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| <p><b>SUNDAY MASSES</b><br/>                 Saturday: 6:00 P.M. (Vigil)<br/>                 Sunday: 8:00 A.M. (Español)<br/>                 10:00 A.M.<br/>                 12:00 N.N.<br/>                 5:00 P.M.</p> | <p><b>DAILY MASS</b><br/>                 Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu. and Fri. 7:00 A.M.<br/>                 in the Adoration Chapel<br/>                 Wednesday 6:00 P.M. in the church<br/> <b>FIRST FRIDAY: 6:00 P.M.</b><br/>                 in the church<br/> <b>FIRST SATURDAY ONLY: 9:00 A.M.</b><br/>                 in the church</p> | <p><b>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b><br/>                 Daily: Mon.—Fr. 7:30 a.m.— 8:00 p.m.<br/>                 Sat. 10 a.m.—8 p.m. &amp; Sun. 1 p.m.—8 p.m.<br/>                 in the Adoration Chapel<br/> <b>NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP</b><br/>                 Wednesday after the 6:00 P.M. Mass (church)</p>   |
| <p><b>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM</b><br/>                 Baptisms are administered on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Baptismal instruction is offered on the preceding Thursday.</p>   | <p><b>SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY</b><br/>                 Couples should inquire about premarital preparation and available church dates at least <b>six (6) months prior to planned wedding date.</b><br/> <i>Do not make any arrangements before contacting the parish office.</i></p>  | <p><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b><br/>                 Saturdays, 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.<br/>                 Wednesdays 5:30 –5:55 P.M.; First Fridays 5:30-5:55 P.M.<br/>                 First Saturday 8:30-8:55 A.M. or by appointment<br/> <b>ANOIDING OF THE SICK &amp; COMMUNION</b><br/>                 By appointment (please call the parish office)<br/>                 In case of emergency, any time (722-1231 Ext.12).</p> |

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| <p><b>ACTS CORE</b> (Meet 3rd Thursday of the month) Maria Elena Martinez 722-1231<br/> <b>ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b> <i>please contact parish office</i><br/> <b>ADORATION NOCTURNA</b> (First Saturdays of the month at 9 P.M. begins in the parish hall) Robert Rodriguez, President 722-1231<br/> <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b><br/>                 Deacon Roger Martinez, Jr. 722-1231<br/> <b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b> (Meet 2nd Monday at 3:30 PM in the parish hall)<br/>                 Mrs. Patricia Garcia, President 286-3075<br/> <b>BIBLE STUDY</b> (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the parish hall)<br/>                 Deacon Roger Martinez Jr., 722-1231 Ext. 13<br/> <b>CUBMASTER FOR PACK 192</b><br/>                 Mr. Ernesto Elizondo 722-1231<br/> <b>BOY SCOUT TROOP 192</b><br/>                 Mrs. Nora Peñaloza 722-1231<br/> <b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b><br/>                 Deacon Roger Martinez Jr., Scheduling 722-1231<br/> <b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ONLINE SCHEDULING COORDINATOR</b><br/>                 Mrs. Adriana Nunemaker 744-4267<br/> <b>GIRL SCOUT TROOP 9150</b><br/>                 Mrs. Naomi C. Arredondo 236-8672</p> | <p><b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10939</b><br/>                 (Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7 P.M.)<br/>                 G.K. Mr. George Narvaez 602-2038<br/> <b>FOURTH DEGREE K.C. ASSEMBLY</b><br/>                 (Meet 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. in the parish hall)<br/>                 Mr. Florencio Garcia 722-12312<br/> <b>LECTORS</b><br/>                 Deacon Roger Martinez Jr., Scheduling 722-1231 Ext. 13<br/> <b>PARISH COUNCIL</b><br/>                 Mr. Blas A. Martinez, President 722-1231<br/> <b>MEN'S FAITH SHARING</b><br/>                 Meet 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. at 7:00 PM in the parish hall<br/> <b>LADIES' FAITH SHARING</b><br/>                 Meet every 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue. at 6:30 PM in the parish hall<br/> <b>QUINCEAÑERA &amp; WEDDING COORDINATOR</b><br/>                 Patsy Salinas 722-1231<br/> <b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM</b><br/>                 Mrs. Patricia Lopez, Coordinator 722-1231 Ext. 21<br/> <b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY</b><br/>                 Miss Yolanda Valdez 722-1231<br/> <b>LIFE TEEN YOUTH GROUP</b> (Meet every Wed. @ 7PM in the P.H.)<br/>                 Mrs. Ida Gutierrez 206-8116, Deacon Roger Mtz. Jr. &amp; Team</p> |
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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## APRIL 28, 2024

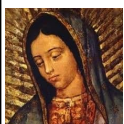
### BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.



### DEN FRUTOS

Pocos de nosotros, incluso cuando meditamos sobre la imagen de la vid y los sarmientos, nos detenemos a pensar realmente acerca de cómo Dios nos “poda”. Para algunos, existe el peligro de pensar que ya estamos produciendo frutos para el reino, de verdad y con hechos como dice Juan, tal vez criando una familia, siendo activos en nuestra parroquia y así. Pero incluso aquellas ramas que están dando sus frutos, nos dice el Evangelio, se pueden podar para producir aún más. Hoy Saulo, recién “podado” por su conversión, llega a Jerusalén y encuentra resistencia. Ya que había estado persiguiendo a los cristianos, esto era natural. Pero incluso después de que lo aceptan y comienza a dar frutos, se encuentra con más adversidad, y sus cartas están llenas de muchos relatos de cómo sus pruebas eran “podas” para que produjera más frutos para el Reino. Al igual que él, siempre y cuando permanezcamos en Cristo, vamos a seguir dando frutos y, cuando la voluntad del Padre, determine que es hora de que nos pode, la fuerza de la vid



**Our Lady of Guadalupe Candles  
will be burning this week in Loving Memory of:**  
*†Josefina Rodriguez*

**Our Mother of Perpetual Help Candles will be  
burning this week in Loving Memory of:**  
*†Maria De Jesus Treviño De Zavala*



**The Sanctuary Lamp (church) will be burning  
this week in Loving Memory of:**  
*†Manuel & Irene Aguilera*

**The Sanctuary Lamp (chapel) will be burning  
this week in Loving Memory of:**  
*†Antonio Cavazos*



## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Saturday, April 27, 2024 – Easter Weekday [4]**

**6:00PM For Parishioners**

**Sunday, April 28, 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**8:00AM †Alicia Gonzalez (A)**

By Familia Gonzalez

**10:00AM †Virginia Barrera (A)**

By Family

†Dianira Hernandez (B)

By Her Sister Leticia Avalos

†Angela & Martha Hale (A)

By Hale Family

†Jorge Verduzco

By Aurora Guardiola

†Cruz J. & Beatriz Cabello (A)

By Family

**In Thanksgiving for David Hernandez (B)**

By His Wife Sara Hernandez

†Maria De Jesus Salas (A)

By Her Sons & Daughters

**12:00PM †Carlos G. Garza**

By Family

**2:00PM BSS First Holy Communion Mass**

**5:00PM †Ignacio Alaniz**

By Estela Brown

**Monday, April 29, 2024 - Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church**

**7:00AM †Carlos G. Garza**

By Family

**Tuesday, April 30, 2024– Easter Weekday [5]; Saint Pius V, Pope**

**7:00AM In Thanksgiving**

By Mr. & Mrs. Diosdado Licardo

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024 - Easter Weekday [5]; Saint Joseph the Worker**

**7:00AM †Maria Teresa Garza**

By E. C. Juarez

**6:00PM †Josefina Rodriguez (A)- By Her Daughter**

†Vidal Cantu- By Richard & Olga Gentry

**In Thanksgiving- By Dave Wilfred Guzman**

**For All Those In Our “Pray For The Sick List”**

**Thursday, May 2, 2024 - St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**7:00AM †Modesto G. Guerra (B)**

By Modesto A. Guerra

**First Friday, May 3, 2024 - SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**

**7:00AM †Dr. Olivia T. Garza**

By Family

**9:00AM School Mass**

**6:00PM †Maria Teresa Garza**

By Family

**First Saturday, May 4, 2024 - Easter Weekday [5]**

**9:00AM †Arturo Barrera Sr. (B)**

By Family

**6:00PM †Jorge Verduzco**

By Romie

**Sunday, May 5, 2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**8:00AM For Parishioners**

**10:00AM †Pablo Jorge Castillo**

By Parents

**12:00PM †Manuel Aguilera (A)- By Vargas Family**

**In Thanksgiving for Morgan Vielma (B)**

By Enrique & Leticia Fuentes

†Sharon Gail Ferrara- By Family

†Louis H. Pellegrin- By Amparo A. Garcia

†Raul Avalos, Jr.- By His Wife & Children

†Angela L. Gonzalez (B)- By Minerva G. Ramirez

†Jorge Verduzco- By Aurora Guardiola

**2:00PM CCD First Holy Communion Mass**

**5:00PM In Thanksgiving for Ernesto Ibarra, Jr.**

By Family

B-Birthday A-Anniversary



# PRAY FOR THE SICK

We especially pray for them every Wednesday during the evening Mass and the Novena of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. **Please join us!**

**Please Note:** This list will be updated on **June 30th** and every 90 days thereafter. We ask that you contact the parish office at 722-1231 if you would like for the name of your family member to remain on the **"Pray for the sick"** list.

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|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Msgr. Stanley Sliwiak | Estela Ochoa        | Yvette R. Sena   |
| Gabriel E. Rodriguez  | Loretta Santos      | Leonor R. Robles |
| Rosie Hinojosa        | Mari Salinas        | Raquel Rodriguez |
| Samara Andrade        | Jorge Zamarripa     | Arabela Avalos   |
| Malgorzata Benc       | Teresa D. Rodriguez |                  |
| Jose Luis Requejo     |                     |                  |

## GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

**GROW:** "Where do they get their energy!" Maybe you've said that about your children as they run around the yard while you're trying to wrangle them inside for bedtime. Jokes abound about how sugar and caffeine are what keep most adults going, but we know it's proper nutrition, exercise, and rest that enable us to do well whatever it is we do. That is all relevant to us physically. What about spiritually? Bishop Barron, writing on the Gospel, says, "Jesus declares that he is the vine and we are the branches. He is the power and energy source in which we live." (*Word on Fire Bible*, 548) Just as we see the effects of sugar and caffeine on people, we see the supernatural effects of Jesus' love on, and in, people. As he nurtures us with his perfect love, and that flows into us who are grafted onto him, it changes us. It transforms us and converts us away from sin and toward God. We fill up on that spiritual fuel in the sacramental life of the Church and become a witness to it in how we go about our days – loving one another.

## GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

**GO:** "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." These words from John in our second reading provide the perfect bridge between the ministry of Paul, about whom we heard in the first reading, and Christ's message in the Gospel. With Jesus as "the power and energy source in which we live," we not only can profess the truth, but live it. We not only give our own account of Christ working in us, as Paul did, who came to them speaking out "boldly in the name of the Lord," but we stand beside one another, as Barnabas did, vouching for Paul to the Apostles. We are united in baptism, in love, in profession of faith, and in communion with one another. When we consistently act in a Christian manner toward others and keep God's commandments, John says, we "remain in him, and he in [us], and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us." In other words, those who remain in Christ "will bear much fruit" – a tangible sign that easily answers the question, "where does he/she get her energy?"



**A Holy Hour will give you more strength during life and more consolation at the hour of your death and eternity.**  
(St. Alphonsus Ligouri)

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"  
You can sign up any time on our we Adore Him page at: <https://bscac.weadorehim.com/en>



## May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary

### MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

Envelopes are already available on the tables at the entrances to the church for you to enroll your mothers, living or deceased, in the Mother's Day Novena which starts Sunday, May 12th at the 12Nn Mass. Please place them in the collection basket or turn them in at the parish office during working hours Monday-Friday.



### Knights of Columbus Council #10939

Attention High School graduating seniors from our parish. **Scholarships applications** are now available at the parish office. Applications need to be turned in no later than **April 30, 2024.**

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

&  
**EUCCHARISTIC BENEDICTION**  
Please join us Friday, May 3, 2024  
at 6:00 pm Mass  
**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY**  
Holy Mass Saturday, May 4, 2024  
at 9 am.



### Five Day Holy Thursday Candles

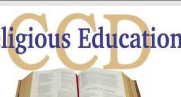
On sale at the parish office, Monday-Friday from 8am-12pm and 1-5pm. \$5:00 each candle or a box of 12 for \$60.00



### Velas del Jueves Santo de cinco días

De venta en la oficina parroquial de lunes a Viernes de 8am-12pm y de 1-5pm. \$5.00 por cada vela o caja con 12 velas por \$60.00

### Religious Education



**First Communion practice:**  
Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m.  
starting in the parish hall.

**First Confession:** Saturday,  
May 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the church.



### Birthday Wishes...

and many blessings to all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week. Please contact the parish office at 722-1231 to add your name or the name of a family member our birthday list.

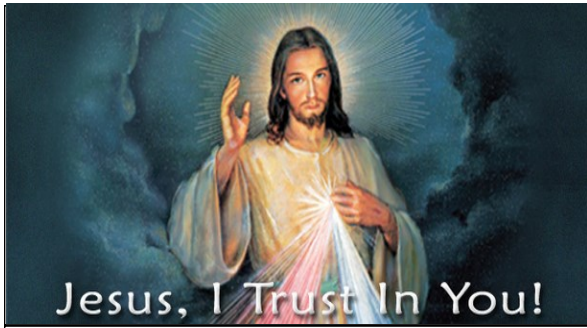


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| Patricia Salinas     | 28-Apr. | Javier Cabello     | 30-Apr. |
| Rodolfo Ibarra       | 29-Apr. | Leonor Daves       | 30-Apr. |
| Alessandra Barberena | 30-Apr. | Angel D. Benavides | 3-May   |
| Minnie Dora Haynes   | 30-Apr. | Marcus Alaniz      | 4-May   |

## Weekly Collections

### Sunday Collection April 20 & 21, 2024, Mail & Deposit Box

|              |                   |                                  |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Envelopes    | \$5,653.00        |                                  |
| Loose        | \$1,405.31        | Online Giving: April 16-22, 2024 |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$7,284.64</b> | <b>\$1,107.50</b>                |



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Of



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