

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2023
Quinto Domingo de Pascua, 7 de mayo de 2023



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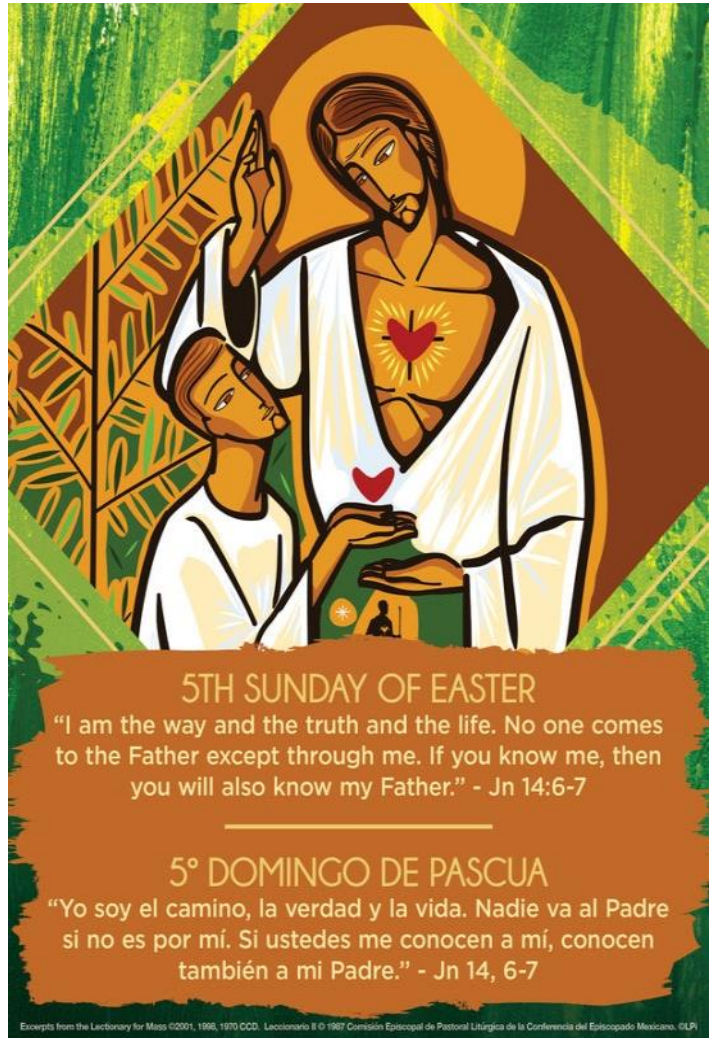
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LITURGY

Public Weekend Masses—In Church

Saturday: 5 PM English—Livestreamed
Sunday: 8:30 AM Spanish
10:30 AM English—Livestreamed

Public Weekday Masses—In Church

Tuesday: 7 PM Spanish
Wednesday: 9 AM English
Thursday: 9 AM English
Friday: 9 AM English
1st Friday & Adoration: 8 AM-Adoration
8:30 AM-Rosary
9 AM-Mass
Adoration ends at 11 AM

Adoration

Tuesday: 5 PM—6:45 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM—11 AM

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the month, or by appointment.

Confessions

Tuesday: 6 PM—6:45 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM—10:15 AM
Saturday: 4 PM—4:50 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM—8:20 AM

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9 AM—2 PM
Friday: 9 AM—Noon
Saturday & Sunday: Closed
All major holidays: Closed



Holy Land Pilgrimage Blog

Pray for us!

April 24-May 4, 2023

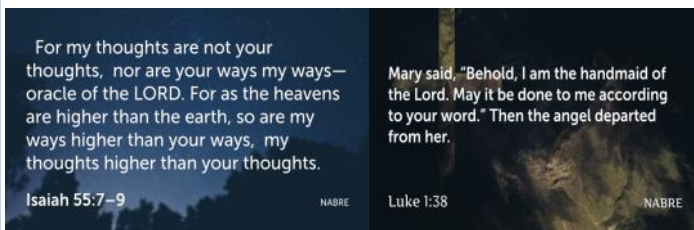
Daily Updates

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Grace & Chaos

April 30, 2023 by *inorth21*

Yesterday was a busy and somewhat chaotic day. It wasn't at all what I envisioned and at the end of the day the Lord reminded me that was a good thing. His ways are not our ways. I guess that's thing that has always drawn me to the Mary. She had her plans and God broke through and changed them. Her response wasn't to throw a fit but simply to proclaim His goodness and invite other people to do so. She shows us how to surrender.

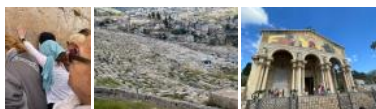


We live in a world where so many people are jockeying for control and power and trying to manipulate and control others. Mary simply surrendered and said, "Be it done unto me according to thy word." (Luke 1:38) If more people were docile to the Holy Spirit and seriously seeking God's will and not their own, our world would be so different. Until all hearts turn back to God we are going to have chaos. Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit our interior Teacher who helps us to love in the midst of chaos and disappointment.

One of our pilgrims was sick yesterday and stayed behind. Her loving mother also stayed with her. (Moms are awesome!) I am so grateful to report that she is doing better. Another couple of pilgrims were overwhelmed by the aggressive behavior of the street vendors and noisy and chaotic atmosphere on the bus while we had to wait for a lengthy period of time to depart from a gift store and decided to just stay at the hotel and rest. I totally respect their decision. Everyone needs to have the freedom to do what they feel is best to allow the Lord to work with them. Like I stated earlier when the pilgrimage first began, while we were in the Shepherd's Fields in 2007, I felt really prompted not to follow the group and stay behind and have some quiet time and reflection with a very important song. God directs us in the midst of the chaos and we have to have the ability to break away and follow those promptings. We also have to balance that with being respectful of others and remembering that we are part of a group. There has been some tension with that — that is to be expected. I am proud of how the pilgrims are shouldering all of these challenges!

We are off for Mass at Bethany and then going to the Dead Sea today.

Here are some photos from the events of yesterday. Have a blessed day!



Worship & Meditation



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, "**You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood...'**" To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith.

— Father John Muir



THANK YOU!
to all who attended the
Knights of Columbus
French Toast Breakfast
last weekend!



(Stay tuned for the next one!)

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WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS PARISH!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

BIENVENIDOS A LA PARROQUIA DE SANTO TOMÁS!

Gracias por celebrar con nosotros. Les damos una cordial invitación para celebrar la santa misa cada domingo con nosotros. Si usted desea ser un miembro de nuestra comunidad de fe, por favor llene el formulario de registro. Nos encantaría contar con usted como miembro de nuestra familia.

**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE ESTA SEMANA**

Sunday, May 7, 10:30 AM

**Monday, May 8
No Mass**

Tuesday, May 9, 7 PM

Wednesday, May 10, 9 AM

Thursday, May 11, 9 AM

Friday, May 12, 9 AM

Saturday, May 13, 5 PM



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA (Gospel Meditations)

Tenemos un Padre que nos ama y nos espera siempre con amor, compasión y perdón. En este V Domingo de Pascua, Jesús nos dice que confiemos en Dios y confiemos en él: “En la casa de mi Padre hay muchas habitaciones. De no ser así, no les habría dicho que voy a prepararles un lugar” (Juan 14,1-2). Qué bonito se siente escuchar que Jesús nos tenga un lugar preparado, una habitación completa. Solo nos pide no perder la paz. También, nos muestra su profunda relación con su Padre del cielo, al que ahora regresa. En esta Pascua, Jesús desea que no perdamos la paz a pesar de todas las dificultades que enfrentamos. Ya se sabe el camino para llegar al cielo. No hay que buscar otros senderos: “Yo soy el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida”. (Juan 14,6).

Señor Jesús, tú eres nuestro camino. Tú nos invitas a colaborar en el proyecto del Reino. Todos, como bautizados, estamos metidos en este trabajo de colaboración. ¿Cómo lo hago? ¿De qué forma colaboro? Es de diferentes maneras: la misión está en la familia, en la escuela, el trabajo y la sociedad. En Jesús está la respuesta, como camino, verdad y vida. Si de verdad hiciéramos vida estas palabras de Jesús, en lugar de guerra, habría paz, y en lugar de odio, habría perdón. En la Lectura de Pedro se nos invita a acercarnos a Jesús, que es la piedra viva. La Iglesia es el Pueblo de Dios, donde todos seguimos el camino que Jesús nos indicó.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

FOR THE SICK: We remember especially: Bill Gorjance, Felix Brodigan, Martha Hickman

FOR THE DEAD: Please pray for our beloved deceased Bill Haugen, Joan King, Marie Lohmann, Judy Lund, Gary Northrop. May the Lord receive him unto Himself giving strength, comfort, and peace to their families and our parish community. Amen.



OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

April 29th and April 30th, 2023

Saturday & Sunday English Masses.....\$3,257.00
Sunday & Tuesday Spanish Masses.....\$1,925.50
Weekly Online Stewardship.....\$517.93
Maintenance Fund /
Fondo de Mantenimiento.....\$630.00

**Total Donation /
Donación Total.....\$6,330.43**

Thank you for your generosity!

Bulletin Notices: *The article deadline is 12 PM (Noon) on the Friday* a week before the weekend you wish it to appear (8 days in advance). Notices about parish events or items of interest to the parish are welcome, however posting cannot be guaranteed. Email bulletin articles/notices to : michellem@saintthomastukwila.org