

ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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“Just as a branch
cannot bear fruit
on its own
unless it remains
on the vine,
so neither can you
unless you
remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.”
John 15:4-5

Fifth Sunday of



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 29, 2024
11:30A.M.

†Mario Alberto Cervantes
Pat Hahn's Family
Blanca Rocha (Happy Birthday)

Tuesday, April 30, 2024
****NO MASS****

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
11:30A.M.

†Melissa Thomas
†Juan & †Felipa Montoya

Thursday, May 2, 2024
11:30A.M.

†Angie Mapa Cruz
Caleb Hesita (Happy Birthday)

Friday, May 3, 2024
11:30A.M.

†Delfino Maldonado
†Bobby Frank Younts
†Thomas B. Shepherd

Saturday, May 4, 2024
First Holy Communion Mass
President: Fr. Alex Pereida
5:00P.M.

†Delfino Maldonado, Jr.
Diana Bui (Happy Birthday)

Sunday, May 5, 2024
President: Fr. George George
7:30 A.M.

Living and Deceased Members of the
Feliciano-Rojas Families

President: Fr. George George
9:00 A.M.

Jose & Maria Arredondo

President: Fr. Alex Pereida
11:00 A.M.

†Josephina Pablo
Hope Grace Kim (Happy Birthday)
Our Military Troops & Our Parish Family

**Let us continue to pray for rain
wherever it is needed.**

The Flowers on the Main Altar the week of Saturday, April 27 through Friday, May 3 are in loving memory of
†Bobby Frank Younts



The Sanctuary Light on the Main Altar the week of Saturday, April 27 through Friday, May 3 is lit in loving memory of
†Bobby Frank Younts



The Sanctuary Light in the Chapel the week of Saturday, April 27 through Friday, May 3 is lit in loving memory of
†Mary T. Solis
(Happy Birthday)
Requested by Family



Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate a flower arrangement to decorate our church for each week for Masses in honor of a Loved One, or a special occasion. Their name and who requested them will be acknowledged in our Sunday bulletin. The cost for the large altar floral arrangement is \$75.00. Please stop by the church office or call at: (210) 654-1643. Thank you for your help in making our church look beautiful.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

2:00P.M. - 3:00P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation-
Brides Room

6:30P.M.

Adult RCIA -Scott Room
Knights Degree Ceremony-In the Church

First Friday, May 3, 2024

6:30P.M.
Divine Mercy Devotion



Devotion to the Divine Mercy & Sacred Heart -In the Chapel

Saturday, May 4, 2024

4:00P.M.-4:45P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation-
Brides Room

Sunday, May 5, 2024

10:00A.M.

High School Youth Session-Popes' Room (Last Session)

6:30P.M.

Pro Life Rosary -Chapel

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Lord, in your loving mercy, please send the Holy Spirit with the Gift of Healing upon these servants who are in need of strength, guidance and mercy...

- Almodovar, Alexander
- Autenrieth, Robert
- Battan, Donald
- Boyle, Philip J.
- Calderas, Christian
- Dunk, Marylen
- Estrada, Cindy
- Estrada, Frank Sr.
- Garcia, Mary Lou
- Garza, Guadalupe
- Gomez, John C.
- Gonzalez, Elizabeth
- Gonzalez, Presilla
- Gumataotao, Enrique
- Hernandez, Josie
- Hernandez, Samantha
- Hughes, Gen
- Jimenez, Margarita
- Jonson, John
- Keil, Geno
- Kenyon, Maria
- Leon Guerrero, Ida
- Llanas-Berber, Gloria
- Lopez, Dolores

- Lopez, Martin G.
- Lopez, Mattie
- Loza Galvan, Alfredo
- Loza, Blanquita
- Lozano, Donna
- Marsh, Jamie
- Melvin, Jacob
- Mendoza, Irma
- Morales, Celia
- Ocon, Guillermina
- Oyervides, Maria P.
- Pulliam, Joe
- Pasquale, Thomas Jr.
- Ramos, Dennis
- Regalado, Hortencia
- Rodriguez, Jaime
- Rosania, Nello
- Rudd, Gigi
- Strait, Lilo
- Tiritilli, Richard
- Torred, Edgar
- Travassos, Alex
- Villagomez, Joshua
- Wood, Alicia A.

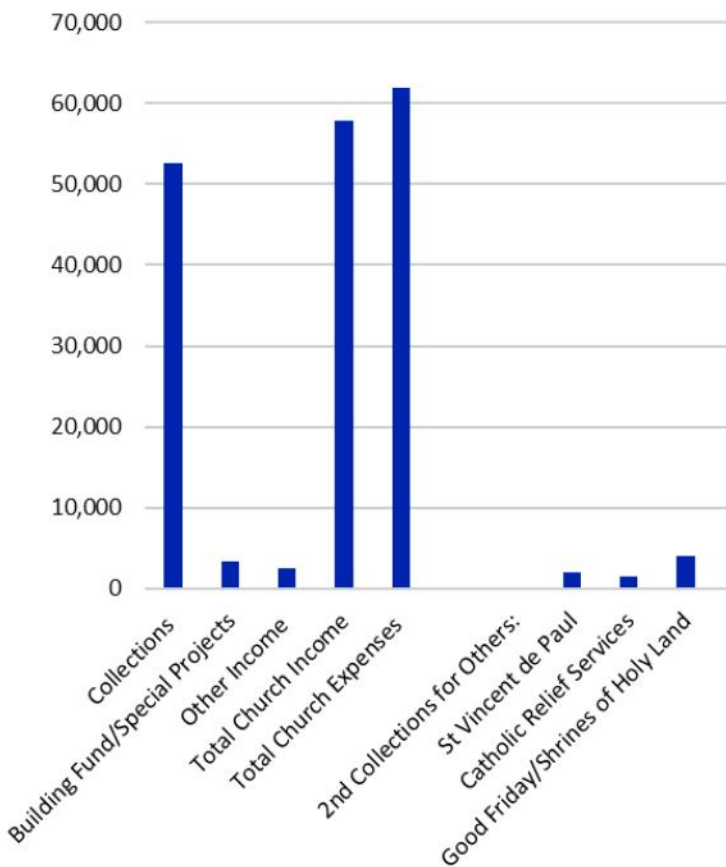
Communion Ministry to the Homebound

We are in **GREAT** need of couples or individuals who are interested in bringing the Eucharist to individuals **one Sunday a month for our homebound brothers and sisters.** This is a very rewarding ministry and those receiving the Eucharist are very grateful. Please pray on it, and if you are interested call the church office (210) 654-1643 during business hours.

SAVE THE DATE
Quench your THIRST for saving lives.
Blood Drive

Knights of Columbus Msgr. Robert Silverman Council 9291 will hold their next blood drive **Sunday, May 19, 2024.** The bloodmobile will be in front of the Church from 8:00am-1:00 pm. All donors will receive a commemorative **50th ANNIVERSARY** water bottle, *while supplies last.* For further information, please contact Albert Eng at eng0760@live.com

March 2024 Revenue, Collections, and Expense Report



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If you are hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of the Stephen Ministry Leaders at St. Pius X Catholic Church: Steve Greefkens at (210) 852-6096 or Joyce Dobrowolski at (210) 240-7388.

The St. Pius X Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into you life!

PILGRIM CENTER of HOPE PRESENTS A SPECIAL RETREAT

Morning of Reflection

Saturday, May 18, 2024 @ 10am-12:30pm

How often do we think of receiving a gift directly from Mary, Mother of God? Learn how we obtained the Brown Scapular, and a pillar in Spain that came from Heaven. How has her image on Juan Diego's tilma converted many?

Be encouraged by these gifts that remind and assure us of Mary's maternal love for us.

Presentation

You are welcomed and encouraged to bring a journal or notebook to take notes.

Time for Prayer & Reflection

Beginning with communal **Morning Prayer** in Gethsemane Chapel, this event also includes time for **silent reflection**.

Live with Hope

Participants will go forth equipped with **spiritual tools** for daily living in hope and walking with God!

Register for this special retreat at \$20 per person.

Learn more & register at PilgrimCenterOfHope.org or call 210-521-3377.

Mary Jane Fox
Presenter

With over 35 years of experience in full-time ministry to ordinary people, and with theological & philosophical formation, evangelist Mary Jane Fox will guide you through this morning retreat in a way that is relevant to you, based in prayer, and rooted in the ancient wisdom of the Church.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

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Bringing Home the Word †

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)
 April 28, 2024

“In” or Not at All

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The little word “in” appears eleven times in the Greek text of today’s short passage from John’s Gospel, and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us.

This being in does not mean “inside,” like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out.

Sunday Readings

Acts 9:26–31

The Church...was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

1 John 3:18–24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

John 15:1–8

[Jesus said,] “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.”

If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise, we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately.

Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is “in Christ,” our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as Christ lives in all of us. †

*If we want to thrive,
 we must cherish our
 relationship with Christ,
 our source of life.*



A Word from Pope Francis

Today the Gospel offers us the moment in which Jesus introduces himself as the true vine and invites us to abide in him so as to bear much fruit.... One of the ripest fruits that springs from communion with Christ is...the commitment to charity for our neighbor....

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 29, 2018



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- In what ways does Christ live in you?
- How do you live in Christ?

Waiting for the Resurrection

Ron Rolheiser, OMI

We live in difficult times. We've only to watch the news on any given evening. If there's an all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-loving God who is Lord of this universe, his presence isn't very evident on the evening news. There's violence all over the planet, fueled on every side by self-righteous ideologies that sanction hatred, by self-interest that destroys community, and by a socially-approved greed that lets the poor fend for themselves.

It's fair and reflective to wonder: Where is the resurrection in all of this? Why is God seemingly so inactive? Where is the vindication of Easter Sunday?

What the resurrection teaches is that



God doesn't forcibly intervene to stop pain and death. Instead, he redeems the pain and vindicates the death. The resurrection of Jesus reveals that there's

a deep moral structure to the universe, that the contours of the universe are love and goodness and truth. This structure, anchored at its center by ultimate love and power, is non-negotiable: You live life its way or it simply won't come out right.

More importantly, the reverse is also true: If you respect the structure and live life its way, what's good and true and loving will eventually triumph, despite everything, like a giant moral immune system that brings the body back to health. God lets the universe right itself the way a body does when it is attacked by a virus. We don't have to escape pain and death to achieve victory, we've only to remain faithful, good, and true inside of them. God's day will come. †

From *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter* by Ron Rolheiser, OMI, available at Liguori.org.

Daybreaks authors include Fr. John Kavanaugh, Sr. Dianne Bergant, and Fr. Daniel Horan.

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Easter Redemption" by Fr. Gregory Wiest, CSsR

To understand the scope of the power of the resurrection, we must understand Jesus' power here on earth before he died. Throughout his ministry, Jesus fortified people physically. He restored sight to the eyes of the blind, gave strength to the legs of the lame, and flooded the ears of the deaf with sound. He also healed people spiritually. He brought peace to disturbed minds and diminished the torment of demons to the hearts of humanity. This power extended into social situations, too. Gathering the outcast, the neglected, and the condemned, he created new communities of acceptance. For Jesus, the earth was meant for the meek. He blessed peacemakers and forbade retaliation. His power and leadership materialized as service to the poor. He uplifted the rejected and gave importance to the lowly of the world. †

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Lord Jesus, teach us what it means to abide in you, and help us to believe that with you, all things are possible, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 29—May 4

Monday, St. Catherine of Siena:
Acts 14:5–18 / Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 14:19–28 / Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 15:1–6 / Jn 15:1–8

Thursday, St. Athanasius:
Acts 15:7–21 / Jn 15:9–11

Friday, Sts. Philip and James:
1 Cor 15:1–8 / Jn 14:6–14

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:1–10 / Jn 15:18–21

Bringing Home
the Word 
April 28, 2024

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Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Matthew Velasquez, Madonna Gil Jery & Nancy Murguia
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Gerry Schmoker, Bonnie Stewart Matthew Velasquez
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Irene & Felipe Gomez
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Matthew Velasquez

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9:00 a.m. Mass Coordinator	Cristina Arreguin
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Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Sp) & 11:00 a.m.
Monday	11:30 a.m.
Wednesday-Friday	11:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday at 4:00-4:45 p.m.
 Wednesday at 2:00-3:00 p.m.
 or by appointment, during office hours

BAPTISM: Second and fourth Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. Please register at the Church Office in advance.

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