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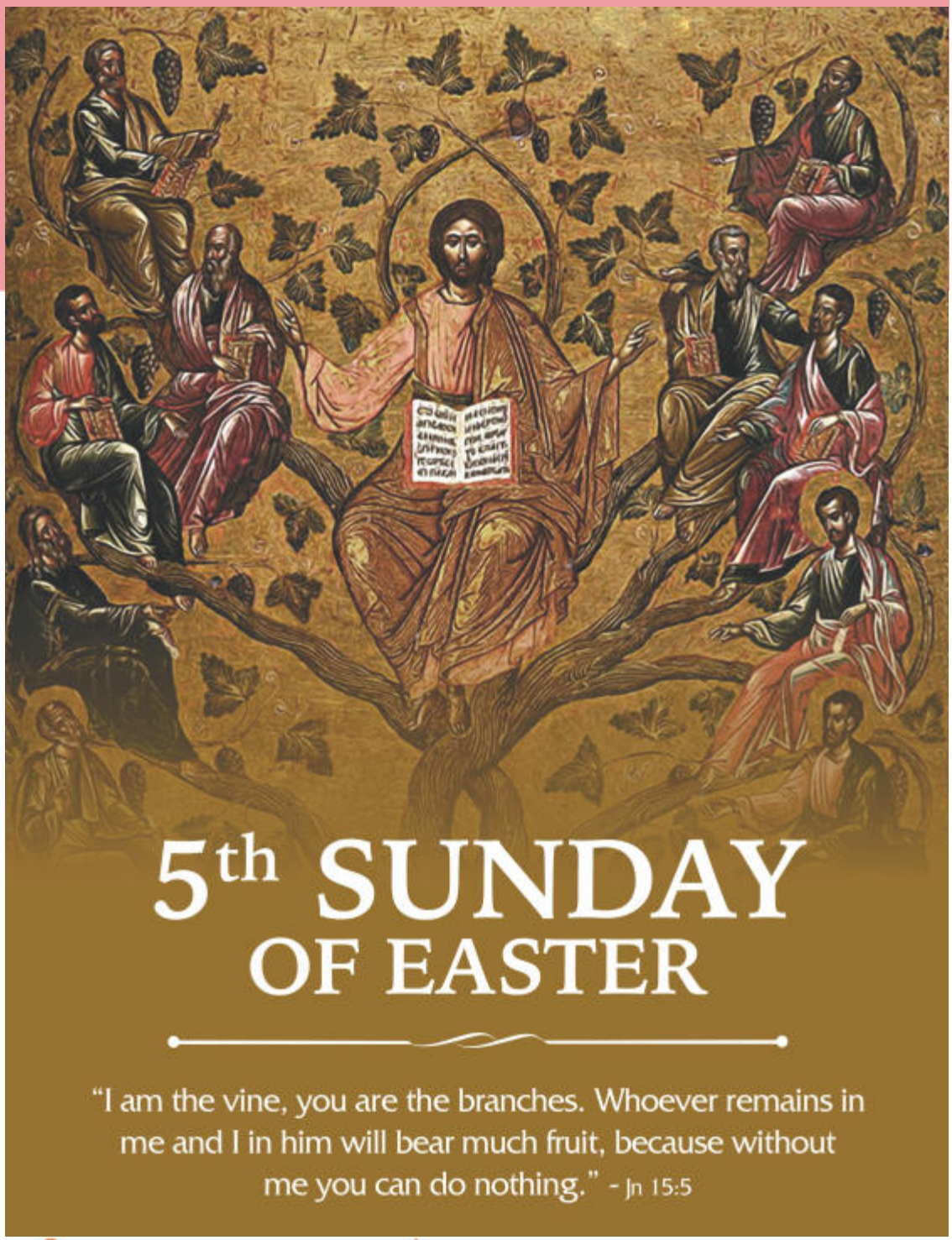
SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

PASTOR
Very Rev. Victor Valdez

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
4:00pm (English)

Sunday
11:00am (English)

Domingo
1:30pm (Español)

CONFESSIONS

Sunday
10:00am - 10:45am

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Pastoral Care of the Sick
Jo Ann Scrivano

Altar & Rosary Society
Pat Archibald

San Francescani Society
Rudy Martinez

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms/Bautismos

Baptism Classes and required documents are needed. Please contact Mimi Solis at office for more information and dates.

Marriage/Matrimonios & Quinceañera's

Must be scheduled at least 6 months prior to the wedding or quinceañera date upon availability of the Parish. Paperwork, documents, and requirements must be met before marriage or quinceañera's are celebrated. Please contact Mimi Soliz

210) 227-0548

Funerals

Contact the Parish Office

Music Ministry

Music for Weddings, Quinceañeras & Funeral Please contact Suzan VonStultz at (210)912-2265 email suzstar@gmail.com

Mass Intentions/Names for Prayer of the Sick

They can be made at parish during the weekend mass with the envelopes provided or you may contact the parish office.

Mass Intentions should be made at least three weeks in advance if the intentions are to be put into the bulletin.

Sick & Homebound

For any Parishioner, Family Members or Friends who are sick or homebound and are in need of the Eucharist please contact; Jo Ann Scrivano (210) 422-0907.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS (USCCB):

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.
Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.
Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.
Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.
Amen.

ORACIÓN POR LOS SACERDOTES (USCCB):

Dios todopoderoso y lleno de bondad, te damos gracias por el don de nuestros sacerdotes.
Por medio de ellos, experimentamos tu presencia en los sacramentos.
Ayuda a nuestros sacerdotes a ser fuertes en su vocación.
Inflama sus almas con el fuego de tu amor por tu pueblo.
Concédeles la sabiduría, el entendimiento y la fortaleza que necesitan para seguir las huellas de Jesús.
Inspírales la visión de tu Reino.
Dales las palabras que necesitan para difundir el Evangelio.
Permíteles experimentar gozo en su ministerio.
Ayúdales a ser instrumentos de tu gracia divina.
Te pedimos esto por medio de Jesucristo, que vive y reina como nuestro Eterno Sacerdote.
Amén.

PRAYER LIST

Imelda Deason	Annie Pantusa	Don Toscano
Patrick John Meyers	Henry Garcia	Joe F. Monaco
Buddy Forestello	Sophia vonStultz	Roberto Ferruzzi
Adriana Egidio	Addie Toscano	Sammy Greco
Lt. Austin Harlan	Florence Skruhak	
Gloria Ferruzzi	Kathy Greco	

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

Most Recent Week	Same Week Last Year	
$ 1,635.25	$1,265.00	
Collections to Date 2021	**Last Year Collections to Date 2020**	**Total Collections Budget**
$71,800.89	$73,965.96	$90,000

Note: Fiscal Year (FY) is from July 1, 2020 - June 30th, 2021

The Altar and Rosary Society is once again offering the opportunity to honor/memorialize family members with a donation of floral arrangements to decorate our altar. A large floral arrangement is priced at $60.00. Two smaller arrangements are also priced at $60.00. To order flowers, please contact Rose Marie Pagonis at (210) 289-9887. Please make checks payable to San Francesco di Paola Altar and Rosary Society (SFDP Altar and Rosary Society).

Thank you for your generosity.

Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday May 1, 2021

4:00 PM

+Charles "Buddy" Monaco
–Don & Isabel Howard

Sunday May 2, 2021

11:00 AM

+Patti LaMacchia
–LaMacchia Family

+Joseph & Joan Pantuso
-Cindy & Christina Pantuso

1:30 PM

Para La Comunidad de San Francesco

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Joseph and Joan Pantuso
by Cindy & Christina Pantuso
and Cheryl Talerico

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for May will shine for:

Sammy Scrivano
by JoAnn Scrivano

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.

PARISH NEWS

Livestreaming

Join your San Francesco di Paola family for Sunday mass in real time through our Facebook page!

SUNDAYS at 11:00 am

www.facebook.com/SFDPChurch

The sale of the Memorial Bricks has been extended through April 30, 2021.

This is an honorable way to remember your Parents, Grandparents, Children, Birthdays, Baptisms, Anniversaries, Marriages, God-Parents, or 'In memory of a Loved One'. This is a wonderful and permanent way to honor your friends or relatives.

The cost of the Memorial Bricks are as follows:

Two Lines = $250.00
Three Lines = $300.00

Brick blocks are 7 5/8" X 2 7/8" tall. Letter justification is 3/8"...

Please contact Jo Ann Scrivano @ 210-422-0907 for more information...

The Altar and Rosary Society

Dear Altar and Rosary Friends,

We will have our first "in-person" meeting in May. Mark your calendars for May 16, 2021. Come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation.

The business meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Your presence is important as we have many points to discuss. You will receive a reminder and an agenda via email before the meeting. If you have had changes to your phone number or email, please keep us updated so that we can share information with you.

Father, we ask your guidance, wisdom, and support as we prepare to come together. Unite us in the Holy Spirit that we may serve you with all our hearts and work together with unselfish love. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Blessings,

Pat Archibald

Altar and Rosary Society President

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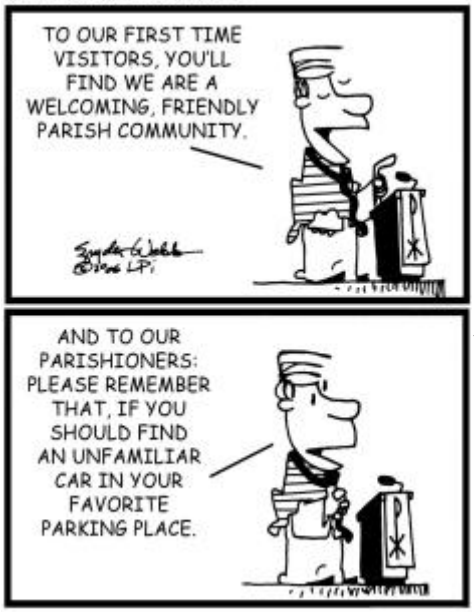

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

CHARITAS CORNER UPDATE

"Helping those in need through God's greatness and your generosity."

In the spirit of God's graciousness in helping those in need, the *Charitas Fund* recently assisted with the funeral expenses of a San Fernando Cathedral parishioner. This individual had just been diagnosed in January as having terminal liver cancer and failing kidneys. He was only able to tolerate one dialysis treatment and was sent home with hospice. He lost his father, mother, some years back and his only brother a couple of years ago. Some friends from the ACTS community took him in and he passed away at the age of 65 just a couple of weeks after he found out he was ill. May he rest in the peace of the Lord. Your continued support and generosity helped make this -- and other acts of kindness -- happen.

The Charitas Fund is administered by the San Francescani Society and funded primarily through the second collection, usually on the third Sunday of each month. The purpose of this Fund is to assist recipients who, through no fault of their own, have fallen on hard times and have a documented need for assistance in getting back on their feet. The Fund is a source of a one-time donation to a recipient. Frequently, requests for assistance far exceed the monies available, and this prevents the Fund from helping all those in need. This is the reason why we ask for your continued support through your generous donations!

In addition to the second collection, the Charitas Fund accepts individual as well as business contributions. Donations/contributions can be mailed to: Larry Chiaro, Treasurer, San Francescani Society, 1811 Dulles, San Antonio, TX 78251-2958. -Thank you. **San Francescani Society**

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