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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Feast of the Ascension
May 12, 2024

... *the sounds*
of
silence ...

Morning Church!

Silence, a rarity in our world,
is crucial for spiritual growth.

Silence *is* a rarity in our culture. Inner silence may be even rarer. The chat that goes on in-between our ears, the endless tweets, texts, and phone chats create a deluge of noise around us and within us. In this amplified environment of noise, it almost seems impossible to hear God's small, still voice.

In silence we become open and vulnerable to God. We are reminded that we are not in control of ourselves or the world. We are reminded that God is God and we are not. Often this is why so many avoid any type of silence in their lives.

We Celts describe thresholds as "thin times or places" where heaven and earth are closer together and the veil between worlds is thin.

Silence is the entry point to the threshold that leads to God and opens the possibility to a renewed awareness of God's nearness and holy presence.

The First Followers are about to encounter a sacred threshold. They are about to fully accept the mission and ministry Christ is entrusting to them. In the future their thresholds will be places of questions, unknowns, transitions, and imagination.

Jesus frequently went to the mountain, alone to encounter God in the silence. Following his example his disciples will learn to move between silence and service, as they face their fears and limitations. They will learn to value silence in God's presence and see it as their grace and mentor.

The Feast of the Ascension calls us to enter the silence and encounter Jesus in new and more intimate ways, to become what St. Ignatius calls, "contemplatives in action".

Like the First Followers, we are sent to go into the world "proclaiming the gospel to every creature."

In CommUNITY,

Janis

Ascension Blessing

In the leaving
in the letting go
let there be this
to hold onto
at the last:

the enduring of love
the persisting of hope
the remembering of joy

the offering of gratitude
the receiving of grace
the blessing of peace.

~ Jan Richardson










 **HEARTwork**

Reflecting & Acting on The Word

*This week enter into a quiet silence
for some part of each day.*

Allow yourself to rest
in the heart of God, and be vulnerable
to the ever-present presence,
so you can listen and be graced.
Name the grace you need at this time
of your faithjourney.
In trust, ask for these graces.


Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

M A Y	
12	Feast: Ascension Happy Mother's Day!
 13	Ladies Guild, 5p
 14	The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p
 15	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
16	Wise Ones Little Italy Restaurant, Dobson, 1p Host: Peggy Reikowsky (336)835-7520 pegtek3@aol.com  RCIA INQUIRY, 6:30p
 18	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a  Youth Confirmation Retreat, 8:30-3:30p 
19	Pentecost Sunday Wear Red Sunday
 20	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Cntr. 1:30-6:00p
 21	The Chosen, 10a; Ministerial Association, 12N Communion Service, 12:15p
 22	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
25	Youth Sacrament of Confirmation, 10:00a;  Reception to follow 
26	Feast: Holy Trinity
 28	The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p
 29	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 

Feed the Elderly
 Volunteer Luncheon
 Monday, June 17th, 1p
 First United Methodist Church

Pope Francis Walking the Word:

Prayer, the opening of our hearts to the Most High, is essential for purifying ourselves of selfishness, falseness, and injustice. Those who pray receive peace in their hearts and must inevitably become *its witness and messenger*.


 Active contemplatives
 "Go out to all the world
 and tell the Good News!"

🌿 Mass Intentions	
12	All Mothers, living and deceased In gratitude for our Ladies Guild +Bob Gochnauer +Barbara Mandes
19	Newly Confirmed Kevin McQuade (70th Bday)

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 15 Ron Berryman | 23 Jonathan Ramirez |
| Luis Angel Lopez | 26 Lila Keller |
| 19 Miguel Nava | 28 Diego Carreon, Jr. |
| Lizette Hernandez | 30 Brian Lopez |
| 23 Aymes Davis | 31 Hilda Lopez |
| Morgan Orta | |

- 15 Jennifer & Jason LaCashio
 16 Rebekah & Ryan Treannie

*Pray for our bishops during this time
for a graced of transition*



*Bishop
Peter Jugis*



*Bishop
Michael Martin, OFM, Conv.*



Kendra Lawson, RN,
enfermera registrada,
enseñará las instrucciones
de CPR y AED con un traductor
para la comunidad hispana
el sábado 15 de junio de 2024



Brylee Ange



Shayla Ange



Eric Barrientos



Osvaldo Bustos



Victor Bustos



Jocelyn Espino



Angel Ledesma



Marisol Ledesma



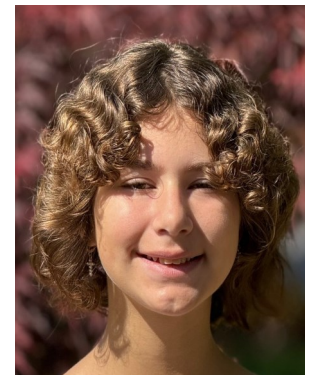
Osvaldo Martinez



Susana Martinez



Braulio Mata



Melia Orta



Morgan Orta



Diana Rodriguez



David Serafin



*God's blessings
on our
Confirmation
Candidates*



Who We Are

Change for Global Change is a 501(c)(3) organization founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph (Phila.) in 2006. With even greater urgency, our organization represents a necessary response to the unmet needs of persons who are poor, marginalized, and vulnerable by committing to the flourishing of Earth through sustainable practices.



What We Do

We raise awareness of sustainability issues that affect the lives of every person on our planet.

We collect donations – large and small—from caring people, so that joining together in a neighbor-to-neighbor, across-the-street and around-the-world effort, we can make a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers in need.

This allows us to provide grants for sustainability projects sponsored by our Sisters and Associates throughout the world, where the people they serve lack many basic necessities, especially potable water.

Receptacle for your donations/change is in the lobby.

Thank you!

Jesus is with us now and forever!

After Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, he visited his followers many times to give them instructions on how they are to continue to love and serve in his Name. Jesus knew his time with them had come to an end and now he would return to heaven. It's up to them to continue Jesus' work on Earth.

He promised, that, even though they couldn't see him anymore, he would be with them in new ways.

Jesus promised to send them his Spirit, who would encourage and lead them. The Holy Spirit would help them to remember all Jesus taught them and give them courage when they were afraid. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and like Jesus, the Holy Spirit is with us always.

Jesus is present in our lives, too. guiding and protecting us. The Ascension reminds us to spread the good news of Jesus' resurrection to others, just as the disciples were instructed to do.

**I WILL
ALWAYS BE
WITH YOU!**

Answers to Psalm 47 Cross-Word:

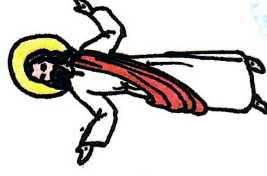
Down: 1 high, 2 awesome, 4 to, 5 trumpet, 7 earth, 9 sing.
Across: 2 all, 3 great, 6 over, 8 most, 10 praise, 11 king.

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension

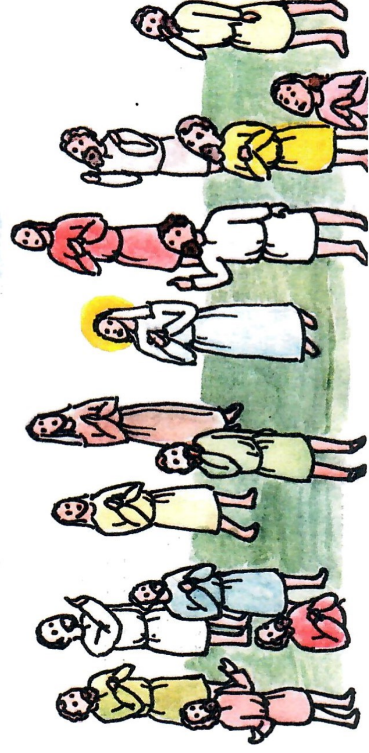
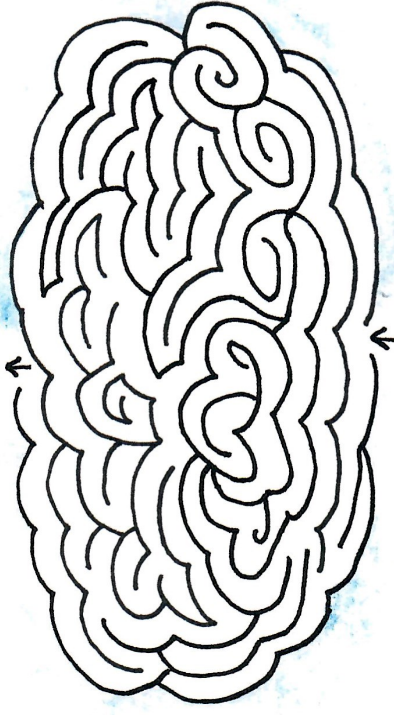
May 9th or Sunday May 12th, 2024

Forty days after
Jesus rose from the
dead he went up a
hill with His
followers and
disappeared through
the clouds and went
up into Heaven.



Jesus had promised
to send a Comforter
to them after
He left them.

Can you find your
way through the
cloud maze?



saint isidore the farmer may 15



ISIDORE WAS BORN IN MADRID, SPAIN, IN 1070. HE WAS TOO POOR TO GO TO SCHOOL, BUT WHEN HE WAS OLD ENOUGH HE WENT TO WORK FOR A FARMER.



HE WORKED FOR THE FARMER ALL HIS LIFE. ISIDORE MARRIED A GOOD WOMAN CALLED MARIA.



THEY HAD A BABY BOY, BUT HE DIED. ISIDORE AND MARIA TRUSTED THAT GOD WAS LOOKING AFTER HIM.



Our Father, who art in Heaven...

ISIDORE WENT TO MASS EVERY DAY. HE PRAYED AS HE WORKED.



AT A PARISH DINNER, AS THE BEGGARS HE HAD INVITED ATE THE FOOD, MORE FOOD KEPT COMING!

We should have run out by now!



ISIDORE BECAME KNOWN FOR HIS HOLINESS, AND STORIES OF MIRACLES WERE TOLD OF HIM.

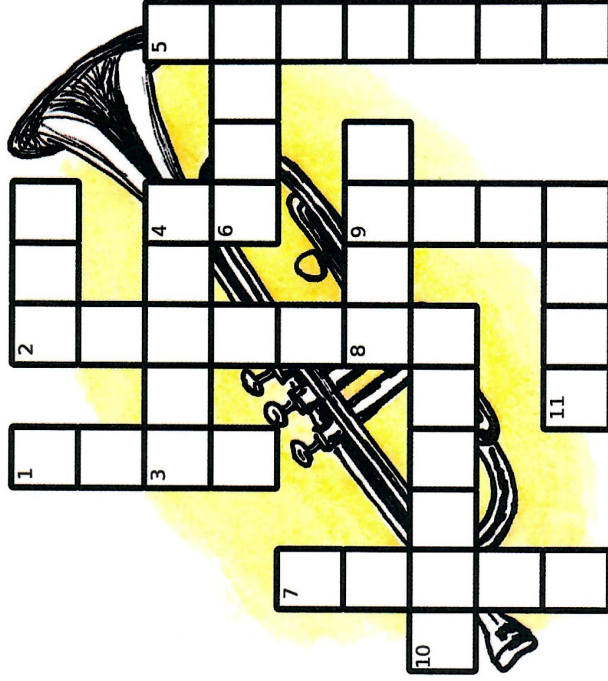
If you need prayers ask Isidore to pray for you!



SAINT ISIDORE WORKED HARD AND SERVED GOD ALL HIS LIFE. HE DIED PEACEFULLY AT AGE 60.

SAINT ISIDORE WAS A HUMBLE MAN. HE DID SIMPLE WORK AND NEVER SEEMED IMPORTANT. HE JUST TRIED TO BE HOLY AND HELP THOSE AROUND HIM. BUT HE LOVED GOD SO MUCH THAT HE WAS A SAINT. AFTER HE DIED HIS BODY WAS FOUND INCORRUPT. SOON HE BECAME ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN SAINTS.

Psalms 47 Cross-Word



Unscramble the words in CAPITAL letters.
Then you can fit them into the puzzle.
(A means across and D means down.)

LAL (2A) you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the Lord, the SOMT (8A) HHGI (1D),
the EMOSAEW (2D),
is the TREAG (3A) king

VROE (6A) all the HTREA (7D).

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the Lord, amid UMTPRET (5D) blasts.

GISN (9D) praise OT (4D) God, sing praise;

Sing SIEARP (10A) to our INKG (11A), sing praise.