

**SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**S A I N T   T H E R E S A   P A R I S H**  
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON—HOUSTON



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
**MISA ENTRE SEMANA**

**Monday—Friday**  
 6:45 a.m., 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
 5:30 p.m.

**Miércoles**  
 7:00 p.m. (español)

**Monday & Friday  
 (Extraordinary Form)**  
 5:30 p.m.

**CONFESIONES** • CONFESIONES

**Saturday • Sábado**  
 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Sunday • Domingo**  
 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Weekdays • Entre Semana**  
 Monday-Friday:  
 after each Morning Mass

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
 at 6:00 p.m.

Miércoles a las 6:00 p.m. (español)

**WEEKEND MASSES**  
**MISAS DEL FIN DE SEMANA**

**SATURDAY • SÁBADO**

8:30 a.m.  
 5:00 p.m. (anticipatory  
 Sunday Mass)

**SUNDAY • DOMINGO**

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. (español),  
 10:00 a.m., Noon,  
 2:00 p.m. (español),  
 5:00 p.m. (Latin,  
 Extraordinary Form–Novus Ordo)

**On the cover:**

Schaffner, Martin.

Pentecost.

1523 - 1524

Bavarian State  
 Painting Collections,  
 Munich, Germany.

*The Spiritual Doctrine of Father Louis Lallement*  
**4<sup>th</sup> Principle: Of the Guidance of the Holy Spirit, and Docility Thereto**

The principal means by which we obtain this direction of the Holy Spirit are the following:

1. To obey faithfully God's will so far as we know it; much of it is hidden from us, for we are full of ignorance; but God will demand an account at our hands only of the knowledge He has given us; let us make good use of it, and He will give us more. Let us fulfil His designs so far as He has made them known to us, and He will manifest them to us more fully.
2. To renew often the good resolution of following in all things the will of God, and strengthen ourselves in this determination as much as possible.
3. To ask continually of the Holy Spirit this light and this strength to do the will of God, to bind ourselves to Him, and remain His prisoners like St. Paul, who said to the priests of Ephesus, "Being bound in the Spirit, I go to Jerusalem;" above all, in every important change of circumstances, to pray God to grant us the illumination of the Holy Spirit, and sincerely protest that we desire nothing else, but only to do His will. After which if He impart to us no fresh light, we may act as heretofore we have been accustomed to act, and as shall appear best for the time being...
4. Let us watch with care the different movements of our soul. By such attention we shall come gradually to perceive what is of God and what is not. That which proceeds from God in a soul which is subjected to grace, is generally peaceable and calm. That which comes from the devil is violent and brings with it trouble and anxiety.

The objection is made by some who complain that they are not themselves thus led by the Holy Spirit, and that they know nothing of it.

To them we reply, 1st, that the lights and inspirations of the Holy Spirit which are necessary in order to do good and avoid evil, are never wanting to them, particularly if they are in a state of grace. 2dly, that being altogether exterior as they are, and scarcely ever entering into themselves, examining their consciences only very superficially, and looking only to the outward man, and the faults which are manifest in the eyes of the world, without seeking to discover their secret roots and to become acquainted with their own predominant passions and habits, without investigating the state and disposition of their soul and the movements of their heart, it is no wonder that they have nothing of the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which is wholly interior. How could they know anything of it? They do not even know their interior sins, which are their personal acts produced by their own free will. But they will infallibly acquire the knowledge, if only they bring the necessary dispositions.

**First**, let them be faithful in following the light which is given them; it will go on always increasing.

**Secondly**, let them clear away the sins and imperfections which, like so many clouds, hide the light from their eyes; they will see more distinctly every day.

**Thirdly**, let them not suffer their exterior senses to rove at will, and be soiled by indulgence; God will then open to them their interior senses.

**Fourthly**, let them never quit their own interior, if it be possible, or let them return as soon as may be let them give attention to what passes therein, and they will observe the working of the different minds by which we are actuated.

**Fifthly**, let them lay bare the whole ground of their heart sincerely to their superior or to their spiritual father. A soul which acts with this openness and simplicity can hardly fail of being favoured with the direction of the Holy Spirit.



The parish office will be closed **Monday, May 29** in observance of Memorial Day!

Office will re-open on **Tuesday, May 30, 2023.**

Donation of Altar Arrangement  
May 28, 2023



In Memory of  
**Catherine &  
Daniel Gallagher  
& Colleen Corrigan**

*In remembrance of a loved one,  
a donation toward an Altar  
arrangement is a lovely gesture.*

Please call the parish office for  
more details: 281-494-1156



## CONOCIENDO LA BIBLIA

Todos están invitados a la clase  
**“Conociendo la Biblia”**  
en el Centro Comunitario  
después de las Misa de 8:00 am.

### *La Doctrina Espiritual del Padre Louis Lallemand*

#### 4º Principio: De la guía del Espíritu Santo y de la docilidad a él

Los principales medios por los cuales obtenemos esta dirección del Espíritu Santo son los siguientes:

1. Obedecer fielmente la voluntad de Dios hasta donde la conocemos mucho de ello está oculto para nosotros, porque estamos llenos de ignorancia; pero Dios exigirá cuenta de nuestras manos sólo del conocimiento que nos ha dado; aprovechémolo, y El nos dará más. Cumplamos Sus designios en la medida en que El nos los ha dado a conocer, y El nos los manifestará más plenamente.
2. Renovar a menudo el buen propósito de seguir en toda la voluntad de Dios, y fortalecernos en esta determinación tanto como sea posible.
3. Pedir continuamente al Espíritu Santo esta luz y esta fuerza para hacer la voluntad de Dios, para unirnos a El y seguir siendo sus prisioneros como San Pablo, que dijo a los sacerdotes de Efeso: "Estando atados en el Espíritu, voy a Jerusalén;" sobre todo, en todo cambio importante de circunstancias, rogar a Dios que nos conceda la iluminación del Espíritu Santo, y protestar sinceramente que no deseamos otra cosa, sino sólo hacer su voluntad. Despues de lo cual, si El no nos imparte nueva luz, podemos actuar como hasta ahora hemos estado acostumbrados a actuar, y como parezca mejor por el momento...
4. Observemos con atención los diferentes movimientos de nuestra alma. Mediante tal atención llegaremos gradualmente a percibir lo que es de Dios y lo que no lo es. Lo que procede de Dios en un alma que está sujeta a la gracia, es generalmente apacible y tranquila. Lo que viene del diablo es violento y trae consigo problemas y ansiedades.

La objeción la hacen algunos que se quejan de que ellos mismos no son guiados así por el Espíritu Santo, y que no saben nada de él.

A ellos respondemos, 1º, que las luces e inspiraciones del Espíritu Santo, que son necesarias para hacer el bien y evitar el mal, nunca les faltan, sobre todo si están en estado de gracia. 2º, que estando enteramente exteriores como son, y casi nunca entrando en sí mismos, examinando muy superficialmente sus conciencias, y mirando sólo al hombre exterior, y las faltas que se manifiestan a los ojos del mundo, sin tratar de descubrir sus raíces secretas y conocer sus propias pasiones y hábitos predominantes, sin investigar el estado y disposición de su alma y los movimientos de su corazón, no es de extrañar que no tengan nada de la guía del Espíritu Santo, que es totalmente interior. ¿Cómo podrían saber algo al respecto? Ni siquiera conocen sus pecados interiores, que son sus actos personales producidos por su propia voluntad. Pero infaliblemente adquirirán el conocimiento, con tal de que traigan las disposiciones necesarias.

**Primero**, que sean fieles en seguir la luz que les es dada; seguirá aumentando siempre.

**En segundo lugar**, que se quiten los pecados y las imperfecciones que, como tantas nubes, ocultan la luz de sus ojos; verán más claramente cada día.

**En tercer lugar**, que no permitan que sus sentidos exteriores divaguen la voluntad y con la indulgencia; Dios les abrirá entonces sus sentidos interiores.

**En cuarto lugar**, que nunca salgan de su propio interior, si es posible, o que vuelvan cuanto antes, que presten atención a lo que en él pasa, y observarán el obrar de las diversas mentes por las que somos actuados.

**En quinto lugar**, que abran todo el terreno de su corazón sinceramente a su superior o a su padre espiritual. Un alma que actúa con esta apertura y sencillez difícilmente puede dejar de ser favorecida con la dirección del Espíritu Santo.

# MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERTORY

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Monday, May 29, 2023

*The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

6:45 a.m.	Gabriel Castillo
8:30 a.m.	⌘ Jose & Elisa Martinez
5:30 p.m.	Keith Freeman

### Tuesday, May 30

*Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit*

6:45 a.m.	Eduardo Rodriguez
8:30 a.m.	⌘ Ofelia Nazareno Samson
5:30 p.m.	⌘ Gilma Rosa Zapata Vargas

### Wednesday, May 31

*The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6:45 a.m.	⌘ Sr. Maria Goretti Nhem OP.
8:30 a.m.	Victor Manuel Brito Sanchez
7:00 p.m.	⌘ Jose Silva, Paulina Castaneda Rocha, & Ignacio Yanez Escareño

### Thursday, June 1

*St. Justin*

6:45 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention
8:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention
5:30 p.m.	Rafaela Ramirez

### Friday, June 2

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

6:45 a.m.	⌘ Miguel Gracia
8:30 a.m.	⌘ Anastacia & Felino Castillo
5:30 p.m.	⌘ Tom Noser

### Saturday, June 3

*St. Charles Lwanga & Companions*

8:30 a.m.	⌘ Gilma Rosa Zapata Vargas
5:00 p.m.	⌘ Ann Neslony

### Sunday, June 4

*The Most Holy Trinity*

6:30 a.m.	Andrew Archibong
8:00 a.m.	⌘ Juan Manuel & Cruz Valdez
10:00 a.m.	⌘ Zaydah Zarate
12:00 p.m.	Marisa R. Lanuza
2:00 p.m.	Lucia Acevedo de Galindo
5:00 p.m.	Parish Family

*One may request celebrant Mass intentions through our website ("contact us") or by visiting the parish office during regular business hours. Mass intentions are available two (2) months in advance only.*

## Saint Theresa Catholic Church

*Offertory Comparisons*  
**Weekly Offertory Goal \$39,379**

Week	Offertory	Online	Total
November 21 - November 27	\$26,447	\$9,273	\$35,719
November 28 - December 4	\$28,158	\$14,873	\$43,031
December 5 - December 11	\$23,745	\$11,724	\$35,469
December 12 - December 18	\$25,232	\$8,190	\$33,422
December 19 - December 25	\$24,050	\$10,218	\$34,268
December 26 - January 1	\$35,378	\$28,013	\$63,391
January 2 - January 8	\$29,587	\$11,861	\$41,448
January 9 - January 15	\$25,660	\$8,719	\$34,379
January 16 - January 22	\$25,665	\$10,379	\$36,044
January 23 - January 29	\$22,371	\$8,159	\$30,530
January 30 - February 5	\$27,459	\$16,832	\$44,291
February 6 - February 12	\$22,976	\$8,041	\$31,016
February 13 - February 19	\$25,559	\$11,205	\$36,764
February 20 - February 26	\$26,504	\$9,652	\$36,155
February 27 - March 5	\$28,991	\$16,955	\$45,946
March 6 - March 12	\$21,873	\$8,651	\$30,524
March 13 - March 19	\$30,475	\$11,218	\$41,693
March 20 - March 26	\$29,044	\$7,913	\$36,957
March 27 - April 2	\$36,530	\$15,902	\$52,432
April 3 - April 9	\$41,390	\$15,902	\$57,292
April 10 - April 16	\$26,324	\$10,141	\$36,465
April 17 - April 23	\$25,401	\$8,031	\$33,432
April 24 - April 30	\$23,800	\$12,821	\$36,621
May 1 - May 7	\$23,799	\$15,775	\$39,573
May 8 - May 14	\$29,405	\$11,637	\$41,042
May 15 - May 21	\$29,548	\$9,889	\$33,436

## DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2023

*Totals as of May 21, 2023*

Goal	\$176,000
Payments	\$68,000
Balance	\$108,000

218 participants

## PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

*Totals as of May 21, 2023*

Our 2017 Capital Campaign has ended. Current open pledges are still being received. Adjustments are being made to update pledges. Envelopes will discontinue when contributions end.

**Current Parish Debt: \$1,801,594**

## MAINTENANCE FUND STATUS

2021-2022	\$174,654
2022-2023	\$156,293

## PREPARACIÓN PARA BAUTISMO INFANTIL

**Les felicitamos por el nacimiento de su hijo/hija!**  
Por favor llamen a la oficina para inscribirse al  
281-494-1156 ext. 228.

## PREPARACIÓN PARA EL MATRIMONIO

Las personas que deseen contraer matrimonio aquí en la Iglesia de Santa Teresa son invitados a asistir a una entrevista de preparación matrimonial. Esto es obligatorio para comenzar el proceso de preparación. Es para las parejas que no están casadas y para las parejas que están casadas civilmente o que viven juntos. Por favor pre inscríbase llamando al **281-494-1156**. El seminario se ofrece cada otro mes, el segundo jueves a las 7:00 p.m. **El próximo seminario es el Jueves 13 de Julio** en el Salón FLC-A.

## INSCRIPCIÓN EN LA PARROQUIA

Solicitamos amablemente que todas las familias de nuestra parroquia estén registradas antes de registrarse para CCE o clases de preparación sacramental. Los formularios de registro y cambio están disponibles en el vestíbulo de la iglesia y en la oficina parroquial. Para actualizar la información en la parroquia, llame a la oficina parroquial de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. Lunes a Viernes.



## RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

**¿Está Dios llamándote a hacer algo más?  
¡Ven y explora la Iglesia Católica!**

Si tienes 17 años de edad o más y no has sido bautizado, o has sido bautizado en otra comunidad de fe, o bautizado Católico pero que nunca has recibido la Primera Comunión, entonces RICA es para ti!

La próxima reunión de Iniciación será el **Domingo 28 de Mayo del 2023** de 10:00 am a 12:00 pm en el salón B1/7. Estos encuentros informales están estructurados para responder a tus preguntas acerca de la Iglesia católica.

Póngase en contacto con: Elsa Galindo al **281-494-1156**

Si usted, su hijo o alguien a quien usted conoce, tiene entre 7 y 16 años de edad, no haya sido bautizado o ha sido bautizado en otra comunidad de fe, tenemos el proceso de RICA propio para cada grupo de diferentes edades. Las sesiones de Iniciación son todos los miércoles a las 6:30 pm. Por favor haga una cita en la oficina al teléfono 281-494-1156 para Registrar su Familia y los Niños antes de atender la primera sesión.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR INFANTS

We congratulate you on your birth of your child! Please call the office at 281-494-1156 ext. 228 to register.

## PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINAR

This pre-marriage seminar is to commence the marriage preparation for all couples who wish to be married within St. Theresa's Catholic community. It is held on the second Tuesday of every other month at 7:00 pm. It provides an opportunity for couples to learn about the Catholic Church's theology of matrimony and begin the process to properly receive this great sacrament of the Church. Couples will learn details of how to plan and prepare for their wedding day and matrimony thereafter. Please pre-register by calling **281-494-1156**. The next seminar will be **Tuesday, June 13, 2023**. For more information please contact Deacon James Anderson at 281-224-9986.



**Looking for something more in your life?  
Come, explore the Catholic faith!**

Curious about the Catholic faith and the Rosary? Do we 'worship' Mary and the Pope? Attending Mass with a Catholic spouse, but are not Catholic yourself? In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults we go in depth to answer some of these questions and much more. Come and see!

If you are seventeen years of age or older and are: unbaptized, baptized in another faith community, or a baptized Catholic who was not raised in the Catholic Church, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you!

**You may begin the process at any time during the year.**

We are meeting virtually on Zoom. Contact Kelsey Pena at (281) 494-1156 ext. 222 or by e-mail: [kelsey.pena@sugarlandcatholic.com](mailto:kelsey.pena@sugarlandcatholic.com)

If you, your child or someone you know is between the ages of seven and sixteen, not baptized or baptized in another faith community, we have an RCIA process suited to your age group. Please contact Paul Stoessel at [paul@sugarlandcatholic.com](mailto:paul@sugarlandcatholic.com) prior to attending your first session.

### Sponsors

Sponsors share St. Theresa's life, its prayer and its apostolic work with our Catechumens and Candidates. No special knowledge is needed, just your willingness to be a friend. If interested, please email Kelsey Pena.



# SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

[www.stcssugarland.org](http://www.stcssugarland.org)  
**- THE GRIFFIN NEWS -**

We are accepting New Student Applications for the 2023-2024 School Year for Grades Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Fifth, and Sixth. For information or to schedule a Family tour, please contact Betty Pruski at 281-494-1157 or [bpruski@sttheresacatholicschool.org](mailto:bpruski@sttheresacatholicschool.org)

## STCS HOUSE ACADEMIC TOURNAMENT



On Friday, May 19, members of the Houses of Saints Boethius, Hildegard, and More competed in the annual STCS House Academic Tournament. The students battled in academic arenas including Latin, Music, Oration, and Mythology, before the House of Saint Hildegard von Bingen emerged victorious.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

### *Is God calling you to serve on our Advisory School Council?*

*Our School is currently seeking individuals who feel called to service on our Advisory School Council.*

*The Saint Theresa Catholic Advisory School Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Pastor and the Principal of the School. Those eligible to be a member of the Council:*

- Shall be at least 25 years of age.
- May not be a spouse, child, sibling, in-law, or parent of a school staff member.
- May not be an executive of an organization with a similar mission and program structure.
- May not be affiliated with an organization that is expected to fundraise for the same type of fundraising as that of a STCS Advisory Council member.

*In accepting a position on the Advisory School Council, the Council member will provide leadership assistance and support to STCS as follows:*

- Interest in and commitment to a Classical and Catholic education and a specific commitment to the mission and philosophy of the School
- Participation in committee work as related to the School's Long Range Strategic Planning Process
- Availability to attend meetings, periodic in-service programs, and fundraising events.
- Ability to maintain high levels of integrity and confidentiality.
- Ability to deal with situations related to the good of the educational ministry of STCS.
- Capacity to give witness to Christian and moral values within the School and Parish communities. If non Catholic, not opposed to the tenets of the Catholic faith.
- Ability to maintain adherence to our Volunteer Code of Ethics and Safe Environment training.

*If you feel led to discover more about the opportunity to be a Council member, please contact our Principal, Mrs. Francesca Rice, for more information at [frice@sttheresacatholicschool.org](mailto:frice@sttheresacatholicschool.org) or 281-494-1157.*

*Saint Theresa Catholic School's Mission is to furnish students with an outstanding Classical education informed by the wisdom of the Catholic intellectual and spiritual tradition.*

**Catholic Kids Camp**  
St. Theresa Catholic Church  
**July 10-14**      Day Camp 7:30am-12:00pm

Open to PRK-3 to 7th Grade

Old Testament    Last Supper    The Sacrifice    The Mass    The Miracles

- Register online. Go to our website or use QR Code
- Open to those going into PRK-3-7th grade in Fall 2023. (Those who are older can sign up to volunteer)
- \$30 a student for the entire week.



**High School  
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**2023 Saint Theresa Catholic Daughters of the Americas Scholarship**  
Court Saint Theresa of Lisieux  
No. 2211 Sugar Land, Texas



Court 2211 of St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church is offering **two** individual college scholarship to a high school graduate in the amount of \$1,000.00. To apply for this scholarship, you must be a 2023 high school graduating senior.

\*If scholarships do not meet the following requirements, Catholic Daughters will not award the scholarships.\* A scholarship committee will review each essay and select the winners. The following rules apply for all entries:

#### RULES:

1. Each applicant must submit a typed essay. The essay must be at least one page and cannot exceed two pages. (more than two pages will be disqualified).
2. **Must use correct grammar, syntax and spelling.**
3. **The application MUST be mailed/ or emailed and postmarked by June 2, 2023 to: St. Theresa CDA 1827 Seville Manor Fresno, TX 77545 Email to: Drshawansmith@yahoo.com**
4. The applicant's name, address, emails and phone number **must only** appear on the cover sheet of the essay. There shall be **NO** reference to your name or the names of any family members in your essay. (This will be cause for disqualification)
5. We must have a receipt from the college or university you are attending; we will mail a check to that college or university. This receipt must be sent to St. Theresa CDA or emailed to **Drshawansmith@yahoo.com** by August 11, 2023

**ESSAY:** The essay should be written in the following three sections. Please write in an essay form; no resumes will be accepted.

**Section 1:** High school life.

**Section 2:** Goals in life, and the name of the college/university you plan to attend.

**Section 3:** Respond to the following question using correct grammar, syntax and spelling:

**How has your family helped you to become the person you are, and how will you apply that in college and beyond?**



### Additional ARPA Funding Obtained in April

Last month our Galveston/Houston Archdiocesan SVdP Council received the second half of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding grant. If you recall, the first half of that grant was awarded last September. ARPA funds were to be used specifically to provide rental assistance to Fort Bend County residents who were facing eviction for non-payment of rent. As of May 15<sup>th</sup>, when this bulletin was submitted, we had spent \$13,045 of our \$20,000 allocated ARPA funding. It is expected that most if not all of the available ARPA funding will have been distributed by the time of publication of this bulletin.

Detailed SVDP Report for	April 2023	April 2022
Utility assistance	\$3,238.97	\$2,585.47
Housing assistance	\$3,846.20	\$4,319.47
Food Pantry*	\$2,806.75	\$742.96
SVdP Twin Payments**	\$0.00	\$811.00
Total Disbursements	\$9,891.92	\$8,458.90
Total Deposits	\$4,549.66	\$10,016.62
<b>Total Disbursements ARPA</b>	<b>\$1,650.00</b>	
<b>Total Deposits ARPA</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	
Client family members served	359	265
Bags of food distributed	395	246
Volunteer hours donated (est.)	202	195

\* Does not include the value of donated food and diapers etc.  
\*\* Twin payment to St. Thomas Aquinas SVdP to help a family in April 2022

### April Activity

Although the Food Pantry had two closure days during April (Good Friday, Easter Monday), we still gave out significantly more food than we did in the previous year (April 2022). Utility assistance was also 25% higher than in April 2022. When including ARPA cases, rental assistance was also 27% higher than the previous April 2022.

### Thanks for your Continued Support

We gratefully thank all our loving parish members and ministries too many to list who support our SVdP ministry both spiritually and financially. Without your continued support our ministry could not restore hope to the poor and needy in our community. We thank each one of you for caring and giving our Vincentians the opportunity to grow in spirituality by serving the poor and needy in our community on your behalf. We are honored and truly blessed to be allowed to serve.

### Actividad en Abril 2023

Aun cuando este Abril la despensa estuvo cerrada el Viernes Santo y el lunes de Pascua, este año distribuimos más alimento que en Abril del 2022. La distribución de ayuda fue 25% más alta que en Abril 2022, y sube a 27% si incluimos casos ARPA, y asistencia de renta.

### Gracias por Vuestro Continuo Apoyo

Agradecemos sinceramente a todos los solidarios miembros y ministerios de la parroquia que apoyan el ministerio de SVdP espiritual y económicamente. Sin vuestro continuo y generoso apoyo nuestro ministerio no podría restablecer la esperanza a los pobres y necesitados en nuestra comunidad. Agradecemos a cada uno de ustedes por su cuidadoso cariñoso y por darnos la oportunidad de crecer espiritualmente al servir en vuestro nombre al pobre y necesitado en nuestra comunidad. Estamos honrados y realmente bendecidos por la oportunidad de poder servir.

### Do ‘You’ Need Emergency Help?

If you need help and have no one to turn to, please contact us by email or leave a voice. Include your name, address, telephone number and a short summary of your situation and needs. Please speak slowly and distinctly and repeat your details.

### ¿Necesita Ayuda de Emergencia?

Nuestro ministerio a SVdP está aquí para ayudar los miembros de la parroquia en tiempos de necesidad. Si necesita ayuda y no tiene a quien acudir, por favor contáctenos por email o teléfono. Simplemente déjenos un mensaje: incluyendo su nombre, dirección, número de teléfono con un sumario breve de su situación y necesidad. Alguien los va a contactar. Cuando llame, por favor hable lento y claro con los detalles.

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with  
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*"No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:3b).*

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