

# SPCC Happenings



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## Father Duenas Visits St. Pat's, Ministers To Parishioners



Father Duenas, nephew of Gilberto Duenas, is surrounded by many of St. Patrick's Hispanic parishioners who attended weekday Masses at which he officiated in the early evenings during his recent visit to the parish. Vanessa Duenas, who, with her husband Gilberto conduct pre-baptism classes in Spanish, is pictured standing in front of Father Duenas and beside (to Vanessa's left) Father Duenas' mother, Alicia Duenas Lopez who came from Mexico with her son for the two-week stay. Approximately 30 persons participated in the 6 p.m. Masses.

When he approached you, he displayed a beaming smile and extended his hand warmly in expectation of being introduced. This was Father Ulises Manzo Duenas, a nephew of parishioner Gilberto Duenas, who recently visited with his relatives living in Churchill County and ministered to St. Patrick's Hispanic members.

Arriving on July 25th from his parish, Iglesia Nuestra Senora Del Consuelo in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, Father Ulises spent two weeks with Gilberto and his wife, Vanessa, and their family. Accompanying him was his mother, Alicia Duenas Lopez, also from Guadalajara.

During his stay Father Duenas offered his services to the Hispanic parishioners of St. Patrick's including blessing homes, hearing confessions, and helping with family issues. In addition, Father Ulises celebrated Mass at 6 p.m. during the week as well as the 12:30 p.m. Sunday Mass. The evening Mass was well attended with an average of 30 Hispanic parishioners participating in the celebration. On Sun., August 4, Father Duenas facilitated an afternoon retreat whose topic was *La Familia*. It also witnessed the attendance of many members of the parish's Hispanic community.

This was not Father Duenas' first visit to the local area. According to Vanessa, he has come to Fallon and ministered to St. Patrick's Hispanic community in a number of other years. He hopes to return again in the future.

Many thanks to Father Ulises for blessing St. Patrick's with his presence and service!

## Father Cortese, MMP National Director, Celebrates Mass, Conducts Cenacle Here

Father Richard Cortese, the National Director of the Marian Movement of Priests, included a visit to St. Patrick's within his busy schedule when he briefly came to Nevada during the second week of August. His three day itinerary took him to Reno, Fallon and Las Vegas to celebrate Mass and lead services called "cenacles" before he returned to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Jackson, Tennessee, where he serves as associate pastor.

The Marian Movement of Priests (MMP) is an association of Catholic clergy and lay associate members founded by Father Stefano Gobbi, an Italian priest, in 1972. According to the MMP, its members number over 400 cardinals and bishops, more than 100,000 priests, and several million lay Catholics worldwide. In a March 19, 2019, letter to MMP members, Father Cortese defined the MMP cenacle as based upon the experience of the apostles when they prayed together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, while they awaited the descent of the Holy Spirit. The

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## Women of Grace To Begin Soon

*Women of Grace*, a nine-week ministry for women established by Johnnette (Benkovic) Williams, will begin at St. Patrick's in September. It plans to meet for two hours on one evening each week for the purpose of studying and increasing understanding of the Catholic faith, of sharing faith and fellowship, and of deepening one's faith through available resources. Cost is the purchase of a book and workbook. More details will be forthcoming.

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five steps to a cenacle are a Holy Spirit prayer, reciting the rosary, prayers for the Holy Father, a reading from the Blue Book (containing Father Gobbi's interior locutions or messages he attributed to the Blessed Mother), and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In Reno on Tues., Aug. 13, an evening Mass was offered at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral followed by a cenacle and potluck dinner. Father Cortese celebrated Mass at St. Patrick's with Father Tony on Wed., Aug. 14, at 9 a.m. A cenacle, including adoration and benediction, and lunch at a local restaurant followed. Father Cortese's final stop on his three-day sojourn was Las Vegas.

Father Cortese travels within the United States for three days each month for the MMP in addition to his duties as an associate pastor in Tennessee.

Andrew Campbell, a St. Patrick's parishioner, had written to Father Cortese to request he come to Nevada which is the farthest west he has traveled. Andrew participates in a local MMP group which consists of two to ten individuals depending on any given week, and meets late Friday afternoon. For more information about this group, contact Andrew.



Father Cortese (center) and St. Patrick's pastor, Father Tony pause for a photo with parishioner Andrew Campbell, prior to saying Mass at St. Patrick's on Wed., Aug. 14, at 9 a.m.

**Editorial: Faith and Community**

*On Sun. Aug. 18, about 100 members of St. Patrick's parish community came together at an 11 a.m. Bilingual Mass held at Oats Park in Fallon. The service was followed by a picnic at which grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, provided by the parish, and various side dishes, prepared by parishioners, were served. It was a perfectly warm and sunny day with little wind to disrupt the festivities. Many hearts and hands unselfishly gave of their time and effort to make this event a successful one:*

*Father Tony—suggesting the idea of "Mass and Picnic in the Park" and celebrating the Mass*

*Deacon Wayne—assisting Father Tony at Mass*  
*Knights of Columbus—hauling tables and chairs, setting up, barbecuing, cleaning up, and taking down*

*Ladies Guild—bringing extra beverages in coolers with ice*

*Paul Loop—going to COSTCO for the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, cheese slices, condiments, and watermelon; getting the barbecue from Louie's; cutting up the watermelon; and helping to grill*

*Anne Bloomfield and Jeannette Hale—slicing the tomatoes and onions*

*Lorraine Melanson and Alan Smith—working on the water balloon activity which the kids enjoyed*

*Judy Northrup—doing all that needed to be done to get an altar at the park ready for Mass*

*Mary Thomas and Alicia Centeno—coordinating hymns and other church music by the English and Spanish choirs who sang reverently and beautifully*

*Alicia Centeno—providing a sound system*

*Parishioners who attended and who also brought dishes to go along with the provided meat*

*Thanks to all! It was a wonderful gathering of the parish family sharing faith, friendship and food in the natural setting of one of Fallon's lovely parks!*

**Nor-Cal Jam On Fire Info Meeting Aug. 25**

All high school students, freshmen through senior class members, are invited to attend an informational meeting concerning the On Fire Nor-Cal Jam, an annual event that will mark its 10th year in 2019 and will take place on Sat., Sept. 14, at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, California. The informational meeting is scheduled for Sun., Aug. 25, 6 p.m., in St. Patrick's parish hall. Parents are encouraged to also attend so they can complete registration documents and pay the required fees. Parishioners are welcome to come to the meeting and support the youth who choose to grow in their Catholic faith through this activity. For additional details or if you have questions, please call St. Patrick's Youth Coordinator, Paul Loop, at 775-741-0846 or leave him a text message that includes your name.