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May 12, 2024

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Saturday & Sunday Masses

Weekday Masses

- \* Monday—Friday: 7:30AM
- \* Saturday: 8AM

Saturday Vigil Masses

- \* St. Gertrude's Church: 4:00PM

Sunday Masses

- \* Spanish Mass: 9:00AM
- \* English Mass: 11:00AM
- \* English Mass: 5:00PM

Confessions: Saturday: 3:00PM-4:00PM  
Sunday: 30 minutes before all Masses



**Celebration of Sacraments**

**Baptism:** Parents may register their child for baptism at the parish office. Please turn in necessary paperwork two (2) weeks prior to class. Baptism Classes will be the 1st Tuesday of every month. Baptisms are done on the third Sunday of the Month.

**Marriage:** Contact Parish Priest/Office at least six (6) months before the proposed wedding date.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Priest /Office when a parishioner is seriously ill and/or is scheduled for major surgery. Emergency phone-505-835-0199.

**Sunday Collection for**

May 5, 2024 : \$3,985.80  
(Envelopes: \$2,712.00 Loose: \$1,273.80)  
# Envelopes used: 67  
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**Altar Society:**

May 13, 2024  
Yvonne Montoya/Margie Romero

**DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN IS: TUESDAY  
AT 12 PM IN WRITING, PLEASE!**

**St. Gertrude 2024 Spring Raffle**

It's that time of the year again! We are selling the \$100 dollar raffle tickets. You may purchase one from any of the St. Gertrude and/or Mission Mayordomos. Tickets will also be available in the Parish Office.



- 2024 Spring Raffle
- 1st Prize: \$5,000
- 2nd Prize: \$1,000
- 3rd Prize: \$750
- 4th Prize: \$500
- 5th Prize: \$500



Need not to be present to win! The drawing will take place on Friday, June 21st at the close of Vacation Bible School.

**\$100 per ticket**

**SATURDAY— May 11 Ledoux Funcion**

**4PM Vigil Mass**

**Celebrant: Fr. Dale**

- + Diane Trambley (29th Anniv) /by Trambley Family
- + Cenaida Pacheco (6th Anniv) & Mariquita Pacheco/by Family
- + Alex & Marie Branch, Martin Sandoval /by Martin & Mildred Sandoval
- + Tonie Trujillo, Carlos, Emilia & Charlie Trujillo Jr. /by Fidel, Amanda & boys
- + For health & well-being of Ledoux community neighbors/ by Fidel, Amanda & boys

**SUNDAY—May 12 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**9AM Mass**

**Celebrant: Fr. Paul**

- + Deacon Ray Cordova, Steven Cordova & Gabrielle Cordova /by Evelyn
- + Alex Mora & Justin Roper /by Ida Mora
- + Ricardo & Mauricia Romo /by Nicanora, Donna & Albert
- + Benjamin Vasquez /by Evelyn

**11AM Mass**

**Celebrant: Fr. Dale**

- + Mary (B-day), Joe & Richard Lucero /by Inez
- \* For the Confirmation Students that the Holy Spirit may touch their hearts in a special way /by Inez
- + Devin Candelaria /by Grandma Viola
- \* For all mothers, especially those facing difficult pregnancies /by the Gabriel Project

**5PM Mass**

**Celebrant: Fr. Paul**

**People of the Parish**

- + Lucy Vasquez, Alicia Leyba Vigil & Our deceased grandmothers /by Eufrazio & Norma Vigil
- + June & Gilbert Salas & Juan Leyba /by Irene & Rose Salas
- + Mr. & Mrs. Adelaido Valdez, Leroy & Orlando Valdez, Elias, Consuelo & Floyd Valdez /by Fabiola Archuleta

Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9 Eph 1:17:23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,11-13 Mk 16:15-20

**MONDAY— May 13 Our Lady of Fatima**

**7:30AM Mass**

- + Kate Coombe (B-day) In Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary /by David & Barbara
- + Fr. George Salazar, Fr. Vidal Martinez & Special Intention /by Evelyn Cordova

Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3b,4-5acd,6-7b Jn 16:29-33

**TUESDAY— May 14 Saint Matthias, Apostle**

**7:30AM Mass**

Acts 16:22-24 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

**WEDNESDAY— May 15 Saint Isidore (USA)**

**7:30AM Mass**

- + Viola Olivas & Our Departed Family Members /by Amy & May
- + Holy Family for the repose of the soul of Lucy Vasquez /by Eufrazio & Norma
- + Benjamin Vasquez, Antonio Urioste, Special Intention /by Evelyn

Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,33-36b Jn 17:11b-19

**THURSDAY – May 16**

**7:30AM Mass**

- + Viola Romero, Rosel Trujillo & Paz Aragon /by Albinita
- + Ted Grala (41st Anniv) /by Fr. Paul & family

Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Jn 17:20-26

**FRIDAY— May 17**

**7:30AM Mass**

Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20b Jn 21:15-19

**SATURDAY— May 18 Saint John I, Pope, Martyr**

**8AM Mass**

- \* Deacon Jacob Romero & his ordination to priesthood /by Evelyn Cordova

Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Ps 11:4-5,7 Jn 21:20-25

**SATURDAY— May 18 Ojo Feliz Funcion**

**4PM Vigil Mass**

**Celebrant: Fr. Dale**

- \* Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague teach us to live by scripture /by Eufrazio & Norma
- \* Special Intention + Repose of Jane Hagaman & Barbara Nelson /by Ellen Hagaman

**SUNDAY—May 19 PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**9AM Mass**

**Celebrant: Fr. Paul**

- + Jerry Warren, Ernesto & Beatrice Alcon & David Maestas /by Alex & Yvonne
- + Emenencia Romo /by Carlos & Nancy Romo
- + Nazario Zamora (52nd Anniv) & Gilbert Zamora /by Ida Mora
- + MaryJo, Derek, Eric, Dominic & Jonathan /by Trujillo family

**11AM Mass**

**Celebrant: Fr. Dale**

- + John & Teodorita Serna /by Sophie Serna
- + John, Marcia, Charles & Joseph Vigil /by Jonathan Vigil
- \* All pregnant women & families /by the Gabriel Project

**5PM Mass**

**Celebrant: Fr. Paul**

**People of the Parish**

- + Canuto & Francisquita Sandoval & Sister Mary Carmen /by Martin & Mildred Sandoval

Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1ab,24ac,29bc-30,31,34 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 or

Gal 5:16-25 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27;16:12-15



THINKING OF YOU ON MOTHER'S DAY,  
AND SAYING A *special* PRAYER—  
THAT GOD,  
WHO KNOWS HOW DEAR YOU ARE,  
WILL KEEP YOU IN HIS CARE.  
THAT HE WILL *bless* YOUR DAILY LIFE  
WITH JOYS OF EVERY KIND—  
WITH PERFECT HEALTH AND HAPPINESS  
AND *peace* OF  
HEART AND MIND.

**Bible Study!!!**



Bible Study

Bible Study will continue on  
Wednesdays, at 9am & 6pm in the  
Church. "Gospel of John" Read  
Chapter 15 & 16. Bring your Bibles!

**UPCOMING MISSION MASSES: As of Saturday, May 4th,**  
**the Saturday 4pm Vigil Mass will NOT be at St. Gertrude but**  
**in the Missions at 4pm. (Confessions @ 3:30)**

<i>Ojo Feliz Funcion</i>	<i>Lucero Funcion</i>	<i>Rainsville Funcion</i>
San Isidro	Santa Rita	Sacred Heart of Jesus
May 18th, 4pm	May 25th, 4pm	June 1st, 4pm

**Novena to the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit Novena will begin  
on Friday, May 10th and end  
Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. You  
will find the novena as an insert in  
the bulletin.



**Adoration Chapel:** The Chapel is now open 24 hours. Anyone who wants to devote an hour of adoration please contact Deacon Eloy at 505-948-6887.

**Cemetery Plots:** All plots need to be prearranged by Mission Mayordomos or the Church Office. Also please clean & maintain your family member's plot.

**Charitable Giving:** Charitable Giving is on Monday's from 10-12 & 1-3pm.

**Commodities:** The Commodities will be distributed on Tuesday, May 14th.

**Legion of Mary:** The Rosary Rally will be every 2nd Saturday of the month at 12pm by the Parish Hall. The Book Borrow will be every 2nd weekend of the month.

**Men's Group:** Men's group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Chapel. *Men's Group will attend Fr. Dale's Bible Study in the Church at 6 PM.*

**The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society** will be praying the rosary at 8:30 on the first Sunday of every month.

**WINGS:** Women in Need of God meets every Friday at 10am in the Pastoral Center.

**St. Gertrude's Yard Sale:** The Yard Sale will start up again on Friday, April 5th from 9am-2pm.

## Religious Education

**Elementary Religious Education:** The last class for catechism will be on Tuesday, May 14th.

**First Holy Communion will be on May 19th at 11am.**

*Please keep the students and their families in your prayers .*

### Daily Rosary at Holman Mission (Immaculate Heart of Mary)

The Daily Rosary will begin on May 1st at 3pm in Holman at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mission. The rosary will be everyday for the month of May at 3pm.

**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 17TH-JUNE 21ST!**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



*Prayer Update: Mamma and baby are doing better. Thank you for all the prayers!*

**Pregnant? Need Help?**  
Call 505-504-4772

### Ministry Schedule

**May 18th 4pm**  
Ojo Feliz Funcion

**May 19th 9am**

**Lector:** Alfredo Gomez  
**Choir:** Nazario Montoya  
**Server:** Cristina, Adults  
**EU Minister:** Sr. Mary Teresa  
**Mavordomos:** William & Monica Romero

**May 19th 11am**

**Lector:** First Communicants  
**Choir:** Santa Maria  
**Server:** Gabriel, Paul & Adam  
**EU Minister:** Deacon Clarence  
**Mavordomos:** Michael & Tammy Alexander

**May 19th 5pm**

**Lector:** Anabelle Lopez  
**Choir:** MC Sandoval  
**Server:** Cory, Marcus & Brayden  
**EU Minister:** Deacon Eloy  
**Mavordomos:** Jason & Loretta DeHerrera



### Rosary Rally

Join us for a Rosary Rally Saturday, May 25th at 12:00 p.m. in front of the Parish Hall. In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima for peace.

The Legion of Mary will have its Book Borrow on Sunday, May 12th. Stop by for books, sacramentals and other items to help you grow in your faith.

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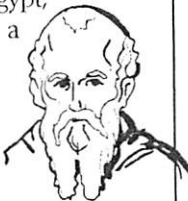
May 2024

St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church  
Father Dale Craig, S.O.L.T., Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Athanasius of Alexandria

Born a Christian in Egypt, St. Athanasius became a priest and a great defender of the Catholic faith. Recognized for his intelligence and holiness, he was chosen to be secretary to Bishop Alexander of Alexandria, and later succeeded him as bishop. Because of the terrible persecutions and political climate, he was exiled several times during his office. For the rest of his life, St. Athanasius worked to defend the divinity of Christ. He died in 373.



### Stress and surrender

Stress can result from feeling powerless in difficulties, yet change isn't always up to us. Knowing when to step back and surrender can actually bring peace. Turning to God with trust gives us the power to navigate life's challenges with faith and serenity.

"St. Joseph the Worker stands as a symbol of quiet strength and faithfulness, teaching us that in the ordinariness of our work, we honor God in profound ways." Pope Francis



## Spread the Gospel like Our Lady

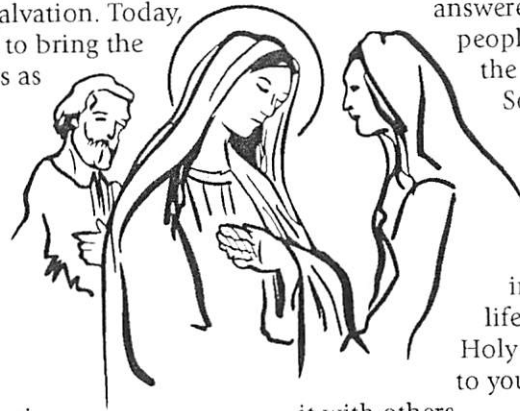
On the feast of the Visitation (May 31), we celebrate when Mary carried the Good News of our salvation to Saints Elizabeth and Zechariah – that God took on our humanity to fulfill His promise of salvation. Today, we're also called to bring the same Good News as Mary did:

Be filled with Christ's presence: Jesus indwells in us (John 15:5) to empower us for mission. This is accomplished through the Sacraments – Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation. We need to offer God our open, receptive, and attentive hearts.

Become a quiet witness: Mary "kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). Emulate her quiet witness by living with deep faith and

trust in God's plan, letting your actions demonstrate the strength of your beliefs.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord: Mary's *Magnificat* recalls the ways God answered the needs of His people, culminating in the coming of His Son. Can you articulate your own *Magnificat* – recounting God's loving intervention in your life? If not, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal it to you so you can share



it with others.

Serve with humble love: After receiving the news that she was to become the mother of the eternal King, Mary rushed to St. Elizabeth's side to serve her. Look for ways to imitate our humble Queen. Serve with love.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why is Pentecost the "birthday of the Church?"

Pentecost is referred to as the "birthday of the Church" because it marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, empowering them to preach the Gospel across nations, effectively initiating the spread of



Christianity. This event, occurring fifty days after Easter, symbolizes the Church's emergence as a global community united under the teachings of Christ. It celebrates the moment when the Apostles began to baptize thousands, leading to the rapid growth of the Christian faith.

## Four steps to inner peace

In the Catholic tradition, developing inner peace is deeply intertwined with spiritual practices and faith in God's plan. This journey involves key elements that help us find serenity and resilience amidst life's challenges.

Prayer is fundamental. Through regular prayer, we communicate with God, seeking guidance and strength. Heartfelt prayer fosters a deep sense of connection with God, helping us to alleviate anxiety and promote tranquility.

Sacraments are vital. Participation in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, are direct encounters with God's grace, which cleanse,



heal, and fortify the soul against the struggles of daily life. Listen for God's voice. Reading and meditating on the Scriptures provides insights and divine wisdom, helping us to align our thoughts and actions with God's will, thereby fostering a peace that transcends understanding.

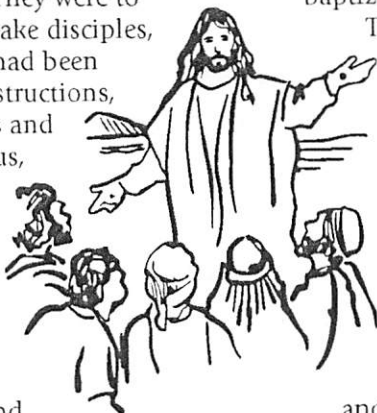
Love is key. Jesus asked us to practice forgiveness and charity, which heal and build relationships, creating communities of support and love. Living out these values daily contributes to personal and communal peace, reflecting the Catholic approach to nurturing a peaceful heart.

### from Scripture

### Matthew 28:16-20, The Holy Trinity

Jesus appeared to the Apostles on the mountain in Galilee to give them their final instructions. They were to go forth, baptize, and make disciples, and to teach what they had been taught. These are our instructions, too. Once we meet Jesus and experience His love for us, we can't keep Him to ourselves. We must proclaim Him.

Jesus also revealed to the Apostles, and to the crowd gathered with them, that God is a Trinity —Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – three Divine Persons united in love. The belief that God is three, yet one, is distinct to



Christianity. When we became members of the Church, we were baptized in the name of the Trinity.

The Trinity is a mystery we may not fully understand, but we can still live in its love and power. We proclaim our faith in it whenever we make the Sign of the Cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Our ultimate goal is to follow Christ into the eternal life of the Trinity.

### Q & A Do we have to pray the Rosary every day?

Praying a daily Rosary is not required but it is recommended. It is a meditative prayer that facilitates a deeper engagement with the mysteries of Christ's life, alongside the intercessory role of the Virgin Mary.

St. Dominic, who founded the Dominican Order, promoted the

Rosary and credited praying the Rosary with ridding the Church of the Albigensian heresy. Pope St. Pius V attributed the

miraculous victory of Christian forces at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571 to the Rosary. Since then, many popes have urged us to pray this prayer.

The repetitive nature of the Rosary's prayers, such as the Hail Mary, fosters a meditative state that can lead to a sense of peace. This repetition is not just a mnemonic device but a way to quiet the mind and open the heart to God's guiding voice. Moreover, praying the Rosary is also a way to seek Mary's intercession. As the Mother of Christ, her proximity to Jesus is seen as a powerful aid in bringing our prayers before God.



### Feasts & Celebrations

May 9 - The Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into Heaven. *Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

May 10 - St. Damien of Molokai (1889). Born in Belgium in 1840, Joseph de Veuster became Father Damien at the age of 19. He ministered to lepers on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. He died of the disease after serving there for sixteen years. He is the

patron of lepers and outcasts.

May 20 - Mary, Mother of the Church (2018). On the Cross, Jesus gave us His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). Even in Heaven, she prays and cares for us as our spiritual mother.

May 21 - St. Cristóbal Magallanes and Companions (1937). Fr. Christopher Magallanes was part of the Catholic Action Movement in Mexico, resisting the anti-Catholic Mexican government. Despite great persecution, he established a seminary at Totatiche. He and his companions were martyred.



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