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SCHEDULE OF MASS

SUNDAY MASS
Vigil on Saturday: 5:00pm, 7:00pm
(Spanish) Sunday: 7:00am, 8:45am, 10:30am, 12:15pm, 2:15 pm (Spanish), 4:00pm (Distribution of Communion), 5:00pm

DAILY MASS
Monday-Friday: 7:00am, 12:15pm
Saturday: 8:00am

WEEKDAY SPANISH MASS
5:30pm - Tuesday
7:00pm - First Friday

ADORATION
5:45pm - Thursday

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9:00am - Saturday

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MESSAGE FROM FR. MARK

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Fr. Mark's parents enjoying Mother's Day

This year our celebrations of Mother's Day and Father's Day are perhaps even more tender because we are "sheltering at home" and trying to make sure our aging parents do not feel too lonely because of the quarantine. My mother received phone calls and flowers and cards and cakes from her children and friends and even on the following day she received more flowers and cards and cakes! I think we are going to have to step it up when Father's Day comes next month!

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of his Father just before ascending into heaven. He assures them that he will send "the promise of the father." These words remind us of the love of a good father who always keeps his promises. God himself is such a father. The Old Testament is a book of promises God made. He promised many things to us since he was about to make us his children. At various times, and using various words, he described how he would send his Son to become our brother. To Moses, he said: "*I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kindred…"* (Deuteronomy 18:18) and to King David he promised that one of his descendants would be the Messiah King who would rule forever (2Samuel 7). And God also promised to send the Holy Spirit of adoption to make us members of his divine family. This was the "promise of the Father" which Jesus spoke of in his last words before ascending.

What a beautiful Savior we have! He was concerned that his apostles would be very sad after he left them, and perhaps terribly disoriented because of their grief, and so Jesus lovingly gave very precise instructions:
"While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for, "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 1:4-5)

Let us be grateful that each one of us has been given "the promise of the Father." Unfortunately, nowadays there are many fathers who do not make promises of love to their children, and if they do, they do not always keep them.

We who are Catholic Christians know that we can feel reassured. We are not orphans. We will always have a loving family in heaven, with God as our Father in heaven. And on earth are a tender loving spiritual family with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!

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Mission Statement
As disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards, we are all called to use our gifts for the Kingdom of God.

Como discípulos de Jesucristo y buenos corresponsales, todos somos llamados a usar nuestros dones para la obra del Reino de Dios.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem. . . and to the ends of the [E]arth. - Acts of the Apostles 1:8

God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne. - Psalm 47:9

. . . raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand. . . . - Ephesians 1:20

. . . they went forth and preached everywhere. . . . - Mark 16:20

From the gospel of two weeks ago, we heard Jesus say, “Remain in me. . . . without me you can do nothing” (John 15:4-5). Today we hear about the Holy Spirit empowering us to be witnesses. We are given the command to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

We have a choice. Will we embrace and be open to the empowerment of the Holy Spirit or will we ignore and deny the gifts and the call to go out of ourselves to others for the sake of the gospel?

"recibiréis la fuerza del Espíritu Santo, que vendrá sobre vosotros, y seréis mis testigos en Jerusalén" . . "y hasta los confines de la tierra." - Hechos, 1 - Bíblia Católica Online

"9.Reina Dios sobre las naciones, Dios, sentado en su sagrado trono." - Salmos, 47 - Bíblia Católica Online

. . . "resucitándole de entre los muertos y sentándole a su diestra en los cielos" - Efesios, 1 - Bíblia Católica Online

. . . "Ellos salieron a predicar por todas partes" - Marcos, 16 - Bíblia Católica Online

Del evangelio de hace dos semanas, escuchamos a Jesús decir: “Permanezcan en mí. . . . sin mí nada podéis hacer ”(Juan 15: 4-5). Hoy escuchamos que el Espíritu Santo nos da poder para ser testigos. Se nos da el mandato de “Id por todo el mundo y proclamad el evangelio a toda criatura” (Marcos 16:15).

Tenemos una opción. ¿Aceptaremos y estaremos abiertos al empoderamiento del Espíritu Santo o ignoraremos y negaremos los dones y el llamado a salir de nosotros mismos hacia los demás por el bien del evangelio?

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On the Feast of the Ascension, the church celebrates the return of Christ to the Father, his physical body leaving the earth behind.

En la Fiesta de la Ascensión, la iglesia celebra el regreso de Cristo al Padre, cuando su cuerpo físico deja la tierra atrás.

Saint of the Week

ST. BERNADINE OF SIENA
1380-1444 | FEAST DAY: MAY 20

This renowned Italian preacher was canonized only six years after he died. He was born near Siena and studied at the university there. He was ordained a Franciscan priest in 1404. From 1417 until his death 27 years later, he crisscrossed northern and central Italy as an itinerant preacher who drew enormous crowds by focusing on honest and penitential living and on reverence for the Holy Name of Jesus which led to the spread of this devotion. Bernadine devised a symbol—IHS, the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek—in Gothic letters on a blazing sun. He also preached against gambling and materialism and turned down three requests to become a bishop.

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Readings

SUNDAY, MAY 16
Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

MONDAY, MAY 17
Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY, MAY 18
Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19
Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY, MAY 20
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY, MAY 21
Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

SATURDAY, MAY 22
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 23
Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.
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Vivir la Liturgia - Inspiración de la Semana

Cuando Jesús estaba físicamente con sus discípulos, los guardaba y protegía. Uno de sus mayores deseos era que compartieran su alegría por completo. El amor de Dios es la fuente de todas las cosas y su sustento. A medida que llevamos a cabo las rutinas normales de nuestra vida, es fácil quedar atrapado en las inmediaciones de este mundo y perder el enfoque. Nos volvemos muy dependientes de nosotros mismos y del mundo, olvidando que Dios desea guardarnos y protegernos. El gozo que el Cristo resucitado puede ofrecer no se puede encontrar en este mundo. Se necesita un poco de fe para darnos cuenta de que la voluntad de Dios es una constante en nuestras vidas y que Dios solo desea el sustento y la bondad tanto de nuestro cuerpo como de nuestra alma. Necesitamos confiar en el amor constante y rejuvenecedor de Dios. Esta confianza de resurrección radical nos permite experimentar el gozo de la presencia de Dios en todos los eventos buenos y malos, positivos y negativos, edificantes de vida y destructivos de vida que encontramos. Dios permanece donde permanece el amor.
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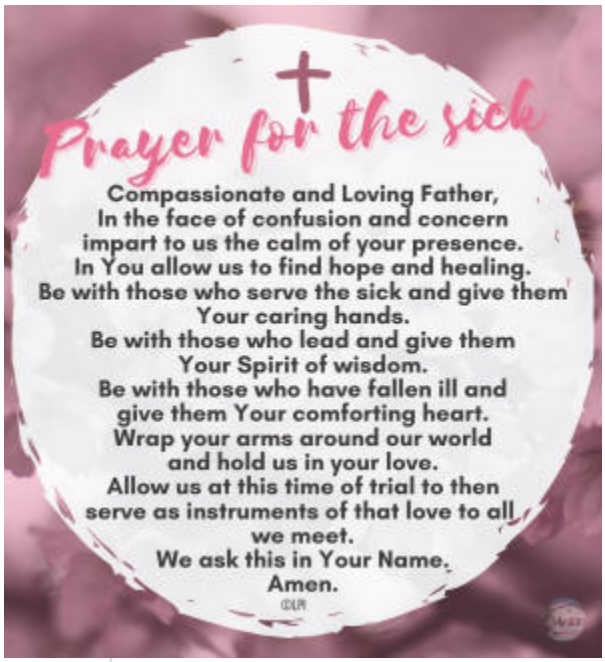
We Pray For... | Oramos Por...

Many people are suffering from ailments of some form or another. Not to mention those who are affected by the global pandemic: COVID-19. Please join us as we pray for the sick, their families, and caregivers.



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El Santo de la Semana

SAN BERNADINO DE SIENA
1380-1444 | DÍA DE FIESTA: 20 DE MAYO

Este renombrado predicador italiano fue canonizado solamente seis años después de su fallecimiento. Nació cerca de Siena y estudió en la universidad de esa ciudad. Fue ordenado como sacerdote franciscano en 1404. Desde 1417 hasta su muerte, 27 años más tarde, Bernardino fue un predicador itinerante en muchos lugares de las zonas norte y central de Italia atrayendo a grandes multitudes y enfocando su prédica en una vida honesta y de penitencia, así como en la reverencia por el santo nombre de Jesús lo cual sirvió para la propagación de esta devoción. Bernadine ideó un símbolo, IHS, las tres primeras letras del nombre de Jesús en griego, en letras góticas en un sol abrasador. Él también predicó contra el juego y el materialismo y rechazó tres solicitudes para convertirse en obispo.

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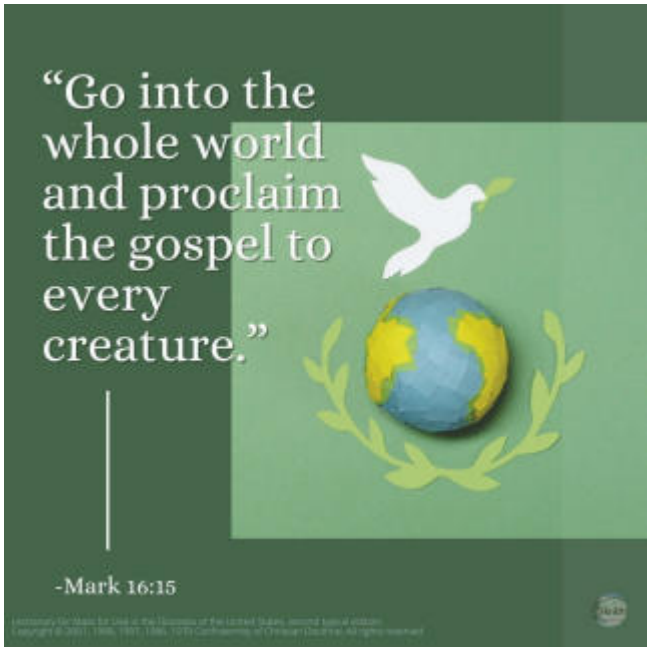
Stewardship Reflections / Reflexiones de Corresponsabilidad

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." - Mark 16:15

In our Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that as Christian disciples, we do not belong to the world. We must stop and ask ourselves, "Who do we belong to?" We belong to our Loving and Gracious God. How we spend our time, what we do with our talents and how we spend our treasures are a good reflection of who or what we belong to. Being a disciple of Christ will not always be easy because we were not made for the world. We were made to be saints, truly a calling that is out of this world.

"Vayan por todo el mundo y prediquen el Evangelio a toda creatura." - Marcos 16

En nuestro Evangelio, Jesús deja en claro que, como discípulos cristianos, no pertenecemos al mundo. Debemos detenernos y preguntarnos: "¿A quién pertenecemos?" Pertenecemos a nuestro Dios amoroso y misericordioso. Cómo gastamos nuestro tiempo, qué hacemos con nuestros talentos y cómo gastamos nuestros tesoros son un buen reflejo de a quién oa qué pertenecemos. Ser discípulo de Cristo no siempre será fácil porque no fuimos hechos para el mundo. Fuimos hechos para ser santos, verdaderamente un llamado que está fuera de este mundo.



Reflect and Respond

Think about the Sunday readings then reflect and respond according your faith.

First Reading:

In the immediate aftermath of Jesus' ascension, and as a means for healing within the group, Peter and the apostles discerned Matthias as the replacement for Judas. What are some areas in your faith life that need healing in order to feel whole?

Second Reading:

John testifies that his community has "come to know and to believe in the love God has for us." Do you think your faith community shares a similar conviction of faith in the love of God?

Gospel:

We hear Jesus' prayer to his Father for the protection of the disciples, especially against "the evil one" in the world. Where do you personally experience evil in the world today?

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Children's Prayer

(all content for Children's Prayer page provided by LPi)

Every day when you are in school, your teachers help you learn. You get better at following directions. You get better at listening. You get better at remembering what you learned. Over the school year, your teacher gets you ready for the next grade. In today's Gospel, Jesus prayed for his friends. Jesus spent the last three years teaching his friends how to follow God and how to love others. His time to teach was almost over. Jesus prayed that his friends would stay close to God. Jesus asked God to protect them as they shared his teachings with the whole world.

GROWING WITH THE GOSPEL

Prayer

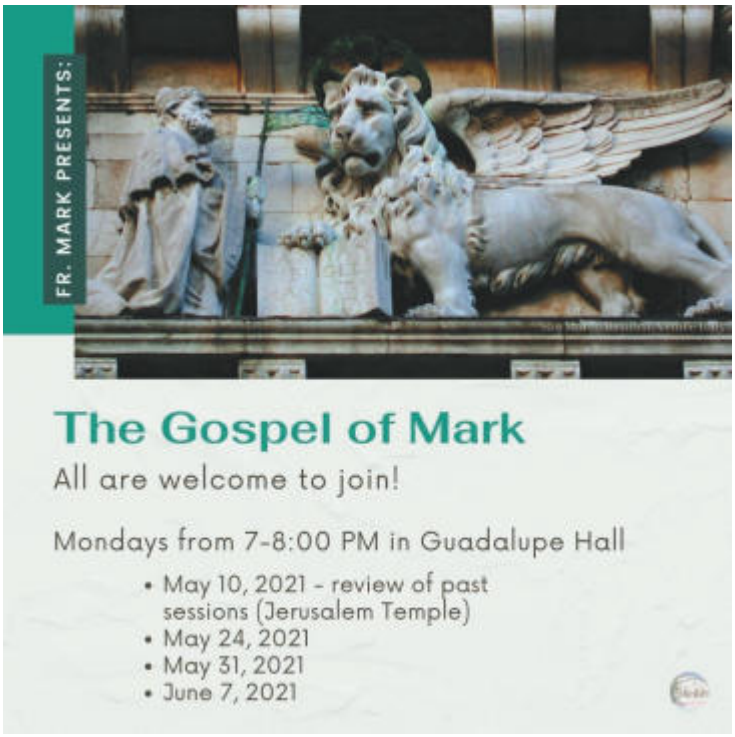
God, help me to learn all that I can from Jesus and my teachers.

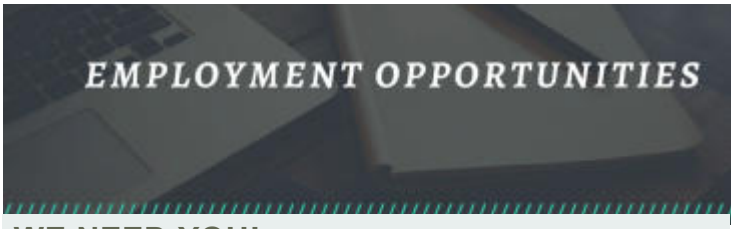
Something to Draw

Draw a picture of someone who teaches you about Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Make a card for each of your teachers. Color a picture on the cover. Write a nice message on the inside. Thank your teachers for helping you learn, and sign your name. Then deliver your cards with a smile.





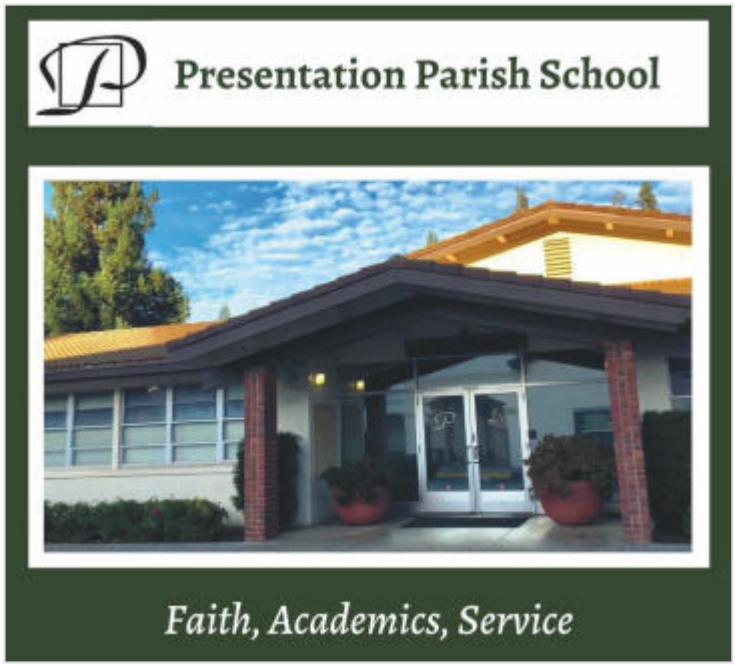
WE NEED YOU!

As disciples of Christ, as stewards of his mission, we are ALL called and sent to use our gifts to help proclaim the Gospel of salvation and to build up the kingdom of God.

We have several positions open and would love to hear from you!

- Facilities Manager
- Parish Administrator
- Receptionist
- Youth Minister

To view the positions that are open, please visit the Employment Opportunities page on our website.



CHANGES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

We are bringing back the position of a K-6th grade Science teacher, which Mr. Kozina has graciously accepted.
Mrs. Reed has worked diligently with our 2nd grade students and has accepted the 2nd grade teaching position.

Currently, we also have the following employment opportunities:

- 6th Grade Homeroom Teacher
- Part-Time Extended Care/Lunch Room Coordinator
- Part-Time Teacher's Aides

If you know of anyone who would like to apply for the above positions, please have them log on to www.edjoin.org and search for Presentation.

REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDER

Piense en las lecturas del domingo, luego reflexione y responda de acuerdo con su fe.

Primera lectura:

Inmediatamente después de la ascensión de Jesús, y como un medio de sanación dentro del grupo, Pedro y los apóstoles discernieron a Matías como el reemplazo de Judas. ¿Cuáles son algunas áreas de tu vida de fe que necesitan sanación para sentirte completo

Segunda lectura:

Juan testifica que su comunidad "hemos conocido el amor que Dios nos tiene y hemos creído en ese amor." ¿Crees que tu comunidad de fe comparte una convicción similar de fe en el amor de Dios?

Evangelio:

Escuchamos la oración de Jesús a su Padre por la protección de los discípulos, especialmente contra "el maligno" en el mundo. ¿Dónde experimentas personalmente el mal en el mundo de hoy?

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MENSAJE DE FR. MARK:

Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor

Este año, nuestras celebraciones del Día de la Madre y el Día del Padre son quizás aún más tiernas porque nos estamos "refugiando en casa" y tratando de asegurarnos de que nuestros padres ancianos no se sientan demasiado solos debido a la cuarentena. Mi madre recibió llamadas telefónicas y flores y tarjetas y pasteles de sus hijos y amigos e incluso al día siguiente recibió más flores, tarjetas y pasteles. ¡Creo que tendremos que dar un paso más cuando llegue el Día del Padre el próximo mes!

En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús habla de su Padre justo antes de ascender al cielo. Les asegura que les enviará "la promesa del padre". Estas palabras nos recuerdan el amor de un buen padre que siempre cumple sus promesas. Dios mismo es un padre así. El Antiguo Testamento es un libro de promesas que Dios hizo. Nos prometió muchas cosas ya que estaba a punto de convertirnos en sus hijos. En varias ocasiones, y con varias palabras, describió cómo enviaría a su Hijo para convertirse en nuestro hermano. A Moisés le dijo: "*Yo haré que se levante de en medio de sus hermanos un profeta, lo mismo que hice contigo.*" (Deuteronomio 18:18) y al rey David le prometió que uno de sus descendientes sería el Rey Mesías que gobernaría para siempre (2Samuel 7). Y Dios también prometió enviar el Espíritu Santo de adopción para hacernos miembros de su familia divina. Esta fue la "promesa del Padre" de la que habló Jesús en sus últimas palabras antes de ascender.

¡Qué hermoso Salvador tenemos! Le preocupaba que sus apóstoles estuvieran muy tristes después de que él los dejara, y tal vez terriblemente desorientados debido a su dolor, por lo que Jesús dio amorosamente instrucciones muy precisas:
"En una ocasión en que estaba reunido con ellos les dijo que no se alejaran de Jerusalén y que esperaran lo que el Padre había prometido. 'Ya les hablé al respecto, les dijo:' Juan bautizó con agua, pero ustedes serán bautizados en el Espíritu Santo dentro de pocos días." (Hechos 1:4-5)

Agradezcamos que a cada uno de nosotros se nos haya dado "la promesa del Padre". Lamentablemente, hoy en día hay muchos padres que no les hacen promesas de amor a sus hijos, y si lo hacen, no siempre las cumplen.

Los Cristianos Católicos sabemos que podemos sentirnos tranquilos. No somos huérfanos. Siempre tendremos una familia amorosa en el cielo, con Dios como nuestro Padre en el cielo. ¡Y en la tierra hay una tierna y amorosa familia espiritual con Jesús, María y José!

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS:

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord." These are the words that open Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology and care for God's creation. These words, quoting St. Francis of Assisi's beautiful canticle, remind us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

Pope Francis' encyclical letter Laudato Si' was released in June 2015. Five years later, in 2020, Pope Francis invited all Catholics and people of good will to celebrate its fifth anniversary by protecting families and future generations through action to care for our common home. Here are themes that Pope Francis highlighted in Laudato Si' which require our urgent response today.

WHAT IS Laudato Si Week 2021 (May 16 - 25, 2021)? With the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development (IHD), the Global Catholic Climate Movement, and 150+ organizations, we invite you to this global event. To learn, reflect, pray, and take action for our common home, please visit www.laudatosiweek.org

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"Herramientas y buenas prácticas de salud mental."

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BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL

Thank you to all those who have pledged their support to the parish and our local Church. To date, we have 358 families that have contributed $107,196. We are on the way to reaching our goal of 600 families and $150,363.
We still need your help to reach our goal. To pledge, visit stocktondiocese.org/donate-to-bma and remember to select Presentation Parish.

The Good News of Transformation

Today reminds us that Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In this ascended state, we are able to see what we are all meant to become. We have before us this transformed life to anticipate. The day-to-day challenges of life find us struggling with our incompleteness. Let us on what we stand to gain and not on what we will one day lose is a game changer for sure. Time is no longer the enemy of limitations but the eternal blessing of endless possibilities.

PRAYER:

Look on us, Lord, and let all the darkness of our souls disappear before the beams of your brightness. Fill us with your holy love and open to us the treasures of your wisdom. We seek your face. Turn your face to us and show us your glory. Then our longing will be satisfied and our peace will be complete. (St. Augustine of Hippo)

Giver of Life, help us to see your love and presence at work in us. Keep us from clinging to the cares of this world that we may know the glorious life that awaits us tomorrow. Amen.

Excerpts from Connect! Sunday Reflection.
Rev. Mark Suslenko

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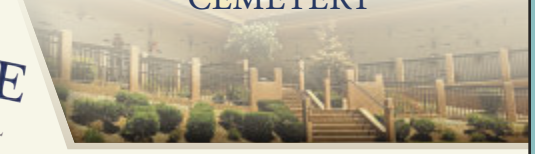

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