



### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

It has come to our attention that rumors are circulating about the future of Saint Mary's Church. We were surprised to hear these unfounded reports. We are, in fact, looking to continue growing as a community of faith. The celebration of Mass and sacraments will continue in Saint Mary's Church.

May is the month of Mary, when we celebrate the woman who said yes, making possible the birth of God into our world of blood, sweat, and tears. This love flows through the parishes of Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Mary and through each of us by the power of the Holy Spirit: We celebrate our mothers, and our children in their first communions and confirmations. We celebrate Pentecost in two weekends and 198 years of the Church of St. Mary! Join us in celebrating this love and life on the 19th. Though a great sacrifice, there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. May you find great peace in bringing this to pass in your lives and those of your families and friends.

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

This week's second collection is an Archdiocesan collection for the Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Next week will be for the continued repairs of the parish.

### **ASCENSION THURSDAY MAY 9TH**

Thursday, May 9th is Ascension Thursday a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

### **MOTHER'S DAY MAY 12TH**

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th. Remembrance envelopes are on the table at the rear of the church. Please remember mom whether she is living or living with God.

### **MAY 19 TH PENTECOST – A DAY OF CELEBRATION AT ST. MARY'S**

Following a special 11 am bilingual Pentecost Mass, the St. Mary's Parish Council will be hosting a feast in the Grand Hall to celebrate the 198th anniversary of our historic parish. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased online or after Sunday Masses (and Saturday Vigil) through May 12th. For adults tickets are \$35.00 and for children (15 years and under) \$15.00. Also, 2 sponsor packages are being offered. Angel Sponsor - \$500.00 This includes 8 tickets, a reserved table and 8

drink tickets. Bicentennial Sponsor - \$1000.00: this includes 8 tickets, reserved table, 8 drink tickets, Pentecost Mass Intention, and artwork depicting the Church of Saint Mary. All proceeds benefit St. Mary's parish. To purchase tickets online go to [saintmarygrand.org/pentecost](http://saintmarygrand.org/pentecost) for more information.

### **ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

May is dedicated to Mary the Mother of God. Beginning May 1st and every evening (7 days a week) till May 31st at 7:00 p.m. the Church will be open to pray the Rosary. The devotion to Mary is a very important part of our Catholic identity. Many of us ask for her help during the most difficult times in our lives. Let us show our devotion to the Blessed Mother for whom this church is dedicated to.

### **COMMUNION**

This year's celebration of First Holy Communion will be Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the 12:00 p.m. Mass. Practice for Communion will be Thursday, May 23rd and Friday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Reminder: Pictures will be taken Sunday morning May 26th in the Grand Hall. Please arrive between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

### **CONFIRMATION**

Friday, May 31st. Confirmation will be celebrated with Bishop Joseph Espallat at Our Lady of Sorrows Church at 6:30 p.m. Students and sponsors must arrive by 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows. Mandatory Confirmation practice for sponsor and students on Saturday, May 18th at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows in the Church

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**MAY 4, 2024 – MAY 11,**  
**2024**

**SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M.**

+ Mary & Albert Manno/All Souls in Purgatory/  
+ Mercedes Duran & Pedro Paez/  
MARIA KOSMAN FOR HEALTH

**SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M.**

+ Patricia Sanabria/All Souls in Purgatory/  
+ Bernice Rivera/

**10:00 A.M.**

+ Carmen Lagoa/Jacinta de Jesus Rodriguez/  
+ Todas las Almas de Purgatorio/Jacinta Rodriguez/  
+ Delfia Ruiz/Ynes Pérez (10 th yr. Anniv.)/  
+ Gregorio Santana (1 month Anniv.)/  
CHRISTY GUTIERREZ POR LA SALUD/JEREMIA  
GUTIERREZ POR LA SALUD/  
DIVINO NINO POR LA SALUD Y PROSPERIDAD DE LA  
FAMILIA/  
EMMILY ALMÁNZA POR LA SALUD/CAMILO LOPEZ PER  
LA SALUD/

**12:00 P.M.**

+ Anibal Muniz/Souls in Purgatory/Olivia Morales/  
+ Dennis J. Parisi/Mr. & Mrs. Wrick & Lucy Douge/  
+ Dorca Delgado/

**MONDAY: 9:00 A.M.**

+ Pablo Oxciri Santana/All Souls in Purgatory/  
JIAN MING ZHENG SPECIAL INTENTION FOR PEACE/  
IN HONOR OF SAINT ANTHONY/G.ALPER/R. ALPER/S.  
TAN/SUZ S. TAN/

**TUESDAY: 9:00 A.M.**

+ Miguel Angel Rodriguez/Sylvia Mendez/  
+ All Souls in Purgatory/  
JIAN MING ZHENG SPECIAL INTENTION FOR  
PEACE/V.TAN/R. TAN/S. FIGUEROA/A. ALPER/

**WEDNESDAY: 9:00 A.M.**

+ Maria Ilundain/Ernesto Hernandez, Jr./  
+ Ramona Aviles Colon (8 th yr. Anniv.)/  
+ All Souls in Purgatory/  
JIAN MING ZHENG SPECIAL INTENTION FOR PEACE/P.  
FERMIN/G. ALPER/  
R. ALPER/

**ASCENSION THURSDAY: 9:00 A.M.**

+ Carmen Molinelli/All Souls in Purgatory/  
+ Eduardo Mesina, Sr. (6 th yr. Anniv.)/  
+ Jose Cruz/Leopordo Tavarez/  
S. TAN/SUZ S. TAN/V. TAN/

**12:00 P.M.**

+ All Souls in Purgatory/

**FRIDAY: 9:00 A.M.**

+ Herminio Rodriguez/All Souls in Purgatory/  
+ Juana Azcona/Augustine Suarez/  
CORAZON DE JESUS POR LA SALUD DE MARIA  
RODRIGUEZ/

**SATURDAY: 9:00 A.M.**

+ Esmeralda Torres/Nilda Rosa Hernandez/  
+ All Souls in Purgatory/Eulalia Echevarria/  
+ Maria Dolores Aria (H. B.H.)/Jose Eleno Heres/  
CORAZON DE JESUS POR LA SALUD DE MARIA  
RODRIGUEZ/