

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019

**From His holy temple,
the Lord has heard my voice!**

El profeta Isaias nos anuncia el gran proyecto de Dios, que consiste en renovar todas las cosas (**PRIMERA LECTURA**). Por medio de Cristo se realiza esa renovacion, y, como dice san Pablo (**SEGUNDA LECTURA**), por la muerte y resurreccion de Cristo tenemos la esperanza de alcanzar la meta del cielo. San Juan nos muestra la escena de la mujer adúltera que fue perdonada (**EVANGELIO**), para enseñarnos que Cristo sabe perdonar cualquier infidelidad para con Dios, y por eso el es la fuente inagotable de toda renovación.



Intenciones de las Misas

sáb. 06 04:30 pm	Vigilia del V Domingo Cuaresma +Irma Cobos Ruiz (Ruiz Mayorga Family) +Alejo Ortiz, Sr. (M/M Alejo Ortiz, Jr.) +Animas del Purgatorio
dom. 07 10:30 am	V Domingo de Cuaresma Missa Pro Populo
Sun. 07 12:30 pm	V Sunday of Lent +Juan Manuel Casarez, Sr. (Family)
Mon. 08	NO MASS
mart. 09 08:00 am	Dia de la Semana de Cuaresma +Rev. Msgr. Kevin Dunne (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa)
Wed. 10 08:00 am	Lenten Weekday Francisca Miranda (Herminia Torres)
juev. 11 08:00 am	Dia de la Semana de Cuaresma Victoria Carrillo – In Thanksgiving for her 79 th Birthday
Fri. 12 08:00 am	Lenten Weekday +Jose Luis Flores (Esperanza Flores)
Sat. 13 08:00 am	Lenten Weekday +All Souls in Purgatory

The Sanctuary Candle



**This Week will be in Thanksgiving for the Health of
Alicia Herrera
(Libby Calderon)**

Good News!

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Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Max Beckmann's drawing, *Christ and the Sinner*, places the viewer outside today's Gospel scene looking in. We're behind the darkened figures standing at a door. We see Jesus in full view, standing in the light blocking the accusers' way toward the woman. He's clearly coming to her defense as he listens, unmoved by their story.

Oftentimes we may feel that Jesus stands more as an accuser than a savior. He's there to point out what we should do in the future, didn't do in the past, or aren't doing in the present. This isn't the Jesus the Gospel presents. He stands to defend the sinner before her accusers. Even to those who so blatantly hurt him, Jesus said "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Sometimes it is hard to let go of an erring view of God. It can be comforting to have someone to blame or fear. Look at St. Paul: He was a zealous persecutor of Christians. Yet, having found Christ, he let go of his erroneous view of God and let Jesus come to his defense. He let go of the guilt of his sinful past and his desire to save himself through his own works. He considered it all trash to be discarded and forgotten as he held on to faith in Jesus.

We need to leave our evil deeds in his merciful heart and forget them there. The sacrament of reconciliation offers the best opportunity to do so. Let him stand at the door of your heart, defending you from those sinister accusers of your past who would haul you back into the darkness. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Dear Padre

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Incense in church irritates my eyes. Is it really needed?

Some churches, for example, limit incensation to only the sanctuary to minimize discomfort by those with allergies in the congregation.

Although incense is optional at Mass (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 276), and therefore isn't "needed" per se, the question of its occasional use is more than a mere necessity issue.

The US Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy writes, "Since worship engages Christians fully, in every aspect of their being, they worship God with their bodies and feelings as well as their minds and spirits, with their hands and feet as well as their eyes and ears. The non-verbal elements of the Liturgy can express what cannot be articulated in words and, at times, can reinforce the spoken word" (Introduction to the Order of the Mass, 27).

Incense is a powerful, solemn expression of prayer, purification, and reverence that reinforces the spoken word in worship and praise. It "suggests both the otherness of the transcendent God and the cloud that symbolized God's glory and presence in the midst of the Israelites" (Introduction to the Order of Mass, 58). The fragrance is intended to awaken our senses and the rising swirl of smoke represents our lifted hearts in prayer. "The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel" (Revelation 8:4).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

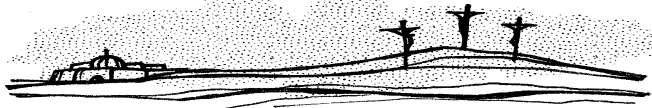
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PARENTS MEETING

Our next scheduled parents meeting will be on Tuesday, April 09, 2019 at 7:00p. Please remember that it is Diocesan Policy to attend scheduled meetings. Parents cannot miss more than two (2) scheduled meetings.

Junta Para Los Padres de Catecismo

La próxima junta para los padres con niños en el catecismo será el martes, 09 de abril del 2019 a las 7:00 de la noche. Por favor recuerde que es Regla Diocesana que los padres asistan a las juntas fijadas. Los padres no pueden fallar a más de dos (2) juntas.



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Holy Week Schedule April 13 – April 20

Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week – Mass at 8a

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8p --
Bilingual

Good Friday – Liturgy of the Word/Veneration of the
Cross/Communion at 8p -- Bilingual

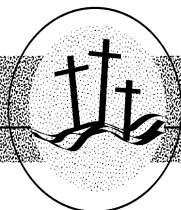
Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil at 10p -- Bilingual

Easter Sunday – 10:30a -- Spanish

Easter Sunday – 12:30p -- English

Let the first among you
who is without sin
cast the first stone

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Colecta de la Semana Pasada

Envelopes: \$ 2,586.00

Loose: \$ 602.70

Children's Envelopes: \$ 45.85

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 3,234.55

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 2,227.82

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

PENANCE SERVICE

Penance Service for those receiving First Communion will be on **Friday, May 3, at 7 pm.**

REHEARSAL FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Those receiving First Holy Communion on May 20 will have mandatory rehearsal on Saturday, May 18 at 9:00 am at the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communions will be held on Sun., May 19 at 12:30pm Mass.

REHEARSAL FOR CONFIRMATION

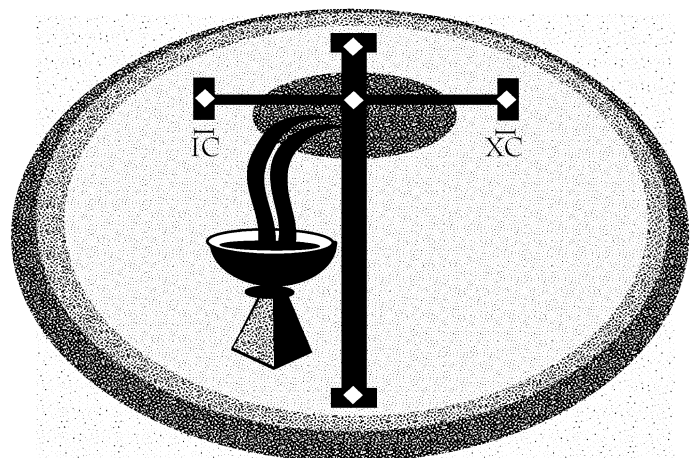
Those receiving Confirmation on May 26 will have mandatory rehearsal on Saturday, May 25 at 9:00am at the church.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 26, at 12:30pm at the church.** Candidates and sponsors, including adults, must be in the church hall no later than 11:30am.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Eva Escamilla, Ruby Ann Inocencio, Guadalupe Gonzalez, Oscar Noriega, Justin Pecina, Jorge Martinez, Fidela Ruiz, Dora Rodriguez, Pedro Malacara, Sister Thelma I. Gallegos, Ana Maria Trevino, Genoveva Ramirez, Deisy Garcia, Esther Salinas, David Riojas, Reynaldo Reyna, Victoria Carrillo, Chelo Ruiz, Camila Elen Garza, Alan Eliseo Perez, Maria Lopez and Alicia Herrera.



Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward
to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward
the goal, the prize of GOD's upward calling in
CHRIST JESUS.

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