



## ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH

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SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28a



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 8, 2022

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat	05/07	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	For the People †Miguel Barraza †Maria Dolores Olvera, offered by Delia Romero Cumpleaños of †David Macias †Jose Juan Gomez, 2nd Ano luctoso
Sun	05/08	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Healing intentions of David Maxwell, offered by Suzanne Maxwell †Michael PiLutzko, offered by Bennie & Yolanda Lopez †Juan & †Felicita Nava, offered by Venancia Nava †Laura Rodriguez, & †Guadalupe Gonzalez, offered by Siblings & Children †Billy Long, offered by Marzenna Olivo †Miguel Barraza †Oscar Guerrero, offered by Yolanda Guerrero †Evelio Tamayo, offered by Beto Tamayo †Animas del Purgatorio, offered by Family Velasco
Mon	05/09	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tues	05/10	8:00 am	Communion Service & Liturgy of the Word
Wed	05/11	6:30 pm	Communion Service & Liturgy of the Word
Thurs	05/12	8:00 am	Communion Service & Liturgy of the Word
Fri	05/13	8:00 am	Communion Service & Liturgy of the Word

Sunday offering	05/01	\$7034.46
St. Vincent de Paul	05/01	\$2,323.00
We Share online	05/01	\$1,754.09

Thank you all for your support of the parishes operational expenses. For Online donations of Sunday offering and Building Fund visit: [www.stfrancislancaster.org](http://www.stfrancislancaster.org).

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday	English	5:00 PM
	Spanish	7:00 PM
Sunday	English	8:00 AM
	English	10:00 AM
	Spanish	12:00 PM

### Daily Mass Schedule

Mon.-Comm. Ser.	English	8:00 AM
Wed.	Spanish	6:30 PM
Tues, Thurs, & Fri	English	8:00 AM

### Readings for the week of May 08, 2022

Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/ Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/ Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
Next Sun:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/ Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

### Observances for the week of May 08, 2022

Sunday:	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day
Tuesday:	St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Thursday:	Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Friday:	Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday:	St. Matthias, Apostle
Next Sun:	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore

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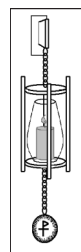
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Sanctuary Candle burns the week of  
May 8-14, 2022

In Memory of  
†Laura Rodriguez, & †Guadalupe Gonzalez  
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace.  
Offered by Siblings & Children

Catholic Charities Dallas Diocesan: May 14-15, 2022  
 Each year, we celebrate the hope and joy that Catholic Charities Dallas (CCD) brings to people of all faiths, ages, and backgrounds. CCD answers the call to be Christ's hands, feet, and smile to people living on the margins. Supporting CCD in its mission to serve the least fortunate of our Diocese is our collective mission as faithful Catholics.

**Payday Loan Relief**

Are you struggling to pay bills because of high-interest payday or auto title loan payments, or need an emergency loan for unexpected expenses such as home and auto repair, apartment deposit or medical expenses? The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** offers a program to convert payday loans/auto title loans into a low-interest loan that can be paid off over 12 months. We also offer emergency loans. For more information, call the St. Vincent de Paul assistance helpline, **214 520 0650 x 124**, and ask about the **Mini Loan Program**.

**Alivio de préstamos de día de pago**

¿Tiene dificultades para pagar las facturas debido a los pagos de préstamos de día de pago o sobre el título del auto con intereses altos? ¿O necesita un préstamo de emergencia para gastos inesperados, como reparaciones de la casa y del auto, depósito del apartamento o gastos médicos? **La Sociedad de St. Vincent de Paul** ofrece un programa para convertir préstamos de día de pago/préstamos de título de auto en un préstamo de bajo interés que se puede pagar en 12 meses. También ofrecemos préstamos de emergencia. Para obtener más información, llame a la línea de asistencia de St. Vincent de Paul, **214 520 0650 x 124**, y pregunte sobre el **Programa de minipréstamos**.

**Breakfast Schedule**

- May 8, 2022—No Breakfast-Youth Group Flower sales
- May 15, 2022—Guadalupanos
- May 22, 2022—Reencuentro Familia
- May 29, 2022—Renovación Parroquial

**St. Vincent de Paul Help line—972-218-6605**  
**Food Pantry open Thursdays 9:30 am to 11 am.**  
**Please stay in your car and your food will be brought out to you. During months where there is a 5th Thursday the Pantry is closed.**

**2nd Collections**

- May 8, 2022—Building Fund
- May 15, 2022—Catholic Charities
- May 22, 2022—Collection to Renew FORMED
- May 29, 2022—Catholic Communications Campaign

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Truck is coming to ST. FRANCIS CHURCH.**—Saturday May 14, 2022 will be **GIVING WEEKEND** here at St. Francis Church. We have arranged to have the Thrift Store Truck here in our parking lot from 9am to 5pm on Saturday May 14, 2022, to accept any clothing, household items and furniture that you wish to donate to St. Vincent de Paul. This is a fantastic opportunity to clean out your closets of the clothes that you have outgrown, your cabinets of the household items you no longer use, the unused furniture in the spare rooms and of all those items in the garage that you have wanted to get rid of. Please mark your calendars and remember to bring your gently used clothing, furniture, and household items for the needy families in our community. Families can have access to affordable living essentials at little cost to them at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store through our voucher program.

Articles that are too big and you have no way of getting them to the church please call SVDP Thrift Store for pick up at 214 710 1362. All donations are tax deductible.

We need volunteers to help us with accepting and loading donations to the truck. If you have an hour or two you can spare us on May 14, 2022, please call Loretta Grubb 708 912 0238 or Gaye Harcourt 214 232 3062.

**El camión de la tienda de St. Vincent de Paul llegará a St. Francis of Assisi**—El sábado 14 de mayo 2022 será un **FIN DE SEMANA DE DONACIÓN** aquí en la Iglesia. Hemos hecho arreglos para tener el camión de la tienda de segunda aquí en nuestro estacionamiento de 9 am a 5 pm el sábado 14 de mayo del 2022, para aceptar ropa, artículos para el hogar y muebles que desee donar a St. Vincent de Paul. Esta es una oportunidad fantástica para limpiar sus armarios de la ropa que ya no usen, gabinetes o muebles que no quieran y de todos esos otros artículos en el garaje que han querido deshacerse de. Marquen sus calendarios y recuerden traer los artículos que están en buena condición para las familias necesitadas de nuestra comunidad. Las familias pueden tener acceso a artículos básicos a bajo costo en St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store a través de nuestro programa.

Los artículos que son demasiado grandes y no tiene forma de llevarlos a la iglesia, llame a St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store para recogerlos al 214 710 1362. Todas las donaciones son deducibles de impuestos. Necesitamos voluntarios que nos ayuden a aceptar y cargar las donaciones en el camión. Si tiene una hora o dos que puedan dedicarnos el 14 de mayo, por favor de llamarle a Loretta Grubb 708 912 0238 o Gaye Harcourt 214 232 3062.

Please keep the sick members of our Parish family in your prayers: Janet Marusak, Barbara Westbrook, Diana Avalos, Beatrice Palacio, Janey Hood, Ana Sarinana, Alma Hernandez, Gloria Perez, Rudy Beltran, Steve Iannucilli, Simona Garza, Fr. Jimwell Goyo, Angela Copeland, Tillie Beltran, Zeferino Ledezma, Dolores S. Gatpandan, Francis Miramontes, Johnny Martinez, Esteban Lira, Pete Romero, Thomas & Yolanda Diaz, Raquel Baiza, Richard Oishei, Kenny Gunderman, Margie & Sam, Jesus Aguilar, Rosendo Lopez, Julia Lopez, K C Pena, Leah Pena, Lillie Munoz, Isidra Reyna, Enemencio Jaso, Alveno & Ruby Dickson, Mary Brown, Catalina Gonzalez, Brianna Dean, Nicolas & Angelo Florido, Rosa Maria Santos, Laurie Williamson, Osvaldo Mendoza Jr., Abigail Renata, Jerry Donoho, Abraham Perez, Luis Maldonado, and all those who are not listed and still are in need of our prayers. If you have a person to add on this prayer list, please call the office at 972-227-4124. You can also write the names of your sick loved ones in the notebook on the stand in the Narthex.

**Annual Blood Drive @  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish  
South Parking Lot inside  
Carter Blood Care Bus  
Sunday, June 12, 2022  
9 am to 1 pm.**

**Contact Sylvia Hermsillo @  
469-337-5128.**

**Carter blood donations are needed now more than ever. Please schedule your appointment by calling Sylvia. Walk ins are welcome, but those with appointments will be taken first. Please eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids before your donation.**

### Daily Prayer Versus Mass?

I have a friend who says she doesn't need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away? ©LPi

Vacation Bible School is the week of June 13<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. Each evening the events will begin at 6:20 pm and end around 8:30 pm. Registration after Mass is May 7/8, 14/15, & 21/22. After May 22, to register, there will be forms available in the office for those of you who want to come by and register. The fee is \$15. If paying by check, please make it out to St. Francis Youth Ministry. The age requirement is you must have completed grades K through 6<sup>th</sup> as of May/June 2022. Please call the office at 972-227-4124 for information.

### MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO –

**8 de mayo de 2022**

**4° Domingo de Pascua**

En este IV Domingo de Pascua, dedicado al Buen Pastor. Reflexionaremos una pequeña parte de la Homilía sobre los Evangelios de San Gregorio Magno (540-604). Fue el sexagésimo cuarto papa de la Iglesia Católica. Es uno de los grandes padres de la Iglesia latina o de occidente. *"Yo soy el buen pastor, yo conozco a mis ovejas, es decir las amo. Y mis ovejas me conocen. Como queriendo decir abiertamente: correspondo al amor de quien ama. El conocimiento precede siempre al amor de la verdad. Pregúntense, estimadísimos, si son ovejas del Señor, si lo conocen, si conocen la luz de la verdad. Hablo no solamente del conocimiento de la fe, sino también de aquel del amor; no solamente de creer sino también de obrar. San Juan, el evangelista, en efecto explica: 'Quien dice: conozco a Dios, pero no observa sus mandamientos, es un mentiroso' (1 Juan 2:4)".* Y continúa su homilía: *"Como el Padre me conoce y yo conozco al Padre, y ofrezco la vida por las ovejas"* (San Gregorio).

Nuestro actual Pastor, el Papa Francisco, nos da el mensaje de la siguiente manera: *"Nuestra vida está totalmente segura en las manos de Jesús y del Padre, que son una sola cosa: un único amor, una única misericordia, reveladas de una vez y para siempre en el sacrificio de la cruz. Él es nuestro guía, nuestro maestro, nuestro amigo, nuestro modelo, pero sobre todo es nuestro salvador. A veces Jesús nos llama, nos invita a seguirle, pero tal vez sucede que no nos damos cuenta de que es Él".* ¿Qué voces escuchas actualmente? ¿Señor, que sea uno contigo y escuche tu voz! ©LPi



**IS IT I LORD? IS GOD CALLING ME?** Join other Catholics who want to know, Friday through Sunday, June 10 -12, at the 2022 Vocation Discernment Weekend. It's a weekend event for single Catholic men and women, ages 18-40, to learn about life as a Priest, Brother, Sister, or Consecrated Lay Woman. The Vocation Discernment Weekend will be held at the University of Dallas, Irving, (a Catholic University). For further information, contact the Dallas Diocese Vocations Office, Fr. Paul Bechter, 214-379-2860, pbechter@cathdal.org, or visit <http://www.vapinfo.org>. Registration deadline is May 23rd. The Vocation Discernment Weekend is sponsored by the Serra Clubs and Diocesan Vocation Offices of Dallas and Fort Worth. No pressure... No Cost... No Obligations.

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

May 8, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter

“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.” (Pope Francis)  
We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God’s pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day’s end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost. ©LPi



## Religious Education

### Happy Mother's Day!

*God our Creator, we pray:  
for new mothers, coming to terms with  
new responsibility;  
for expectant mothers, wondering and  
waiting;  
for those who are tired, stressed or de-  
pressed;  
for those who struggle to balance the  
tasks of work and family;  
for those who are unable to feed their children due to  
poverty;  
for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional  
disabilities;  
for those who have children they do not want;  
for those who raise children on their own;  
for those who have lost a child;  
for those who care for the children of others;  
for those whose children have left home;  
and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been  
fulfilled.  
Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,  
and that they may lead their children to know and do  
what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God  
and for others. Amen.*



### ¡Feliz Día de las Madres!

*Dios y Creador nuestro, te pedimos:  
por las mujeres que recientemente se convirtieron en madres,  
para que asuman sus nuevas responsabilidades;  
por las mujeres embarazadas, que están a la expectativa  
deseando el nacimiento de su bebe;  
por las madres que están cansadas, estresadas o deprimidas;  
por las madres que luchan por equilibrar las tareas del traba-  
jo y la familia;  
por las madres que no pueden alimentar a sus hijos debido a la  
pobreza;  
por las madres cuyos hijos tienen discapacidades físicas,  
mentales o emocionales;  
por las madres que tienen hijos que no quieren;  
por las madres solteras que crían hijos por su cuenta;  
por las madres que han perdido a un hijo;  
por las madres que cuidan a los hijos de otros;  
por las madres cuyos hijos se han ido de casa;  
Y por las mujeres cuyo deseo de ser madre no se ha cumplido.*

*Bendice a todas las madres, para que su  
amor sea profundo y tierno, y que puedan  
llevar a sus hijos a conocer y hacer lo que  
es bueno, viviendo no para sí mismos, sino  
para Dios y para los demás. Amén.*

