

MAY 10, 2020 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Joseph Catholic Church

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo—Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:30 pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8:30 am 11:00 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Friday 8:00 am
Saturday No Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm—4:00 pm
Or by appointment

ROSARY

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am

ADORATION

Temporarily Suspended

FIRST FRIDAY

Temporarily Suspended

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday-Closed



God took the fragrance
of a flower...
The majesty of a tree...
The gentleness of
morning dew...
The calm of a quiet sea...
The beauty
of the twilight hour...
The soul
of a starry night...
The laughter of a
rippling brook...
The grace of a bird
in flight...
Then God fashioned
from these things
A creation like no other,
And when his
masterpiece was through
He called it simply -
Mother.

—Herbert Farnham

In Honor of Our Mothers

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Celebration of Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents who wish to present their child for Baptism, please call the Parish office at 281-420-3588 to enroll for Baptism Class.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples wishing to solemnize their marriage in this Parish are invited to contact the Priest or Deacon no less than six (6) months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: If you, a family member, or a friend wishes to be anointed, please call the Parish Office.

Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Rev. John Yong H. Lee

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Mrs. Deborah Francis, M. Ed

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 11, 2020

8:00 am – † Francisco Corona

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

8:00 am – † Carl Koenig

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

8:00 am – Fay Oviedo

Thursday, May 14, 2020

8:00 am – † Josie Perez

Friday, May 15, 2020

8:00 am – Christine Bielamowicz

Saturday, May 16, 2020

4:30pm – † John & Antoinette Dierlam

Sunday, May 17, 2020

8:30 am – † Bobby Sorenson

11:00 am – † Josie Perez

DSF Summary Report – 2020

Parish Goal - \$24,000

Total Amount Paid - \$ 17,360.50

Total Amount Pledged - \$ 20,900.00

Total Number of Participants - 77

Total Number of Households - 357

Average Participant Pledge - \$ 272

Adoration in Chapel Every Friday

At this time Adoration in the Chapel has been suspended due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. However the Church will be open during office hours, for anyone that wishes to have private prayer.

Pastoral Council

Jim Buss	Dahlia Meza
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Buster Treude	Judy Treude

Sunday Mass

Saturday, May 16, 2020 (4:30 p.m.)

Sacristan: Jennie Garcia

Sunday, May 17, 2020 (8:30 a.m.)

Sacristan: Rita Rull

Sunday, May 17, 2020 (11:00 a.m.)

Sacristan: Peggy Santos

Mass

- **The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days continues to be suspended. During the pandemic no one is required to attend Mass. The most vulnerable are encouraged to remain at home.**
- **Social Distancing is to be maintained.**
- **Upon entering and leaving the Church, use of hand sanitizer is encouraged and will be provided.**
- **Holy water fonts will remain empty.**
- **Everyone is to wear a mask that covers the nose and the mouth.**
- **We will only have one line for the distribution of Holy Communion. You will have to receive communion in your hand and then step aside to lower your mask to consume the host and replace your mask.**
- **We will not have a traditional collection. If you so, choose to make a donation there will be a basket in front of the Baptismal font for you to drop your donation in. However, it is preferred that you continue to send your offering through the US Mail, Mail slot of the Office, or Online Giving.**
- **After each Mass we will be cleaning all surfaces that are regularly touched prior to the next Mass.**

Weekly Collection Report

The totals received in Office and in the mail for the weekend of

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Regular	\$ 8,303.00
Catholic Education	\$ 586.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 26.00
Building Fund	\$ 562.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 100.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 972.00
Holy Days	\$ 76.00
Holy Land	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 10,650.00



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, May 10, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Equal actions of the spiritually mature

There's some disagreement between those who consider prayer the number-one obligation for believers and those convinced that actions speak louder than words. Monastic leader Benedict of Clairvaux wrote his *Rule* to ensure his monks understood that *ora et labora*—prayer and labor—are partner activities in reaching spiritual maturity. Some people are clearly called to devote themselves primarily to spiritual matters in full-time religious vocations. Others can better serve elbow-deep in more worldly arenas. Try to balance the mix between spiritual rejuvenation and gritty action in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12 (52)*. "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table."

Monday, May 11, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Be an advocate

Jesus promised to send his followers an advocate—the Holy Spirit—to come to our aid, to strengthen and plead our Christian cause and defend us from evil. (We can use all the help we can get in these trying times!) As part of our church's social teaching, Catholics are to be advocates for the poor. Add your voice to those urging policymakers to take action on critical issues from malnutrition to forced migration. .org is a good place to start.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 (285)*. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name."

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

MEMORIAL OF PANCRAS, MARTYR

A child shall lead us

Not much is known about Saint Pancras—other than he was martyred, like many Christians, by the Roman Emperor Diocletian around the year 303. Historic churches and a famous train station in London bear his name because Augustine of Canterbury brought devotion to Pancras with him to northern Europe. A truly defining characteristic of Pancras, though, is that he was only 14 when he was tortured and beheaded, putting him in the same "child saint" category as martyrs Maria Goretti, Agnes of Rome, and José Luis Sánchez del Río. How can your own faith benefit from a childlike trust?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286)*. "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Pray as if your (eternal) life depends on it

Beginning May 13, 1917 and continuing through that fall, three children (Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta) of Fatima, Portugal reported several Marian apparitions. Much has

been written about the message of Our Lady of Fatima, whose feast was added to the church calendar in 2002. The document on Fatima comes from the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. In sum: The apparitions did *not* predict the future or announce the end of the world. They *did* "exhort" us to pray, because "prayer is the salvation for souls." Good advice in any guise!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287)*. "No more than a branch can bear fruit of itself apart from the vine, can you bear fruit apart from me."

Thursday, May 14, 2020

FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

Ready and willing

Not much is known about Matthias except that he replaced Judas as one of the 12 apostles. Tradition has it that he preached in the areas around Judea and possibly farther afield and was persecuted and martyred, but details are few and unreliable. Today's first reading tells us he stepped in when needed and agreed to join the apostles following Jesus' death and Resurrection. Like most Christians, he lived a life of quiet faithfulness without much glory. Be ready to step in to serve others. Never mind the glory.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 (564)*. "Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles."

Friday, May 15, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

That they might be one

The call to unity is woven throughout our Catholic faith. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis writes that we share with our ancestors in faith the conviction "that everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice, and faithfulness to others." Recent events bring this truth home in forceful ways. Today let's commemorate International Day of Families and Endangered Species Day, both of which are ways to help nurture our essential connectedness with each other and the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289)*. "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

Saturday, May 16, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Being Christian has a cost

Religious persecution was commonplace in the story of the Early Church. Two thousand years later, persecution of Christians continues. In a 2019 trip to the Catacombs of Priscilla in Rome, Pope Francis remarked, "Still today Christians are persecuted—even more than in the first centuries." Play your part in stopping all religious persecution by expressing zero tolerance for it in your own backyard.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290)*. "If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you."

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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Prayer in the Time of Coronavirus

Comfort us, O Lord, for we are like your disciples on the storm tossed seas,
unsettled by what lies ahead.

We turn to You, our Healer and Guide,

to still our hearts in our time of need and hear our prayer:

Heal those who are sick with the coronavirus and protect the elderly and most
vulnerable.

Give strength to all who tend to our health and wisdom to researchers who work
toward a cure.

Open our eyes and hearts, as you did during Hurricane Harvey, that we may look
beyond our
immediate needs to care for others who need help.

Through the Holy Spirit, guide our leaders to make wise decisions for the welfare
of all the
people they serve.

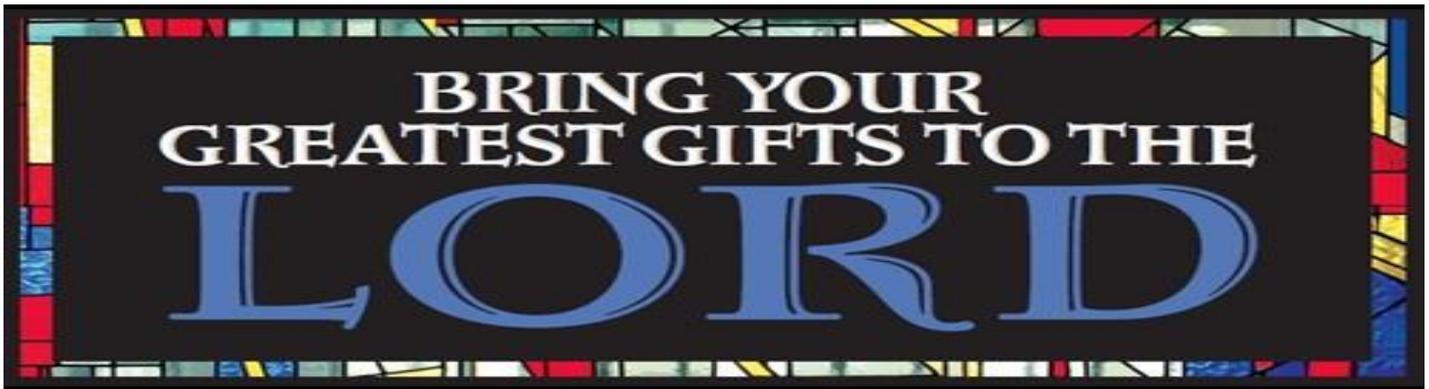
Grant eternal rest to those who have died from the virus.

May Mary, Our Mother, who has heard our pleas in the storms of our lives,
intercede to her Son, that we may find healing and a prompt end to this illness.

Mary, Star of the Sea, pray for us.

Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, heal us. Amen.





“BRING YOUR GREATEST GIFTS TO THE LORD”

2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)

Already contributed to this year’s Diocesan Services Fund (DSF)? We thank you for your generosity and support of more than 60 ministries within our archdiocese! If you have not had the opportunity to donate to the DSF this year, please fill out a pew envelope or go visit www.archgh.org/dsf.



- Thank you to 6 families who participated in the campaign thanks to their generosity we have \$15,388 pledged to the IGNITE campaign
- The Archdiocese will be mailing those families a reminder and return envelope in 6 to 8 weeks for them to begin their pledge payment
- The parish leadership has made the decision to put the IGNITE campaign on hold until the Corona Virus epidemic clears up
- We will communicate with you via the parish bulletin, website, and announcements of the status of the campaign each week until we relaunch
- Read the bulletin today for more campaign information
- Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and generosity!

www.archgh.org/ignite



PRAY FOR OUR SICK, SHUT-INS & MILITARY

Andrew Arceneaux
Elizabeth Auzenne
Peggy Ball
Emilio Barajas
Christine Bielanowicz
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Charles Salinas
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Helen Stacy
R.R. "Buster" Treude
Roberto Vasquez
Jean Vaughn
Jerry Wojacek
Michael Wojacek
Mary Williams
Brooke Zucha



If you would like to add the name of a loved one to the list, please call the Church Office at 281-420-3588.

Pray for our Faithful departed -2020

5th Sunday of Easter: May 10

That we encourage those who are struggling to find direction in their life and help them discern how they might use their gifts. "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 Peter 2:7 Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.



Pray for those who are in the process of celebrating their Holy Matrimony.

Emily Salazar & Rene Salinas
May 23, 2020

Let your Light Shine

If you would like to recognize a special person or group by having the flame of the Sanctuary Lamp burn for one week in the person's memory or honor, please fill out one of the "Let Their Light Shine" forms and drop it in the collection basket, bring to the church office or contact Peggy Koenig, coordinator at 281-427-1834. The forms and envelopes are available at each entrance of the church. You may want to pay tribute to the memory of a loved one or colleague. The \$10.00 stipend goes directly to the fund that underwrites the family funeral meals for our parish.



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