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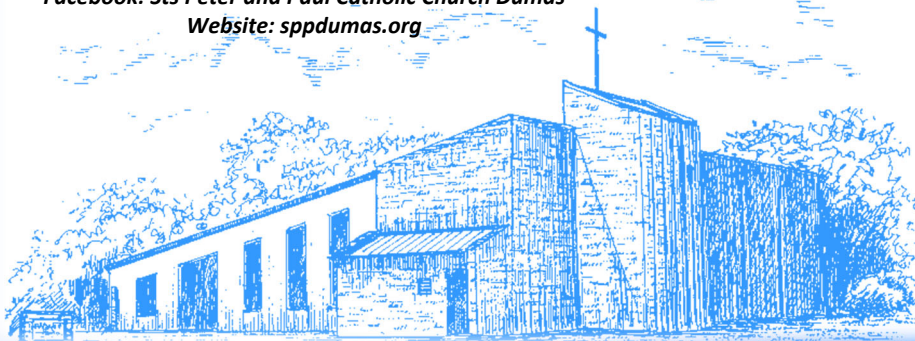
Finally, all of you, be of
one mind, sympathetic,
loving toward one
another, compassionate,
humble.

Tengan todo unos
mismos sentimientos,
sean compasivos, ámense
como hermanos, sean
misericordiosos y
humildes.
1 Peter 3:8

And let the peace of
Christ control your
hearts, the peace into
which you were also
called in one body. And
be thankful.

Que la paz de Cristo
reine en sus corazones:
esa paz a la que han sido
llamados, porque
formamos un solo
Cuerpo
1 Col 3:15

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Welcome to Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for a day, we pray God's speed on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please introduce yourselves. To register in our parish, please contact our office located to the north of our church building or call 935-5002.

Bienvenido a la Iglesia de San Pedro y San Pablo. Es nuestra esperanza que usted se sienta como en casa y entre amigos. Si esta aquí de vista por un día oramos a Dios que bendiga su viaje. Si usted esta buscando una comunidad parroquial estaríamos encantados de darle la bienvenida a nuestra familia parroquial. Por favor preséntese. Para registrarse en nuestra parroquia, por favor póngase en contacto con nuestra oficina ubicada al norte de la iglesia o llame al 935-5002.

The Ascension of the Lord
May 13, 2018
Whoever believes and is
baptized
will be saved.
-- Mark 16:16

La Ascensión del Señor
13 de mayo de 2018
El que crea y se bautice, se
salvará.
-- Marcos 16:16

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

K-5: Sunday, 9:45-11:00 AM

6-8: Wednesday, 6:15-8:30 PM

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION For those children who did not prepare for or have not received sacraments as scheduled in our parish:

9-12: Sunday, 9:45-11:00

2-6: Monday, 6:00-7:15 PM

7-8: Wednesday, 6:15-8:30 PM

BAPTISM Parents must come to the parish office for information

MARRIAGE Couples must contact a priest at least 6 months before the proposed wedding date and couples of child bearing age must attend the Marriage Preparation and Natural Family Planning courses as offered and required by the diocese.

In the event of a death, please contact the parish office or priest, as soon as possible

DOCTRINA PARA NIÑOS

Grados K-5, domingo, 9:45-11:00 AM

Grados 6 – 8, miércoles, 6:15-8:30 PM

PREPARACION DE LOS SACRAMENTOS

Para los niños/niñas que no están preparados o que no han recibido los sacramentos como está programado en nuestra parroquia.

Grados 9-12: domingo, 9:45-11:00 AM

Grados 2-6 : lunes 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM,

Grados 7-8: miércoles 6:15-8:30 PM

PREPARACION PREBAUTISMAL Por favor llame a la oficina , 935-5002

MATRIMONIO Por favor llame al párroco seis meses antes de poner la fecha de la boda.

Cuando un ser querido fallezca favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial

Knights of Columbus Council 5061 2015-2016 Officers

- Grand Knight.....Miguel Nevarez
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- Trustee 2..... Ricky DeLaRosa
- Trustee 1.....David Guevara

If you have any questions regarding the Knights of Columbus, please ask any Knight.

Ministries

- Communion to the Sick and Homebound.....Doug Pack & Herb Wethington
- Comunion a Enfermos.....Esperanza Barraza, Cruz Vasquez, Adela Mendoza
- Jail Ministry.....
- Prison Ministry.....
- Finance Council/Consejo de Finanzas.....Joe Rahija.....934-2485
- Pastoral Council/Consejo de Pastor.....
- Director of Religious Education.....Ofelia Garbalena.....570-9656
- Adult RCIA.....Lisa Hatley.....930-8737
- Altar servers/servidores del altar.....Ricky DeLaRosa.....935-9071
- Lectors/communion ministers.....Lisa Hatley English.....930-8737
- Martha Sandoval Espanol.....717-3403
- Caring hearts.....Dora Reyna/Bernice Schwertner.....935-3620
- Youth Group/jovenes.....Sue Stout/Dorothy Schwertner, Leticia Borunda
- Cursillistas.....Marcos Marquez.....930-9635
- Marriage Prep.....Miguel & Carol Nevarez.....
- Choice Wine (Marriage Enrichment).....Miguel & Carol.....
- Vocations Ministry.....
- Food Pantry.....Joyce Wethington
- Hospitality.....Joyce Wethington
- Hospital Ministry.....

Schedule of Masses/Horario de Misas

Daily Mass/Misa de la Semana: Tuesday/martes;

Spanish/Español: 6:00 PM

Wednesday/miércoles; English/Inglés: **6:15 PM**

Thursday/jueves; English/Inglés: 7:30 AM

Friday/viernes; English/Inglés 7:30 AM

Weekend Masses/Misa de fin de Semana:

Saturday/sabado English/Inglés 5:00 PM

Sunday/domingo English/Inglés 8:30 AM

Sunday/domingo Spanish/Español 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Confession/Confesión: Saturday/sabado 4:00-4:45 PM

Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración Eucarística: Thursday/jueves 8:00 AM-6:45 PM

Quinceañeras:

Debe llamar por lo menos 6-8 meses antes.

Los requisitos son: Asistir a misa regularmente los domingos, asistir a clases de formación religiosa y catecismo antes de la Celebración. Deben tener todos los sacramentos: Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación estar asistiendo grupo de jóvenes y asistir platicas de Quinceañera y el retiro.

Call at least 6-8 months in advance. Expectations are: regular attendance at Sunday Mass, faith formation classes and appropriate catechesis before celebration.. The young lady should be baptized, have received Communion and been Confirmed. There are classes and a retreat that must be attended before the celebration.

Finance Council Members:

Joe Rahija Becky Gomez
Arnie Stork

Parish Council Members:

Joyce Wethington Stella Tan
Jim Elzner Carol Nevarez Lisa Hatley



EVENTS

Tuesday

Rosary:

5:10 PM English

Parish Council:

6:45 PM Third Tuesday

Parish Office

Cursillistas:

7:00 PM Salón

Wednesday

Rosario:

7:30 PM Español Cambio de ubicación

Holy Hour for Vocations:

7:00 PM One Wed. a month

Thursday

Finance Council:

Second Thursday

6:00 PM Office

Grupo de Oración

7:00 PM Salon

Friday

Rosario:

2:30 PM Español Iglesia

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
 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, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 1:15-27, 20-26; Sal 113 (112):1-8; Jn 15:9-17
 Martes: Hch 20:17-27; Sal 68 (67):10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
 Miércoles: Hch 20:28-38; Sal 68 (67):29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
 Jueves: Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
 Viernes: Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
 Sábado: Hch 28:16-20, 30-31; Sal 11 (10):4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
 Domingo: Vigilia: Gn 11:1-9 o Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b o Ez 37:1-14 o Jl 3:1-5; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
 Día: Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104 (103):1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 o Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 o Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**Q: Do I have to do what God is calling me to do?**

A: Remember, God loves you better than you love yourself. He created you and formed you with your unique gifts, talents and abilities. God knows what will make you truly happy. In embracing and generously responding to your vocation, you will find a greater happiness, peace and joy than you can find on your own. Your happiness depends on answering His call.

Q: What about what I want to be or do with my life?

A: Many people are called to the married state of life while others are chosen to be priests, consecrated religious men and women, or deacons. Some people are committed to remain single, yet still living a life of generous self-giving to the Church. Remember: It is normal to desire marriage and family. Just because you have this desire does not exclude the possibility that you have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. For a priest, the desire for a spouse is fulfilled as he marries his Bride, the Church. His desire for fatherhood is abundantly fulfilled, as he becomes a spiritual father of God's holy people.

MISSION STATEMENT

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ--a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.

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DECLARACIÓN DE LA MISIÓN

Hoy celebramos la Ascensión de Cristo al cielo y su elección de los discípulos para que continuaran su misión en el mundo. Primero escuchamos la descripción de Lucas de dichos acontecimientos en los primeros versículos de los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Luego escuchamos palabras de aliento y consejo en la carta a los efesios. Por último, escuchamos el relato de Marcos de la Ascensión, que predice las poderosas palabras y obras que la comunidad cristiana hará en nombre de Jesús.

Juntas, estas lecturas nos brindan una visión de la misión de la Iglesia de Jesucristo, una especie de declaración de misión. Como las declaraciones de misión de nuestras parroquias y empresas, esta declaración de misión puede ayudarnos a establecer prioridades y enfocar nuestras actividades. Puede guiarnos y apoyarnos mientras luchamos por continuar la misión mesiánica de Cristo en la tierra.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; Mother's Day; World Communications Day
 Monday: St. Matthias
 Tuesday: St. Isidore the Farmer
 Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension
 Friday: St. John I
 Saturday: Armed Forces Day; Vigil of Pentecost; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: La Ascensión del Señor; Día de las Madres; Jornada Mundial de la Comunicaciones Sociales
 Lunes: San Matías
 Martes: San Isidro
 Jueves Ascensión del Señor en el calendario juliano
 Viernes: San Juan I
 Sábado: Día de las Fuerzas Armadas; Vigilia de Pentecostés; Shavuot (celebración judía) comienza a la puesta del sol

**Financial Update on the Building
Fund →**

Expenses to date

\$1,606,409.00

Building Debt

(\$333,879.46)

Ministers for next weekend Ministros para el próximo fin de semana	Lectors/Lectores	5:00 PM Kelly Gerber Jose Fuentes	8:30 AM Ricky DeLaRosa Elizabeth Noggler	11:00 AM Martha Lopez Nallely Pinon	1:00 PM Marisela Trujillo Jesus Mendoza
	Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comunión	Chris Gerber Kelly Gerber Jamie Schacher	Ricky DeLaRosa Rosemary DeLaRosa Miguel Nevarez Carol Nevarez Leonor Castro	Adela Mendoza	Cruz E. Vazquez Maira Ramos Tere Flores
	Altar Servers/ Monaguillos	Raynee Schacher Rylee Schacher	Breyden Brinkmann	Ivan Nava	Nataly Gonzalez

Mass Intentions		
15 de mayo	6:00 PM	+Flora Gonzalez
martes		Req. Andy & Rosa Castillo
May 16	6:00 PM	+Irving Truitt
Wednesday		Req. Jim & Brenda Elzner
May 17	7:30 AM	+Pablo & Reyna Bernal
Thursday		Req. Norma Jalomo
May 18	7:30 AM	+Johnny Montez
Friday		Req. Caring Hearts
May 19	5:00 PM	+Amelia Cornejo
Saturday		Req. Venegas Family
May 20	8:30 AM	+Isabel Jurado
Sunday		Req. Castillo Family
20 de mayo	11:00 AM	+Jose Antonio Cobos
domingo		Req. Familia Cobos
20 de mayo	1:00 PM	+Librada y +Moncerrat Borunda
domingo		Req. Familia Hernandez-Borunda

Birthdays Cumpleaños
May 14: Salvador Granados, Soledad Rivero, Rosa Salazar, Francisco Saenz
May 15: Isidro Garcia, Luis Bernardo Hernandez, Isidro Landeros, Ruben Medrano, Maria Montes, Sarah Ortiz, Leslie Velarde
May 16: Kevin Bonilla, Ubaldo Cervantes, Jose Escobar, Norma Gonzalez, Hailey Guillen, Claudia Hernandez
May 17: Felipe Arreguin, Sergio Balderas, Jennifer Bautista, Reghan Gerber, Carol Nevarez, Martin Nieto
May 18: Arthur Castro, Diana Dominguez, Amanda Garcia, Angel Ramirez, Hortencia Reyes, P.J. Tarango
May 19: Maria Luisa Arriaga, Hector Borunda, Eduardo Jimenez, Saiden Jimenez, Freddy Loya, Maribel Melendez, Alejandro Soto
May 20: Alejandro Cuellar, Rosemary DeLaRosa, Jose Garcia, Nung Lian, Consuelo Murga, Valeria Ramirez, Gisel Sanchez, Maria Sosa, Alondra Soto, Marcus Vasquez

Festival is coming:



Collection: \$7,399.88
Building Debt Donations: \$1,653.90
Mother's Day Basket: \$525.00

Thank you to Mark & Lisa Hatley, Joe Rahija, Carol Valdez, & Mary Swartz for the beautiful flowers this weekend. They are in memory of their mothers. Thank you also to the Senior Class of 2018 as they also donated to the flowers this weekend as well as purchasing a brick to help out with our building debt. Thank you all!!!



If you need help in your booth let the office know, we will announce it HERE.
 If you want to help but don't know where you can help, let the office know we will put your name HERE.
 Everyone of our parishioners should be helping in some way with our annual Festival. Eating and playing in the park on the day of the Festival, is something we all do, that is not enough. We need your help. We can find jobs that need to be done in lots of areas. Set-up, take-down, selling or monitoring the games. We can always accommodate more food booths and more activity booths. There are many great ideas out there that those who are already involved haven't thought of. Please, please support your parish and help out with the Festival

We are considering reducing the hours of Eucharistic Adoration for our summer months. This is not what we want to do, but it is difficult to find enough people to cover the 10 hours we currently have. If you have time on Thursday to spend an hour with Jesus, let the office know. We should have 3 people for each hour. If we can get the coverage for it we will continue with our current schedule. Those who are already serving as Guardians of the Eucharist: remember in the event you are going to be gone you must find someone to fill in for you. For this reason it would be nice to have some people who are willing to substitute.

Prayer Line/Linea de oración

Tony and Efinita Garcia, Jude & Jake Hannemann, Jessie Frausto, Steve Gauna, Willie Weick, Victor Gonzalez, Larry Garcia, Beatriz Ramos, Esther Lerma, Fernando Guevara, Rosa Moya, Irene Huseman, Jose Huerta and Joel Huerta, Aldelina Catano, Irma Madrid, Maria Rivera, Jose Dewayne Guzman, Christina Guzman, Jayden Nevarez, Stella Rivera, Leon Ramirez, Marlene Bernal, Mark Gillispie, Nora Chapa, Abacuc Martinez. Claro Gil Huerta Diaz, Jose Luis Nava, Pedro and Virginia Frausto, Adan Reyes, Manuel Reyes, Juan Reyes, Lupe Reyes, Felipe Reyes Jr., Victoria Reyes, Diana Reyes, Edgar Macias, Alex Guerrero, Andrea Williams, Craig McConnell.

We know everyone needs prayers and there are many, many people suffering from illnesses. We will keep your family member/friends on the prayer list for 3 months. If after 3 months your family member is still in need of healing prayers, please call for an additional 3 months. You can either call Mary at 935-5002 or email stspeterandpaul@hotmail.com Thanks!

Parents

We ended the early registration for our fall Faith Formation classes Wednesday, April 18th. We had very good response and appreciate all who came in to register. If your child was enrolled in our Faith Formation classes this past year, they should have received the form to fill out. If your child did not receive a form or if your child was not enrolled for this past year, we will be having a registration in May for those who missed out. This registration will be the last for our fall 2018 Faith Formation classes. It will be May 22nd through June 1st. There will be no registrations taken after 5:00 PM on June 1st. This is a change from last year!!! We have so many tell us that they were gone all summer and they couldn't get in to register. Now that should not be a problem at all. There will be NO registrations taken over the summer!!! You must register your student now for them to take part in the fall Faith Formation classes. In the event you moved to Dumas in June, July or August of this summer we will verify that the students are new to the school system and your child's registration will then be taken. If moving from another parish we do require a letter from the former parish letting us know what they have done in the prior program, attendance and preparation etc. There are no exceptions, please don't ask!!!

Estimados padres de familia:

Las inscripciones tempranas para las clases de catecismo de este otoño concluyeron el miércoles 18 de abril. Tuvimos una respuesta favorable y apreciamos a los que inscribieron a sus hijos (as). Las formas de inscripción se distribuyeron a los estudiantes que asisten este catecismo este año. Si por alguna razón su estudiante no recibió la forma o si su hijo(a) no asistió al catecismo este año: tendremos inscripciones en Mayo para las personas que se pasó la fecha límite de inscripción temprana. El periodo de inscripción se llevará a cabo del 22 de Mayo a el 1ero de Junio. Esta será la última oportunidad de inscribir a sus hijos (as) y se cerrarán a las 5:00 pm el día 1ero de junio.

Por años muchas personas nos han dicho que están ausentes todo el verano y por eso se les pasan las inscripciones. Las inscripciones en Mayo alivian este problema.

No habrán inscripciones durante el verano. Es muy importante que sí usted desea que su hijo(a) participe en el programa de catecismo que lo inscriba durante este periodo de inscripción en Mayo.

En el dado caso de que alguien se mude a Dumas durante los meses junio, julio o agosto y el estudiante es nuevo en el sistema escolar entonces aceptaremos su inscripción para el catecismo.

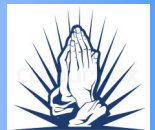
Sí vienen de otra parroquia por favor le pedimos que traiga una carta de parte de su otra parroquia que de fe de sobre la asistencia de su estudiante al programa de catecismo en esa parroquia. No habrán excepciones.

Pope Francis' prayer intentions for MAY

Evangelization:

The Mission of the Laity:

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.



Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up to the clear blue sky above, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear. We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs, but You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. The land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be glad. Amen!

Nuestros campos parecen desiertos y la desolación se ve por todos lados. Nuestras almas, como la tierra, esperan con ansia tus bendiciones. Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo; Tú prometiste escuchar la plegaria del que te pide con fe ¿permitirás que tus hijos sufran hambre y escasez? Para que no falte el pan de cada día envíanos Señor la bendición de la lluvia. ¡Señor! envía desde el cielo la lluvia sobre nuestros campos para fecundarlos y sobre nuestras ciudades para calmar nuestra sed y remediar las múltiples necesidades; te lo pedimos, Padre amoroso, por nuestro Señor Jesucristo tu Hijo... Amén.

Please pray for our candidates for Confirmation. Below is a list of names of the students who are preparing to be confirmed on May 26th at the 5:00 PM Mass.

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| 1. Bryanna Acosta | 15. Kaiden Gleason | 30. Deyanira Perez |
| 2. <i>Aram Balderrama</i> | 16. Yesenia Gonzalez | 31. Aidelin Quiroz |
| 3. Ehan Bitonel | 17. Edwyn Granados | 32. Anayeli Quijida |
| 4. Antonio Bustillos | 18. Enrique Gutierrez | 33. Valeria Ramirez |
| 5. Stacy Cano | 19. Eden Hernandez | 34. Andres Rodriguez |
| 6. Efrain Chacon | 20. Josue Angel Hernandez | 35. Rosa Icela Rodriguez |
| 7. Jermene Chairez | 21. Natalie Hernandez | 36. Ismael Rodriguez |
| 8. Sarai Chavez | 22. Aaliyah Herrera | <u>37. Marlene Rodriguez</u> |
| 9. Jose Chavira | 23. Jessica Lopez | 38. Roberto Ruiz |
| 10. Monique Cruz | 24. Arisbeth Loya | 39. Edgar Salcido |
| 11. Nicholas Elzner | 25. Guadalupe Mendoza | 40. Yareli Sanchez |
| 12. Ubaldo Estrada | 26. Daniel Murga | 41. Milly Valdez |
| 13. Anthony Garcia III | 27. Kate Ochoa | 42. Aaron Valles |
| 14. Maria Guadalupe Garcia | 28. Saleth Orozco | 43. Ivan Vasquez |
| | 29. Audre Ortega | 44. Zachary Westfield |



Those whose names are in bold/italics have not yet turned in their registration form. Italics only: No baptismal certificate. Underlined: No sponsor is listed

Outside Jerusalem, there is a place where you can go to see the footprint of God. It is on the hill where tradition tells us Jesus ascended to heaven. Mt. Olivet, the scripture calls it. There, inside a small domed shrine, not much larger than a suburban garage, you will find on the floor a yellowed, rough-hewn stone encased in glass. And on that stone, so they say, if you look long and hard enough, you can see the final imprint that Christ made on the earth: the outline of his foot as he touched the ground one last time and was lifted to the skies.

When I visited the site a few years ago, I couldn't fail to sense I was seeing something extraordinary and mysterious. One of the tourists in our group was moved to tears. Others were speechless. The little shrine was hushed and almost empty. A lone sentinel, an aging Israeli guide, stood along a wall, watching us. Beside the fabled stone was a plate, on which visitors had tossed dollars and coins. I bent over the rock and looked closely. I studied it. I looked at it from different angles. Finally, I stood up and sighed. I couldn't see a thing.

As we drove back to the hotel, I worried that I lacked the faith to see what, to others, had been so manifestly clear. I wondered if there was something wrong with me. I wanted to see something incredible. I didn't. I was disappointed.

But I remember that shrine, and that stone, every year when we celebrate the Ascension. Sometimes, I'll open the photo album from our trip and look at that rock and struggle to see something resembling a foot. I never do.

I can't help but place myself there again, when I hear the familiar reading from the beginning of Acts. Jesus has ascended. His followers are staring at the skies in disbelief. Clouds are scurrying by. Maybe the birds pause in flight. Is that a dove joining Him? I imagine the apostles are seeing the soles of his feet — pierced, but healed — and that he is getting smaller and smaller as he vanishes from sight. "While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him go into heaven.'"

"Why are you looking at the sky?" Why, I wonder, have I been staring at a rock on the ground?

I've come to realize that the most enduring footprints of Christ are not to be found on a pebbled hilltop in the Middle East. They are not on stone or clay. I'm not sure you can even take a picture of them. They are the footprints he has left on lives. And they are everywhere — too numerous, really, to count.

You will find them in New York City, at the Catholic Worker, where volunteers ladle soup every day to dozens of homeless men and women. His footprints are there, in the soup line.

You will find his footprints on the marble floors of great cathedrals, and on the plain planks of roadside chapels, where believers of many faiths gather to sit and kneel, to listen and pray.

You will find them on the floors of nurseries where mothers walk all night caring for their sick infants, and on the coffee-stained carpets of church basements, where weekly AA meetings are held; they are found in velvet-draped reconciliation rooms where burdens are emptied; they are in diners and laundromats, in bus stations and on train platforms, in crisis centers and nail salons.

Look carefully. You might even find them in your own living room.

Mark's gospel tells us that after Jesus was taken into heaven, the apostles went forth and preached "while the Lord worked with them." If they were bewildered by what they had seen, it didn't last long. After staring at the heavens, they lowered their gaze, looked around and realized they had work to do.

The apostles, we're told, returned to the upper room to pray and ponder. They had in their minds the haunting and harrowing image of their disappearing savior, a man who walked among them being pulled from their grasp one final time, lifted beyond their reach forever. They could only imagine what lay ahead.

We can understand their sense of disorientation. We gaze around ourselves and see the work waiting to be done. Soon, the Spirit will join us, bringing fire and wind, wisdom and hope.

Pentecost beckons. We are to move from this mysterious place, just as the apostles did 20 centuries ago, heading toward our own unknowable destinies — each of us trudging from our own Olivet, still seeking out the footprints of Christ.

Deacon Greg Kandra

What's Happening???

Faith Formation Dates

May 21st –June 1st: Registrations for Fall Faith Formation

May 26th: Confirmation 5:00 PM

June 3rd-8th: Totus Tuus Summer Program (one week only)

¿¿Que esta Pasando

Fechas del Catecismo

21 de mayo-1 de junio: Inscripciones de catecismo

26 de mayo: Confirmación 5:00 PM

3-8 de junio: Totus Tuus (una semana)

Upcoming Parish Events

May 26th: Confirmation Mass with Bishop Zurek celebrating

June 2nd: Taylor's ordination to the Diaconate

June 29th: Parish Feast/Day Dedication of new Hall

Upcoming Fundraisers:

May 13th: Bake Sale (Youth Trip)

May 13th: Basket Raffle (Building Debt)

May 19th: Car Wash (Youth Trip)

May 20th: Lotteria (Youth Trip)

June 10th: Breakfast Burritos after 8:30 AM Mass

Burger in a Bag after 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM Mass
(Youth Trip)

July 11th: Salad Luncheon (Building Debt)

Sept. 9th: Festival (Building Debt)

Fundraising

We still have some Sundays open this summer for fundraising after the Masses. The last couple of weeks there haven't been any food fundraisers and some of us are missing those. If you want to get a group together to do breakfast burritos or something else, please call the office and we will get you on the Sunday fundraising schedule.

Home Communion:

In the event that you are unable, to attend Mass on the weekends and would like Communion brought to your home, please call the office. We need to get this information so we can share with the Home Communion Ministers and Father Gabriel. We need this to be done through the parish office!!!

¿Hay alguien interesado en el Ministerio del hospital? Si usted está interesado en el Ministerio del hospital puede ponerse en contacto con el hospital para obtener más información. Por favor, déjenos saber en la oficina para que tengamos su nombre y número de teléfono. La Señora Efinita ya no puede a problemas de salud y necesitamos a alguien para ayudar con esto.

"TOTUS TUUS HOST FAMILIES NEEDED for June 3rd-June 8th. We will be hosting 4 young men and 4 young women as they share their love of their Catholic faith with our youth through this program. The teachers who animate the Totus Tuus program are college students and seminarians. Host families provide sleeping arrangements, morning continental breakfast and snacks for the team. Host families are needed from the time the team arrives Saturday afternoon until their departure the following Friday afternoon. Hosts needed for the men and for the women.

Can you help house these young adults as they are setting a fire in the hearts and lives of our youth?

For information or question, please contact Brenda Elzner 922-5820."

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In Ireland and the United Kingdom, Mother's Day is over.

"Mothering Sunday" was on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Long ago, people were freed from work to travel on this day to the parish where they were baptized, their "Mother Church." Often, people were reunited with their mothers on this day. Employers would release their workers and servants for this visit. The American celebration, while based on this custom, really has to do with an anti-war movement of mothers in Civil War times. They crusaded for better sanitary conditions for their sons. When President Wilson instituted the first Mother's Day in 1912, it was a day to fly the flag in honor of mothers whose children had died in battle. Knowing the tradition is a good balance to our celebration today. We can enfold in prayer the mothers who have suffered the loss of their children in war.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El día 15 de mayo los campesinos de Ichocán, Perú adornan sus yugos, y las puertas de sus casas con el fruto de sus cosechas en honor a san Isidro Labrador. Muchos países Latinoamericanos celebran esta fiesta. En un continente donde la agricultura es tan importante no hay que sorprenderse de la importancia de este santo español del siglo XII. Además san Isidro se parece a mucha gente de Latinoamérica: es de padres campesinos, de familia pobre y religiosa, no fue a la escuela, quedó huérfano y se empleó como peón de campo, ayudando en la agricultura.

Se casó con María la cual también llegó a ser santa. Tuvieron un hijo. Los tres fueron reconocidos como piadosos y generosos. Gracias a Dios, la santidad se encuentra en todo tipo de persona. Los casados y padres y madres de familia también llegan a ser santos. Después de su muerte en 1130 se descubrió que su cuerpo estaba milagrosamente incorrupto. En 1622 el Papa canonizó a este humilde campesino junto con algunos grandes religiosos como santa Teresa, san Ignacio y san Francisco Javier.

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The plan is to have our next Salad Luncheon on July 11th. Please help us out by getting the word out and talking about it. It will give everyone in the community that would like to see the inside of our new building the opportunity to do so. They can come and have lunch and see what the new facility looks like.