

Dear Friends,

Today's gospel setting captures that final moment of Jesus and his disciples at the Last Supper. Jesus was preparing to leave them, but had to reassure them that he would not leave them orphans. He would in fact ask the Father to give them another Advocate. However, this was not to be without a commitment. Jesus then calls them to a commitment of Love by keeping his commandments; "If you love me you will keep my commandments," Jesus said. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate enables us to know the unconditional love of God, but it is conditioned on our part to love God, for if we say we love God but are not keeping his commandments, we are placing ourselves at a distance from God and from the true love of God, which is forever. We can be sure we love God if we keep His commandments.

Another school year is drawing to a close. We congratulate those who are graduating this year at different levels of their education. In all the Masses for this weekend, we will thank God for the achievements of these graduates. Your perseverance and commitment to your schoolwork has led you to this day. As you end a chapter of your life, another chapter is opening up for you. Do not stop aiming higher in life. Our parish community congratulates all the 2017 graduates and prays that you will allow the light of Christ to shine in you as you step out into the world. We are all invited to the Baccalaureate Service of the Salado High School Graduating Class of 2017. The venue is the Salado United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 6p.m

This weekend Sunday May 21st, Daniella and Veronica Lombardi will be entertaining us in a musical concert from 2pm to 3pm, here in St. Stephen. I invite all parishioners to attend this performance by two very talented ladies featuring the Violin, Piano and Harp instruments. Daniella has been accepted into the New York City String Summer Program, as well as the Joffrey Ballet School Camp, both this summer. She was also selected to the All State Orchestra in San Antonio this year. As a way of supporting these young talented sisters in our parish, monetary donation will be accepted. However, they are most excited to share their God given talents with us.

Have a blessed weekend.

Fr. Jude Uche, MSP

Sexto Domingo de Pascua

A través del Cristo Resucitado, se nos da el don del Espíritu Santo. Es el Espíritu el que nos llena de esperanza y gozo, incluso enfrente del sufrimiento. Este mismo Espíritu nos baña con un amor y verdad que están más allá de los estándares y la sabiduría "terrenal". Es el Espíritu de Dios el que nos transforma, de un grupo de individuos solos o extraños, en una comunidad de hermanos y hermanas. Esta solidaridad, el fruto del Espíritu, "presume la creación de una nueva mentalidad la cual piensa en términos de comunidad y de la prioridad de la vida sobre la apropiación de bienes por unos pocos". (El Gozo del Evangelio).

Sixth Easter Sunday

Through the Risen Christ, we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit that fills us with hope and joy, even in the face of suffering. This same Spirit showers us with a love and truth that is beyond "worldly" standards and wisdom. It is God's Spirit that transforms us from a mere collection of isolated individuals or strangers into a community of brothers and sisters. This solidarity, the fruit of the Spirit, "presumes the creation of a new mindset which thinks in terms of community and the priority of life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few." (The Joy of the Gospel)

Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 20	5:30 pm	Don Kohring +
Sunday	May 21	9:00 am 11:00 am	Nicholas Pritchett For the Families of St. Stephen
Monday	May 22		NO MASS
Tuesday	May 23	6:00 pm	Bobby Reihsen (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday	May 24	8:30 am	Brent Romero +
Thursday	May 25	8:30 am	For the Families of St. Stephen
Friday	May 26	12:00pm	Megan Romero (Health)
Saturday	May 27	5:30 pm	Juan & Petra Reyna +
Sunday	May 28	9:00 am 11:00 am	Orlando Lopez + Fr. Jude (Birthday)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY MAY 21

9 am Graduation Mass (English)
11 am Graduation Mass (Spanish)

MONDAY MAY 22

6:30 pm Grupo de Oracion Bible Study
(Spanish) *Marian Room*

TUESDAY MAY 23

8 am Men's Group- *OLOG Room*
6:30 pm *TNMC- Parish Hall*

WEDNESDAY MAY 24

9 am SSWS Bible Study- *OLOG Room*

THURSDAY MAY 25

FRIDAY MAY 26

7 pm Adoration (Grupo de Oracion)

SATURDAY MAY 27

10 am Erick Acevedo & Graciela Hernandez
(Baptism)

SUNDAY MAY 28

Ministry Schedule for May 27-28 2017

Mass	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers / Greeters	Ministers of Eucharist
5:30 PM	L Arnold B Wald	M Markham E Markham	D Broecker P Broecker M Milliser	O Moreno F Pajestka J McGregor B Yanez-Smith J Morin
9:00 AM	A Rodriguez J Fulfer	J Delio A Patton L Hossfield	W Matus J LaCanne G Reihsen	Deacon Ernie G Pritchett K Cross J Rodriguez D Roberts R Michalewicz
11:00 AM	R Urquiza R Arias	S Arias J Perez S Perez M Hernandez	A Perez D Arias D Cortes	E Olalde R Urquiza N Martinez O Esteves C Tovar

Monetary Stewardship

Collection Last Week:

Regular: \$ 3,978.00

Online: \$538.36

Total \$ 4,516.36

*Basilica of the Nations Shrine of
Immaculate Conception*

\$ 912.00

*remembering the words of the Lord who
said, It is more blessed to give than to receive
(Acts 20:35).*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 26-30, 2017



*This year VBS "Maker Fun Factory" will be held June 26-30
from 6-8 PM. Please join us!
Please contact Laura Snyder for more information
254-913-2239*

**Grupo de Oracion Fe y
Esperanza de San
Esteban**



Grupo de Oracion Fe y
Esperanza los invita este
Viernes **26 de Mayo** a las **7
pm** a la Hora Santa que
contara con la presencia del
joven Jeremy

Building Fund Update
Construyendo Para Nuestro Senor

Total Pledge: \$1,414,885.54

Amount Collected: \$930,635.62

Loan Balance:
\$484,249.92

Congratulations Graduates
High School

Haniel Cruz, Natalie Bazar, Cassidy Brown, Jake Harvey, Chase
Kuns, Clayton Kunz, Daniel Luna, Luke Markham, Fernando
Olalde, Jazmin Ortiz, Parker Seaton, Nathaniel Sunshine

**"I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear or be dismayed, for
the Lord. Your God is with you wherever you go." Josh 1:9**

Do you want to marry in the Catholic Church? Plan to
attending marriage preparation classes six months before
you date. Our next preparation class will be on August
26, 2017 from 9 am to 5 pm. Please call the office
254-974-8037 to register or more information.

?Quieres casarte por la Iglesia Catolica? Planea asistir a
las clases de preparacion matrimonial seis meses antes
de tu fecha. Nuestra siguiente clase sera el 26 de Agosto
de 9 am a 5 pm. Para registrarse o mayor informacion
hablar a la oficina 254-947-8037