



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday 12:15 pm

Wednesday 12:15 pm

Thursday 12:15 pm

Friday 5:30 pm

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

7:00pm (Español)

Sunday 8:00 am

10:30 am

12:30 pm (Español)

CONFESIONS

Weekdays, 30 minutes before
Mass.

Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

CLERGY

Fr. Everardo Cazares - Pastor
Fr. Edwin Kagoo—Parochial Vicar

Deacon Steve Medina

Deacon Allen Prescott

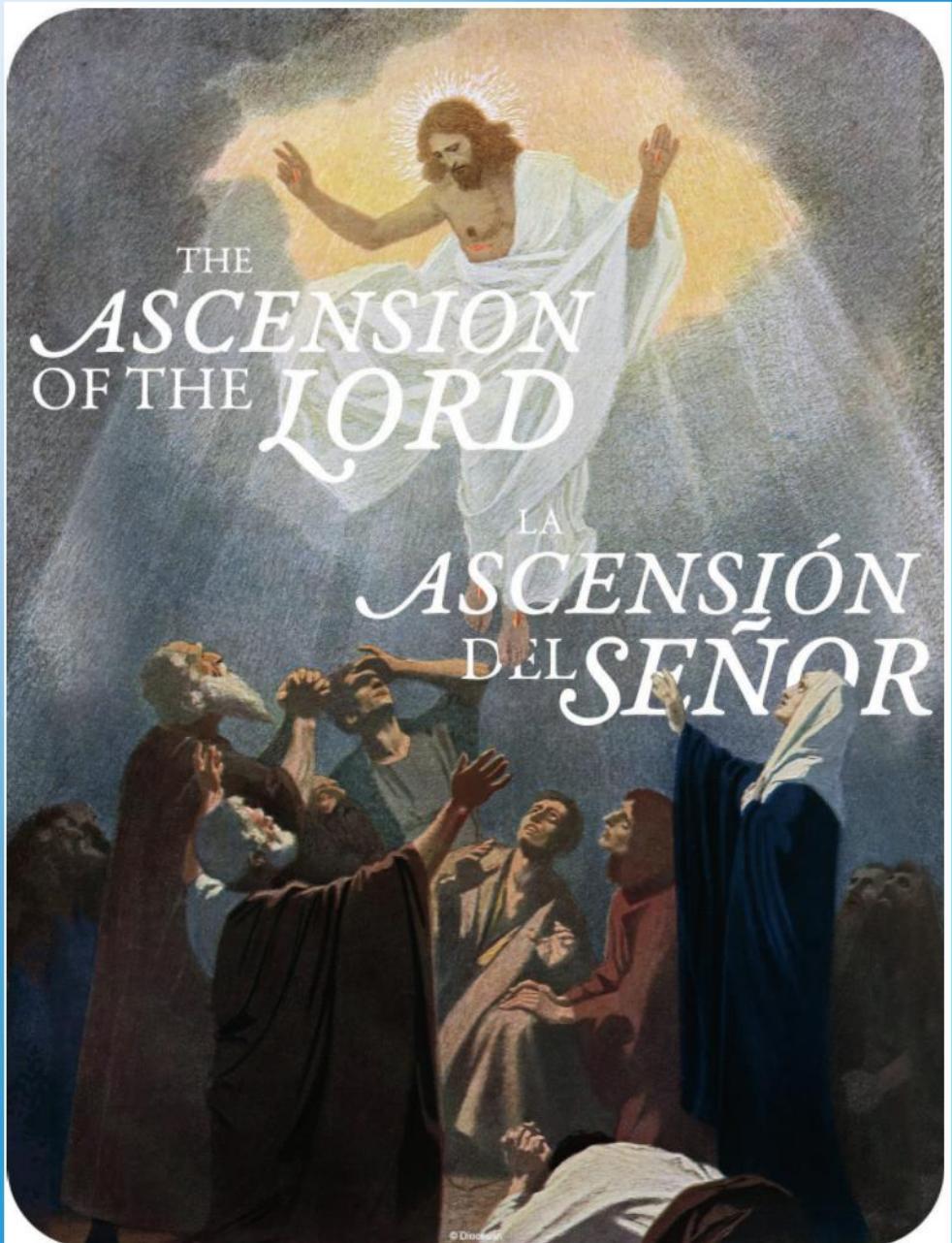
Deacon John Pelletier

OFFICE HOURS

Monday CLOSED
Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

Emergencies after office hours
phone number:

(979) 451-9824



God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for
the Lord. Psalm 47

Dios asciende entre aclamaciones, el Señor, al son de trompetas.
Salmo 47

**MASS SCHEDULE AND
INTENTIONS**

HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIÓNES

June 3—June 8, 2025

Tuesday/martes—June 3, 12:15pm

† Theodore Kwiatkowski, Sr.
† Louise Bolcerek (sent off)
† Tammy Brauner (sent off)
† Florian Bolcerek (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles—June 4, 12:15pm

† Raymond Kenjura
† Nancy Manfre (sent off)
† Leonard & Pauline Krotofil (sent off)

Thursday/jueves - June 5, 12:15pm

† Gilbert Faldyn
† David Banisk (sent off)
† Florian Bolcerek (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - June 6, 5:30pm

Alan Velazquez on his birthday

Saturday/sábado—June 7, 5:00 pm

† Victor & Elizabeth Kubeczka

7:00pm—En Español / In Spanish

Pro Populo

Sunday/Domingo – June 8, 8:00 am.

† Stanley & Mary Januszewski
† William & Verna Pavlozk (sent off)

10:30 a.m.

Andrea Fries on her birthday

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

38th Wedding Anniversary of Luis & Irma Romero

3:00 p.m. - Confirmation Mass—Bilingual

For everyone receiving the sacrament of Confirmation

COLLECTION/COLECTA

Electronic giving - if you prefer to give electronically, there is a link at www.brenhamcatholic.org

Donación electrónica—para hacer su contribución automáticamente visitar www.brenhamcatholic.org

May 24-25

Weekly budgeted expenses.....\$18,475.00

Weekend collection\$14,144.55



Altar flowers are:

In thanksgiving to God for the high school graduations of Cullen Halfmann and grandson J.P. Nutt.

--Given by Bill and Elizabeth Nutt

In remembrance of Jarrett Halfmann on the ninth anniversary of his passing.

--Given by the Halfmann Family

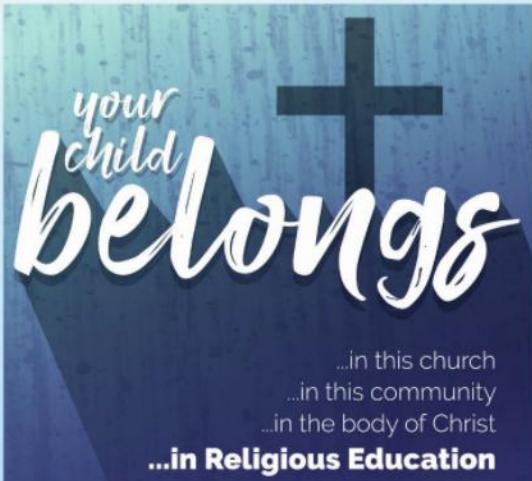
Las Flores del Altar son:

En agradecimiento a Dios por la graduación de Cullen Halfmann y su nieto J.P. Nutt.

--Donado por Bill y Elizabeth Nutt

En memoria de Jarrett Halfmann en el noveno aniversario de su fallecimiento.

--Donado por la familia Halfmann



Religious Education Program

The CCE registration for the 2025-2026 is now open!

The packets can be found in the back of the Church by the restrooms. Please take one per family and return to the office as soon as possible. Registration will close on August 11.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Calendar

June 2025



Holy Hour
for Vocations



Corpus Christi



Father Everardo's
Farewell



June 3, 2025

Holy Hour for Vocations

June 21, 2025

Corpus Christi

June 28, 2025

Father Everardo's Farewell

This week on St. Mary's campus. June 2 thru June

06/02 Monday

6:00am TMYI Men's Group, PAC Small Meeting Room
8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
5:30pm WCJ Volleyball Practice, Gym
6:00pm St. Teresa of Calcutta Meeting, PAC Small Meeting Room
6:00pm Jesus, Maria y Jose community Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203
7:00pm Spanish Marriage Prep, RE AV Room

06/03 Tuesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
6:00pm Choir Practice, Church
6:00pm PCCW Meeting, PAC Large Meeting Room
7:00pm Seguidores de Jesus Community Meeting, CR Meeting Room

06/04 Wednesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
5:30pm Choir, Church
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball Camp, Gym
7:00pm Spanish Choir, Church

06/05 Thursday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
10:00am Bella Brigata Bible Study, PAC Large Meeting Room
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
6:00pm Holy Hour, Church
7:00pm Amor Hacia Cristo Small Community Meeting, RE Room 202

06/06 Friday

12:00pm Rosary, Church
5:00pm Confessions, Church
5:30pm Mass, Church
6:15pm Quinceanera Rehearsal, Church
7:00pm Unidos en un Corazon Small Community Meeting, CR Meeting Room
7:00 pm Unidos en Cristo Community Meeting, Providence Room 102

06/07 Saturday

6:00am Spanish Men's Prayer Group, Church
10:00am Baptisms
2:00pm Quinceanera, Church
3:30pm Confessions, Church
5:00pm English Vigil Mass, Church
5:00pm CRHP Meeting, Cornerstone Room 202
7:00pm Spanish Vigil Mass, Church

06/08 Sunday

8:00am English Mass, Church
10:30am English Mass, Church
10:30am Spanish RCIA, RE Room 106
12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church
3:00pm Confirmation Mass, Church

The possible presiding priest for this Sunday's masses is:



Saturday Vigil	5:00pm	Fr. Uche Obikwelu
	7:00pm	Fr. Uche Obikwelu
Sunday	8:00am	Fr. Fr. Uche Obikwelu
	10:30am	Fr. Fr. Uche Obikwelu
	12:30pm	Fr. Uche Obikwelu

(Confirmation Mass—Bilingual) 3:00pm Fr. Everardo



The Ascension of the Lord: A Call to Lift Our Gaze

Celebrating the Ascension: More Than a Solemnity

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a glorious event in which Jesus, by His own divine power, ascends to heaven and takes His place at the right hand of the Father. This solemnity, distinct from the Assumption of Mary — who was taken up to heaven by Christ — marks the culmination of Jesus' visible ministry on earth. From where I am, this feast is joyfully observed today, reminding us that Christ does not depart from us, but rather opens the path for us to follow.

Christ Ascends, We Continue the Journey

In today's Gospel, we are reminded that after His Resurrection, Jesus continues to teach His disciples, blesses them, and then ascends before their eyes. His Ascension is not a farewell of passivity, but a commissioning of mission. As He rises to heaven, we are sent into the world. Saint Augustine beautifully expressed this by saying: "He descended alone, but He does not wish to ascend alone." Our gaze must be fixed on heaven, even as our feet remain grounded on earth, faithfully fulfilling the calling we have received.

A Gaze That Inspires the Heart

Now more than ever, we must learn to lift our gaze. We are often consumed by material concerns and present worries, losing sight of the eternal. The image of a windshield being larger than the rearview mirror teaches us a powerful lesson: what lies ahead is far more important than what is behind. The present moment has value, but only if it points us toward our

true destination — heaven. We cannot navigate life by constantly looking back or inward; we must look ahead.

A Heart on the Cross, Eyes on Heaven

The Ascension also calls us to live with direction and passion: eyes fixed on heaven, feet planted on earth, and hearts enkindled with the fire of the cross. We must not remain idle, merely gazing upward; we are invited to walk with hope and love. The burdens of this world only weigh us down when we forget our eternal goal. The One who descended alone now desires to lead us upward. Each step we take should bring us closer to that sacred destination.

Let Us Not Be Like the Little Pigs

Pope Francis once offered a vivid reflection, comparing those who live only for the present to little pigs that constantly look down at the ground, unable to lift their heads. Before hearing the Gospel, we were much the same — focused solely on earthly things. But now, through the Good News, we can lift our heads and see the horizon of eternity. This feast is also our own celebration: a reminder that we were made for more than this passing world. Let us continue the journey with steadfast faith, knowing where we are going, guided by Christ who awaits us in glory. May He bless you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jr. Everardo Cázares



La Ascensión del Señor: Una Invitación a Elevar la Mirada

Celebrando la Ascensión: Más que una Solemnidad

Hoy celebramos la Ascensión del Señor, un momento glorioso en el que Jesús, por su propia voluntad y poder, sube al cielo y se sienta a la derecha del Padre. Esta solemnidad, distinta de la Asunción de María — quien fue llevada al cielo por Cristo — marca la culminación de la misión visible de Jesús en la tierra. Desde el lugar donde me encuentro, la celebración se vive con alegría este domingo, recordándonos que Cristo no se aleja, sino que abre el camino para nosotros.

Cristo Asciende, Nosotros Caminamos

El Evangelio del día nos recuerda que Jesús, tras resucitar, sigue instruyendo a sus discípulos y los bendice antes de ascender. Pero su ascensión no es un adiós pasivo: es un envío. Mientras Él sube al cielo, nosotros recibimos una misión en la tierra. Como lo decía San Agustín, Jesús bajó solo, pero no quiere subir solo: nos llama a seguirlo. Nuestra mirada debe estar en el cielo, pero nuestros pies deben continuar firmes en el suelo, cumpliendo nuestra vocación con amor.

Una Mirada que Inspira el Corazón

Hoy más que nunca necesitamos levantar la mirada. Vivimos demasiado preocupados por lo material, por las cosas inmediatas, y hemos olvidado lo eterno. La imagen del parabrisas más grande que el retrovisor nos enseña que lo que está delante —nuestro futuro en Dios— es más importante que lo que dejamos

atrás. El presente es valioso, pero solo si se orienta hacia la meta: el cielo. No podemos conducir la vida mirando solo hacia dentro o hacia el pasado.

Un Corazón en la Cruz, la Mirada en el Cielo

La Ascensión también es un llamado a vivir con propósito: ojos en el cielo, pies en la tierra y corazón encendido en la cruz. No podemos quedarnos paralizados contemplando; debemos caminar encendidos en el amor de Dios, con la esperanza como motor. Las preocupaciones del mundo solo nos agobian si olvidamos nuestro destino. Aquel que bajó del cielo solo, desea subir llevándonos con Él. Cada paso que damos, debe acercarnos más a ese encuentro.

Dejar de Mirar el Suelo como los Cochinitos

El Papa Francisco una vez nos comparó con los cochinitos que solo miran al suelo, preocupados por comer, sin poder levantar la mirada. Pero nosotros hemos recibido el Evangelio, la Buena Noticia que nos permite mirar el horizonte de la eternidad. La fiesta de hoy es también nuestra fiesta: nos recuerda que fuimos creados para más que esta tierra. Sigamos caminando con esperanza, sabiendo a dónde vamos, sabiendo que Cristo nos espera y nos guía desde lo alto. Que Él nos bendiga en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Amén.

Jr. Everardo Cázares

An Invitation to a Fraternal Meal in Gratitude to Father Everardo

With deep appreciation and a spirit of fraternity, we warmly invite the entire community to join us for a special meal in honor of **Father Everardo**, who has been a spiritual guide, a close companion, and a witness of generous service during his time among us.

As a heartfelt gesture of gratitude for the time he has shared with us, Father Everardo wishes to personally offer a **barbecue of lamb**, which he will serve at a **communal meal on Sunday, June 29, at 2:00 p.m., in the PAC**. This gathering is his gift to the community—a sign of his affection and appreciation.

We also welcome and thank in advance all those who would like to contribute by bringing a dish to share. This will undoubtedly be a meaningful moment to come together and strengthen the bonds that unite us as a community of faith.

When asked about possible gifts for his future home or office, **Father Everardo kindly insisted that no gifts be given**, as he is not yet certain what he may need. However, for those who feel strongly about offering something, he shared that a **monetary gift would be more practical**, though above all, he treasures **our prayers and the fraternal affection of each one of us**.

We look forward to seeing you at this joyful gathering—a time of fellowship, thanksgiving, and community. **Please don't miss it: it will be a special occasion to express our gratitude and to celebrate the gift of his presence among us.**



Invitación a una comida fraterna en gratitud al Padre Everardo

Con profundo aprecio y espíritu de fraternidad, queremos extender una cordial invitación a toda la comunidad para acompañarnos en una comida de agradecimiento organizada en honor al Padre Everardo, quien durante su estancia entre nosotros ha sido guía espiritual, compañero cercano y testimonio de entrega generosa.

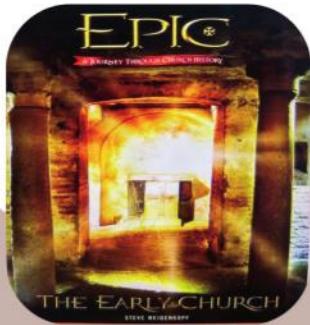
El Padre Everardo, con gran sencillez y cariño, desea ofrecernos un gesto de gratitud por el tiempo compartido. Por ello, nos invita a una comida fraterna que tendrá lugar el **domingo 29 de junio a las 2:00 p.m. en el PAC**, donde él mismo compartirá con nosotros una **barbacoa de borrego**, preparada como un regalo personal a nuestra comunidad.

Asimismo, se agradece de antemano a todos aquellos que deseen colaborar aportando algún guiso adicional para enriquecer este encuentro fraternal. Será sin duda un momento especial para convivir y fortalecer nuestros lazos como comunidad de fe.

Al ser consultado sobre posibles obsequios para su futura casa u oficina, el Padre Everardo ha expresado con claridad su deseo de **no recibir ningún regalo material**, ya que aún desconoce cuáles serán sus necesidades concretas. No obstante, para quienes insistan en ofrecerle algún presente, él ha indicado que **preferiría, en su caso, una contribución económica**, aunque **lo que más valora son nuestras oraciones y el recuerdo fraternal de cada uno de nosotros**.

Los esperamos con alegría en este espacio de convivencia, gratitud y afecto.

No faltes: será un momento entrañable para compartir y dar gracias por el don de su presencia entre nosotros.



Join us for Summer Salads!

Thursdays, 10-11:45am Bible Study, PAC, thru July 24

The Early Church, First 500 yrs., by Ascension Press (DVD and Discussion)

Mass 12:15pm followed by lunch back-at-the-PAC

(St. Catherine of Siena's Bella Brigata Pray ~ Read ~ Act)



Mondays from 6:00 am.-7:30 am in the PAC.

Coffee & breakfast is provided.

Come join our discussions on the Sorrowful Mysteries from **"The Mysteries of the Rosary"**

Text or call Lee Pardue at 832-236-4661 for information.

THE PERFECT GIFT FOR DAD

With Father's Day arriving soon, what better gift to give this loved one, whether living or deceased, than a spiritual bouquet of prayers for them... and you too.

Clerical Endowment Fund cards offer a spiritual bouquet of Masses and daily prayers by the Bishop and seminarians for the enrolled as well as the benefactor. Funds raised from the sale of the cards are loaned to Parishes and the interest is given to the Bishop to aid in the education of seminarians.



The ladies of the PCCW will be available the weekend of **June 7-8** to take enrollments as you leave Mass.

EL REGALO PERFECTO PARA PAPÁ

Con la proximidad del Día del Padre, que mejor regalo que ofrecer al ser amado, ya sea en vida o difunto, que un ramillete de oraciones para ellos...y para ustedes también. Las tarjetas del Fondo de Beneficencia Clerical ofrecen un ramillete espiritual de Misas y oraciones diarias del Obispo y los seminaristas, tanto para quien hace el registro, como para el benefactor. Los fondos recaudados de la venta de las tarjetas se prestan a las parroquias y el interés se da al obispo para ayudar en la educación de los seminaristas.

Las señoras del PCCW van a estar aceptando donativos para inscribir a sus seres queridos en el Fondo de Donaciones Clericales (CEF) después de todas las Misas el fin de semana de **7 y 8 de Junio** después de todas las Misas.



Charismatic Prayer Group

"Make love your aim, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts..." I Cor. 14:1

First Fridays, Starting August 1

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." I Cor. 12:7

"...wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, tongues, interpretation..."

Strength for the Church. Other parishes welcome.

Questions: call or text 713.501.0663 (Kathy)



PETER UNIVERSITY

Achina/Onneh, Anambra State

Peter University is a Catholic institution owned by the two dioceses of Awka and Ekwulobia in the Southeastern state of Anambra, Nigeria. The gates opened for the first time on October 3, 2023. So far, there are 350 students: all living on campus. The reason for the university lies in history, necessity, and the missionary mandate of the church to "go and teach" (Mt 28:19). After the genocidal war against Biafra (1967-1970), the federal government annexed Catholic schools in Nigeria and expelled all Christian missionaries who worked in Biafra land. After forty years of poor school policies and management, the consequences became unbearable for the nation. Rebuilding the values and culture that make us human, became a necessity for the Church as she politically and legally demanded that all her schools be returned. This was done in 2011 in Anambra state under the leadership of Governor Peter Obi. Anambra State has taken the front position in education ever since. This impressive outcome was apparent in the secondary school level. But on graduation, the students would secure admission into government-owned and badly run universities and colleges. The Church, therefore, after a careful study of the situation, thought that continuity at the tertiary level should receive priority attention as part of the missionary mandate. Peter University was the answer for the two dioceses of Awka and Ekwulobia. Attention to disadvantaged, physically challenged and poor but very bright students have a pride of place in the university's agenda. This is the reason for soliciting scholarships, endowments, funding of facilities and equipment, capacity building, training in advocacy, ICT apprenticeship and knowledge sharing so that education, science and technology can raise up a people purposely held down by an invading Islamist government with some overt international support.

Next weekend June 7-8 we will have Fr. Uche Obikwelu talk to us during masses about Peter University.

La Universidad Peter es una institución católica propiedad de las diócesis de Awka y Ekwulobia, en el estado de Anambra, al sureste de Nigeria. Sus puertas se abrieron por primera vez el 3 de octubre de 2023. Actualmente, cuenta con 350 estudiantes, todos residentes en el campus. La razón de ser de la universidad reside en la historia, la necesidad y el mandato misionero de la Iglesia de "ir y enseñar" (Mt 28,19). Tras la guerra genocida contra Biafra (1967-1970), el gobierno federal anexó las escuelas católicas de Nigeria y expulsó a todos los misioneros cristianos que trabajaban en territorio biafrano. Tras cuarenta años de deficientes políticas y gestión escolar, las consecuencias se volvieron insoportables para la nación. Reconstruir los valores y la cultura que nos hacen humanos se convirtió en una necesidad para la Iglesia, que exigió política y legalmente la devolución de todas sus escuelas. Esto se hizo en 2011 en el estado de Anambra, bajo el liderazgo del gobernador Peter Obi. Desde entonces, el estado de Anambra ha ocupado un lugar destacado en materia de educación. Este impresionante resultado fue evidente en la educación secundaria. Sin embargo, al graduarse, los estudiantes obtendrían acceso a universidades e instituciones de educación superior estatales y mal gestionadas. Por lo tanto, la Iglesia, tras un cuidadoso estudio de la situación, consideró que la continuidad en la educación superior debía recibir atención prioritaria como parte del mandato misionero. La Universidad Peter fue la respuesta para las diócesis de Awka y Ekwulobia. La atención a los estudiantes desfavorecidos, con discapacidades físicas y de bajos recursos, pero muy brillantes, ocupa un lugar destacado en la agenda de la universidad. Por ello, se solicitan becas, donaciones, financiación de instalaciones y equipos, desarrollo de capacidades, formación en defensa de los derechos, aprendizaje en TIC e intercambio de conocimientos para que la educación, la ciencia y la tecnología puedan impulsar a un pueblo oprimido deliberadamente por un gobierno islamista invasor, con apoyo internacional manifiesto.

El próximo fin de semana, 7 y 8 de junio, el Padre Uche Obikwelu nos hablará durante las misas sobre la Universidad Peter.



Boys and girls! Get ready to embark on a majestic adventure at Saint Mary's Vacation Bible School: **Cool Kingdom Party!** Mark your calendars for July 28th–31st and join us for an exhilarating week of faith, fun, and friendship, open to all children from Pre-K through 6th Grade. Step through the gates of the kingdom and dive into the Cool Kingdom Party, where kids will explore how Mary, the Queen of Heaven, guides us to her Son, Jesus, the King of Kings!

Expect a royal blast with lively music, engaging Bible stories, creative crafts, and exciting games that bring the kingdom to life! Registration table will be outside all Masses the weekend of June 7-8 or you can sign up at the church office.

Don't miss this chance to celebrate in God's kingdom with new friends and grow closer to Jesus! Let's make this a VBS to remember!

¡Niños y niñas! Prepárense para una aventura majestuosa en la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones Santa María: ¡Fiesta del Reino Genial! Agenden sus calendarios del 28 al 31 de julio y únanse a nosotros para una emocionante semana de fe, diversión y amistad, abierta a todos los niños desde preescolar hasta sexto grado. ¡Atraviesen las puertas del reino y sumérjanse en la Fiesta del Reino Genial, donde los niños explorarán cómo María, la Reina del Cielo, nos guía hacia su Hijo, Jesús, el Rey de Reyes!

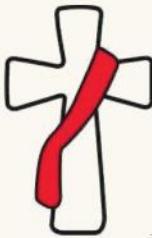
¡Prepárense para una fiesta de lujo con música animada, historias bíblicas cautivadoras, manualidades creativas y juegos emocionantes que dan vida al reino!

Habra una mesa de registracion el fin de semana del 7-8 de Junio despues de todas las misas o pueden registrarse en la oficina parroquial.

¡No se pierdan esta oportunidad de celebrar en el reino de Dios con nuevos amigos y acercarse más a Jesús! ¡Hagamos de esta una EBV inolvidable!

Join us in praying for vocations:

A photograph of a priest in gold vestments celebrating Mass at an altar. He is holding a small object in his hands. In front of him is a large, ornate monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament. The altar is decorated with white flowers and greenery. To the right, a floral arrangement is visible. Overlaid text on the right side reads: "Oh Lord, give us holy and abundant vocations according to your heart". At the bottom, text reads: "June 3rd and every first Thursday of the month a Holy Hour at 6:00pm in the parish church." The background shows a church interior with columns and a pulpit.



DEACON'S CORNER

This is the time of year that people are listening to speeches at high school and college graduations. Invited guests, principals and valedictorians tell the graduates to build on their last four years and use their education to make the world a better place. This is great.

The Ascension can be understood in the same terms. We have been brought from spiritual childhood to assume an adult responsibility in the Kingdom of God. The analogy ends there, though. We are not dependent upon what we have learned. We have so much more. We relish in the Presence and Power of God. We are Joshuas. We are Elishas. We are the disciples who have been entrusted with the Spirit of God to serve His People.

Sometimes loneliness overwhelms us. It overwhelms everyone at times. Sometimes we think about our mistakes, our sins, and we become despondent. Everyone at some time or other asked himself or herself, "How could a person like me, a person who is inclined to sin do God's work?" Everyone suffers from crippling guilt at times in his or her life. Everyone makes the mistake of letting the past destroy the present and eliminate the future. When we feel we are all alone, when we feel that we are not good enough, we need to remember that Jesus did not ascend and then leave us destitute. No, He left us with His Power, His Presence, His Life. And he didn't leave us to spend the rest of our lives contemplating our belly buttons. No, He empowers us to bring His Presence to all, beginning with our families and then extending to the entire world.

Moses' hands were laid upon Joshua; Elijah's mantle fell upon Elisha; and the Holy Spirit descended from the Father and Son. May we have the courage to continue the Work of God.

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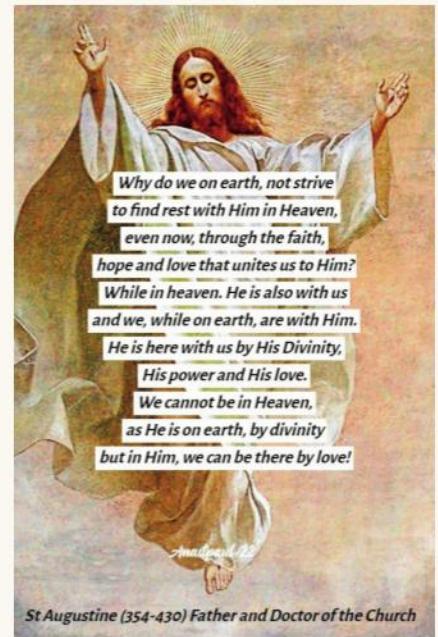
RINCON DEL DIACONO

Esta es la época del año en que la gente escucha los discursos de graduación de preparatoria y universidad. Invitados, directores y estudiantes destacados les dicen a los graduados que aprovechen sus últimos cuatro años y usen su educación para hacer del mundo un lugar mejor. Esto es maravilloso. La Ascensión se puede entender en los mismos términos. Hemos sido traídos desde la infancia espiritual para asumir una responsabilidad adulta en el Reino de Dios. Sin embargo, la analogía termina ahí. No dependemos de lo que hemos aprendido. Tenemos mucho más. Nos deleitamos en la presencia y el poder de Dios. Somos Josué. Somos Eliseo. Somos los discípulos a quienes se les ha confiado el Espíritu de Dios para servir a su pueblo.

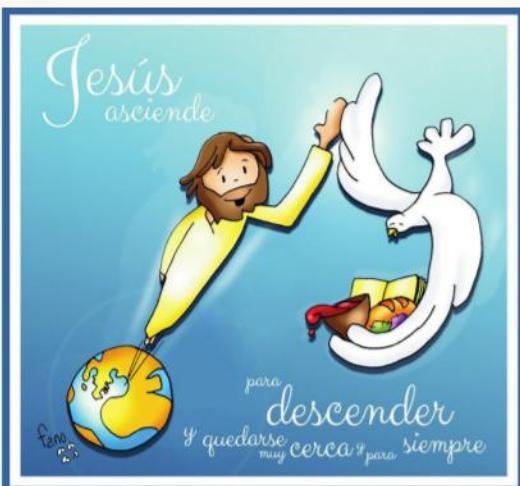
A veces la soledad nos abruma. A todos nos abruma a veces. A veces pensamos en nuestros errores, nuestros pecados, y nos desanimamos. Todos, en algún momento, nos hemos preguntado: "¿Cómo podría una persona como yo, una persona con tendencia al pecado, hacer la obra de Dios?". Todos sufrimos una culpa abrumadora a veces en la vida. Todos cometemos el error de dejar que el pasado destruya el presente y anule el futuro. Cuando nos sentimos solos, cuando sentimos que no somos lo suficientemente buenos, debemos recordar que Jesús no ascendió para luego dejarnos desamparados. No, nos dejó con su poder, su presencia, su vida. Y no nos dejó para que pasáramos el resto de nuestras vidas contemplando nuestros ombligos. No, nos capacita para llevar su presencia a todos, empezando por nuestras familias y extendiéndose luego al mundo entero.

Las manos de Moisés fueron puestas sobre Josué; el manto de Elías cayó sobre Eliseo; y el Espíritu Santo descendió del Padre y del Hijo. Que tengamos la valentía de continuar la obra de Dios.

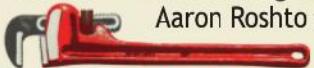
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