

Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church Iglesia Católica Santa Rita de Casia

FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 29, 2018



By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples.

John 15:8

QUINTO DOMINGO DE

Pascua

29 DE ABRIL DE 2018



La gloria de mi Padre
consiste en que den mucho fruto
y se manifiesten así como discípulos míos.

Juan 15:8



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🕒 Mon - Fri, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Upcoming events! - ¡Próximos eventos!

Presence - Monday, May 1st - 9:30 a.m. - Parish Center

Movie Night - Tuesday, May 1st - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

Tarde de película - Martes 1 de mayo - 7:00 p.m. - Centro Parroquial

Youth Group - Wednesday, May 2nd - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

Grupo de jóvenes - miércoles 2 de mayo - 7:00 p.m. - Centro Parroquial

Adoration for Vocations - Saturday May 5th - 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon - Chapel

Adoración Eucarística por las vocaciones - 5 de mayo - 8:30a.m.-12:00 p.m

Find more information inside

Pastoral Message

Mensaje Pastoral

Friends,

Since the season of weddings is just beginning, I want to offer you a little reflection about Job and his wife. Job is described in the bible, as a man who stands out for his righteousness and his respect for God. In that book of Job, it is also mentioned how he is well known because of his wealth. He had “seven sons and three daughters, many servants, owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yokes of oxen, and five hundred donkeys.” (Job 1:2-3)

Job’s story tells us how God allowed Satan to attack him, first in his position, losing sons and daughters, servants and animals. Then, his body was wounded with incurable sores from the feet to the head. (Job 2:7) After all of that, Job never cursed God. His story is the story of a just man’s suffering; a man who loves God, and although he does not understand the reason for his sufferings, nevertheless accepts them, confident that there will be a better future.

My attention is especially drawn to verse 9 of chapter 2, in the same book. “His wife said to him, ‘Do you still persevere in your faith? Curse God and die!’” It is neither the invitation to curse God, nor the questioning of faith that attracts my attention, but instead, the fact that his wife, up to this moment in history, is still present and at the side of Job. Job has lost sons, daughters, possessions, and even his health, but not his wife. We could make many conjectures, or conclude with the not so appropriate joke that “the devil didn’t want Job’s wife”, but I think there is a deeper truth. There are some ideas that can help us better understand this part of history.

First, we must say that Job’s wife is not a “possession” of his. She is a person; free, independent, with dignity --- not a *something*, but *someone*. She is his partner, not to be “owned”, therefore, she was not attacked when Satan attacked Job’s possessions. This first approach continues to leave the possibility that in the second attempt in which Satan attacked Job, she would have been attacked since as spouses, the two are one. She was not attacked, and despite not being Job’s best counselor, during all the time of suffering, she was always with him.

Perhaps the answer is in the nuptial blessing that is given to the spouses on the day of their wedding: “...God, you who have wanted the union of man and woman and have blessed this community; established from the beginning, with the only blessing that was not abolished neither by the pain of original sin, nor by the punishment of the flood...”. The union of man and woman narrated in the book of Genesis, in which each one is a help and inseparable company to the other, is protected by God throughout the history of salvation. The book of Job is not the exception. Marriage is also respected in this passage of scripture.

Certainly, there have always been imperfections in marriages, and the story of Job addresses this point. That is why it is necessary to constantly look to God's plan for marriage, and thus purify our intentions, heal our past wounds, and learn to be a better spouse every day.

Fr. Manny

Amigos y amigas,



Ya que la temporada de bodas está comenzando quiero ofrecerles una pequeña reflexión acerca de Job y su esposa.

Job es descrito en la biblia como un hombre que destaca por su rectitud, y su respeto a Dios. También destaca por su riqueza, el mismo libro de Job nos dice que él tenía "siete hijos y tres hijas. Tenía muchos servidores y

poseía siete mil ovejas, tres mil camellos, quinientas yuntas de bueyes y quinientas burras" (Job 1, 2-3). Su historia nos narra cómo Dios permitió que satanás lo atacara primero en sus posiciones perdiendo hijos e hijas, servidores y animales; y después en su cuerpo al ser ‘herido con llagas incurables desde los pies hasta la cabeza’ (Job 2:7). Y con todo eso Job nunca maldijo a Dios. Su historia es la historia del sufrimiento del justo, que ama a Dios, y aunque no entiende el porqué de sus sufrimientos, sin embargo, los acepta confiado en que habrá un futuro mejor.

Llama particularmente mi atención el verso 9 del capítulo 2 del mismo libro: "su esposa le dijo: «¿Todavía perseveras en tu fe? ¡Maldice a Dios y muérete!»" No es la invitación a maldecir a Dios, ni el cuestionamiento de la fe lo que llama mi atención, sino el hecho que la esposa, hasta este momento de la historia, sigue presente y junto a Job.

Job ha perdido hijos, hijas, posesiones, e incluso su salud, pero no a su esposa. Podríamos hacer muchas conjeturas, o concluir con algún chiste de mal gusto por ejemplo decir que “ni el diablo quiso a la esposa”, pero creo que hay una verdad más profunda, hay algunas ideas que nos pueden ayudar a comprender mejor esta parte de la historia.

En primer lugar, debemos decir que la esposa de Job no es una posesión de él. Ella es una persona, libre, independiente, con dignidad, no es algo sino alguien. Es compañera de él, él no su dueño, por tanto, ella no fue atacada cuando satanás atacó las posesiones de Job. Este primer acercamiento sigue dejando la posibilidad de que en el segundo intento en que satanás atacó a Job, ella hubiera sido atacada ya que los dos como esposos son uno solo. Ella no fue atacada, y a pesar de no ser la mejor consejera de Job, durante todo el tiempo sufrimiento siempre estuvo con él.

Quizá la respuesta está en la bendición nupcial que se da a los esposos el día de la boda: “... Dios nuestro, tú que has querido la unión del hombre y la mujer y has bendecido esta comunidad, establecida desde el principio, con la única bendición que no fue abolida ni por la pena del pecado original, ni por el castigo del diluvio...” La unión del hombre y la mujer narrada en el libro del Génesis, en la que ‘cada uno es ayuda y compañía inseparable del otro’ es protegida por Dios a lo largo de la historia de la salvación. El libro de Job no es la excepción. El matrimonio es respetado también en este pasaje de la escritura.

Ciertamente siempre ha habido imperfecciones en los matrimonios la misma historia de Job atestigua, por eso es necesario mirar constantemente al plan Dios para el matrimonio y así purificar nuestras intenciones, sanar nuestras heridas pasadas, y aprender a ser un mejor esposo (a) cada día.

P. Manny

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS**Saturday, April 28**

8:00AM Mass – ✕ Vincent Walter
 1:00PM Misa – XV Marlene Castro
 4:30PM Mass – ✕ Violet Huberty
 6:00PM Misa –

Sunday, April 29

8:30AM Mass – ✕ Fr. Loi Mai, ✕ Quinn Mai
 10:15AM Mass – Living and deceased members of the
 Bachmeier and Pfeiffer families
 12:00PM Misa – 20 años de vida de Daniela Martinez
 7:00PM Misa –

Monday, April 30

7:30AM Mass – ✕ Ronald Lolcer

Tuesday, May 1

7:30AM Mass – ✕Dorothy Abens
 9:00AM Mass – ✕Dorothy Abens

Wednesday, May 2

7:30AM Mass – ✕James Konen
 7:00PM Liturgy of the Word –

Thursday, May 3

7:30AM Mass – ✕Samuel Ochoa

Friday, May 4

7:30AM Mass – Justin & Erin Voda

Saturday, May 5

8:00AM Mass – ✕ Kennet Risould
 4:30PM Mass – ✕ Rod Faxon
 6:00PM Misa – ✕ Rodolfo Jaquez

Sunday, May 6

8:30AM Mass – ✕ Sagrario Camargo
 10:15AM Mass – Living and deceased members of the
 Woulf Families
 12:00PM Misa – ✕ Salvador Velázquez, ✕ Aurora León
 ✕ Rosaelina Barajas
 7:00PM Misa –

EVENTS/EVENTOS

All events must be scheduled through the Parish Office.
No exceptions.

Monday, April 30

9:30pm Presence Bible Study (Augustinian Room)
 7:00pm Legión de María (Dominican Room)
 7:00pm Cub Scouts (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, May 1

9:00pm ESL Classes (Parish Center)
 7:00pm Adult Sacramental Preparation (School)
 7:00pm Movie Night (Augustinian Room)

Wednesday, May 2

6:30pm Youth Group (Dominican Room)
 7:00pm Misa (Capilla)
 7:00pm Presence Bible Study (Augustinian Room)

Thursday, May 3

10:00am Legión de María (Franciscan Room)
 5:30pm Church Cleaning Team #4 (Church)
 7:00pm Legión de María (Augustinian Room)
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus (Parish Hall)

Friday, May 4

6:00pm Clases (Augustinian Room)
 6:30pm Grupo de oración (Chapel)

Saturday, May 5

8:30am Men's Group

Pray for the Sick/Oremos por los Enfermos

* Fr. Lou Busemeyer SJ * Kate Novak * Manuel
 Jacobo * Mary Cassidy * Deacon Bruce Water-
 man * Merrilee Lubshina * Josefina García
 * Leopoldo González * Dorothy Gallenbach
 * Michael Kelly * Margarita Alegría * Benjamin
 Silva * Deacon Norb Szudarski * Velia Lizalde
 * Andrés Martínez * Alejandro Nieves * Daniela Sánchez
 * Margarita Briones * Matthew Harrington * Maria J. Soto
 * Jane Fermazin * Alicia Herrera * Francisco Hernández
 * Maria Leathers * Matthew Adriel Cazares * Pat Musich

Stewardship of Treasure Report**Weekend of April 14 & 15, 2018**

Total Offertory	\$9,975.62
EGiving:	\$1,045.00 (incl. mail)
Diocesan Stewardship (2 nd col)	\$1,727.62
Arise envelopes	\$ 199.00 (incl. mail in & e-giving)

(Atmosphere, Replace/renovate, Infrastructure, Safety/security, Energy Efficiency)

Weekend of April 21 & 22, 2018

Total Offertory	\$10,419.04
EGiving:	\$ 1,045.00 (incl. mail)
Arise envelopes	\$ 286.00 (incl. mail in & e-giving)

(Atmosphere, Replace/renovate, Infrastructure, Safety/security, Energy Efficiency)

Use our secure Online Giving.

¡Damos gracias a Dios por sus bendiciones!**14 y 15 de abril de 2018**

Total Colecta del Domingo:	\$9,975.62
EGiving:	\$1,045.00 (incl. correo)
Segunda Colecta	\$1,727.62
Sobres Arise :	\$ 199.00 (incluye correo y e-giving)

(atmósfera, reemplazar/renovar, infraestructura, seguridad, eficiencia energética)

21 y 22 de abril de 2018

Total Colecta del Domingo:	\$10,419.04
EGiving:	\$ 1,045.00 (incl. correo)
Arise :	\$ 286.00 (incluye correo y e-giving)

(atmósfera, reemplazar/renovar, infraestructura, seguridad, eficiencia energética)

Utilice nuestro sistema de donaciones en Internet.

May is the month dedicated to the Virgin Mary
Abril es el mes dedicado a la Virgen María

**ST. RITA, AURORA
TOTUS TUUS**

Totus Tuus is a weeklong summer camp held at our parish. Our youth are invited to come and experience that they can be a faithful Catholic and still have lots of fun. Through morning "pump up," silly skits and songs, snacks, recess, water fights, the Eucharist and so much more Totus Tuus infuses the element of fun into this program while the youth learn about God's love for them and the beauty of our Catholic faith!!



College students including seminarians from our Diocese will share their energy, enthusiasm and love for Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith. Totus Tuus includes sacraments, skits, songs, games, Marian devotion, crafts, inspiring & interactive teaching & LOTS OF FUN!



We are looking forward to seeing your children at this exciting summer camp. Though the Totus Tuus team handles the teaching aspect there will still be need for a number of our wonderful volunteers to help make this a success. Thank you in advance for supporting this program.

Please contact Julieta Jacobo at 630-892-6089 or jjacobos@saintritaofcascia.org with questions or if you would like to volunteer to help this summer. Registration form is attached.

Registrations for Totus Tuus start next weekend after all masses or calling Julieta Jacobo at 630-892-6089.

**ST. RITA, AURORA
TOTUS TUUS**

Totus Tuus es un campamento de verano de una semana de duración que se llevará a cabo en nuestra parroquia. Nuestros jóvenes están invitados a venir y saber que pueden ser católicos fieles y también divertirse muchísimo. A través de parodias divertidas, canciones, bocadillos, recreo, peleas con globos llenos de agua, la Eucaristía y mucho más, Totus Tuus infunde el elemento de diversión en este programa, a la vez que los jóvenes aprenden sobre el amor de Dios por ellos y la belleza de nuestra fe católica.



Estudiantes universitarios, incluyendo a seminaristas de nuestra Diócesis, compartirán su energía, entusiasmo y amor por Jesucristo y nuestra fe católica. Totus Tuus incluye sacramentos, parodias, canciones, juegos, devoción mariana, manualidades, enseñanza interactiva e inspiradora, y por supuesto MUCHA DIVERSIÓN.



Esperamos ver a sus hijos en este emocionante campamento de verano. Aunque el equipo de Totus Tuus se encarga del aspecto educativo del campamento, existe la necesidad de tener varios voluntarios para ayudar a hacer de este campamento un éxito. Gracias de antemano por apoyar este programa.

Si tiene preguntas o quiere ser voluntario este verano, por favor póngase en contacto con Julieta Jacobo al 630-892-6089 o jjacobos@saintritaofcascia.org.

Inscripciones para Totus Tuus empiezan la próxima semana después de todas las misas o llamando a Julieta Jacobo al 630-892-6089.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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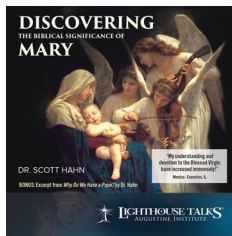
Every Monday starting April 30th at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Center



Featured CD

Discovering the Biblical Significance of Mary

In one of the most inspiring CDs we have ever offered on the Virgin Mary, Dr. Scott Hahn reveals incredible insights on the Biblical basis for the Catholic teachings regarding Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant. This presentation will help shatter many misconceptions and clearly demonstrate how Catholic teachings are unmistakably rooted in Sacred Scripture.

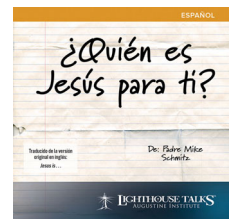


Stop by the kiosk in the Gathering Space to pick up your copy and spread the faith by sharing it with others. Suggested donation is \$4.00.

CD de la semana

¿Quién es Jesús para tí?

En esta charla El Padre Michael Schmitz nos habla del importante tema de la existencia de Dios. Usando su bien conocido sentido del humor y echando mano de argumentos filosóficos sólidos, el P. Mike nos demuestra las profundas implicaciones que tiene para nuestras vidas la respuesta que le damos a Jesús cuando nos pregunta: ¿Quién dices TÚ que soy yo?



Vengan al quiosco de los CD en la Sala de Acogimiento para obtener su copia y difundir su fe al compartirla con los demás. Donación sugerida \$4.00

Movie Night at St. Rita

Join us for a movie night at Saint Rita on Tuesday, **May 1st** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

Our movie this month is **The Shack**: After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips spirals into a deep depression that causes him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever.



Tarde de películas en Santa Rita

Los esperamos para una tarde de películas en Santa Rita el martes **1 de mayo a las 7:00 p.m.** en el Centro Parroquial.

Nuestra película de este mes es **La Cabaña**: Después de sufrir una tragedia familiar, Mack Phillips cae en una profunda depresión que le lleva a cuestionar todas sus creencias. Sumido en una crisis de fe, recibe una enigmática carta donde un misterioso personaje le cita en una cabaña abandonada en lo más profundo de los bosques de Oregón. A pesar de sus dudas, Mack viaja a la cabaña, donde se encontrará con alguien inesperado. Este encuentro conducirá a Mack a enfrentarse a importantes verdades, que no solo transformarán su comprensión de la tragedia, sino que harán que su vida cambie para siempre. **En inglés con subtítulos en español.**

Adoration for Vocations

Join us the **first Saturday of the month (May 5th)** for Adoration at the Parish Center Chapel from 8:30 to 12:00 noon. Come spend some time with the Lord and pray for vocations.



Adoración Eucarística por las vocaciones

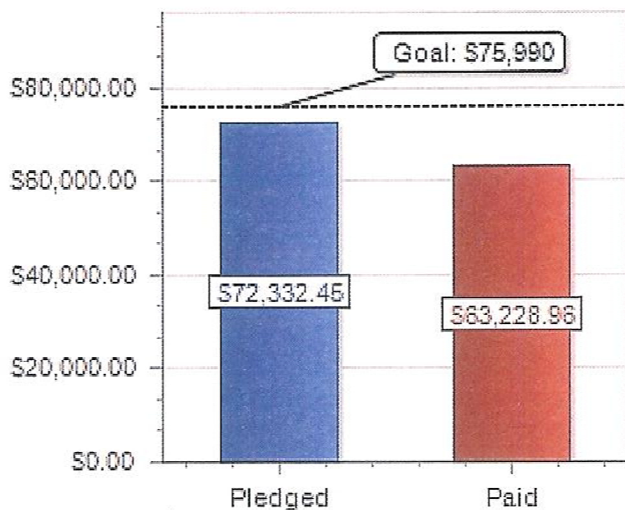
Acompáñenos el **primer sábado del mes (5 de mayo)** en la Adoración al Santísimo en la capilla del Centro Parroquial de 8:30 a 12:00 del mediodía. Vengan a pastar un rato en compañía de nuestro señor y a orar por vocaciones.

Diocesan Appeal

The 2017 DIOCESAN APPEAL is coming to an end. We ask that you prayerfully consider marking a contribution if you haven't already. This payment must reach the Parish office **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018**. If a pledge is received after this date, we will then put it toward the 2018 Appeal. We know this can be confusing since 2018 pledges are about to start, but the dates we are mentioning is for 2017.

Colecta Diocesana

La COLECTA DIOCESANA 2017 está llegando a su fin. Les pedimos que consideren hacer una contribución si es que no lo han hecho. Este pago debe llegar a nuestra oficina **ANTES DEL LUNES 14 DE MAYO DE 2018**. Si esta contribución llega después de esta fecha se aplicará a la colecta del 2018. Sabemos que esto puede crear confusión ya que la colecta del 2018 está por comenzar pero las fechas que mencionamos son para el año 2017.



Total paid includes \$6,000 additional parish funds
El total pagado incluye \$6,000 fondos adicionales de la parroquia

Parish Master Report

DSP 2017 as of April 23, 2018

Goal	\$75,990.00
Total Pledged:	\$72,332.45
Total Paid:	\$63,228.98
Pledge balance	\$ 9,103.49
Shortfall:	\$12,761.04

Reporte Maestro de la Parroquia

DSP (sobres rosa) 2017 hasta el 23 de abril de 2018

Meta	\$75,990.00
Cantidad total prometida:	\$72,332.45
Cantidad total pagada:	\$63,228.98
Saldo	\$ 9,103.49
Déficit a pagar	\$12,761.04

PARISH INFORMATION

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday (English).....7:30 AM
Wednesday (Spanish).....7:05 PM
Saturday (English).....8:00 AM & 4:30 PM
Saturday (*Spanish*)6:00 PM
Sunday (English).....8:30 & 10:15 AM
Sunday (*Spanish*).....12:00 & 7:00 PM

Eden Mass (English) every 4th Monday of each month
(September–May) at 2:00pm, at Eden supportive living
311 S Lincolnway St, North Aurora, IL 60542

Reconciliation.....3:00-4:15 PM
Saturday (English & español)

Baptisms - Infants /children

Please contact the parish office 3-4 months in advance to arrange for Baptism 630-892-5918.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): a process for adults to come and ask questions about the Catholic Church to prepare for Baptism or entrance into the church. For more information contact the parish office, 630-892-5918 or attend the next Come and See evening as listed in the bulletin.

Confirmation - 7th grade through junior in HS

Contact Sheryl Colwell at 630-892-5918 x251.

Adult Confirmation/1st Communion (Sacramental Prep)

Attend the next Come and See evening as listed in the bulletin.

Weddings

Minimum of 6 months required for preparation.
Contact the parish office to make an appointment with the priest.

Sick Calls

Please inform the parish office of any sick parishioners as soon as possible so a Priest can visit the hospital or residence immediately.

Religious Education

Contact: Rae Eigenhauser at 630-892-9507.

St. Rita Catholic School

Contact Mrs. Elizabeth Faxon, School Principal at 630-892-0200

Ministry of Evangelization

Adult formation, retreats, small communities.
Contact: Julieta Jacobo at 630-892-6089

St. Vincent de Paul

For emergency assistance, please call 630-892-6186 and leave a message with your contact information.

Parish Registration

Catholics who live within the parish boundaries of St. Rita Catholic Church are encouraged to register.

INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL

Horario de las misas

Lunes-viernes (inglés en la capilla) 7:30AM
Miércoles (español en la capilla).....7:00PM
Sábado (inglés en la capilla)8:00AM
Sábado (inglés en la iglesia) 4:30PM
Sábado (español en la iglesia) 6:00PM
Domingo (inglés en la iglesia)8:30, 10:15AM
Domingo (español en la iglesia) 12:00, 7:00PM

Confesiones

Sábado (inglés y español en la iglesia)3:00-4:15 PM

Bautismos

Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial de 3 a 4 meses antes.
Llame a la oficina parroquial 630-892-5918

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana Para Adultos (RICA): Este es el proceso para adultos que están interesados en la iglesia católica para que vengan y hagan preguntas. Para más información llame a la oficina parroquial, 630-892-5918 o asista a la próxima sesión de Ven y Mira. Esta información está en el boletín.

Confirmación - Muchachos del 7mo al 11vo grado

Contacte a Sheryl Colwell 630-892-5918 x251.

Confirmación/Primera comunión para adultos

Asista a la próxima sesión Ven y Mira. Información en el boletín.

Matrimonios

Necesita 6 meses de preparación matrimonial.
Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial para hacer una cita con el padre.

Unción de los enfermos

Por favor informe a la oficina parroquial si sabe de algún feligrés enfermo tan pronto como pueda, para que un sacerdote lo visite en su casa / hospital inmediatamente.

Quinceañeras

Llame a la oficina parroquial para más información entre 10 y 12 meses antes de la fecha que desea la misa.

Educación religiosa

Contacte a Rae Eigenhauser al 630-892-9507

Escuela parroquial de Santa Rita

Contacte a la directora Elizabeth Faxon al 630-892-0200.

Ministerio de evangelización

Contacte a Julieta Jacobo al 630-892-6089

San Vicente de Paul

Para recibir ayuda parroquial llame al 630-892-6186 y deje su mensaje con su información.

Registro parroquial

Si usted es católico y vive dentro de los límites parroquiales de Santa Rita, lo invitamos a registrarse.

Youth Group News

St. Rita Youth Group get together on Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:30pm at the Parish Center. Bring a friend or two. Can't wait to see you.

Ministries –Weekend of May 5 & 6, 2018
Ministerios– fin de semana del 5 y 6 de mayo de 2018

	Sat, May 5 4:30 pm English	Sun, May 6 8:30 am English	Sun, May 6 10:15 am English	Dom 6 de mayo 12:00 pm español	Dom. 6 de mayo 7:00 pm español
EM'S Ministros de Eucaristía	TBD - 1 TBD - 2 TBD - 3 Deacon - 4 TBD - 6 TBD - 7 TBD - 8	TBD - 1 TBD - 2 TBD - 3 * TBD - 4 TBD - 6 TBD - 7 TBD - 8 *only if deacon is not present	TBD - 1 TBD - 2 TBD - 3 * TBD - 4 TBD - 6 TBD - 7 TBD - 8 *only if deacon is not present	María S. - 1 Martín S. - 2 Lucia - 3 Elva - 4 Honorio - 5 Socorro - 6 Guadalupe - 7 Reyna - 8	
Lectors Lectores	TBD - 1 TBD - 2	TBD - 1 TBD - 2	TBD - 1 TBD - 2	María Martínez - 1 Emmanuel Valadez - 2	
Altar Servers Monagillos	Daniel Koeberl Aidan Daly Miguel Geronimo	Adam Rentz Rory Bennett Aksel Perez	Mitchell Carlos Jesse Carlos Jet Geronimo	Aimar Quiroz Herby Cruz Yael Valadez Alex Medina	

Vocation Corner: "Don't stop being yourself"

When I think back to the time just before I entered the seminary, I remember that lots of people were giving me advice. Much of it was good and helpful, but there is only one piece of advice that I received at that time that I still remember today. One of our seminarians gave me this simple encouragement: "Don't stop being yourself". Even though this might seem insignificant, it would be hard for me to overstate how important this piece of advice was for me as I started my journey into the seminary. At that point, I was nervous that I did not have what it would take to be a good seminarian. I was not sure if I was smart enough, holy enough, or well-formed enough to fit in at a seminary and make it through the training process. However, that simple bit of advice that I received from a fellow seminarian reminded me of God's plan for me. God had called *me* to be a priest. He hadn't called me acting like someone else to be a priest; He called *me*. In our Gospel this weekend, Jesus tells us that He is the vine and we are the



branches. He also tells us that He wants to prune us so that we can bear more fruit. It is so important for all of us to realize in our lives that Jesus has called every one of us to a certain mission. He has given us specific gifts, graces, and talents that we need to fulfill the special role that He has for us. He does not need us to act like someone we are not, but He does want to make us the best version of ourselves. This is why it is so important for us to continue to go to Jesus to allow Him to prune us and prepare us for our missions. It is necessary that we go to Him constantly in prayer and the sacraments so that He can continue to purify and sanctify us in order that we might bear much fruit. My advice to you, then, is to simply be yourself. Never be afraid to let Jesus in to prune you and shape you so that you will be the person He is calling you to be and so that you will be able to fulfill the mission that He has for *you*.

- Fr. Bobby Gonnella

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 30

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 1

Acts 14L19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 2

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 3 - Saints Philip and James

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Friday, May 4

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 5

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b,-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 6 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes 30 de abril

Hch 14:5-18; Sal 113 B:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Martes 1 de mayo

Hch 14L19-28; Sal 144:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31

Miércoles 2 de mayo

Hch 15:1-6; Sal 121:1-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Jn 15:1-8

Jueves 3 de mayo - Santos Felipe y Santiago

1 Cor 15:1-8; Sal 18:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Viernes 4 de mayo

Hch 15:22-31; Sal 56:8-9, 10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Sábado 5 de mayo

Hch 16:1-10; Sal 99:2, 3, 5; Col 3:1; Jn 15:18-21

Domingo 6 de mayo - Sexto Domingo de Pascua

Hch 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Sal 97:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

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