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MAY 12, 2024 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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MAY IS THE MONTH



OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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WEEKLY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12, 2024:

Sun. (Ascension): Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Mon: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tue: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Jn 15:9-17
Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/
Jn 17:11b-19
Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
Jn 17:20-26
Fri: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/
Jn 21:15-19
Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
Sun. (Pentecost) Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY!



"Sub Tuum Praesidium" is an ancient prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the oldest known version of which is found on an Egyptian papyrus from the 3rd century. This translation is from the Latin.

*We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed One. Amen.*

<http://www.preces-latinae.org/thesaurus/BVM/SubTuum.html>

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES



Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day;
Mother's Day

Monday: Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday: St. Matthias, Apostle

Wednesday: St. Isidore

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr;
Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

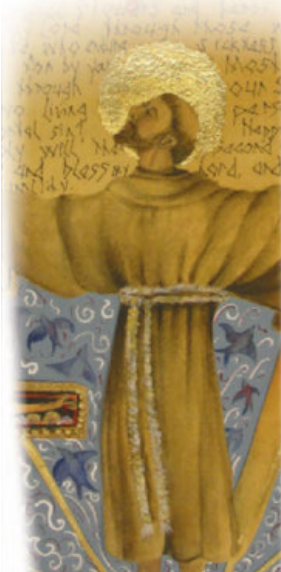
St. Matthias, Pray For Us

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into
my soul. Since I cannot at this
moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart. I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself wholly
to You. Never permit me to be

PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS



Lord, make me an
instrument of your **peace**;
where there is hatred,
let me sow **love**;
where there is injury, **pardon**;
where there is doubt, **faith**;
where there is despair, **hope**;
where there is darkness, **light**;
and where there is sadness, **joy**.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not
so much seek
to be consoled, as to **console**;
to be understood, as to **understand**;
to be loved, as to **love**;
for it is in giving that we **receive**,
it is in pardoning that we are **pardoned**,
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

Amen.

While this prayer has always been attributed to St. Francis, the author is actually unknown. The prayer does wonderfully represent the spirit of St. Francis and the Franciscan Orders.

Communion Ministry to the Sick

Interested in taking communion to the sick?
Then, come to our first planning meeting on

**Weds., May 15th, at 6:00 pm
in the Parish Center Chapel.**

We will discuss roles and responsibilities. Bishop Rey will provide us with training for this sacred ministry. The Secular Franciscans in our parish will provide some of the organizational leadership.

Have questions? We will have an information table after **all Masses on Mother's Day**. Or, contact Debbie Clingsmith, OFS, at 805.574.0441.



BISHOP ELECT REY BERSABAL!

With prayers of gratitude and joy for your appointment as Bishop Elect, as well as for your 33 years of faithful work.

Ordained 04.29.1991 / Episcopal Ordination 05.31.2024



Mother's Day Morning

Coffee and Pastries
All are Welcome!

Celebrating and Honoring the women in our lives, be it a grandmother, mother, daughter, sister, aunt or godmother, etc. who we acknowledge and recognize for their nurturing, caring, and loving qualities.



"Blessings to them on this Mother's Day!"

Sunday, May 12, 2024 / 8:30 AM-9:30AM
In Front of our Church

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Finance Council is providing a regular look at contributions.

MONTH OF MARCH 2024

Stewardship	\$ 31,545
(Stewardship budget for the month)	\$ 40,221
Easter	\$10,232
(Easter Budget)	\$10,000
Building Fund	\$ 4,185
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 898



Thank you for your generosity!

*To sign up for Online Giving go to bit.ly/3LHHg76



TAIZE FOR EASTER

EACH WED AT 6:00PM IN THE CHURCH

(IN PERSON OR VIA YOUTUBE AT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/37XEfk3](https://bit.ly/37XEfk3))

Year To Date Report to the Parish (July 1, 2023 To March 31, 2024)

Operational Income

Offertory Collections	\$ 323,161.00
Sacramental Services	\$ 8,105.00
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 10,251.00
Building Fund	\$ 25,106.00
Covenant of Sharing	\$ 2,050.00
Donations & Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 6,518.00
Parish Programs	\$ 629.00
Parish Fundraising Activities	\$ 3,769.00
Religious Education	\$ (1,500.00)
Other Receipts	\$ 11,166.00
Total Operational Income	\$ 389,255.00

Operational Expenses

Salaries, Wages, & Related Expenses	\$ 174,095.00
Assistance to the Needy *	\$ 298.32
Parish Programs	\$ 629.00
Parish Fundraising Activities	\$ ---
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 92,602.00
Parish Center - Office Supplies	\$ 6,889.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 1,320.00
Property & Liability Insurance and Property Taxes & Assessments	\$ 87,869.00
Religious Education	\$ ---
Other Expenses	
Church Utilities	\$ 20,421.00
Church Supplies	\$ ---
Parish Center Utilities	\$ 15,044.00
Rector's Utilities	\$ 4,852.00
Friary Utilities	\$ 7,908.00
Total Operational Expenses	\$ 411,927.32

Net Income/(Loss) from Operations

\$ (22,672.32)

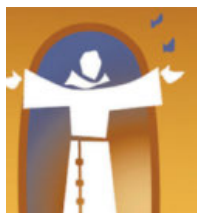
Note: Beginning in 2024, this Financial Report will be published on a quarterly basis.

* Assistance to the Needy paid through Harrington Fund

FrancisFest 2024 – a Huge success!

Thank you to our many friends and neighbors who attended FrancisFest, who made donations, who spent time and dollars perusing our food, drink and “treasures,” who bid on silent auction items, and who volunteered countless hours in planning, set-up, day-of-event operations and the all-important clean-up which brought FrancisFest to a close.

The FrancisFest Committee is indebted to Bishop Elect Rey Bersabal, St. Francis Parish staff, our friends at St. Francis Elementary School, and each and every one of you for your support. Would you like to join the coolest committee in town and help orchestrate next year’s event? E-mail mikefaldasco1@gmail.com for more information.



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FEATURING...

RONDALLA VOCES ROMANTICAS SACRAMENTO!

Bishop Manogue Assembly #50 and Council 953 present...

MAY
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MEXICAN DINNER!

Honoring our Knights of Columbus Saints and Martyrs of La Cristiada!

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER MSGR. JAMES MURPHY

Saturday, May 18 2024
Council 953 Hall
5961 Newman Ct.
5pm - 10pm

\$30- Adult
\$10 -12 & under

5-6 social hour
6pm Dinner
7pm Speaker***
6-8 Live Music!

Honoring the six brother Knight priests who were martyred during the Cristero war. Canonized by St. John Paul II on May 21, 2000. We will celebrate with a traditional dinner of Birria de res, salad and dessert. Chips, salsa, and no host bar. Vegetarian option available with pre-registration. Contact: SK Mike Smiley 530-318-9862 mmsmiley71@yahoo.com



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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

May 11-12, 2024

We adore you Most Holy Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches in the world,
And we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.

Gathering:

Resucitó/He Is Risen

Kiko Argüello

Re - su - ci - tó, re - su - ci - tó, re - su - ci - tó,
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
a - le - lu - ya. re - su - ci - tó. tó. A - le - lu - ya.

La muerte ¿dónde está la muerte? ¿Dónde está mi muerte? ¿Dónde su victoria? **(to Refrain)**

The kingdom, praise to God, the kingdom! Raised up to the kingdom, we shall live in love. **(to Refrain)**

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Kyrie:

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

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Gloria:

Mass of Remembrance

Marty Haugen

REFRAIN
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. **(Refrain)**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. **(Refrain)**

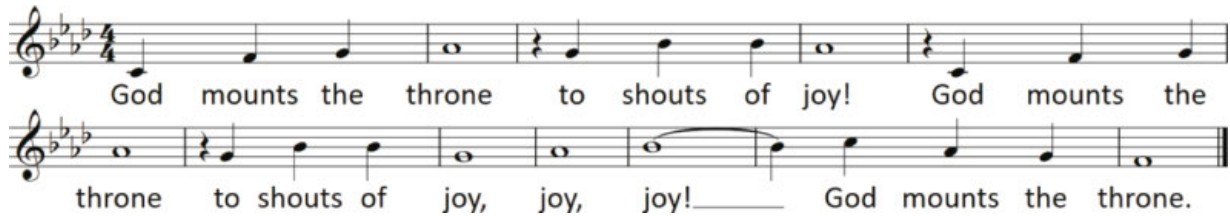
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **(Refrain)**

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Psalm: Psalm 47: "Shouts of Joy..."

Ken Canedo



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Gospel Acclamation:

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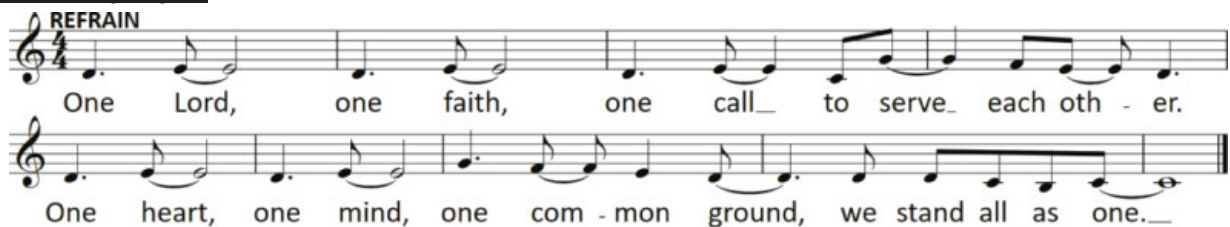
APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. AMEN+

Preparation of Gifts:

One Lord

Lori True



Give us new hands, open and free, to serve with grace and dignity.
May we be worthy of our call. We have but... **(Refrain)**

Give us new eyes, loving and wise, to seek the good we all have inside.
May we be worthy of our call. We have but... **(Refrain)**

Give us new hearts, humble yet strong, to love like you our whole life long.
May we be worthy of our call. We have but... **(Refrain)**

Breathe out your Spirit upon the land. In hope and peace we'll firmly stand
to live lives worth of our call. We have but... **(Refrain)**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again, until you come again.

Amen, Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen, Amen!

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (x2)

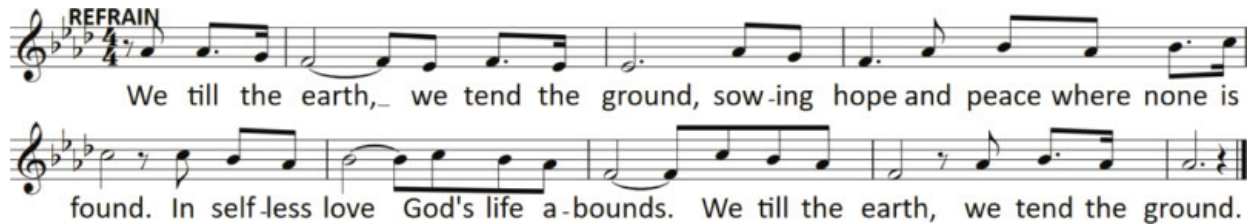
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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Communion:

Tend the Ground

Curtis Stephan



We till the earth, we tend the ground, sow-ing hope and peace where none is
found. In self-less love God's life a-bounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.

As God provides our every need, with grateful hearts let us receive
These gifts of love, and make return to bless the world, to bless the world. **(Refrain)**

All creatures share one common home, one loving God, one song of hope.
The rocks cry out and praises ring, rise up and sing, rise up and sing! **(Refrain)**

With open hand our Lord has given his life for all that we might live.
No greater love is there than this, no greater love, no greater love. **(Refrain)**

Where hardened hearts have turned to greed, trampling upon the fledgling seed.
Help us to tend to others' needs, open our eyes, open our eyes. **(Refrain)**

On rocky paths and trodden roads, Lord, clear the ground where thorns have grown.
Give us the grace to follow you. Make straight the way, make straight the way. **(Refrain)**

Let plows be forged from swords that kill. Let tools of war be shaped to till
And break the hard and stony ground. Lord, bring your peace, Lord, bring your peace. **(Refrain)**

Let mercy fall on us like rain to clear the air and heal the pain.

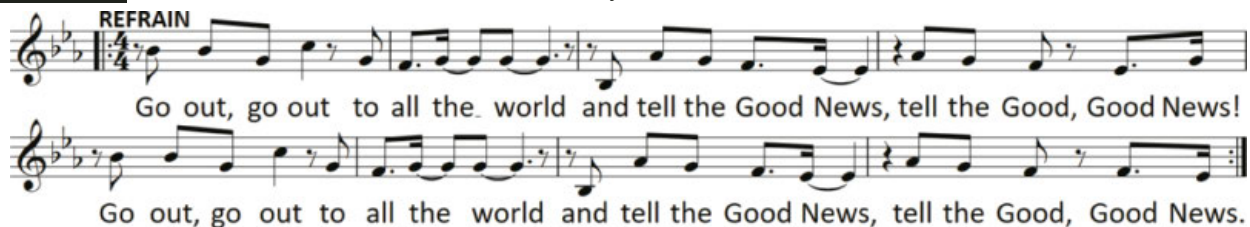
Where sin has broken bonds of love let mercy reign, let mercy reign. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Go Out, Go Out

Curtis Stephan



Go out, go out to all the world and tell the Good News, tell the Good, Good News!
Go out, go out to all the world and tell the Good News, tell the Good, Good News.

Praise the LORD, praise the LORD, all you nations!
Glorify, glorify, you peoples! **(to Refrain)**

Steadfast, steadfast is God's kindness toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures! **(to Refrain)**

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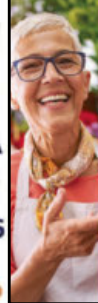


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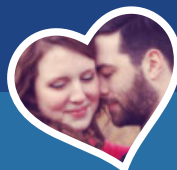
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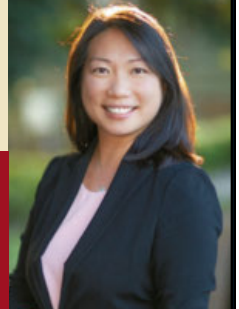
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