

*Ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.
(John 15:7)*

Have you ever heard of snake oil salesmen? They sell a product that they promise will solve all of our problems, cure all of our ills, and guarantee a happy life. It's a tempting offer. But we know deep down that the salesman's promises are empty.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we can come to him and ask for whatever we want. Does that mean that, like a snake oil salesman, he is promising to give us whatever we desire, even if it's riches, fame, or power? Not at all.

When Jesus makes this promise, he begins by saying "If you remain in me and my words remain in you" (John 15:7). That's the key: abiding in Jesus. He wants us to be like branches that are constantly fed and sustained by a vine. That means staying connected to him so that he can feed us and form us (15:5). The closer we are to Jesus and the more we let his words shape us, the more our hearts can become like his. Our desires and dreams start to reflect his desires and dreams for us. As a result, it's more likely that we'll be "asking" according to God's will.

Of course, this doesn't happen overnight. Even as we strive to align ourselves with God's will, we should still keep bringing our needs or desires to Jesus. We should always come to him with the confidence of children who trust in their loving father. After all, we have a good God who wants to give us good things. But in the end, prayer is not an exercise in trying to get *him* to bend to *our* will. It's a process of freely embracing his will.

Jesus is promising us that we can ask and receive as we align ourselves with him and hold onto his words. He himself will dwell within us and lead us to our heavenly Father. And that's not an empty promise!

*"Jesus, help me to abide in you!" Acts 9:26-31
Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32 1 John 3:18-24*

The Word Among Us.



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Appeal
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COMISSION DEL ARZOBISPO PARA LOS MINISTERIOS

Altar Society Membership Drive

You are invited to join members of the Altar Society on Sunday, May 5th, in the Church Patio for coffee and pastries after morning Masses. We will give a brief presentation on our Mission and activities.

Solicitando Miembros para la Sociedad del Altar

Los invitamos que nos acompañen el domingo, 5 de Mayo en el patio para compartir café y postre después de las misas de la mañana. Presentaremos una breve explicación sobre nuestra misión y actividades.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Jenny Cosby & Family, Josefina Gomez, Teresa Brezenski, Laura Pena, Elisa Casanova, Maria Villarreal, Rudy Reyes, Jessica Lozano, Socorro Pastrano, Laura Moreno, George Menjares, Agnes Kubesch, Maria Luisa Rodriguez, Susana Ruiz Velasco, Rome Escobedo, Maria del Carmen Morales, Richard Gonzales, Tanya Marie Pavaglio, Graciela Bernal, Sr. Cecilia Rodriguez, Julio Villarreal, Roselie Marquez Gonzales, Brenda Kaye Cosby, Oralia Ortiz, Mayra Maricela Martinez, Amalia Villarreal, Juliana Villarreal, Paula Montalbo, Sue Lira, Christian Vasquez, George Garcia, Tony Garza III, Carmen Flores, Viola Sanchez, Melissa Sanchez Lara, Ruben Sanchez, Dalia Morales, Michael Morales, Rene Hernandez, Pablo Flores, Luciano Soto, Hector C. Alvarez, Kathleen May, Esiquio Perez, Gene Flores, Jean Vargo, Bobby Garcia, Noelia Pantoja, Sandra Ornelas, Greg Wood, Art Martinez, Margaret Burke, Deziree Vanessa Ibarra, Belle Bird, Richard Jr. & Rachel De La O, Janie Frausto, Patricia Sanchez, Annalisa Rodriguez, Leti Mc Nerney, Ricardo "Richie" Mejia, Rosa Maria Villarreal, Maria Martinez, Jerelynn Meek, Guadalupe R. Duenas, Fiorenza Bruni, Gloria Moreno, Noe Roberts Lopez, Theresa McHugh, Norma Mendez, Cecilia Morales, Carmen Messer, Mary Ann Valdez, Debra Martinez, Sam Solano, Armando & Martha Davila, Antonio Briones Ortega, Ofelia Anzaldua, Jerry & Lydia Slaughter, Yvonne Garcia, Emilio & Carmen Rodriguez, Nephthali Luna, Teresa Elshire, Matthew Gonzales and family, Joann Hamm, Elizabeth Benavides, Zackry Hernandez, Jennifer Nicole, Mario Guerrero, Keith Daily, Joel Gonzales, Sr. Luz Moreno, Evelyn Medina, Norma Navaira, Maryann Droitcourt, Antonio Bruni, Guadalupe Pacheco, Carlos Flores Jr., Servando Perales, Libby Roussin, Eva Flores, Gilbert Vasquez and Ben Countman.

To Add or Remove names, call the Parish office at 738-2201



Scan here, for Sunday giving.

Escáner aquí, para dar el domingo.

Parish Support:

April 20th and 21st, 2024

Church Support:.....	\$3,973.03
Online Giving:.....	\$186.00
Assumption Seminary:.....	\$1,752.75
Maintenance Fund Donation:.....	\$53.00
TOTAL:.....	\$5,964.78

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 29th ~ 11:30am

† Priscilla Acosta

† Isidora B. Jaramillo

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, April 30th ~ 11:30am

† Yolanda Carrizales

St. Pius V, Pope

Wednesday, May 1st ~ 11:30am

† Al Loya

† Joe Prado

St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday, May 2nd ~ 11:30am

Josette Lowe (Special Intention)

St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday, May 3rd ~ 11:30am

Amanda McLeod (Special Intention)

Poor Souls in Purgatory

St. Philip and James, Apostles

Saturday, May 4th ~ 5:00pm

Deceased family members of † Juan Chavez

Sunday, May 5th

8:00am † Fred & Eva Gonzales

9:30am † Ciriaco Obregon

† Maria de los Angels Granados

12:00pm Mary Ann Valdez (Happy Birthday)

† Norma Atilano

7:30pm People of the Parish

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The St. Pius X Child Development Center (SPXCDC)
is opening May 1, 2024 for ages 18-35 months!



Learn Grow Build Sing Dance Explore

Now offering Full-Time and
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Now Enrolling!

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and learn
with us!**

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WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Legion of Mary: Tuesdays at 5:30pm in the Casa de Juan.

That Man is You: Saturday's in Casa de Juan
7:00am-9:00am. Contact Kevin Collins 210-685-2735 or
Rafael Martinez 210-782-6313

Guadalupanos: Recites the Rosary every Wednesday at
7pm in the Church.

Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions: Every Thursday
12pm to 6pm.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Guadalupanas: Recites the Rosary on the 12th day of
each month. Contact Maria Gomez at 210-268-7760.

Knights of Columbus: 2nd Thursday of the month at
7:00pm. Contact Ricardo Valdez 210-842-1551.

Altar Society: 3rd Sunday of the month after the 12:00pm
Mass. Contact Parish Office 210-738-2201.

Youth Group: Contact Marisol Ramirez at 210-723-1355.

ACTS: Contact Julie Constantino at 210-288-1405.

Adult Religious Education (RCIA) & Faith Formation:
Contact the Parish office at 210-738-2201 ext. 105

Young Adults Ministry: 2nd Thursday of each month 7pm
to 9pm at Casa de Juan. Contact Anna Gomez at
210-331-3044.

**make a splash
this summer!**

St. John the Evangelist

Vacation Bible School 2024

July 8 - 12, 2024

9:00am - 12:00pm Parish Hall

