

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

The Lord ascends with the sound of a trumpet!

Los Hechos de los Apóstoles (PRIMERA LECTURA) nos refieren hoy el bautismo del oficial romano Cornelio, efectuado por san Pedro. La Iglesia de Jesús, al acoger por primera vez a un pagano en su seno, afirma su catolicidad. San Juan nos presenta a esa misma Iglesia, llena del Espíritu, como una fraternidad. Es la Iglesia del amor, de acuerdo con el mandato que recibió de su Señor (EVANGELIO). Es también ese el principio de vida que recibió de Dios y que lo orienta hacia él, porque Dios es amor (SEGUNDA LECTURA).

Masses For The Week

- sab 04 Vigilia de La Ascensión Del Señor**
04:30 pm +Manuel & Hilaria Trevino (Sus Hijos)
+Roberto M. Ceballos (Su Hija)
+María Trinidad Salinas (Family)
- dom 05 La Ascensión Del Señor**
10:30 am Missa Pro Populo
- Sun 05 The Ascension of the Lord**
12:30 pm +Ricardo Aguero (Wife & Children)
+Jesús & Tomasita Aguero (Socorro & Ricardo Agüero)
+Anna Laura Garza (Herminia Torres)
- Mon 06 NO MASS**
- Tue 07 Easter Weekday**
08:00 am Fr. Christian – For His Health (Herminia Torres)
- Wed 08 Easter Weekday**
08:00 am +Fr. Dieter Haas (Herminia Torres)
- Thr 09 Easter Weekday**
08:00 am +Sister Nendeli (Herminia Torres)
- Fri 10 Easter Weekday**
08:00 am +Luis Cawley (Family)
- Sat 11 Easter Weekday**
08:00 am +Narciso Ramírez (Herminia Torres)

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning For
+All Souls in Purgatory

Good News!

May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / 1 John 4:7-10 / John 15:9-17
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A while back I decided to plant two saplings that were about ten feet tall along the property line of the parish home where I lived. Some time after I planted them, I noticed that one was leaning in one direction and the other a bit in the opposite direction. *Strange*, I thought, *for it seemed that when I planted them they were staked with rope and stood straight*. So I bought some six-foot fence posts and tied the trees to them, thinking that as they grew they would straighten themselves. Not so. After three years the trees seemed to insist on growing their own way, one leaning into the wind and the other a bit twisted. It seemed the only solution was to love them the way they were.

It is so with the people in our lives as well. Sooner or later we find ourselves needing to love them with their idiosyncrasies and foibles and perhaps even their sinfulness. We may try to reshape them, but ultimately it is usually to little avail. They have been created by God, after all, and if God has chosen us—as the Gospel suggests—then God also has chosen us to love them as they are, and perhaps to love them into all that they can be. Ultimately though, God does the pruning, the reshaping, not us. We participate in that process by caring for them and bringing good to them, always in the image of Jesus. ●

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Dear Padre

May 5, 2024

Please clarify for me what the Church considers as "gossip." Is it that bad?

Human beings have the great gift of speech. We continually talk to one another and we talk about one another. Gossip, at its most basic level, is just idle talk. It is neither good nor bad. But it is a tool we can use to build up another human being or tear a person down.

Gossip is sinful when we use our words to unjustly hurt the reputation of another or to judge another person rashly. The two words that the Church uses to describe this evil side of gossip are "detraction" and "calumny." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that detraction is "without objectively valid reason, disclosing another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them." Calumny occurs when a person, "by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (CCC 2477).

To judge whether your own gossip is good or evil, simply ask yourself: Do the words I am saying help others or hurt others? Am I building them up or tearing them down? Hopefully, as a Christian, you are committed to the commandment of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). ●

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MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE

Pick up your *Mother's Day Mass Remembrance* envelopes located in the entrances of the church. Please deposit them in the collection basket. Mother's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 12, 2024. Remember to include living and/or deceased.

Commemoración de la Misa de las Madres

Recoja sus sobres de *Commemoración de la Misa de las Madres que están en las entradas de la iglesia. Dépositelo en la canasta de la colecta. El día de las Madres se celebrará el domingo, 12 de mayo 2024. Recuerde de incluir vivas y/o difuntas.*



The Diocese of Laredo will be celebrating the Annual Blue Mass at San Agustín Cathedral on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 12:00 pm, noon. The Annual Blue Mass honors men and women in law enforcement who admirably fulfill their duty to serve and protect our community. Everyone is invited to attend!

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Eva Escamilla, Oscar & Margarita Noriega, Justin Pecina, Irma Santos, Gerardo Castro, Guadalupe Ortiz, María E. Maldonado, Alicia Guardiola, and Rosie Hinojosa.

I am with you even to the end of the world

Colecta de la Semana Pasada
Envelopes: \$ 2,188.25
Loose: \$ 309.00
Children's Envelopes: \$ 8.75

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 2,505.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 4,241.67

SECOND COLLECTION--CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Next week please give generously during the second collection, which supports Catholic Communications.

Segunda Colecta--Comunicación Católica

La próxima semana por favor responda generosamente a la segunda colecta que apoya la Comunicación Católica.



FRIENDLY REMINDER CONCERNING CHURCH AND MASS ETIQUETTE

Our church--the main body of worship space--is very sacred and proper respect should be observed. Silence before and during Mass should be shown. Cellular phones and audio pagers are not proper items to bring to Mass. Since Mass is a solemn celebration and the highest form of community worship for Catholics, proper attire should also be worn. Tank tops, shorts, halters and other inappropriate dress are not acceptable. Your continued cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Father Nolasco.

Recuerdo Amistoso Sobre la Etiqueta en la Iglesia y la Misa

Nuestra iglesia--el cuerpo principal de culto--es muy sagrado y el respeto apropiado debe observarse. Silencio antes y durante la Misa debe mostrarse. Los teléfonos celulares y localizadores de audio no son artículos apropiados para traer a la Misa. Puesto que la Misa es una celebración solemne y la forma más alta de culto de la comunidad para los Católicos, el atavío apropiado también debe utilizarse. Camisas sin mangas, pantalones cortos, blusas cortas y vestido impropio no son aceptables. Le agradecemos su cooperación continuada en estas materias. Gracias. Padre Nolasco.

