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## MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

<b>Sun./Dom.</b>	<b>9 AM (English), 11 AM (Español)</b>
<b>Mon./Lun.</b>	<b>8:30 AM (English)</b>
<b>Tues./Mar.</b>	<b>6:45 PM (Español) Rosario, Vísperas &amp; Misa</b>
<b>Wed./Mier.</b>	<b>8:30 AM (English)</b>
<b>Fri./Vier.</b>	<b>6:45 PM (Español) Rosario, Vísperas &amp; Misa</b>
<b>Sat./Sab.</b>	<b>9 AM Mass for Children / Families (English)</b>

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday, 9 AM. to 4:30 PM (**Closed for lunch, 1:00-2:00 PM**)

**HORARIO DE LA CASA CURAL:** Lunes a Viernes, 9 AM a 4:30 PM (**Cerrada, 1 - 2 PM**)

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK/UNCIÓN DE ENFERMOS:** Call anytime/llamar a cualquier hora.

### **SPECIAL DEVOTIONS/DEVOCIONES ESPECIALES:**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, Fridays, after the 7 PM Mass / Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento con la Bendición : Viernes **luego** de la Misa de las 7 PM

The Miraculous Medal Novena, on Mondays after the Mass./Novena de la Medalla Milagrosas, los lunes después de la Misa.

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:** By appointment only. Please call the Parish Office well in advance.

**BAUTISMOS & BODAS:** Hacer una cita de antemano.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN:** 9 AM on Saturdays/ Sabado a las 9 AM. Any time by appointment / O llamar para una cita.

**COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:** Any one who cannot attend church because of illness or age, please contact the parish office so that arrangements can be made to bring communion to you. /

**COMUNION PARA LOS ENFERMOS:** Llámanos para que uno de nuestros ministros te lleve la Sagrada Comunión.

**WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS!** Please visit the Rectory so that we may formally register you as members of the parish.

**¡BIENVENIDOS NUEVOS FELIGRESES!** Favor de visitar a la Casa Cural para inscribirse en nuestra parroquia.

**Sunday/Domingo, May 13th -**

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; 1 Jn 4: 11-26 / Jn 17: 11-19

9 AM Edna M. Meade †

11 AM Nohora Silva †  
 Clema Escandon, Judith Silva ††  
 Familia Lopez-Calixto  
 Elizabeth Vaquero †  
 Cristina Pacheco, Antonia Tineo ††  
 Isabel Sanchez †  
 Gloria Lee (Salud)

**Monday/Lunes, May 14th -**

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26 / Jn 15: 9-17

8:30 AM George A. Burton †

**Tuesday/Martes, May 15th -**

Acts 20: 17-27 / Jn 17: 1-11

7 PM

**Wednesday/Miercoles, May 16th -**

Acts 20: 28-38 / Jn 17: 11-19

8:30 AM

**Friday/Viernes, May 18th -**

St. John I, Pope

Acts 18: 9-18 / Jn 16: 20-23

7PM

**Saturday/Sabados, May 19th -**

Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31 / Jn 21: 20-25

9 AM

12 PM First Holy Communion

**Sunday/Domingo, May 20th -**

Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2: 1-11; Gal 5: 16-25 / Jn 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

9 AM John L. Favareau †

11 AM José Polonia †  
 Martha Saavedra †  
 César & Marc Anthony (Birthday)

**COLLECTIONS/COLECTAS May 06, 2017**

Weekly need is / Necesidad semanal es: \$6,178.00

**Sunday Offering** \$2,686.75  
 ( 9 AM \$1,147 & 11 AM \$1,539.75)

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**May God Bless you for your generosity!**  
**¡Que Dios los bendigas a todos por su generosidad!**

Next Sunday is **PENTECOST SUNDAY**, we encourage all parishioners to wear something red in honor of the Holy Spirit.

El próximo domingo, es Domingo de **Pentecostés**. Les invitamos a todos los feligreses a vestirse con una prenda, corbata, bufanda, pañuelo ó ropa roja en honor al Espíritu Santo

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By/Por: Hijos

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE/HOSTIAS Y VINO**

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**St Matthias, Apostle (May 14)**

How does one qualify to be an apostle? The first act of the apostles after the Ascension of Jesus was to find a replacement for Judas. With all the questions, doubts, and dangers facing them, they chose to focus their attention on finding a 12<sup>th</sup> apostle. Why was this important? Twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People: 12 was the number of the 12 tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a 12<sup>th</sup> apostle was needed.

But Jesus had chosen the original 12. How could they know whom he would choose? 120 disciples were gathered for prayer and reflection in the upper room, when Peter stood up to propose the way to make the choice.

Peter had one criterion that, like the 11, the new apostle be someone who had been a disciple of Jesus from the very beginning, from his baptism by John until the Ascension. The reason for this was simple, the new apostle must become a witness to Jesus' resurrection. Two men fit this description - Matthias and Joseph called Barsabbas. They knew that both these men had been with them and with Jesus through his entire ministry. But which one had the heart to become a witness to his resurrection. The apostles knew that only the Lord could know what was in the heart of each.

They prayed and drew lots. The choice fell upon Matthias, who was added to the 11. We might wonder what Matthias thought about his being chosen an apostle by a roll of the dice. If the roll had been different, Joseph would have been chosen. It is a very humbling thought. But for chance – and the grace of God – things would have been different.

He was the 12<sup>th</sup> apostle and the group was whole again as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit. That's the first we hear of Matthias in Scripture, and the last. Matthias is not mentioned by name anywhere else in the NT.

This story is a great proof of 'apostolic succession'. Let us rejoice that the Church today is the same as the Church which Jesus established. Our bishops are the successors of the apostles. The Church is still guided by apostolic leadership under the Holy Spirit.

It would be interesting to know more about Matthias. But when you have mentioned that someone was a disciple of Jesus you have said the essential thing.

In any case, he had the greatness of staking everything on the truth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He may not have hit the headlines as some of the disciples did but he was one of the 12, he was there with Jesus for about 3 years, he gave up everything for what he believed.

So perhaps we can claim him as patron saint for disciples who never hit the headlines, but just get on with being faithful.

According to some ancient accounts he preached the gospel near the Caspian Sea, and then in Ethiopia, where he died a martyr's death either by crucifixion or by being axed to death. In Christian art his symbol is an axe.

**San Matías, Apóstol - Fiesta 14 de mayo**

San Matías es el apóstol póstumo de Jesús, que se incorpora al grupo después de la Ascensión del Señor. De varios apóstoles apenas sabemos más que el nombre. De Matías sólo sabemos su nombre y su elección. Es el único apóstol no elegido por Jesús. San Matías el sustituto, podíamos decir.

Después de la Ascensión de Jesús a los cielos, los apóstoles, dóciles a su mandato, descendieron del monte Olivete y se encerraron en el cenáculo. Jesús les había dicho que no se alejaran de Jerusalén y que esperaran allí la venida del Espíritu Santo. Con los apóstoles esperaban también algunas mujeres, y María la madre de Jesús.

Estaban encerrados. Orar era la única actividad. Orar y esperar. No tenían fuerzas para más, hasta que les llegara el aliento de lo alto. Sólo una iniciativa se tomó. Jesús había elegido doce apóstoles y les había dicho que, a su regreso glorioso, los doce se sentarían sobre doce tronos para regir las doce tribus de Israel. Y ahora faltaba un hombre para un trono. Judas Iscariote había apostatado. Había que buscarle un sustituto.

El número doce tenía un alto significado místico en la Biblia. Doce como las doce fuentes de Elim. Como los doce panes de la proposición. Como las doce puertas de la Jerusalén celestial. Como los doce hijos de Jacob. Como los doce cimientos de la muralla de Jerusalén. Como las doce piedras preciosas del peccoral sacerdotal: una sardónica, un topacio y una esmeralda. Un rubí, un zafiro y un diamante. Un ópalo, un ágata y una amatista. Un crisólito, un ónice y un jaspe. Doce, número sagrado en Israel.

Los Hechos de los Apóstoles nos ofrecen la primera alocución pontificia del primer Papa. Pedro se levantó y dijo: "Hermanos míos, era preciso que se cumpliera lo que el Espíritu Santo profetizó en la Escritura por boca de David acerca de Judas, el que guió a los que prendieron a Jesús... En el libro de los Salmos está escrito: Que su campamento quede desierto y no haya nadie que lo habite. Y también: Que otro ocupe su cargo".

Luego continuó: "Hermanos, es preciso que entre los que están en nuestra compañía desde el principio, es decir, desde el bautismo de Juan hasta el día en que el Señor Jesús nos dejó para subir a los cielos, escojamos uno para que sea testigo de su resurrección".

Puestas estas condiciones, entre las 120 personas que allí se encontraban, dos hombres parecían cumplirlas perfectamente. Y fueron presentados los dos: José, apellidado Barsabá, por sobrenombre Justo, y Matías.

Había que encomendar la elección a Dios. Y como se trataba de dos cosas buenas, siguiendo una costumbre de Israel, recurrieron a la suerte también. Y rezaron así: "Señor, Tú que conoces los corazones de los hombres, muéstranos a cuál de estos dos has elegido para ocupar en el ministerio del apostolado el puesto dejado por Judas para irse a su lugar. Echaron suertes sobre ellos, y cayó la suerte sobre Matías y fue uno de los Doce".

Nada más dicen los Hechos de Matías. Matías fue fiel a la elección. Algunos escritores antiguos nos lo presentan predicando en Jerusalén, en Judea, en las orillas del Nilo y en Etiopía, hasta sellar sus palabras con su sangre. <https://sanctoral.com>

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**CONFIRMATION**...Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 12 Noon.

**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH**... Thanks everyone who supported The Mothers' Day Dinner-Dance and the Knights of Columbus for organizing it.

### **Anuncios**

**PRIMERA COMUNIÓN**...sábado, 19 de mayo 2018 a las 12 PM.

**CONFIRMACIÓN**...sábado, 26 de mayo 2018 a las 12PM.

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