



PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, 2024

Jesus said to his disciples:
“When the Advocate comes
whom I will send you from
the Father, the Spirit of
truth that proceeds from
the Father, he will testify
to me.” - Jn 15:26

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Mass Times/Tiempos de misa

Monday—Friday~ Lunes—Viernes
9:00AM

Saturday—Sábado
8:00AM

Saturday Evening
English 5:00PM

Sábado Por la Noche
Español 6:30PM

Sunday Mass
English 7:30AM & 9:30AM

Misa Del Domingo
Español 11:30AM

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SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN**

Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
EXPOSICIÓN Y ADORACIÓN**

of the Blessed Sacrament ~
del Santísimo Sacramento



Thursday/Jueves 9:30AM-through
Saturday/Sabado morning Benediction 7:45AM

PRAYER LINE ~ LÍNEA DE ORACIÓN

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(805) 646-4338

<https://stacojai.org/worship/prayer-line>

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BAPTISMS ~ BAUTISMOS

English: Dn. Phil Nelson

Spanish: Fr. Fernando Lopez OSA

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PRIVATE PRAYER ~ ORACIÓN PRIVADA

Chapel open Mon-Sat ~ Capilla abierta

de lunes a sábado:

10AM-4PM

Rosario en Español

Lunes y Martes

A las seis de la tarde

Rosary in English

To the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Fridays after the 9am mass



INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday: 5/20/24	9:00AM	Bob Nelson † By: The Nelson Kids
Tuesday: 5/21/24	9:00AM	Jack Saenz † By: The Family; Manuel, Frank, and Ruth
Wednesday: 5/22/24	9:00AM	† By:
Thursday: 5/23/24	9:00AM	Joanne Leicht † By: The Leicht Family
Friday: 5/24/24	9:00AM	John McDonald, "Jackie" † By: The Doran Family
Saturday: 5/25/24	8:00AM 5:00PM	† By: † By:
Sunday: 5/26/24	7:30AM 9:30 AM	People of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Joan Davis †

(L) Designates a Special Intention for Someone Living

SHOP TO HELP



Buy the Following when you shop.

The pantry needs the following items!

SHOPPING LIST

Canned Protein- beef, chicken, Spam,

Vienna sausages, stews, etc.

KRAFT Macaroni & Cheese

Crackers

Cereal

Soups

Jelly

Boxed or powdered Milk

Soap, Shampoo, tooth brushes

Toothpaste

Last month we served 170 families.

Pre pandemic we served less than 100 each month

Needs are going up: Supplies are going down

St. Rita of Cascia—May 22

Saint of the Impossible & Patron of our Parish Bereavement Group

St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows.

Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.

The Novena to St. Rita of Cascia

The novena started Tuesday, May 14, 2024, after the 9:00 mass.

People are encouraged to take the novena cards home if they are not able to come to daily mass.

(On Sunday the novena is not prayed in church.)

You can do the Novena from home with the novena cards or attend daily mass and join us for this special occasion.

The novena ends on St. Rita's feast day, Wednesday, May 22.

After Wednesday's mass, red roses will be blessed and distributed to everyone.



Augustinian Pilgrimage to Italy November 5 to 21, 2024

Following in the Footsteps of St. Augustine

Inspired by St. Augustine's Italian travels and conversion in the 4th Century.

Led by Fr. Kirk Davis OSA – Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish-Ojai

November 5	Depart for Milan
November 6 – 8	Milan/Pavia
November 8 – 9	Florence
November 9 – 13	San Gimignano/Siena/Lecceto
November 13 – 15	Cascia/Assisi
November 15 – 21	Rome/Ostia
November 21	Return to US



What's Included:

RT airfare, airport transfers in US and Italy, all ground transportation in Italy, portage as needed, two meals per day (breakfast + lunch or dinner), modest hotel and monastery accommodation in shared rooms, guided tours and entry fees, gratuities for guides, & drivers.

Cost: \$4750.

Total number of participants: limited to 30.

Please contact Fr. Kirk Davis: 805-646-4338 x105 or frkirk@stacojai.org for more information

CURRENT EVENTS

Adult Faith formation

The program includes:

Prayer, presentation, and time for discussion.

A light brunch will be offered

For more information &/or childcare.

Contact Aina Yates at (805) 646-4338 ext. 111)



This Sunday, May 19, 2024



Our Last Adult Faith Formation of this Season

11 am Preparing the Catholic Way (In English)

preparing for a Catholic burial

1pm Preparado el Camino (en Español)

la preparación para un entierro católico

Family to Family

Join us preparing & serving a hot meal for hungry clients

(the 4th Wednesday of each month.)

This Wednesday, May 22, 2024

303 N. Ventura Ave., **Ventura, CA**

Nest to Catholic Charities on the Avenue

Call the parish office for more information: (805) 646-4338

For I was **HUNGRY**
and you gave me food,
I was **THIRSTY**
and you gave me something to drink,
I was **A STRANGER**
and you welcomed me.
MATTHEW 25:35



Pope Francis' Letter on Pentecost

Brothers and sisters, let us pray to him: Holy Spirit, memory of God, revive in us the memory of the gift received. Free us from the paralysis of selfishness and awaken in us the desire to serve, to do good. Even worse than this crisis is the tragedy of squandering it by closing in on ourselves. Come, Holy Spirit: you are harmony; make us builders of unity. You always give yourself; grant us the courage to go out of ourselves, to love and help each other, in order to become one family. Amen.

Carta del Papa Francisco sobre Pentecostés

Hermanos y hermanas, roguemos a él: Espíritu Santo, memoria de Dios, reaviva en nosotros la memoria del don recibido. Libéranos de la parálisis del egoísmo y despierta en nosotros el deseo de servir, de hacer el bien. Aún peor que esta crisis es la tragedia de desperdiciarla cerrándonos sobre nosotros mismos. Ven, Espíritu Santo: tú eres armonía; haznos constructores de unidad. Tú siempre te entregas; concédenos el valor de salir de nosotros mismos, de amarnos y ayudarnos unos a otros, para llegar a ser una sola familia. Amén.

Wearing Red on Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday marks the beginning of the Church. In honor of this joyous occasion, it is a popular tradition to wear red to Mass,

to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit in our community and our unity in Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.



GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- ♦ **Fear of the Lord:** “the gift of the Holy Spirit through whom we are reminded of how small we are before God and of his love and that our good lies in humble, respectful and trusting self-abandonment into his hands.”
- ♦ **Piety:** “...is synonymous with the genuine religious spirit, with filial trust in God, with that capacity to pray to him with the love and simplicity that belongs to those who are humble of heart.”
- ♦ **Fortitude:** “the gift [through which] the Holy Spirit liberates the soil of our heart...frees it from sluggishness, from uncertainty and from all the fears that can hinder it, so that the Lord’s Word may be put into practice authentically and with joy.”
- ♦ **Knowledge:** “a special gift, which leads us to grasp, through creation, the greatness and love of God and his profound relationship with every creature.”
- ♦ **Wisdom:** “The grace of being able to see everything with the eyes of God...it is to see the world, to see situations, circumstances, problems, everything through God’s eyes.”
- ♦ **Counsel:** “the gift through which the Holy Spirit enables our conscience to make a concrete choice in communion with God, according to the logic of Jesus and his Gospel”
- ♦ **Understanding:** “a grace...which awakens in a Christian the ability to go beyond the outward appearance of reality and to probe the depths of the thoughts of God and his plan of salvation.”

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit!
Enlighten us! Embolden us! Inflame us!
Stir our hearts anew!
You have called us to live and minister in this time,
in these spaces, to these souls. Set us on FIRE with
fresh inspiration and sacred direction! Amen.

Oración al Espíritu Santo

¡Ven, Espíritu Santo!
¡Ilústranos! ¡Envalentónanos! ¡Inflámanos!
¡Agita nuestros corazones de nuevo!
Nos ha llamado a vivir y ministrar en este tiempo,
en estos espacios, a estas almas. ¡Enciéndanos con
una nueva inspiración y una dirección sagrada!
Amen.



THE SPIRIT
OF TRUTH PROCEEDS
FROM THE FATHER.

— JOHN 15:26 —

PENTECOST SUNDAY

PENTECOST SUNDAY**REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE**

First Reading: We hear how the Holy Spirit allowed the mighty acts of God to be heard by people of all languages in every nation. Where do you see God at work in the world or in your workplace?

Second Reading: Paul encouraged believers in Galatia to be guided by the fruit of the Spirit (joy, peace, self-control) rather than by the works of the flesh (immorality, lust, idolatry) in order to inherit the kingdom of God. How might you practice the fruits of the Spirit this week?

Gospel: Jesus taught his disciples he would send the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, to guide them and offer them divine gifts. What guidance are you seeking from the Lord?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit!

Readings for the week of May 19, 2024

Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 & 8/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Observances for the week of May 19, 2024

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Saturday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉS**A REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDER**

Primera Lectura: Escuchamos cómo el Espíritu Santo permitió que los poderosos actos de Dios fueran escuchados por personas de todos los idiomas en cada nación. ¿Dónde ves a Dios trabajando en el mundo o en tu lugar de trabajo?

Segunda Lectura: Pablo alentó a los creyentes en Galacia a ser guiados por el fruto del Espíritu (gozo, paz, dominio propio) en lugar de por las obras de la carne (inmoralidad, lujuria, idolatría) para heredar el reino de Dios. ¿Cómo podrías practicar los frutos del Espíritu esta semana?

Evangelio: Jesús enseñó a sus discípulos que enviaría al Abogado, el Espíritu de verdad, para guiarlos y ofrecerles dones divinos. ¿Qué guía estás buscando del Señor?

INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Como un taburete que no puede sostenerse solo sobre dos patas, necesitamos el Espíritu Santo. La tercera Persona de la Trinidad es la pieza del rompecabezas cuyo testimonio completa el hermoso cuadro de la salvación. Nunca dejemos de decir: ¡ven, Espíritu Santo!

Las lecturas de la semana del 19 de mayo de 2024

Domingo: *Vigilia:* Gn 11, 1-9 o Ex 19, 3-8. 16-20 o Ez 37, 1-14 o Jl 3, 1-5/Sal 103, 1-2. 24. 35. 27-28. 29. 30 (ver 30)/Rom 8, 22-27/Jn 7, 37-39
Día: Hch 2, 1-11/Sal 103, 1. 24. 29-30. 31. 34 (ver 30)/1 Cor 12, 3-7. 12-13 o Gal 5, 16-25/Jn 20, 19-23 o Jn 15, 26-27; 16, 12-15

Lunes: Gn 3, 9-15. 20 o Hch 1, 12-14/Sal 86, 1-2. 3 y 5. 6-7/Jn 19, 25-34

Martes: Sant 4, 1-10/Sal 54, 7-8. 9-10. 10-11. 23/Mc 9, 30-37

Miércoles: Sant 4, 13-17/Sal 48, 2-3. 6-7. 8-10. 11/Mc 9, 38-40

Jueves: Sant 5, 1-6/Sal 48, 14-15. 15-16. 17-18. 19-20/Mc 9, 41-50

Viernes: Sant 5, 9-12/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8-9. 11-12/Mc 10, 1-12

Sábado: Sant 5, 13-20/Sal 140, 1-2. 3 y 8/Mc 10, 13-16

Domingo siguiente: Dt 4, 32-34. 39-40/Sal 32, 4-5. 6. 9. 18-19. 20. 22 (12)/Rom 8, 14-17/Mt 28, 16-20

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 19 de mayo de 2024

Domingo: Domingo de Pentecostés

Lunes: Santísima Virgen María, Madre de la Iglesia

Martes: San Cristóbal Magallanes, sacerdote, y compañeros, mártires

Miércoles: Santa Rita de Casia, religiosa

Sábado: San Beda el venerable, sacerdote y doctor de la Iglesia; San Gregorio VII, papa; Santa María Magdalena de Pazzi, virgen

Domingo siguiente: La Santísima Trinidad

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Child's Name:

Catechist's Signature:

What did you learn in Mass today?

“Myth-busting” abduction statistics

News sources hyperfocus on abductions by strangers, generating fear and anxiety that these abductions happen often and everywhere. According to data from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), however, about 100 children per year are abducted by strangers nationwide. It is far, far more likely that a missing child ran away from home or was enticed to leave home by someone he knows or trusts. More than 80% of missing children reported to NCMEC have left home under their own power, even if their decision to leave was coerced. For more information about missing children, read the VIRTUS® article “Know the Facts: Abductions and Human Trafficking” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.
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Estadísticas de secuestros que “rompen mitos”

Las fuentes de noticias se centran sobremanera en los secuestros por parte de extraños, lo que genera miedo y ansiedad de que estos secuestros ocurran con frecuencia y en todas partes. Sin embargo, según datos del Centro Nacional de Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados (NCMEC, por sus siglas en inglés), unos 100 niños al año son secuestrados por extraños en todo el país. Es mucho más probable que un niño desaparecido se haya escapado de su hogar o haya sido inducido a abandonar su hogar por alguien que conoce o en quien confía. Más del 80 por ciento de los niños desaparecidos denunciados ante el NCMEC han abandonado sus hogares por sus propios medios, aun cuando su decisión para huir haya sido bajo coherción. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Know the Facts: Abductions Human Trafficking” (Conozca los hechos: secuestros y trata de personas)