

## A Mother's Day Prayer



Lord we pray for all  
**MOTHERS**  
beautiful and wonderful  
they fill the earth.  
Gracious in Your call they  
carry life  
in a bond of love they bring forth a  
child.

We ask You to bless all  
**MOTHERS** today.  
May they feel the joys of motherhood  
everyday  
in all their struggles giving us a  
livelihood.  
May Your **LOVE** and **COMPASSION**  
be with them for good.

May every **MOTHER** feel today  
the pride and beauty of a family they  
bear through all pain and sorrow.  
Lord deliver them  
in Your **STRENGTH** and **GRACE**  
May they always stay.

**AMEN!**

*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

Pro Populo

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

For our Mothers – Living & Deceased

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Para Nuestras Madres – Vivas y Difuntas

**MONDAY, MAY 11**

Special Intention

**TUESDAY, MAY 12**

Special Intention

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**

Special Intention

**THURSDAY, MAY 14**

Special Intention

**FRIDAY, MAY 15**

Special Intention

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

Special Intention

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

Pro Populo

### **Celebration of Masses at St. John's**

*Before the cancellation of public Masses within the Diocese of Dallas many of our parishioners had requested Masses to be celebrated throughout the week. Please be assured that every day I celebrate the Masses that you have requested. Also, please note that at every Mass I pray for you, your families and loved ones. I ask that you also keep me in your prayers.*

**Fr. James Philip Orosco, Pastor**



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA



# Prayer Requests

Joe Wages  
 Rosann Kinkaid  
 Maria Landaverde  
 Becca Elliott  
 Mike Gonzales  
 Richard Lyon  
 Warren Terry  
 Frances LaPoint  
 Juan Ramirez  
 Bill McCrary  
 Scott Arbuckle  
 Nancy Diaz  
 Whitney Willis  
 Teresa Valenzuela  
 Sheila Wilson  
 Jovita De la Garza  
 Bobbie Goelden  
 Felipe Caballero  
 Ernestina Bueno

Nick Morales  
 Barbara Meshell  
 Wayne Meshell  
 Judy Aloï  
 Nancy Bardsley  
 Kenneth Elliott  
 George Lawshe  
 Sheila Acciaro  
 Susie Connolly  
 Cyndy Vargas  
 Paulette Achemire  
 Alice Diaz  
 Michelle Hass  
 Bob Rowland  
 Ma Candelaria  
 Stephen LaPoint  
 Jeanne Rogers  
 Blanche Rizkal  
 Dan Heideman

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### Anointing of the Sick



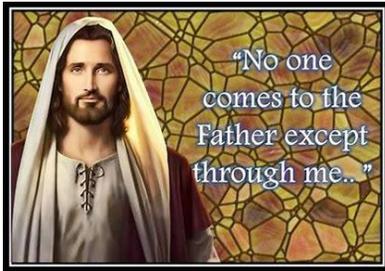
Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to provide a list of the Catholic patients/residents for the Churches use in order to visit and administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Therefore, I need your assistance when you have a family member 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.

### Scripture Readings for the Week of May 10, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr</b> Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b> Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle</b> Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Isidore</b> Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21



## 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.”*

## PRÉSTAME MADRE TUS OJOS



***Préstame, Madre, tus ojos***  
para con ellos mirar,  
porque si por ellos miro  
nunca volveré a pecar.

***Préstame, Madre, tus labios***  
para con ellos rezar,  
porque si con ellos rezo  
Jesús me podrá escuchar.

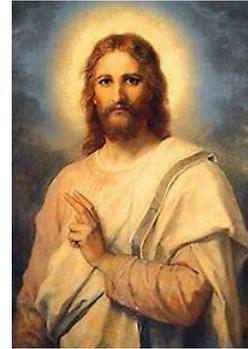
***Préstame, Madre, tu lengua***  
para poder comulgar  
pues es tu lengua patena  
de amor y de santidad.

***Préstame, Madre, tus brazos***  
para poder trabajar,  
que así rendirá el trabajo  
una y mil veces más.

***Préstame, Madre, tu manto***  
para cubrir mi maldad  
pues cubierto con tu manto  
al cielo he de llegar.

***Préstame, Madre, a tu Hijo***  
para poderlo yo amar,  
si tú me das a Jesús,  
¿qué más puedo yo desear?  
Y esa será mi dicha por toda  
la eternidad.

## “NADIE VA AL PADRE SI NO ES POR MÍ”



En el evangelio de este domingo, Jesús invita a sus discípulos – y a nosotros- a no perder la paz, a creer en él.

- Nos dice que en la casa de su Padre (que es el cielo) hay muchas habitaciones, que él nos va a preparar un lugar y que volverá y nos llevará con él, “para que donde yo esté, estén también ustedes”.
- Jesús es “el camino”. No nos dice que sea uno de los caminos que hay, ni si quiera que sea el mejor de los caminos, sino que es **el único camino** que nos lleva al Padre del cielo, y, por lo tanto, no existe otro.
- Jesús es “la verdad”. Él, como verdadero Dios, y verdadero hombre, no puede engañarse ni engañarnos, porque en él no hay mentira, ya que detesta las mentiras.
- Jesús es “la vida”. Él murió en la cruz, pero en ella venció a la muerte. Él vive para siempre y ya nunca morirá. Él nos ofrece vida en abundancia, vida plena por toda la eternidad.
- Sólo si volvemos a aquel que es “el camino, la verdad y la vida” podremos recuperar aquello que nos hace verdaderamente humanos, de acuerdo con el plan de Dios.

Que el Señor nos conceda creer en él y obrar siempre  
de acuerdo con su voluntad.

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*Feliz Día  
de las  
Madres*