

Fr. Orosco, Deacon Jim and the Parish Staff wish all the mothers of our Parish a very happy and blessed Mother's Day. May God continue to bless you with his Divine blessings and special graces upon you and those that you love.

Knights of Columbus - Annual Raffle

The KC are having their 12th annual raffle on Saturday, June 17th starting at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$100 each (only 300 will be sold) and will admit two (2) for dinner.



There will be four (4) prizes: 1st prize: \$15,000 cash; 2nd prize: \$1,000 cash; 3rd prize: \$500 cash and 4th prize: \$100 cash (Need not be present to win). You can purchase your tickets from any Knight or call Frank Kasper at 972-563-9664.

St. John's Senior's Group



The St John's Seniors Group will meet Tuesday, May 16th at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. The program portion of the meeting will begin at 11:00am. The

guest speaker for this month is Dr. Walter Price. Dr. Price is the Professor of Speech and Business at Southwestern Christian College, in Terrell. He will talk on the SWCC history and its involvement and influence in our community. This should be a very good opportunity to learn more about one of our local colleges! Lunch is covered dish.

Please plan to attend. All parishioners are always welcome to our programs.



Saturday, May 13

4:00 PM In Honor of St. Anthony

Sunday, May 14

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM For our Mothers (Living & Deceased) 12:15 PM Para Nuestras Madres (Vivas y Difuntas)

Monday, May 15

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 16

Mother's Day Novena 8:00 AM

Wednesday, May 17

6:30 PM Novenario (Misa)

Thursday, May 18

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

Friday, May 19

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 20

4:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 21

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM †Sylvia Lozano - In Loving Memory of

her birthday by Parents

12:15 PM Novenario de Misas

Sound Catholic practice encourages us to offer the Mass for the departed and for those in any need. To request a Mass to be offered, please visit the parish office or return to the office a completed Mass intention card. Available cards are located in the foyer of the church.

Anointing of the Sick



Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to provide a list of the Catholic patients/residents for the Churches Sacrament of Anointing use in order to visit and administer

the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Therefore, I need your assistance when you have a family member who is hospitalized or in a nursing home. Please call Fr. Orosco at the Church Office at (972) 563-3643 so that I may be of assistance.

Prayer Requests



Richard Collier Richard Lozano Sr. Mike Gonzales Blake Tucker Curtis Rushing Deacon Leo Rener Jennifer Whitehouse Paul Gumler Olivia Nicole Yates Stanley Quist Sonia Rodriguez Cadena Brenda Larsen Carol Dossey Cindy Kinkaid Rosann Kinkaid Yamileth Martinez Patti Sikors Garrett Angel Gabriel Godinez Tomas Samuel Garcia Barbara Sikors Hendricks Maria Mercedes Gaytan Ma. del Refugio Mendoza Marianne Marsden Connie Schroeder **Daniel Gonzales** Luisa Regina Ramirez Perez Jovita De la Garza Leslie Erickson Claire Taft Jose Ivan Ramirez Juan Cleto Castillo

Nick Morales, Sr. Lee Wilde James Dean Brenda Newburn Henry Taft Jesus Arteaga Archie Palmore Mason Gumler Felipa Garcia Joe Wages Erica Vargas Margaret Wages Sheila Wages Myrna Lawson Johnnie B. Malouf Pascual Meza Robert Repka, Sr. Michelle Elliott Crystal Sanchez Enrique Gutierrez Warren Terry Elmer Marsden Odin Kizer Elaine Kasper Jackie Petricka Ann Glynn Joe Campise Odilia Vargas Kevin Huggins Nancy Bardsley Colleen Eldred

This Week in our Parish

Monday, May 15

8:00 AM Daily Morning Mass

7:00 PM Grupo de Oración – Casa St. John

Tuesday, May 16

8:00 AM Daily Morning Mass

Wednesday, May 17

6:00 PM Misa

Thursday, May 18

8:00 AM Daily Morning Mass

6-7:00 PM Confessions

Friday, May 19

8:00 AM Daily Morning Mass

Saturday, May 20

10:00 AM First Communion NO CONFESSIONS

Last Week's Collection

Last Week's Collection: \$8,448.09

E-Giving (Blue Pay): 220.00

FY'16-17 Budgeted Average: 6,500.00

6,655.91

FY'16-17 Average Sunday Coll. thru 04/30/17:

Attendance: 938



Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of May 20/21

Lectors:

Sat. 4:00pm Melody Zimmer/Karen Mathers Sun. 8:00am Linda Faulkner-Johnston Sun. 10:30am Bud McClure/Tammy Guerra

Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Michael Gumler*/Sherry G./Paul M./Suzy M.
 Sun. 8:00am David Bendele*/Robert B./Wayne M./Rachel H.
 Sun. 10:30am Dennis Connolly*/Steven H./Richard Jr./Erik A.

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 4:00pm Joyce Salisbury/Rick Salisbury/Karen Mathers Sun. 8:00am Chris & Dan Probst/Paul Willy/Robin Truett Sun. 10:30am Bill Bedrick/Argie Benavidez

Shelilah Dean/Tammy Guerra

For (returning) students currently enrolled in RE clases and their siblings registering for Kingergarten:

Sunday, May 21st: After all Masses Parish Hall

<u>For new students and those not currently registered in RE</u> clases:

Monday, May 22nd: 1pm - 6pmParish Center Tuesday, May 23rd 9am – 11am Parish Center 1 pm - 6 pmParish Center 9am – 11am Wednesday, May 24th Parish Center 1pm – 6pm Parish Center 9am – 11am Parish Center Thursday, May 25th:

1pm – 6pm Parish Center
Friday, May 26th: 9am – 11am Parish Center
Sunday, May 28th: After all Masses Parish Hall
Sunday, June 4th: After all Masses Parish Hall

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLE-2017



Vacation Bible School (VBS) begins on Monday, June 5th – Friday, June 9th from 9am – 12pm. This year's VBS is titled "*Maker Fun Factory*". This is a summer program for children ages 4-12. Registration

forms are located in the entrance of the Church and also at the Parish Center. The registration deadline to register is Friday, May 26th. We will have music, bible stories, games, crafts, theater, and snacks for the kids. Teenagers in grades 5th-12th can be volunteers. For more information, contact Michelle Briones at 972-563-3643.

Fifth Week of Easter



In the gospel for the **5th Sunday of Easter**, we hear Jesus console us, asking us to not let our hearts be troubled because he goes only to prepare a place for us and that "No one comes to the Father except through me."

In the continuing weekday readings from the **Acts of the Apostles**, we see Paul and Barnabas preaching to the Gentiles. They encounter some who want to make them gods; others who want to stone them. A major discussion is held about whether a Gentile had to become a Jew before becoming a Christian. Peter declared that God granted Gentiles "the Holy Spirit just as he did us" and urged them not to burden Gentiles with the difficult Jewish laws. The group turned to the Holy Spirit and prayed for guidance and decided that Gentiles did not have to adhere to Jewish laws. Paul followed the Spirit to expand his travels, ending with his decision to go to Macedonia.

John's Gospel continues the "Last Discourse" of Jesus, taking chapters 14 and 15 of the Fourth Gospel during the weekdays. These gospels offer a layered and poetic look at the kind of inseparable love we share with God. "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." He promises the Holy Spirit who "will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." He offers us peace and encourages us "not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love." He tells his followers, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." Saturday, Jesus reminds us that if the world didn't like his announcing and living of this good news, then it won't like our announcing and living it either.

Daily Prayer This Week



We can hold the words of Jesus in our hearts all week. As we do, we will discover their attractiveness and invitation. We will also encounter resistance in ourselves and in others.

It takes practice to stay focused in the background of our daily life. We all have years of habit to

overcome. However, we can practice letting this consoling message of Jesus find a place in our conscious awareness at various points in our day, whether it is in the shower, while getting dressed, or simply whenever we are on our way from one place to another. Sometimes it will take a conscious effort to let these thoughts replace the thoughts that are there already. In the background of our day is where our worries reside. It's where we carry anxiety and stress. Sometimes it is where we carry on imaginary conversations with others or "replay" past conversations. Often a song or piece of music just replays over and over.

This is a great week to get in touch with our deepening desires and to let my conversations with Jesus grow in friendship. The easiest way to do this is to simply say simple ordinary things -- the very way I would say them to a close friend. Some examples might offer words that will inspire our own conversation with the Lord who loves us.

"Jesus, every time I hear you say I don't have to let my heart be troubled, I pause. I sense you are pointing to the 'troubles' I'm working through today. You're asking me to let go of them, aren't you? I'd like to, Jesus, but some of this is big stuff. It scares me. I know some of what I need to do, but I put it off. I know what I'm avoiding. It helps to focus on your love for me this week. I guess what I really need to ask you for today is that you let me trust you more completely. It is really nice these days to feel that you are so close to me, and that I'm not alone today."

"I haven't been very connected to you, Jesus. This conversation is difficult because it reminds me the embarrassing stuff I keep doing even though right now, I'm ashamed to talk about it in your presence. Please forgive me. Some of this I want to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that I can be re-connected with you again. I need a 'turning point,' Jesus. Thank you for being there."

"Good night, Jesus. Thank you for today. Let me put everything aside tonight. I know you will be with me all day tomorrow.

Oración del Papa Francisco para el Día de las Madres



Ayúdame Señor a comprender a mis hijos, a escuchar pacientemente lo que quieren decirme, y a responderles todas sus preguntas con amabilidad. Evítame que los interrumpa, que les dispute o contradiga. Hazme cortés con ellos, para que ellos sean conmigo de igual manera.

Dame el valor de confesar mis errores, y pedirles perdón cuando comprenda que he cometido una falta. Impídeme que lastime los sentimientos de mis hijos. Prohíbeme que me ría de sus errores, o que recurra a la afrenta y a la burla como castigo. No me permitas que induzca a mis hijos a mentir o a robar. Guíame hora tras hora para que confirme, por lo que digo y hago, que la honestidad es fuente de felicidad. Modera, te ruego, la maldad en mí. Evítame que los incomode, y cuando esté malhumorada, ayúdame, Dios mío, a callarme.

Hazme ciega ante los pequeños errores de mis hijos, y auxíliame a ver las cosas buenas que ellos hacen. Ayúdame a tratar a mis hijos como niños de su edad, y no me permitas exigirles el juicio y convicciones de los adultos. Facúltame para no robarles la oportunidad de confiar en sí mismos, pensar, escoger o tomar decisiones.

Oponte a que los castigue para satisfacer mi egoísmo. Socórreme, para concederles todos los deseos que sean razonables, y apóyame, para tener el valor de negarles las comodidades que yo comprendo que les harán daño. Hazme justa y ecuánime, considerada y sociable para con mis hijos, de tal manera que ellos sientan todo mi amor.

Amén.

O MADRE QUERIDA

O MADRE QUERIDA
O MADRE ADORADA
QUE DIOS TE BENDIGA
AQUÍ EN TU MORADA
QUE DIOS TE CONSERVE
MIL AÑOS DE VIDA
FELIZ Y DICHOSA
O MADRE QUERIDA.

SI ESTAS DORMIDITA
ESCHUCHA ESTE CANTO
QUE TODOS TUS HIJOS
CONVIERTEN EN LLANTO
TU QUE POR TUS HIJOS
VIVES IMPLORANDO EN
TÍ MADRECITA
VIVIMOS PENSANDO.

RECIBE EL CARIÑO
DE TODOS TUS HIJOS
QUE NUNCA EN LA VIDA
PODRÁN OLIVIDARTE
HOY DÍA DE LAS MADRES
VENIMOS A DARTE
PERFUMADAS FLORES
PARA CONSOLARTE.

SI ESTÁS ESCUCHANDO PODRÁS ALEGRARTE QUE TODOS TUS HIJOS VIENEN A CANTARTE TU NOMBRE ES MARÍA Y NO HAYAN QUÉ DARTE SE SIENTEN DICHOSOS AL FELICITARTE.

