



Our Parish Community

August 17, 2025

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

The Fire

This past week I have been reading a biography of St. Francis of Assisi. I admit I didn't know much about Francis going into the book, but I always had this image of him as a hippie — an easygoing nature-lover who sang about peace and let animals climb on him.

I'm not sure where that caricature of Francis came from, but since I've been reading this book I've come to see that it's not true at all. He was a lover of nature, yes. A poet who sang of God's peace, yes. And I'm sure he let a few animals climb on him from time to time (he did live in a hut in the woods).

But St. Francis of Assisi wasn't the lost fourth member of Peter, Paul and Mary. He was a man on fire. He was a man burning.

Francis walked around barefoot and slept on the ground. He abandoned a life of wealth to embrace the material poverty that Christ experienced. He embarrassed his family and they disowned him. When his father would encounter Francis in the streets of Assisi, he would curse him.

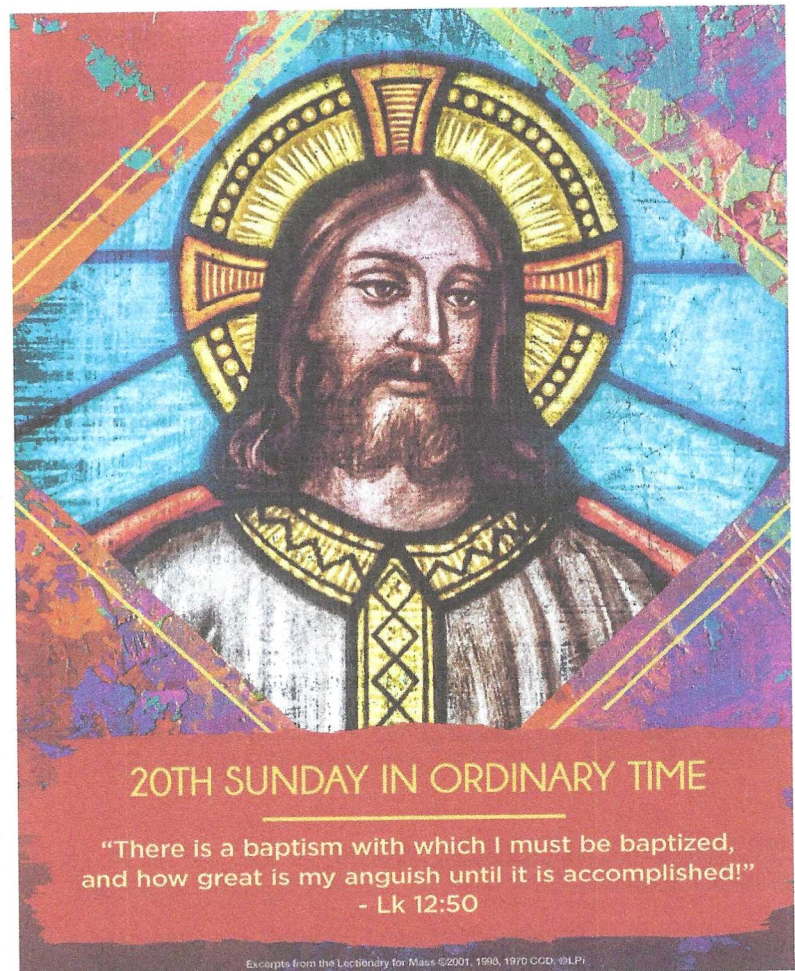
Sometimes we get this idea that Christianity is a comfortable, cozy thing. We give our lives to Christ, and we expect to feel instantly satisfied, happy, safe and warm. But the saints knew better.

The saints knew that Christ had not come to wrap us in a warm blanket. Christ has come to set us on fire. And though fire is often seen as a sign of death and destruction, it is also the precursor of new life.

Think of a field of native plants and how it benefits so richly from a controlled burn — an action that clears away detritus and releases nutrients back into the soil.

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— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Inspiration of the Week

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames.

Observances for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. John Eudes, Priest
Wednesday:	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Pius X, Pope
Friday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday:	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Next Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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9:00am-5:00pm

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Mass Schedule

Saturday:

4:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

Daily Masses

Mon-5:30pm

Tues-5:30pm

Wed - 9:00 AM Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 2:30PM-3:30PM,

Mon -Tuesday 5pm, Wednesday 8:30 AM or by appointment.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16- AUGUST 24

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 4:00 PM: +EVA GARCIA, +ANTHONY NICOLAS MARTINEZ, +CHRISTINA LOUISE MARTINEZ, +GINO FLORES, +RUDY FLORES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 11:00AM: +JOSE GUADALUPE PEREZ, +THELMA YOLANDA DE SANDOVAL, HEALING OF EDITH MASKEY

1:00PM: +JOSE EDUARDO ALBA, +ANTONIO ROBLEDO, +JULIAN GARCIA, +MARIA DE JESUS BARRAZA ALMAS DEL PURGATORIO, POR LA CONVERSION DE LA FAMILIA ROMERO ANGE, CUMPLEANOS DE CARMEN BARRAZA, POR EL MOVIMIENTO FAMILIAR CRISTIANO CATOLICO USA.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 5:30 PM: FOR THE HEALING OF EDITH MASKEY, +ROBERT LINDEN, +KENT BURGESS.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 5:30 PM: +LEE CLARK, +JIMMY ROETHEMEYER, THANKSGIVING FOR THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED AFTER THE FLOOD.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 9:00AM: +ABEL GARCIA, +ROBERT LINDEN, THANKSGIVING FOR THE ROAD WORKING CREWS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 4:00PM: +BLANCA HILARIA CASTILLO, +FELISITAS PEREZ PATINO, +LEONARDO HERNANDEZ PEREZ, +KENT BURGESS, +THEO TROMM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 11:00AM: +WAID FAMILY, +MUNDO MONTERO, +LEE CLARK

1:00PM: +JOSE EDUARDO ALBA, +ANTONIO ROBLEDO, +JULIAN GARCIA, +MARCOS URIEL MARTINEZ GALLEGOS, +AMELIA Y FRANCISCO BANUELOS, ALMAS DEL PURGATORIO,

Mass Intentions—Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons, for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday. Please call the Church Office at **(830) 995-3708** to offer a Mass Intention or for more information. Deadline is every **Tuesday by 12pm**.



Today's readings are difficult to hear. Jeremiah's preaching so inflamed the people of Judah that he was thrown into a pit to die. Jesus warned his disciples that he came to inflame people so much that parents would turn against their children and vice versa. Nevertheless, says the author of Hebrews, we must persevere in our faith, endure our cross, and resist sin, so that one day we may find the joy that lies before us. As we suffer hardships on our journey to the Lord, may God's word encourage us to never give up.

Las lecturas de hoy son difíciles de oír. La prédica de Jeremías exacerbó tanto al pueblo de Judá, que lo echaron a morir en un pozo. Jesús les advirtió a sus discípulos que él había venido a exacerbar tanto a la gente, que los padres se volverían en contra de sus hijos y viceversa. Con todo y eso, dice el autor de la carta a los hebreos, debemos perseverar en nuestra fe, aceptar nuestra cruz y resistirnos al pecado de manera que un día podamos encontrar la alegría que yace ante nosotros. Aunque suframos adversidades en nuestro peregrinar hacia el Señor, dejemos que la palabra de Dios nos dé el ánimo para nunca darnos por vencidos.



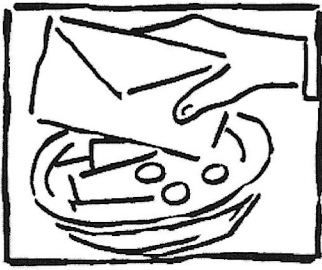
Please pray for/Rezamos por:

Edith Maskey

Elodia Garcia
Manuel Lozano
Santos Pinedo
Antonia Rosales
Javier Rosales
Caleb Allen
Ed Melcher
Angelica Arreola
Manuela Garcia
Rogelio Castro



(If you would like to add a name on the list, please email shc.ofc@outlook.com/ Si usted quiere añadir un nombre, favor de mandar un email at: shc.ofc@outlook.com)



Offering Totals

August 09 & August 10

General Offerings: \$6,693.50

Second Collections :

Online Giving : \$705.00

Children's offerings: \$45.00

Thank you for your support!

¡Gracias por su apoyo!

August 17, 2025

Stewards Follow

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

LUKE 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance through Stewardship for life, marriage, and religious liberty.



ATTENDANCE

Mass

Saturday, August 09

4:00 pm

121

Sunday, August 10

11:00 am

158

1:00 p.m.

307

Announcements/Anuncios

We are most grateful to the Guadalupeans for the gordita fundraiser they had last Sunday. A total of \$1,700 was made which has all been deposited into the Capitol Campaign for our new Pastoral Center.

Due to changes to Comfort Park, our festival will be held on the new church grounds on Saturday, October 4th. Please put this date on your calendars.

Due to situations beyond our control the Kermes festival will be cancelled this year. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Next weekend we will be having a Second Collection for the Hermanas Josefinas, please give them your support.

Estamos muy agradecidos con el Grupo Guadalupeño por la recaudación de fondos de gorditas que tuvieron el domingo pasado. Se recaudó un total de \$1,700 que ha sido depositado en la Campaña Capital para nuestro nuevo Centro Pastoral.

Debido a los cambios en Comfort Park, nuestro festival se llevará a cabo en los nuevos terrenos de la iglesia el sábado 4 de octubre. Por favor, marquen esta fecha en sus calendarios.

Debido a situaciones fuera de nuestro control, el festival de Kermés será cancelado este año. Nos disculpamos por cualquier inconveniente que esto pueda haber causado.

El próximo fin de semana tendremos una Segunda Colecta para las Hermanas Josefinas, por favor, bríndenles su apoyo.

Parish Center Capital Campaign – Phase 1

Funds Raised* = **\$4,114,407**

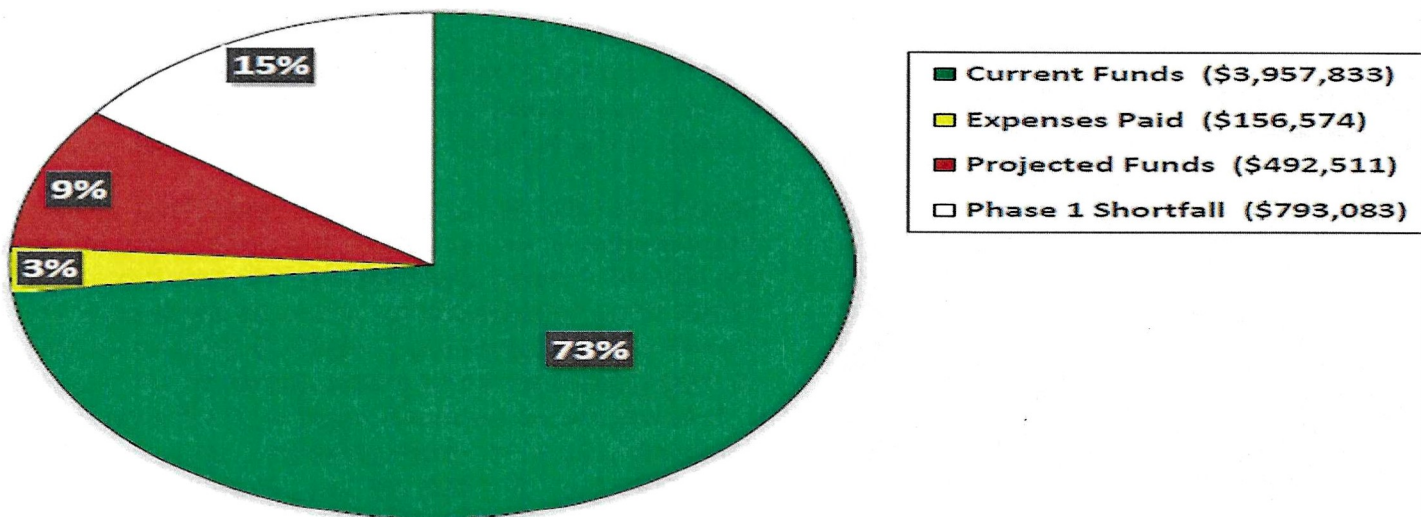
Fondos recaudados

Project Cost = **\$5,400,000**

Costo del proyecto

Percent = **76%**

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	Cost	Shortfall
Phase 1	\$5,400,000	\$793,083
Total Project	\$7,120,000	\$2,513,083

* Funds Raised = Current Funds + Expenses Paid

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Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7,
8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/
Mt 23:1-12

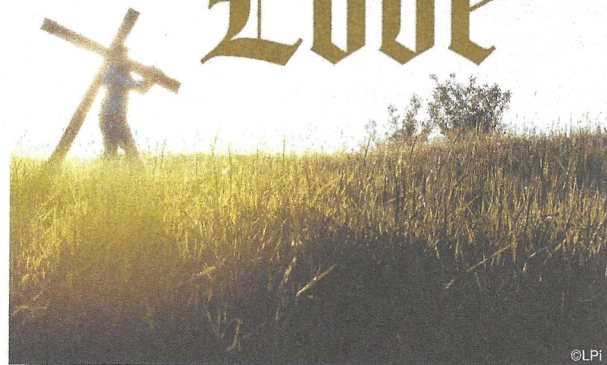
Next Sunday:

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



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Demanding Love



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. **"Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51).** He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir