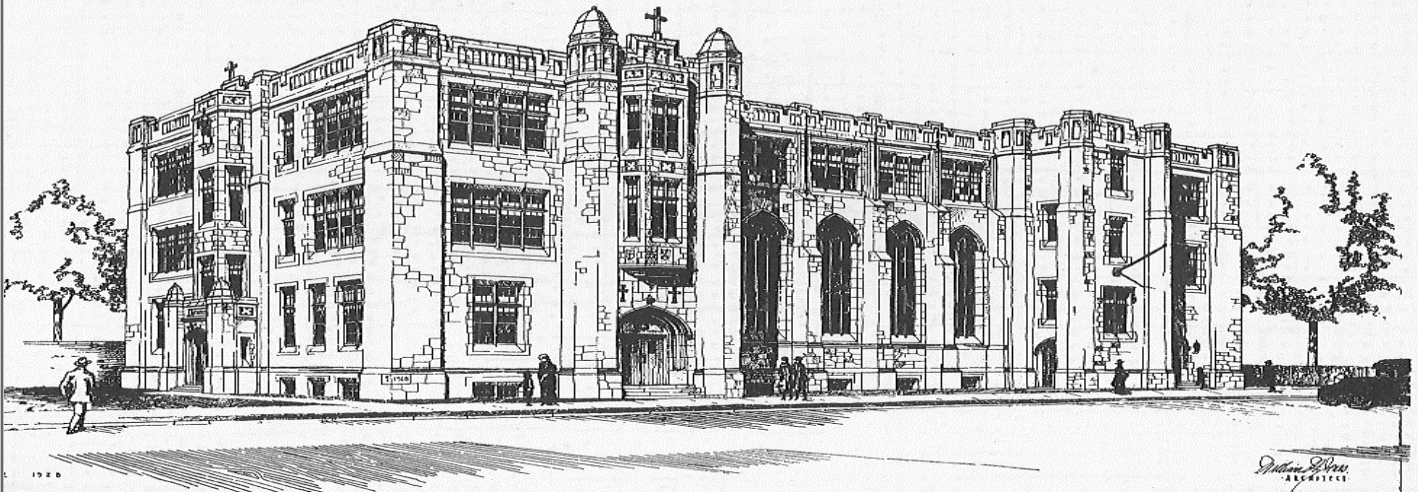


CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2015

MASSES

Saturday—9:00 AM, 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday—8:00 AM (Spanish), 9:30 AM,
11:00 AM (Spanish) & 12:30 PM

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Friday

8:00 AM (Spanish), 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays - 4:00-4:30 PM,
during Office hours, or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Parents must be registered parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish and must attend a Baptism Preparation Conference before the child is baptized. Arrangements must be made two months in advance of the baptism date by speaking with the Priest or Deacon at the Church Rectory. Baptisms are held once a month in English and in Spanish following the 12:30 PM Mass.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements for the Sacrament of Matrimony must be made at least six months in advance of the date desired. At least one of the parties must be officially registered as a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Parish. All engaged couples must attend marriage preparation sessions. Please make an appointment with the Priest or the Deacon in the Church Rectory Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: All children who attend public school must be enrolled in the parish religious education program in order to receive the sacraments. Classes are held on Saturday mornings and each child must be registered. You may call the Religious Education Office for further information.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:

Saturdays 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
First Fridays, 12:00 PM

ADULT SACRAMENTAL

PREPARATION: Classes are held for adults who wish to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Classes are held each week in English as well as in Spanish. Please call the Church Office or the Religious Education Office for further information.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Every family in the parish should be properly registered. New Parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory as soon as possible. If you are moving, please notify the Rectory.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Tuesdays after the 8:00 AM Mass (Spanish) and after the 9:00 AM Mass (English)

PARISH WEB SITE: visit our web page @
www.blessedsacramentbx.org

PLEASE REMEMBER BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, BRONX, NY IN YOUR WILL

CHURCH OFFERING: We greatly appreciate your weekly donations to the parish. The collections for the weeks of May 3, 2015 amounted to \$2,480.00 Thank you for your generosity.

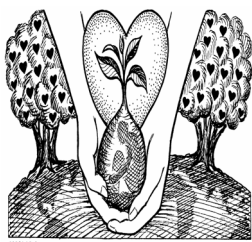
INCREASED GIVING CAMPAIGN: As we continue to **SHARE OUR GIFTS** through participating in the increased giving campaign of the parish, we are building a much better future for the parish. The success of our campaign to increase the weekly income of the parish continues to show success. So far the contributions continue to be consistent with the amounts that the parishioners have pledged. During these very difficult economic times, it is understandable that all cannot participate. Please be assured that whatever amount you are able to contribute is of help to the parish. **All who have made a pledge to increase their weekly contributions are encouraged to continue to do so. There is much that is yet to be accomplished in the parish and your increased financial contributions will make this a reality.**

UPCOMING EVENTS - PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS
 May 16, 2015 - Confirmation Mass 5:00pm
 May 17, 2015 - Bake Sale Altigracia Group
 May 24, 2015 - Bake Sale Guadalupe Group

LOVE ONE ANOTHER: Last Sunday we heard the familiar passage from John's Gospel in which Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and the branches. In that passage we were told that if we remained in Christ we would bear much fruit. Today's Gospel tells us just what that fruit is: love. Today's second reading and Gospel together create a great hymn to love. The chorus of this hymn is simple—God loves us so much that Jesus was sent into the world so that we would have life. The Lord Jesus, who last week told us to remain in him, this week tells us to remain in his love. In a world marked by division and terrorism, the Lord's final words in today's Gospel are a great challenge: "This I command you: love one another."



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: With June not far off, attention in the parish turns to the celebration of weddings. Perhaps no other area of parish life is more shaped or challenged by the expectations of our culture. An old Irish proverb, "Marry in Lent and you're soon to repent," is amplified by another warning: "Marry in May and rue the day!" Memories of old pagan parties in May endured, and the Irish felt wedding receptions in May would be a stress on community morals. Queen Victoria did not approve of May weddings either, and her influence is still felt on family calendars, as is her daughter's introduction of the white wedding gown. Sometimes we mistake customs and curiosities for tradition. Tradition with a capital "T" has to do with Christ's miraculous rescue of the wedding feast at Cana, his affirmation of a man and woman pledging lifelong fidelity at the heart of a community's feast. The Church cherished that memory over time, but it took a millennium for us to think of marriage as a sacrament. Much of the rest of what we associate with weddings has to do with culture, customs, and family practices. A wise



SUNDAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Today's passage from the Acts of the Apostles repeats some of Peter's preaching which we heard on Easter Sunday. We may think that the first Christians should have seen all at once that the resurrection of Jesus was good news for all nations. But just as we, through events and experience, gain insight, so for the first Christians, beautiful truths dawned upon them slowly.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10 Some people in the primitive Church thought that they had higher kind of knowledge of God than anyone else. They thought that they were closer to God because of their superior knowledge and they looked down on those who were not "in the know." John wrote today's epistle to combat this error: Love of God is higher than knowledge; knowledge without love is nothing; love is the gift of God that makes a person Christ-like.

Gospel Introduction: John 15:9-17 As the Father sent the Son, son the Son sends us. As the Son shows the Father's love, so we must show the love of the Son. We are not slaves but friends of Christ, sharing his mission of love.

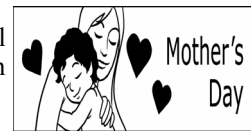
rabbi once said that "tradition is not wearing your father's hat; tradition is having a child." Don't let Queen Victoria reign over your wedding plans!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- MONDAY:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26- 16:4a
- TUESDAY:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- WEDNESDAY:** Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- THURSDAY:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 1:15-27, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
- FRIDAY:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- SATURDAY:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- SUNDAY:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY:

On behalf of my Rectory staff, I wish all our mothers, Godmothers, and Christian mothers a "Happy Mother's Day".



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

We Catholics will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord (40 days after Easter) on Thursday, May 14, 2015. It is a Holy Day of obligation and all Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass on this day. The schedule of Masses is; 8:00 AM Spanish, 9:00 AM English, 7:30 PM Bilingual Mass.

+++REST IN PEACE+++

Domenica Liggio; Adelina Peña



PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Gene Lacorbiniere
Helen Anthony
Juan & Melissa Valdez
Gladys & Fernando Stgo
María Cristina León
Michelle Reyes
Isabel Soza e Isabel Elter
Lisa Rivera
Jacob Thompson
Dolores Dávila

Albert López
Andrea Ortiz
Cleofe Morales
Marcos Cuevas
Florene Scott
Audrey Ávila
Encarnación Lugo
Johnny López
Nicolasa Fernández
Ofelia Álvarez
Raúl Rivera

Trinidad Vargas
Edward Victoria
Stephanie Merenda
Christian Tobar
Antonia Pérez
Altagracia Vázquez
Ángel Luis Rodríguez
Marisol Singer
Bernice Jones
Juan Torres
Bernie Hamilton



MONDAY:

8:00AM
9:00AM

MAY 11, 2015

+ANA MARIA ORTIZ
+KENNETH RODRIGUEZ

TUESDAY:

8:00AM

MAY 12, 2015

+DIFUNTOS DE LA FAM CASTAÑEDA BODA
RODRIGUEZ

9:00AM

WEDNESDAY:

8:00AM
9:00AM

MAY 13, 2015

THURSDAY:

8:00AM
9:00AM

MAY 14, 2015

+LUIS FERNANDO VAZQUEZ

FRIDAY:

8:00AM
9:00AM

MAY 15, 2015

+ANTONIA / JOAQUIN AVILES

SATURDAY:

9:00AM
5:00PM

MAY 16, 2015

+DAISY GARCIA
CONFIRMATION MASS

SUNDAY:

8:00AM

MAY 17, 2015

+MARIA LIGIA ESTRADA & GERARDO ANTONIO
GOMEZ

9:30AM

11:00AM
12:30PM

+EUGENIO, JUSTINA & VICTOR TORRES

+HAYDEE & JUAN RAMOS

+RAMON PEREZ

CONTRIBUCIÓN A LA IGLESIA: Estamos muy agradecidos por su generosa contribución que hacen a nuestra parroquia semanalmente. Las colectas total de la semana del 3 de mayo de 2015 fue de \$2,480.00 Gracias por su generosidad.

ÁMENSE UNOS A OTROS: El domingo pasado escuchamos el familiar pasaje del Evangelio de san Juan en el que Jesús usa el símbolo de la viña y las ramas. En ese pasaje escuchamos que si permanecemos en Cristo daremos mucho fruto. El Evangelio de hoy nos dice cuál es ese fruto: el amor. La segunda lectura de hoy junto con el Evangelio crean un gran himno de amor. El coro de este himno es sencillo –Dios nos ama tanto que envió a Jesús al mundo para que tuviéramos vida. El Señor Jesús que nos dijo la semana pasada que permaneciéramos en él, esta semana nos dice que permanezcamos en su amor. En un mundo marcado por las divisiones y el terrorismo, las últimas palabras del Evangelio de hoy son un gran reto: “Esto es lo que les mando: que se amen los unos a los otros”.

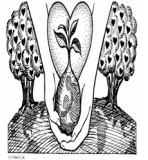
TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE: Gracias a los grupos, asociaciones y movimientos tenemos muchos movimientos evangélicos dentro de la Iglesia católica. Movimientos



LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA DOMINICAL: Hechos 10:25-26;

34-35, 44-48; Salmo 98; 1 Juan 4:7-10; Juan 14:9-17 A medida que nos vamos acercando a Pentecostés escucharemos mas sobre el Espíritu Santo. La primera lectura de hoy nos habla de como el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre aquellos que escuchaban a Pedro. Cuando escuchemos esta lectura hoy, pudiera sernos beneficioso reflexionar sobre lo que eso significa y como el Espíritu Santo se les manifestó a ellos. Tal vez el mensaje sobre el amor en la segunda lectura y en Evangelio nos dé la respuesta. ¿Cómo se manifiesta el Espíritu Santo en nosotros?

como Cursillos de Cristiandad, Talleres de Oración, S.I.N.E., la Renovación Carismática, Espiritualidad de la Cruz, Jornadas de Vida Cristiana, que dependen de himnos religiosos o de un canto lema para ir formando una conciencia cristiana en sus miembros o seguidores. Esta formación se basa en una relación íntima y emocional entre Jesús y sus seguidores. Un himno carismático dice así: “Yo tengo un amigo que me ama”, y otro de ellos dice: “Él es mi amigo Jesús, él es Dios, él es rey, es amor y verdad”. Estos dos himnos de autor desconocido, enfatizan lo bello que es tener una relación íntima con el Señor, mejor dicho, con nuestro amigo Jesús. Jesús mismo enfatiza este tipo de relación cuando dice: “No los llamo ya siervos... a ustedes los he llamado amigos” (Juan 15:15). Toda amistad se basa en una mutua atracción, simpatía y reciprocidad. Jesús dice que somos sus amigos 1) cuando hacemos lo que nos manda y 2) porque nos enseña lo que recibe de su Padre. La amistad con Jesús, es más que una emoción, se basa en el compromiso y la perseverancia.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- LUNES:** Hch 16:11-15; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Martes:** Hch 16:22-34; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Miércoles:** Hch 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Jueves:** Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17-23 o Ef 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mc 16:15-20 (para la Ascensión); o Hch 1:15-27, 20-26; Sal 113 (112):1-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Viernes:** Hch 18:9-18; Sal 47 (46):2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Sábado:** Hch 18:23-28; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Domingo:** Hch 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; o, para la ascension, Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47(46):2-3,6-9; Ef 1:17-23 o Ef 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mc 16:15-20

DÍA DE LAS MADRES

A todas las madres les deseamos, el Pastor, Padre Evaristus Ohuche, Padre Thomas Joseph, y el Diacono Epimegnio Portalatin, **UN FELIZ DÍA DE LAS MADRES!!** Que Dios las bendiga.



CONFIRMATION MASS: Please join us at our Confirmation Mass this Saturday. Our Children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during our 5:00 PM evening Mass on Saturday May 16th, 2015. The retired Auxiliary bishop of New York, Most Reverend Josu Iriondo will be the principal celebrant at the Mass. We welcome him to our parish.

LA MISA DE CONFIRMACIÓN: Nuestros niños de nuestra parroquia recibirán el Sacramento de su Confirmación este sábado , 16 de mayo 2015 a las 5:00 PM por el Obispo Josu Iriondo.