. Such outward manifestation demands a thorough and intimate knowledge of the person of Jesus whom the disciples should have personally encountered in his life so that he could proclaim with courage and conviction the truth the Jesus has proclaimed that "He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life." This testimony could be more persuasive in the midst of the current indifference and apathy of so many people in the world today who are so influenced by both materialism and culture of relativism when the witness himself practices the "new commandment of love" that Jesus left his disciples to do, namely, "love one another as I love you."

Today as we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and accept the task of being "witnesses" to Jesus in a world that truly and urgently expect and await for authentic witnesses, let us pray for the grace that would strengthen us in our faith, enliven our lives and encourage us to go out to the whole world and truly bring the message of salvation with courage, with conviction and with love.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 29, 2022

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

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ls 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps

104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

or Rom 8:8-17/jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 29, 2022

Sunday: 7th Sunday of Easter; The Ascension of the Lord; St. Paul

VI, Pope; World Communications Day

Monday: Memorial Day

Tuesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Justin, Martyr

Thursday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Friday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday; St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

We all have our ideas of who God is. We have to remember, however, that our ideas of God often do not capture who God really is. God is a wonderful mystery whose identity is inexhaustible. This makes life an exciting journey in search of belief, love, glory, and unity. Displaying all of the tenderness of a real love story, we hear from Jesus that God wants nothing more than for the world to believe. The same depth of affection given to Jesus, God the Father desires to share with us. Receiving this love gives the believer an even greater understanding of what gives us purpose and meaning. With God's unconditional love as our anchor, we can endure the greatest of hardships knowing that we carry the hope of glory within us. Sharing in the same incredible eternal destiny and glory that God gave His Son, we can all be one just as Jesus and the Father are one. Why is understanding all of this important? Because given the myriad choices of what can possibly define us, we now have the primordial truth of who we are given to us by God. We know, beyond doubt, where to look for true happiness and where our lives will end.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Joan of Arc (1412 – 1431) has had her story told throughout history through many books, movies and plays. She was born in the village of Domrémy, near the province of Lorraine, to a French peasant family. At a young age, she began to experience visions and voices, which were later identified to be of St. Michael, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and St. Margaret of Antioch. At the age of 13, all three saints told her that she was to drive the English from French territory, and that she must bring the Dauphin to Reims for his coronation. Trusting in God, she did as she was told.

During the Hundred Years War, St. Joan of Arc led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. Captured near Compiegne the following year, she was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft, eventually being found guilty and burned at the stake in Rouen.

St. Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 16, 1920, and is the patron saint of military members.

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022 | 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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"A Walking Miracle: How God showed up on Christmas 2020 to Save My Life."

Shana Pereira moved from Australia to California, 20 years ago when she was 22 with \$500 in her pocket ready to start a new life.

On Christmas Eve 2015, an emergency hospital visit revealed that Shana's kidneys were failing. After five years of dialysis, in September 2020, doctors discovered her heart was also failing and operating at only 15%. The week before Christmas, 2020, during the most dangerous strain of CoVID, Shana was admitted to Cedars Sinai for her final clearances and to be placed on the transplant list. With people of many faiths praying for her, on December 25th, 2020 at 10:30 p.m., Shana learned that a heart and kidney were arriving for her the next day.

Her double transplant was promptly scheduled for December 26th. A few hours before surgery, while her surgeons and a nurse came to chat with her, her heart stopped and Shana flatlined. She experienced what culture calls an "NDE" and saw a glimpse into the afterlife. She was resuscitated, raced to the OR and her new organs arrived shortly by helicopter.

Now, 18 months later, Shana is thriving and living life fully with several professional and personal projects underway. She became a full-fledged Catholic on this past Holy Saturday. Her near death experience has given her a sacred relationship to time, a deepened sense of faith and hope, plus a higher level of confidence. She is a walking miracle!

Women of Nativity, The Commons
Wednesday, June 8, 2022
8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
All are welcome.

Next Nativity Men's Group

June 2, 2022 Speaker: Fr. George Perez



San Diego Diocese's newest Ordained Priest!

Fr. George is a seasoned veteran in youth ministry. Although raised in Los Angeles and trained as an electrical engineer, he has been an active part of youth ministry in San Diego for the past several years. As part of the All4God Catholic Youth Ministry organization, he served as a youth minister for two, and sometimes three, parishes at a time. These parishes were usually in the inner city, in areas of great need.

In 2014, Fr. George was sent to the Philippines for his Eudist Spiritual Year. In 2017, he completed his BA in Communications Media and the New Evangelization at John Paul the Great Catholic University, and in the Spring of 2021, he completed his theological studies and earned a Master of Divinity from St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, CA. Fr. George was ordained in June 2021. His first assignment of priestly ministry is as Associate Pastor at St. James-St. Leo Catholic Community in Solana Beach, CA.

Join us for a night of Faith, Fellowship, Food, and Inspiration

Where: Church of the Nativity When: Thursday, June 2, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Dinner deliciously prepared by Chef Hubert Lorenz Culinary Wizard (www.theculinarywizard.com)

Contact: Tim Van Damm timvandamm@gmail.com , 617.501.3950 or Scott Maxwell smaxwell@ThomasMoreSociety.org





Join us in the celebration of World Refugee Day on June 20th. World Refugee Day is a time to celebrate the accomplishments and perseverance of many that have fled their homes due to threat and persecution.

Catholic Charities Refugee Services will be celebrating the refugee families of San Diego by launching a city wide drive. These items will help newly arriving families feel at home here in San Diego.

Needed Items:
-New pillows
-New comforters (twin/queen)
-New bed sheets/pillow cases (twin/queen)



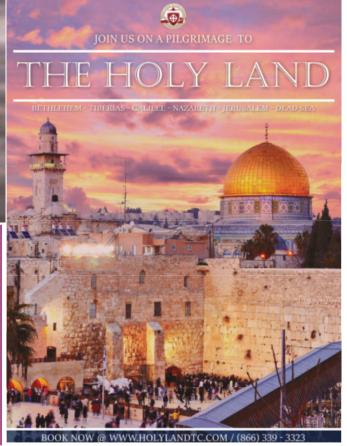


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Join Fr. Gus for a Trip to the Holy Land June 19-June 30, 2023

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WEEK 3: Sun. June 12th at 10:15 am Nativity LIBRARY Or Mon. June 13th at 6:30 pm ZOOM

OFF For FATHERS' DAY WEEK

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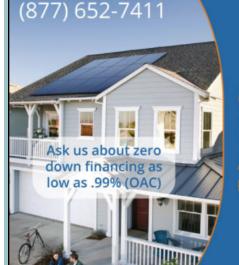
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Save the date – Sunday June 12 - for the Million Meals Service Project at Cathedral from 11:30am-2pm. We are putting a group together to go and help pack meals for children and families living in extreme poverty. Half the meals will go to Mexico and the other half to Africa and the Philippines. The event is organized by the Deacons in our Diocese. Full details will be on our website soon and are also in the bulletin.

If any teens are interested in altar serving, lectoring, or singing at mass please contact Mike James at mjames@nativitycatholic.org to be put on the lists for training.

For more information on Youth Ministry or Confirmation contact Mike James, Youth Ministry Director, at mjames@nativitycatholic.org or see the Youth Ministry page on the parish website at https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/youth-ministry



Thank you to everyone who attended our Year End Breakfast last week to close out the R.C.I.A. year.

For more information on R.C.I.A. please contact Mike James, R.C.I.A. Director, at mjames@nativitycatholic.org.

Million Meal Event: Our diocese's

permanent deacons are coordinating an event that aims to provide one million meals to children and families living in extreme poverty. About half of the meals will go to Casa de los Pobres in Tijuana and the rest to the Philippines and Africa. The deacons are seeking 3,000 volunteers to pack the meals during an amazing weekend in June and they are raising funds to buy the ingredients.



The meals will be packed in three shifts outdoors at Cathedral Catholic High School: Saturday, June 11, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and from 12:30 to 3 p.m.; and Sunday, June 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteers are also needed to set up the event and to help clean up after it ends. Parish teams, ministries, families and individuals can make an impact on a child's life —and they can have a ton of fun doing it.

To register go to sdcatholic.org/millionmeals, or for more information, email deaconmike@saintbrigidparish.org.