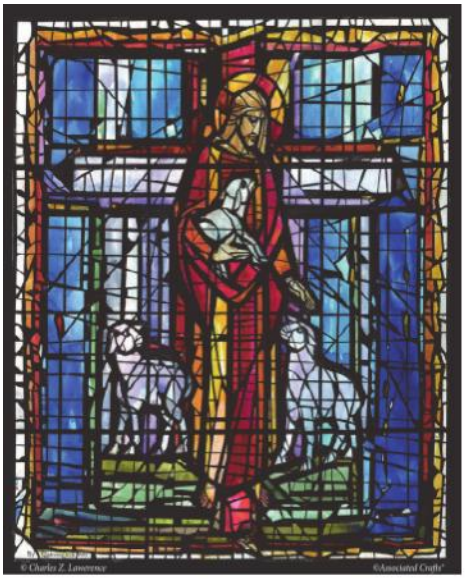

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MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY:	Monday—Friday	8:00AM	English
	Saturday	8:00AM	English
	Lunes—Viernes	7:00PM	Español
	SATURDAY VIGIL:	5:30PM	English
	SABADO MISA DE VIGILIA	7:00PM	Español
	MISA NEOCATECUMENAL (gimnasio)	7:00PM	Español

SUNDAY MASS

10:00AM English

MISA DOMINICAL

8:00AM, 12:00PM, 1:45PM, 3:30PM, 7:00PM Español

HOLY DAYS/DIAS DE PRECEPTO

8:00AM, 12:10PM English
6:30AM & 7:00PM Español

CONFESSIONS/CONFESIONES

Monday - Wednesday/Lunes a Miércoles 6:00PM-7:00PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION/ADORACION EUCARISTICA

Monday—Friday: 8:30AM—10:00AM, 12:00PM—3:00PM
6:00PM—7:00PM (Fridays only)

De lunes a viernes: 8:30AM—10:00AM, 12:00PM—3:00PM
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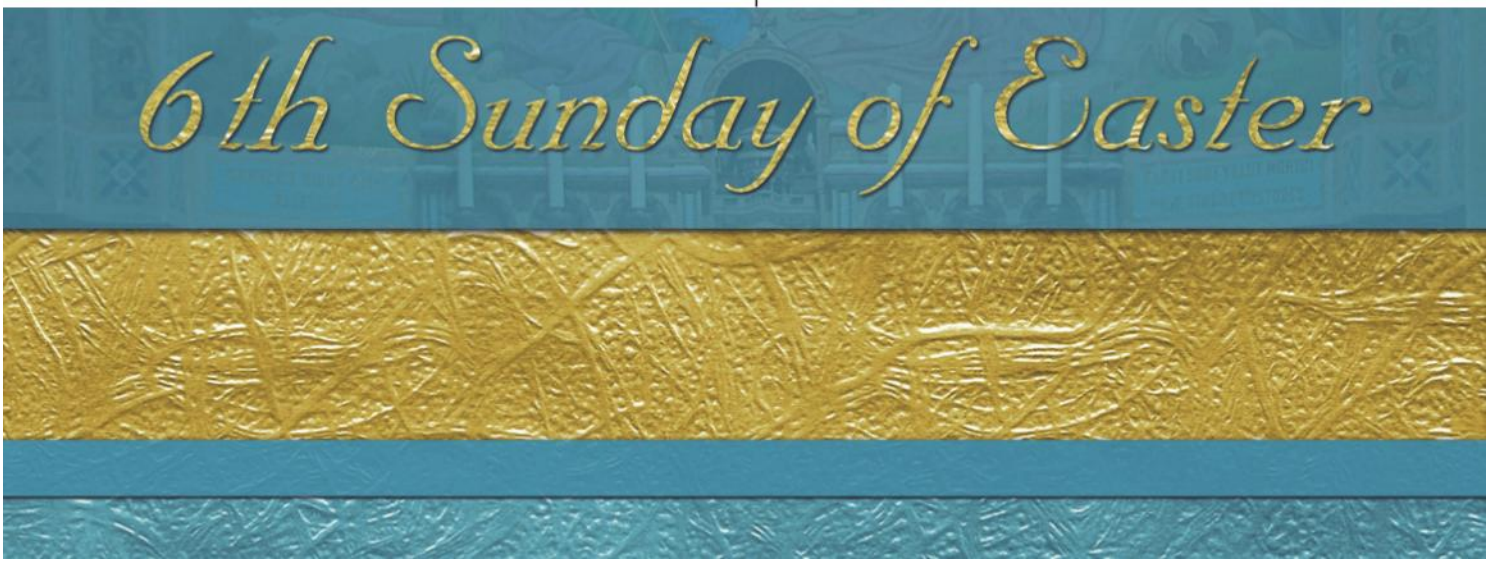

Mass Intentions

Monday /Lunes	**May 10 Mayo**
8:00 a.m.	For: All Mothers, alive & deceased
7:00 p.m.	Por: Todas las Madres, vivas y fallecidas
Tuesday/Martes	**May 11 Mayo**
8:00 a.m.	For: Dominic Le† – By: Nga Le
	For: Mary Esther Cavagrero† – By: The Harris Family
7:00 p.m.	Por: Sergio Antonio Sánchez† – De: Mamá & Hermanos
	Por: Velia López† & Tomasa Solís† – De: La Familia Frausto
Wednesday/Miércoles	**May 12 Mayo**
8:00 a.m.	For: Rosamma Antony† – By: Aley Joseph
	For: Bob McCrossen† – By: The Harris Family
7:00 p.m.	Por: Teresa Meléndez & Todas las Animas del Purgatorio – De: María Clorinda Ramírez
	Por: Rosamma Antony† – De: Roy Antony
Thursday/Jueves	**May 13 Mayo**
8:00 a.m.	For: Thomas† – By: The Harris Family
	For: Gregoria Patiño† – By: Yolanda Pérez
7:00 p.m.	Por: Las intenciones de ANE – De: ANE
	Por: Las necesidades de José Refugio Ruiz – De: Su Familia
Friday/Viernes	**May 14 Mayo**
8:00 a.m.	For: The health of Mark Finch – By: The Harris Family
	For: All Souls in Purgatory – Bye: Yolanda Perez
7:00 p.m.	En: Acción de gracias por el ministerio Padres & Madres Orantes
	Por: Tania Lozano (Cumpleaños) – De: Su Familia
Saturday/Sábado	**May 15 Mayo**
8:00 a.m.	For: Emely Ramirez (Birthday) – By: The Ramirez Family
	For: Josefa† & John Mendoza† – By: Edward & Rosa Olvera
5:30 p.m.	For: Isidro Rosas† – By: The Rosas-Perez Family
	For: The health of Marc Moten – By: The Harris Family
7:00 p.m.	Por: Lorenzo, Bercelina, Hervin, Edgar, Javier & Nora Peña† – De: Tilcia Peña
	Por: El Pueblo
Sunday/Domingo	**May 16 Mayo**
8:00 a.m.	Por: Evelyn Guzmán (XV años) – De: La Familia Guzmán
	En: Acción de gracias – De: La Familia Trujillo Escobar
10:00 a.m.	For: Jairo Perdomo† – By: His Family
12:00 p.m.	Por: María Del Carmen Madrigal† – De: Rosalina Alva
	Por: Nicolas Vázquez† – De: Yolanda Pérez
1:45 p.m.	Por: Teresa Correa† – De: La Familia Ayala-Correa
	Por: Rafael Villafaña† – De: La Familia Villafaña-Ramírez
3:30 p.m.	Por: Isidro Rosas† – De: La Familia Rosas-Pérez
	Por: Mariana Flores (Cumpleaños) – De: Su Mamá
7:00 p.m.	Por: María de Jesús† & Adela Torres† – De: Gloria Torres

Readings for the Week of Mayo 9, 2021

To find the readings for the week, please see the right-side margin on page 4 under "Calendar".

May 2, 2021 2 de mayo, 2021

Contributions/Contribuciones	$	23,661.61
Capital Campaign	$	9,956.00
Kitchen/Cocina (04/25)	$	3,743.50
Other donations	$	365.00
Total	**$**	**37,726.11**
Mass Attendance		**3,674**

FAITH FORMATION/CATECISMO

Formación de Fe tiene espacios disponibles para el primer año de preparación para los sacramentos de Primera Comunión y/o Confirmación. Las inscripciones serán el próximo domingo 16 de Mayo en la oficina parroquial de 9am a 5pm. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta por favor de llamar a la oficina en su horario regular.

Faith Formation has spaces available for the first year of preparation for the sacraments of First Communion and / or Confirmation. Registrations will be next Sunday, May 16th in the Parish Office from 9am to 5pm. If you have any question, please call the office. Thank you.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Weekend of May 8/9, 2021

In today's Gospel, Jesus commands his disciples, whom he calls "friends," to love one another as he loves them. Jesus uses the word "love" as a verb or a noun nine times. He also employs the word "command" or "commandment" five times. His command to love one another is explicit. Those who understand the depth of Christ's love for us have reason to be joyful. We are called to be stewards of this loving friendship; to love one another as Jesus loves us. Do we give serious attention to what this love requires of us? What is the price of this friendship with the Lord? Are we willing to pay this price to keep Christ's friendship?

UN MOMENTO DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

Sexto Domingo de Pascua
Fin de Semana del 8/9 de mayo de 2021

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús manda a sus discípulos, a quienes llama "amigos," que se amen unos a otros como él los ama. Jesús usa la palabra "amor" como verbo o sustantivo nueve veces. También emplea la palabra "mandato" o "mandamiento" cinco veces. Su mandato de amarse unos a otros es explícito. Aquellos que entienden la profundidad del amor por nosotros tienen razón para estar gozosos. Estamos llamados a ser corresponsables de esta amorosa amistad; de amarnos unos a otros como Jesús nos ama. ¿Prestamos verdadera atención a lo que este amor requiere de nosotros? ¿Cuál es el precio de esta amistad con el Señor? ¿Estamos dispuestos a pagar este precio para mantener la amistad de Cristo?

PRIZE WINNERS/GANADORES

1.	$5,000 tarjeta de VISA	Juan Vega
2.	$2,000 tarjeta de VISA	Tevin Rushing
3.	$1,000 tarjeta de VISA	Eutolia Aguilera
4.	$1,000 tarjeta de VISA	Jana Barcena
5.	$500 tarjeta de VISA	Guillermo Garcia
6.	$500 tarjeta de VISA	Marina Gutierrez
7.	$500 tarjeta de VISA	Juan Carlos A.
8.	$500 tarjeta de VISA	Josue Vargas
9.	$500 tarjeta de VISA	Aniela Alejos
	Bonos	
1.	$200 tarjeta de VISA	Alex Gonzalez
2.	$200 tarjeta de VISA	Alicia Reyes
3.	$200 tarjeta de VISA	Andres Olivares
4.	$200 tarjeta de VISA	Rosalina Alba
5.	$200 tarjeta de VISA	Ofelia Noguez
6.	$100 tarjeta de VISA	Jose Gomez
7.	$100 tarjeta de VISA	McAdam Family
8.	$100 tarjeta de VISA	Celia Martinez
9.	$100 tarjeta de VISA	Edwin Hernandez
10.	$100 tarjeta de VISA	Jose Gomez
	Incentive Prizes	
1.	Professional Photo Package	Sandra Lara
2.	42" TV	Mike Gonzalez
3.	42" TV	Ana Hernandez
4.	$100 tarjeta de VISA	Leti Servin
5.	$50 tarjeta de VISA	Manuel Montemayor

Mobile Food Pantry Food Giveaway

Open to Anyone

Where: Good Shepherd Catholic Church
1304 Main St., Garland, TX 75040

When: Tuesday, May 11, 2021
9:30 AM until 11:00 AM

IMPORTANT: Please enter the parking lot ONLY from S. 13th St. and STAY IN YOUR CAR!

Despensa de Alimentos Móvil Regalo de Comida

Abierto a Todos

¿Dónde? Parroquia del Buen Pastor
1304 Main St., Garland, TX 75040

¿Cuándo? Martes, 11 de mayo, 2021
9:30 AM a 11:00 AM

IMPORTANTE: Por favor, entras al estacionamiento SOLO por la calle 13 y QUEDATE EN TU AUTO.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Mini-Loan Program

Help for those in need.

DON'T GET TRAPPED IN A CYCLE OF DEBT!

If you have a high-interest payday or auto title loan, SVDP may be able to help you escape the cycle of debt by converting those loans into a low- interest loan that can be paid off over 12 months. The program also offers loans between $500-$2500 for unexpected emergency expenses such as home or auto repair, apartment deposit, or medical expenses. If you lost your job due to Covid-19 and are back at work but need help catching up on monthly bills a Covid-19 mini relief loan may be able to help.

Applicants must have a steady income and a checking account or qualifying debit card account with direct deposit.

For more information to see if you qualify, please call 214 520 0650 x 124

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl
Programa Mini Préstamo

ayuda para los necesitados

NO TE QUEDES ATRAPADO EN UN CICLO DE DEUDA!

Si usted tiene un préstamo de día de pago de alto interés o título convertidos, SVDP puede ayudarle a escapar del ciclo de la deuda convirtiendo esos préstamos en un préstamo a bajo interés que se puede pagar durante 12 meses. El programa también ofrece préstamos entre $500-$2500 para gastos inesperados de emergencia como reparación de casas o automóviles, depósito de apartamentos o gastos médicos. Si perdió su trabajo debido a Covid-19 y está de regreso en el trabajo, pero necesita ayuda para ponerse al día con las facturas mensuales, un mini préstamo de alivio de Covid-19 puede ayudar.

Los solicitantes deben tener un ingreso estable y una cuenta de cheques o una cuenta de tarjeta de débito con depósito directo.

Para más información para ver si califica por favor llame (214) 520-0650 x 124

Festival Report

Fr. Jose Luis would like to thank everyone who participated in the parish raffle. We would like to especially thank our various parish groups and other parishioners who gave so much time distributing the tickets. While we could not have the annual festival, our community showed true commitment and unity in this difficult time. The following is a report on our revenue and a list of the winners for both the raffle, bonus and incentive prizes. All prize winners have been contacted and are in the process of receiving their prizes.

Raffle Ticket Total $ 60,870.00

Informe de los Ingresos del Festival

P. José Luis quisiera agradecer a todos los que participaron en la rifa parroquial de primavera 2021. Queremos agradecer y reconocer la generosidad de los varios grupos unos feligreses que ofrecieron tanto ayuda distribuyendo los boletos. Aunque no pudimos tener nuestro festival, nos unimos para tener un éxito en este tiempo tan difícil. El siguiente es un informe sobre nuestros ingresos y una lista de los ganadores, tanto para el sorteo como para los premios de bonificación y de incentivo. Todos los ganadores hand sido contactados, y los premios se entregarán solamente por cita.

Rifa Total $ 60,870.00

Dear Padre,

How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?

One of a priest's most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling.

The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor's bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person.

Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn't that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner's sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her.

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We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn't want anyone to know about, things we wouldn't want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Reconciliation itself is a benefit that the wisdom of the Church has always safeguarded with all her moral and legal might, with the sacramental seal….It is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent…that the sacramental conversation will remain within the secrecy of the confessional.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 29, 2019

Calendar

Monday
MAY 10
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11–15
Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday
MAY 11
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22–34
Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday
MAY 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1
Jn 16:12–15

Thursday
MAY 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1–8
Jn 16:16–20

Friday
MAY 14
St. Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26
Jn 15:9–17

Saturday
MAY 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:23–28
Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday
MAY 16
Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1–11
Eph 1:17–23
or Eph 4:1–13
or 4:1–7, 11–13
Mk 16:15–20

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A Redemptorist Ministry

Be Generous This Summer

The month of May means summer is right around the corner. There will be an urge to make up for the dark summer of 2020 with gusto. We head into a time when vacation planning is emerging, barbecues are a realistic activity, family reunions may actually be realized and trips to a favorite state park or beach may be eagerly anticipated. Christian stewards remain mindful, however, that even

during this time, the need to be generous continues, especially to our parishes and dioceses.

The Christmas spirit has always inspired us to share our material blessings with others. Cold weather also brings out our desire to make sure others are sheltered from winter storms. But often, food and clothing pantry shelves are not quite so full in the summer, even though people are still hungry and need clothing. Even in pre-pandemic times, social service agencies scrambled to fill their rosters with volunteers during the summer. Parish outreach ministries have suffered this past year and need financial contributions to continue during the summer weeks.

Christian stewards are well aware of summer needs, as well as being aware of their own need to give throughout the year. For Christian stewards, the spirituality of gratitude to God is part of their everyday lives and motivates their generosity.

> This summer, let us be mindful of our parishes, diocesan ministries and other charities that are in need of our support.

Let's not forget our parishes when we make our summer plans. Let's make sure to increase our gifts to make up for the past year. Also, many diocesan appeals take place in the spring and summer. Giving to the diocesan annual appeal is an excellent way to support the ministries of the local church that no single parish could undertake by itself.

This summer may offer a chance to renew our quest for fun and relaxation in a way that the pandemic, the economy and closures would not allow last summer. Let us be mindful of our parishes, diocesan ministries and other charities that are in need of our support. A plan to continue our generous habits this summer can serve as a great blessing to those in need and serve as an authentic witness to the renewal of our Baptismal promises at Easter.

To Love as Jesus Loves: An Easter Reflection

Excerpted from the 2021 book, ***The Heart of the Mission: Simple Ways to Bring People to Jesus*** *by Cande de Leon, executive director for the Office of Mission Advancement, Diocese of Phoenix, published by Our Sunday Visitor. Cande will be a session presenter in the Stewardship, Engagement and Evangelization track at the 2021 ICSC Conference in Orlando, Florida.*

Jesus has given each baptized Catholic a mission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20). Our mission is to live this calling every day of our lives.

People are at the heart of the mission of the Church. Strengthening relationships, boldly growing engagement and connecting people to the mission are simple ways to bring people to Jesus. It is not complicated – we just need to bring people to Jesus. God is always drawing closer to us, so we can rest assured that he is the one doing the hard work – not us! In order to bring people to Jesus, we must start with loving and caring for people one at a time. It has to come from a genuine desire to love and show people that they matter. After all, why would anyone listen to the Good News from us, if we haven't shown them God's love?

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If we are all God's children, then we have a responsibility to help each other. We are meant to live in relationship, and to be the living presence of God in the world – to show his love to the people around us. This means treating people like family, not transactions. It's easy to do this with the people we enjoy being around. It's a lot harder to put into practice when we are talking about a coworker or acquaintance who drives us crazy. But like it or not, we are all called to this. For me this is a revolutionary idea: I am not better than anyone else. The world tries to separate us all the time by putting us into categories of race, gender or socioeconomic status. Those don't really matter.

We are all children of God. It is important for all of us to try to see the people in front of us and love them like Jesus does. I invite you to join me in that, to strive each day to see people as your brothers and sisters and to treat them accordingly.

Seamos Generosos este Verano

El mes de mayo significa que el verano está a la vuelta de la esquina. Habrá un impulso de compensar con gusto el oscuro verano de 2020. Nos dirigimos a una época en la que la surge la planificación de las vacaciones, las barbacoas son una actividad realista, las reuniones familiares pueden realmente llevarse a cabo y los viajes al parque estatal favorito o a la playa pueden ser preparados con entusiasmo. Sin embargo, los

corresponsables cristianos siguen siendo conscientes de que, incluso durante este tiempo, la necesidad de ser generosos continúa, especialmente con nuestras parroquias y diócesis.

El espíritu navideño siempre nos ha inspirado a compartir nuestras bendiciones materiales con los demás. El clima frío también saca a relucir nuestro deseo de asegurarnos de que otros estén protegidos de las tormentas invernales. Pero a menudo, los estantes de comida, despensa y ropa no están tan llenos en el verano, a pesar de que las personas todavía verano. Los ministerios de extensión parroquial han sufrido este último año y necesitan contribuciones económicas para continuar durante las semanas de verano.

Los corresponsables cristianos son muy conscientes de las necesidades que el verano nos presenta, además de ser conscientes de su propia necesidad de dar durante todo el año. Para los corresponsables cristianos, la espiritualidad de la gratitud a Dios es parte de su vida cotidiana y motiva su generosidad.

No olvidemos nuestras parroquias cuando hagamos nuestros planes de verano. Asegurémonos de aumentar nuestro donativo para compensar el año pasado. Además, muchos llamados diocesanos tienen lugar en la primavera y el verano.

> Seamos conscientes de nuestras parroquias, ministerios diocesanos y otras organizaciones benéficas que necesitan nuestro apoyo.

Dar al llamado anual diocesano es una excelente manera de apoyar a los ministerios de la iglesia local que ninguna parroquia podría realizar por sí misma.

Este verano puede ofrecer la oportunidad de renovar nuestra búsqueda de diversión y relajación de una manera en la que la pandemia, la economía y los cierres no permitieron el verano pasado. Seamos conscientes de nuestras parroquias, ministerios diocesanos y otras organizaciones benéficas que necesitan nuestro apoyo. Un plan para continuar nuestros hábitos

Amar como Jesús ama

Extraído del libro de 2021, ***The Heart of the Mission: Simple Ways to Bring People to Jesus****, por Cande de León, director ejecutivo de la Oficina de Promoción de Misiones, Diócesis de Phoenix, publicado por Our Sunday Visitor. Cande de León será presentador de una sesión en el módulo de Corresponsabilidad, Compromiso y Evangelización en la conferencia de ICSC 2021 en Orlando, Florida.*

Jesús ha dado a cada católico bautizado una misión: "Vayan, pues, y hagan discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándoles en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, enseñándoles a observar todo lo que yo les he mandado." (Mateo 28, 19-20). Nuestra misión es vivir este llamado todos los días de nuestras vidas.

Las personas están en el corazón de la misión de la Iglesia. Fortalecer las relaciones, aumentar audazmente el compromiso y conectar a las personas con la misión son maneras sencillas de llevar a las personas a Jesús. No es complicado, sólo necesitamos llevar a las personas a Jesús. Dios está siempre acercándose a nosotros, por lo que podemos estar seguros de que ¡es él quien hace el trabajo difícil, no nosotros! Para llevar a las personas a Jesús, debemos comenzar por amar y cuidar a las personas una a una. Tiene que venir de un deseo genuino de amar y mostrar a las personas que verdaderamente nos importan. Después de todo, ¿por qué alguien nos escucharía cuando les hablamos de la Buena Noticia, si no les hemos mostrado el amor de Dios

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Si todos somos hijos de Dios, entonces tenemos la responsabilidad de ayudarnos unos a otros. Estamos destinados a vivir en relación y a ser la presencia viva de Dios en el mundo para mostrar su amor a las personas que nos rodean. Esto significa tratar a las personas como familia, sin negociación. Es fácil hacer esto con las personas con quienes disfrutamos estar cerca, es mucho más difícil de poner en práctica cuando estamos hablando de un compañero de trabajo o un conocido que nos hace perder la cordura. Pero, nos guste o no, todos estamos llamados a esto. Para mí esta es una idea revolucionaria: no soy mejor que nadie. El mundo trata de separarnos todo el tiempo poniéndonos en categorías de raza, género o estatus socioeconómico. Nada de eso importa.

Todos somos hijos de Dios. Lo importante es que todos tratemos de ver y amar a las personas que nos rodean como Jesús lo hace. Les invito a unirse conmigo en esto, esforzarse cada día en ver a las personas como sus hermanos y hermanas y tratarles como a ello corresponde.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)
Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48
1 Jn 4:7–10
Jn 15:9–17

God's Call

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God, and his fundamental faith opened him to the gift of the Holy Spirit. All those who were listening to Peter's words were then baptized. They were then one with the community of believers.

Faith, baptism, and incorporation into the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The issue is not who does God favor, but who favors God.

The Gospel story reinforces this point. It insists that God's love for us is the foundation of everything. We are told: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- *Pray that you might be able to accept the goodness of people with whom you disagree socially, politically, even religiously.*
- *You belong to a believing community. Think of how this has strengthened your faith.*

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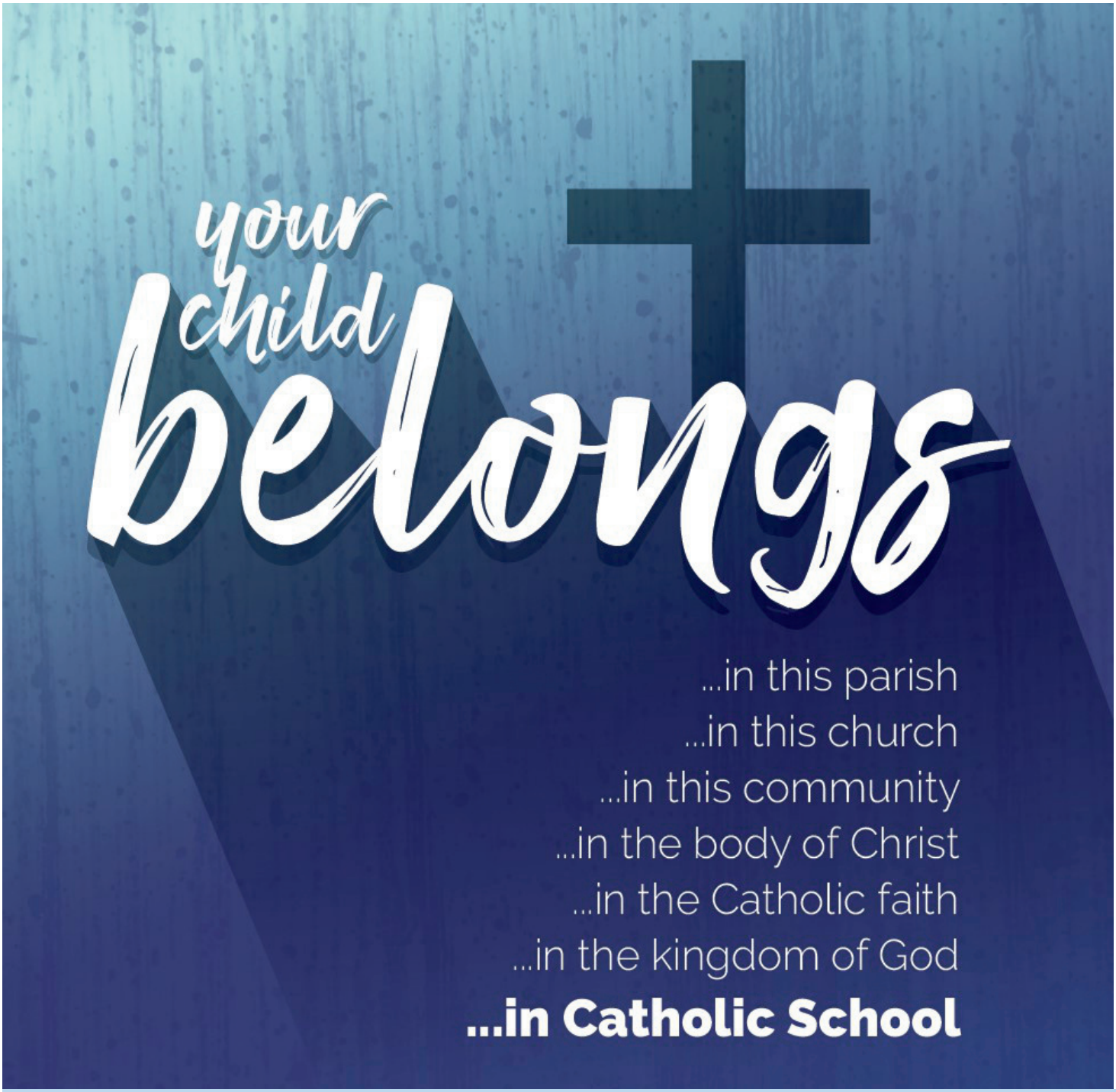

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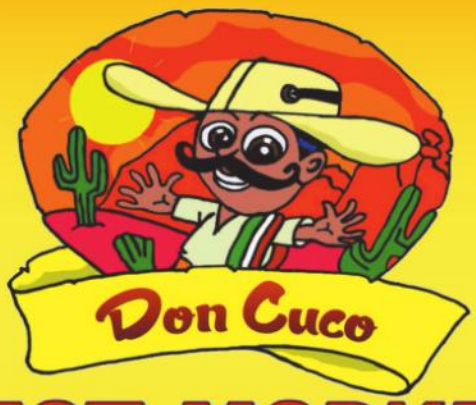

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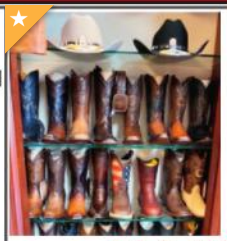

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