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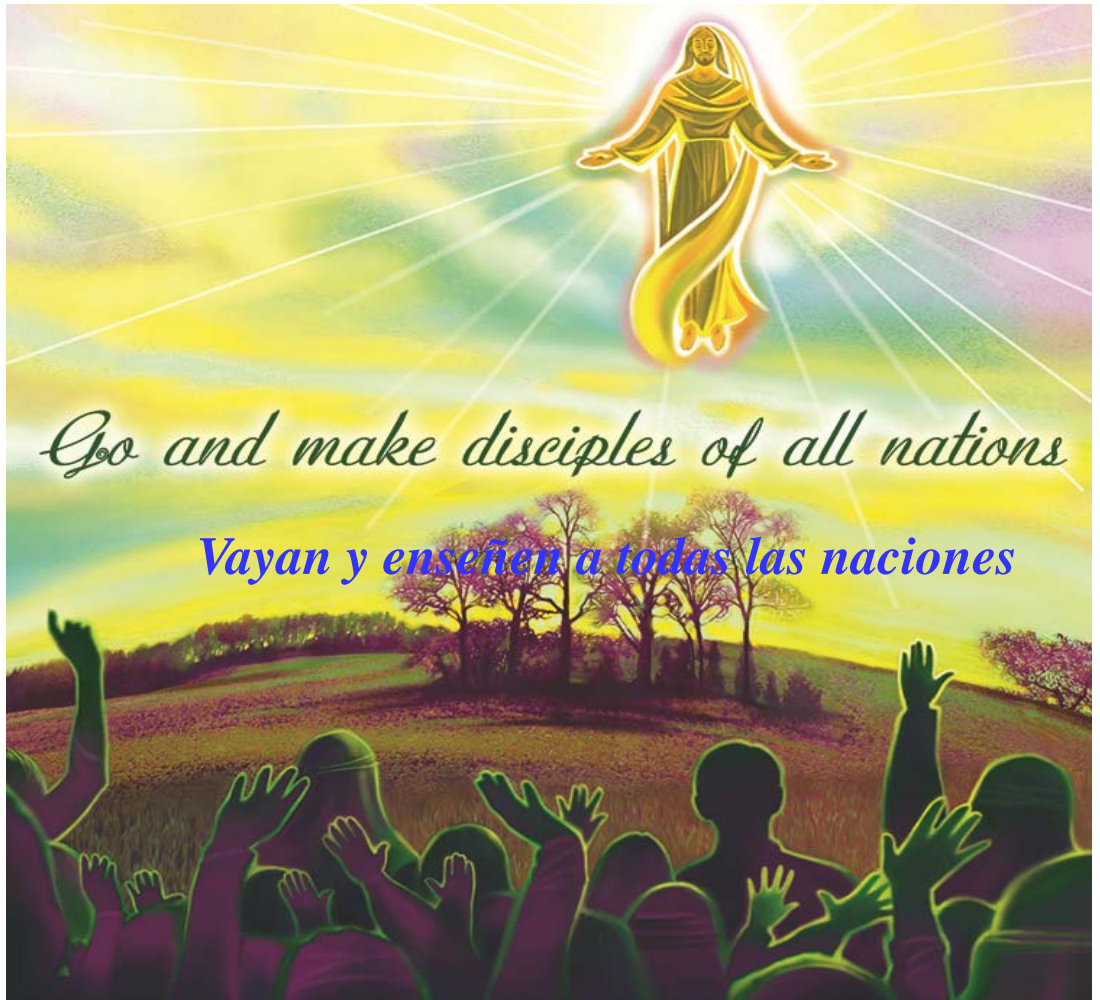
Monday - Friday
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From the first week of
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last week of May

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Tuesday, Wednesday
Thursday & Friday



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ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St. Dominic, Houston, TX, a multi-cultural community, joined together by faith in Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church, commit ourselves to help each other grow in the understanding of our faith, celebrate this faith in Liturgy and live it out by using the gifts of each person in the service of others, especially those in need, so that in the end, we may become truly a community of faith: truly the people of God and be of service to all!

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list, have a visit, homebound, and receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing. Call the Parish office @ 281-458-2910

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MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS Leaders & Time

Altar Servers: Mercedes Flores -**Spanish**
Clem & Cecile Monta **English** 3rd Saturday 9:00 am.
E. M. of Holy Communion:- Mary LeBlanc -English
E. M. de Eucaristia: Uriel & Lucila Duran
Lectors English: Gale Lamanilao
Lectores Spanish: Rogelio Mendez
Liturgy English Music: Melner Calvo, Sundays 5:00 pm
Liturgia Musica Espanol: Valentin Cobos, Jesus Puente, Elias Tello
Ushers/Greeters English : Parish Youth Group
Acomodadores Espanol: Miguel Rodriguez
Offertory Collection Counters: Gloria Casey
Parish Pastoral Council- Juan Hernandez, 1st. Monday 7:00 pm
Parish Finance Council: Hector Hernandez quarterly & as necessary
Baptismal classes- English Melner Calvo, Alex Bozon, Clem Monta
Clases Pre -Bautismales Espanol Lauro y Veronica Leal,
Rogelio y Reyna Mendez , Valentin y Araceli Cobos
Catholic Daughters Juanita Hernandez, 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm
Family Ministry-Melner Calvo
Knights of Columbus: Raymond Helfrich, 1st. Sunday 9:30 am
Legion of Mary- Esmeralda Ramirez, Saturday 9:00 a.m. English
Legion de Maria -Angelita Gonzalez, Martes 7:00 p.m. Espanol
Facilities Maintenance: Daron Monteilh & Raymond Helfrich
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MFCC St. Dominic: Osvaldo y Nancy Segura
Hispanic Ministry Coordinator: Salvador Manzo
Parish Youth Ministry: Deandria Gonzalez Thursday 7:00 pm
Clase Pre-Nupcial : Jose y Silvia Cervantes
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Nullity Sponsors: Clem Monta & Alex Bozon
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Virtus Facilitator: Deandria Gonzalez
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Eucharistic ADORATION 1st Friday

Holy Hour for Vocations:

on Thursdays: 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.

Next Full Day Adoration : June 2, 2017

8:30am-9:00 p.m. **Jesus asks us, "Can you not spend an hour with me?"** For further information, call Mrs. Gloria Casey @ 713-453-4968

Pre -Baptismal Registration

Must register in the parish office,
Monday – Friday, 8:00 am –3:30 pm a week prior to the class.
Bring child's birth certificate; required to register
Sponsors if married must be married by the Catholic Church and marriage certificate required.
If single they must be at least 16, and bring copy of their Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation
Parents and godparents must attend two pre-baptismal classes held 1st Tuesday & Thursday of the month at 7:00 - 9:30 pm.
Donation for class is \$75.00
Baptism celebration 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am

Child being baptized can not be older than 7 yrs. Old.
Children 7 years and older must be prepared through the parish Catechism Program. (Guidelines of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston)

Información Pre- Bautismal - Pase a la oficina parroquial
Lunes –Viernes, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm una semana antes de la clase. Es requerido presentar la acta de nacimiento del niño/a quien van a bautizar.

Padrinos Si están casados
deben estar casados por la iglesia Católica es requerido presentar la acta de matrimonio.

Si son solteros deben tener por lo menos 16 años y presentar su acta de Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación.

Papas y Padrinos tienen que asistir a dos pláticas pre-bautismales el primer martes y jueves del mes de 7:00-9:30 pm. **Donación** para la platica: \$75.00

Bautismos el segundo Sábado del mes a las 9:00 am

Niños sin bautizar no deben ser mayores de 7 años de edad.
Niños deben recibir catecismo en el programa de la parroquia. (Guías de Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston)

Presentación de Tres Años

Cuarto domingo del mes durante la misa de 1:00 p.m.
Pasa a la oficina y presente acta de bautismo para registrase

Sacrament of Marriage: Register at least 6 months in advance; drop by the office and fill out form and be ready to meet the pastor; Pick up wedding information check-list.

Quinceañera Celebrations: The family must be registered in the parish for a period of three (3) months prior to the date of the first preparation session. The candidate should register for her/his Quince Años ceremony on or before her/his 14th birthday. The candidate must have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and must have received First Eucharist prior to the time of the ceremony. If the honoree has not received the Sacrament of Communion, she/he should be enrolled to prepare to receive the sacrament before the Quince Años ceremony. The candidate must attend and complete preparation sessions with the coordinator and must join our parish youth program. Pick up Quinceañera information check-list.



Fr. Roger's Letter



Dear Friends in St. Dominic

Congratulations to our Confirmation students who publicly professed their faith last week-end (5/21/17). Thank you too to Dee Gonzalez, Director of our religious program and to all our volunteer and committed confirmation catechists for their time, talents and treasures and for preparing these students well! To the Catholic Daughters who took charge of preparing food for reception and the Knights of Columbus (the 4th degree members & all others) for their assistance during this event. You are all God's blessings to our community!

The Ascension is not a final act in the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ. Nor is it some kind of intermission to be concluded upon Christ's Bodily return - which will most certainly occur. Rather, it is about a new way of being, living in Christ in the here and now. The Apostle Paul wrote to the early Christians in Galatia: No longer do I live but Christ lives in me and the life I now live I live by faith in the Son of God. That is how we are invited to live, now. Jesus said ---Abide in me as I in you. These are not mere sentiments of piety but meant to become reality, now. Christians can live differently - now - because we live in Jesus Christ. We can love differently - now - because we love in Jesus Christ. We can be differently - now - because, as St. Paul wrote to the Colossians--- For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Our lives are hidden in Christ- now.

On the Feast of the Ascension we should ask ourselves this question---- How are we doing? The Feast presents us with an invitation to assess the relationship between our profession of faith and its manifestation in our daily lives. St. Paul encouraged the Christians in Corinth in his second letter to take such an examination: Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless, of course, you fail the test. I hope you will discover that we have not failed.

For most Christians, the word heaven does not mean very much. This is for two reasons. First, we just do not think often about heaven. The practical demands of life on earth tend to monopolize our attention. But this is a dangerous mistake. Jesus came to earth in order to be able to lead us to heaven. He died on the cross so that we could look forward to eternal life in heaven. Heaven is the goal, the destination of our lives on earth. How foolish a traveler would be to struggle forward without ever thinking about where he is going!

But there is another reason why our idea of heaven is so shadowy: it is simply because picturing eternal life is hard for us. This is where Jesus' revelation in the Gospel is so helpful. He tells us exactly what eternal life is: Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one you sent, Jesus Christ. The greatest joy of human existence even here on earth consists in relationships of love. What would mansions and yachts, works of art and mountain cottages, sunrises and ocean voyages be without others to share them with? Loving relationships can make life's most boring activities enjoyable and meaningful. But here on earth, our relationships are fragile, like human life itself, and they can go sour, because of sin.

Jesus is telling us that heaven is nothing more or less than a perfect relationship of love, an everlasting getting-to-know-God, Christ, and all the saints. These relationships will never get boring or tedious, because God is infinite, and getting to know him is an adventure that will never end. If the best human friendships never lose their luster, how much more indescribable will be our eternal friendship with God, from whom all good things come!

Sincerely yours in Christ
Rev. Roger Estorque



Queridos Amigos en San Dominic,

Felicitaciones a nuestros estudiantes de Confirmación que profesaron públicamente su fe el último fin de semana (5/21/17). Gracias también a Dee Gonzalez, Director de nuestro programa religioso y a todos nuestros catequistas de confirmación voluntarios y comprometidos por su tiempo, talentos y tesoros y por preparar bien a estos estudiantes! A las Hijas Católicas que se encargaron de preparar la comida para la recepción y los Caballeros de Colón (los miembros del 4º grado y todos los demás) por su asistencia durante este evento. ¡Ustedes son todas las bendiciones de Dios para nuestra comunidad!

La Ascensión no es un acto final en el ministerio terrenal de Jesucristo. Tampoco es una especie de intermedio concluir sobre el regreso corporal de Cristo, lo cual seguramente ocurrirá. Más bien, se trata de una nueva forma de ser, de vivir en Cristo en el aquí y ahora. El apóstol Pablo escribió a los primeros cristianos en Galacia: Ya no vivo sino que Cristo vive en mí y la vida que ahora vivo Yo vivo por fe en el Hijo de Dios. Así es como somos invitados a vivir, ahora. Jesús dijo --- Permanezca en mí como yo en ti. Estos no son meros sentimientos de piedad, sino destinados a convertirse en realidad, ahora. Los cristianos pueden vivir diferente - ahora - porque vivimos en Jesucristo. Podemos Amar de manera diferente - ahora - porque amamos en Jesucristo. Podemos ser diferentes - ahora - porque, como escribió San Pablo a los Colosenses, Porque has muerto, y tu vida está escondida con Cristo en Dios. Nuestra Las vidas están ocultas en Cristo ahora.

En la Fiesta de la Ascensión debemos hacernos esta pregunta ---- ¿Cómo estamos? La fiesta nos presenta una invitación para evaluar la relación entre nuestra profesión de fe y su manifestación en nuestra vida cotidiana. San Pablo alentó a los cristianos en Corinto en su segunda carta a hacer tal examen: Examinense a ustedes mismos para ver si están viviendo en la fe. Prueben a vosotros mismos. ¿No te das cuenta de que Jesucristo está en ti? A menos que, por supuesto, usted no la prueba. Espero que lo hagamos Descubrir que no hemos fallado.

Para la mayoría de los cristianos, la palabra cielo no significa mucho. Esto es por dos razones. Primero, simplemente no pensamos a menudo en el cielo. Las exigencias prácticas de la vida en la tierra tienden a monopolizar nuestra atención. Pero este es un error peligroso. Jesús vino a la tierra para poder conducirnos al cielo. Él murió en la cruz para que pudiéramos esperar la vida eterna en el cielo. El cielo es la meta, el destino de nuestras vidas en la tierra. ¡Qué estúpido sería un viajero luchar hacia adelante sin pensar jamás en dónde va!

Pero hay otra razón por la cual nuestra idea del cielo es tan sombría: es simplemente porque imaginar la vida eterna es difícil para nosotros. Aquí es donde la revelación de Jesús en el Evangelio es tan útil. Él nos dice exactamente lo que es la vida eterna: Ahora esta es la vida eterna, que te conozcan, el único Dios verdadero, y el que enviaste, Jesucristo. La mayor alegría de la existencia humana, incluso aquí en la tierra, consiste en relaciones de amor. ¿Qué sería mansiones y yates, obras de arte y cabañas de montaña, amaneceres y viajes por los océanos sin otros para compartir con ellos? Las relaciones amorosas pueden hacer que las actividades más aburridas de la vida sean agradables y significativas. Pero aquí en la tierra, nuestras relaciones son frágiles, como la vida humana misma, y pueden volverse ácidas, por causa del pecado.

Jesús nos está diciendo que el cielo no es nada más ni menos que una perfecta relación de amor, un eterno conocer a Dios, a Cristo ya todos los santos. Estas relaciones nunca serán aburridas o tediosas, porque Dios es infinito, y conocerlo es una aventura que nunca terminará. Si las mejores amistades humanas nunca pierden su brillo, ¡cuánto más indescribible será nuestra amistad eterna con Dios, de quien provienen todas las cosas buenas!

¡Atentamente suyo en Cristo
Rev. Roger Estorque





Saturday 8:00 am 6:00 pm	May 27th <i>St. Augustine of Canterbury</i> † All Souls/Difuntos † All Souls/Difuntos
Sunday 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:15 am 1:00 pm	May 28th † Manuel Zepeda/Teresa Zepeda † Juanita Guzman/Familia Alcaez Vargas † Maria De Jesus Pedraza/ Alcaez -Vargas † All Souls/Difuntos † Antonio Razo/Alicia Razo † Ma. Del Socorro Hernandez/Fam. Hndz.
Monday 8:00 am	May 29th † All Souls/Difuntos
Tuesday 8:00 am	May 30th † All Souls/Difuntos
Wednesday 7:00 pm	May 31st † All Souls/Difuntos
Thursday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	June 1st <i>St. Justin</i> † All Souls/Difuntos Asamblea de Oracion
Friday 8:00 am 8:30 am	June 2nd <i>Ss. Marcellinus and Peter</i> † All Souls/Difuntos All day Adoration/Adoración del Santísimo
Saturday 8:00 am 6:00 pm	June 3rd <i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions</i> † All Souls/Difuntos † All Souls/Difuntos



Monday 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	May 29th OFFICE CLOSED- OFICINA CERRADA May 30th Coro Angeles de Dios/Mr. Tello Legion de Maria-Spanish
Wednesday 6:30 pm	May 31st Catechist end of the year Appreciation Apreciación de Catequistas fin de año
Thursday 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	June 1st Legion of Mary-English Youth Group Bazaar Meeting
Friday 7:00 pm	June 2nd Ministerio Hispano
Saturday 8:00 am	June 3rd BE SAFE DURING THE SUMMER Sunday June 4th Food Sales -Ventas de Comida

MEMORIAL DAY
They fell, but o'er their glorious grave
Floats free the banner of the cause they died to save.
--Francis Marion Crawford

Yearly Budget		\$332,500.00
Weekly to meet budget		\$ 6,694.23
5/21/2017	1st	2nd
6:00 pm	\$2,007.25	\$ 193.06
8:00 am	\$1,079.70	\$ 202.00
9:30 am	\$ 897.02	\$ 397.82
11:15 am	\$ 958.22	\$ 189.00
1:00 pm	\$ 757.60	\$ 211.00
4:00 pm	\$ 633.25	Confirmation mass
Total	\$6,333.04	\$1,192.88

FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 8, 2017
RAFFLE SALES SCHEDULE
Venta de Boletos para la Rifa

June 4
Catholic Daughters - Our lady of Fatima

June 11
MFCC - St. Philp of Jesus

June 25
Family Ministry -Immaculate Conception

Others dates will be posted at a later date.
We also need help every Sunday to distribute Parishioner raffle packets if you can help please see Mr. Manzo or leave your name & phone number in the office.

Otras fechas se publicarán mas adelante.
También necesitamos ayuda todos los domingos para distribuir paquetes de rifa de feligreses si puedes ayudar por favor vea al Sr. Manzo o deje su nombre y número de teléfono en la oficina.

**ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA
PILGRIMAGE JUNE 12-23 ,2017**

**LAST MEETING MAY 30TH AT 6:00 PM
IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER
PACKETS, FOLDERS, T-SHIRTS AND
E -TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS-ANUNCIOS DE ST. DOMINIC

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Favor de pasar a la oficina por lo menos un semana antes de fecha de intención. No le de su intención a ultima hora al lector. El nombre de intención debe aparecer en el boletín. El boletín es enviado a impreza en lunes para edición del próximo domingo.

La donación por intención son \$10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Please come by the office at least a week prior to date that you want intention mentioned. Please do not give name to lector last minute before intentions are mentioned. Names will appear in the bulletin. Bulletin is sent to press on Monday of the week before Sunday edition. Donation per intention is \$10.00

LA ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

Se reúne cada Jueves a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia. Venga a las alabanzas y charlas de diferentes predicadores



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OEC Pre –Registration 2017-2018 Inscripción de Doctrina

Returning Students - Alumnos que Regresan
Until- August 4, 2017
Tuesday- Friday /Martes –Viernes
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

New Students/Nuevos Alumnos
June 13– August 4, 2017
Tuesday-Friday/Martes –Viernes
8:30 am- 4:30 pm

New students must bring in birth certificate & baptism record at time of registration.

Nuevos alumnos deben presentar su acta de nacimiento y bautismo al tiempo de inscribirse

1 Nino/Child	\$ 50.00
2 Nino's/Child	\$100.00
3 Nino's/Child	\$150.00
4 or more/mas	\$170.00
RCIA	\$100.00

BIG MOUTHS

What should not be heard by little ears should not be said by big mouths.

--Anonymous

The Ascension of the Lord
He was lifted up, and a cloud
took him from their sight.
-- Acts 1:9



La Ascensión del Señor
Se fue elevando a la vista de
ellos, hasta que una nube lo
ocultó a sus ojos.
-- Hechos 1:9

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm -- God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading -- May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel -- Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Este Jesús que les han llevado volverá de la misma manera que ustedes lo han visto ir al cielo (Hechos 1:1-11).

Salmo -- Entre voces de jubilo y trompetas, Dios el Señor asciende hasta su trono (Salmo 47 [46]).

Segunda lectura -- Dios sentó a Jesús a su derecha en el reino de los cielos (Efesios 1:17-23).

Evangelio -- Me ha sido dado todo poder en el cielo y en la tierra. Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones (Mateo 28:16-20).



Priesthood Ordinations (Archdiocesan),
Saturday, June 3, 10:00 a.m.; Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Our seminarians Michael Applegate, Michael McFall, Jonathan Moré, and Truong Son Nguyen, will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priesthood through the imposition of hands and invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo. You are cordially invited to come and pray for our seminarians. (It is always special to have the brother priests there. Priests and Deacons, please bring alb).
www.houstonvocations.com/ordinations

Toda la comunidad esta invitada a la Ordenación al Sacerdocio de los seminaristas de la arquidiócesis Michael Applegate, Michael McFall, Jonathan Moré, y Truong Son Nguyen. La Ordenación será oficiada por Su Excelencia Daniel Cardenal DiNardo, Arzobispo de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. Sacerdotes y Diáconos favor de traer alba.

The Little Ones

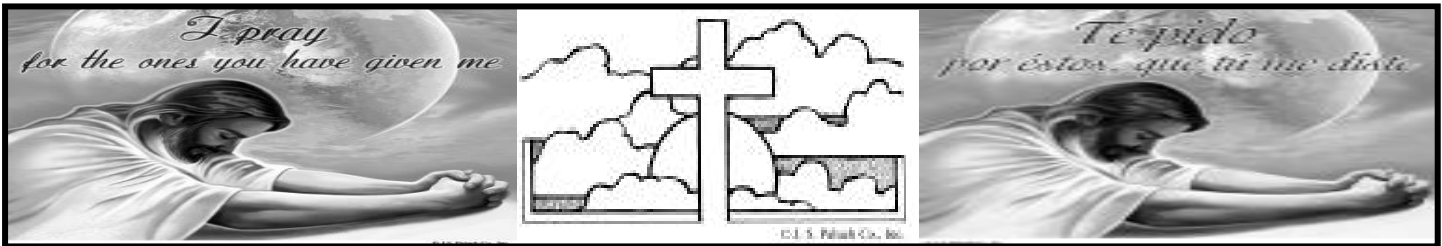
Jim Burrows



Then Jesus approached and said to them,
"And behold, I am with you always,
until the end of the age." Mt 28:20

READINGS FOR THE WEEK Lecturas de la Semana

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
My 29th **Gospel:** Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
May 30th **Gospel:** Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6;
May 31st **Gospel:** Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
June 1st **Gospel:** Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
June 2nd **Gospel:** Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
June 3rd **Gospel:** 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 104:1-2a, 24, 35c,
27-28, 29bc-30; Rom 8:22-27;
June 4th **Gospel:** Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23



SHARE THE HOPE

The readings for today's celebration of the Ascension of the Lord once again remind us that as Christians we are people of hope. In the second reading Saint Paul eloquently exhorts the Ephesians to enlighten their hearts so that they will know the hope and glory that come from being people who place their trust in the Lord Jesus. In the story of the Ascension, recounted in the first reading, the Lord Jesus assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit's power will come upon them. Finally, in the Gospel, the Lord lets the disciples know that their mission is to spread the hope of the gospel to all the nations. This wonderful feast keeps our eyes focused on the hope in which we were grounded on the day of our baptism.

COMPARTE LA ESPERANZA

Las lecturas de hoy para la celebración de la Ascensión del Señor una vez más nos recuerdan que los cristianos somos pueblo de esperanza. En la segunda lectura, san Pablo con elocuencia exhorta a los efesios a iluminar su mente para que puedan conocer la esperanza y la gloria que vienen de ser personas que ponen su confianza en el Señor Jesús. En el relato de la Ascensión, narrado en la primera lectura, el Señor Jesús asegura a los discípulos que el poder del Espíritu Santo vendrá sobre ellos. Finalmente, en el Evangelio, el Señor da a conocer a los discípulos que su misión es proclamar el Evangelio a todas las naciones. Esta maravillosa fiesta mantiene nuestros ojos enfocados en la esperanza en la que nos afianzamos desde el día de nuestro Bautismo.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If you could somehow transport a third-century Christian into your twenty-first-century Sunday Mass, once the initial shock wore off he or she would be more or less at home with the structure of the first part of the liturgy, the Word. The second part might be more difficult to comprehend. The stumbling block would be the book. We have a book, a missal that is set down on the altar with a very precisely prescribed set of words for the priest to say and the people to sing at the Eucharistic Prayer. In the early days of the church, there were no set "formulas" for this prayer. The ancients would have raised eyebrows at our "bookishness" since they preferred to let the prayers roll forth from a gifted leader of prayer. There was a basic shape to the prayer of thanksgiving, and almost general agreement that the words of Christ at the Last Supper ought to be included. By the second century, Justin Martyr wrote that the presider "gives thanks at some length . . . and when he has finished the prayers and the thanksgiving, all the people present give their assent by saying 'Amen.'" In the world before books, people could memorize long passages of prose and poetry, and so it is easy to see how particular phrases or expressions passed from church to church.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El mensaje de Nuestra Señora del Rosario de Chiquinquirá o la Chinita como cariñosamente la llaman sus fieles, es sencillo: "Déjate renovar por Dios". Renovación que ella misma recibió milagrosamente en el año 1586. En ese entonces, su imagen pertenecía a doña María, una mujer sevillana de mucha piedad. Doña María había recibido como herencia por parte de su hermano Antonio una pintura de la Virgen del Rosario en tan mal estado que no se podía distinguir ni la Virgen madre con el niño Dios en sus brazos o los santos Antonio de Padova y Andrés apóstol. No obstante la mala condición de la pintura, doña María la colocó en su capilla donde pasaba las mañanas en oración. Un día, una indígena y su niño pasaban por la puerta de la capilla cuando notaron un gran brillo que venía del rostro de María iluminando el resto del cuadro con colores vivos y brillantes. Inmediatamente llamaron a doña María, quien pudo ser testigo de la milagrosa renovación. Como algo muy interesante, la imagen de cerca se ve borrosa y dañada, pero de lejos adquiere distinción y nitidez.

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