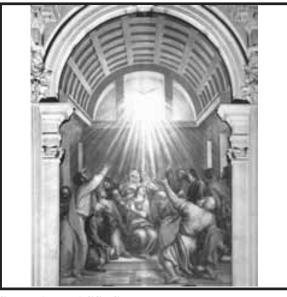
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Life Teen Mass—6:30pm

Seasonal Spanish Mass—5:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:00am

Saturdays: 9:15am

CONFESSIONS

1/2 hour before each Sunday Mass or by appointment.

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Please contact us one month or more in advance.

MARRIAGE

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You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish Office or in the gathering space at the back of the Church. Offering Envelopes are available.

THE HOLY SPIRIT!

St. Augustine said that the Holy Spirit is the one that exists between God the Father and the Son. We can know of this relationship by analogy. Think of a loved one even when we are away from them we still can feel close to them, connected to them somehow. This is the kind of unity between God the Father and God the Son Jesus.

The Eastern Churches use the Greek word "theosis" (divinization) for the Spirit's essential work in us: "That you may...become partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). He enables us to share in the very life of God himself – not just the ideals or principles of that life, not just God's "lifestyle," but God's life itself.

This dwelling of the Spirit has profound implications for our lives. It keeps us united in the mind of God. And so when the Church, the Body of Christ filled with the Spirit proclaims through council of Christ's vicar on earth, the Pontiff we know it to be true for the Spirit, God cannot deceive or be deceived and we know with certainty that we keep in the reality of who God really is.

Because of this intimacy with God, prayer (talking with God) becomes as natural as breathing. The Spirit moves us to talk with the infinitely perfect Creator as we talk with our own closest friend. We want to pray, because we want to be in the presence of the One we love. Love replaces fear or duty as the motive for prayer (and for obedience, too).

Lastly the work of the Spirit is to sanctify, to make saints.

Everyone wants "true love". "True love" is the honest, self-forgetful love of the other for the sake of the other. Everyone responds to this love, everyone admires true love, everyone deeply longs for a relationship of mutual love. Everyone knows that love is the meaning of life, life's highest value, the summum bonum, or greatest good.

The meaning of life is to be a saint. "There is only one tragedy, in the end: not to have been a saint" (Leon Bloy).

Sainthood is the culmination of God's work in us, the final end of our lives. And this end – sanctification, saint-making – is especially the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Father made this end possible by creating us, and the Son made it possible by redeeming us, and now the Spirit makes actual what the other two Persons made possible.

What Catholics Believe - Peter Kreeft

QUOTE OF THE SAINT OF THE WEEK

Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin. All hope consists in confession. In confession there is a chance for mercy. Believe it firmly. Do not doubt, do not hesitate, never despair of the mercy of God. Hope and have confidence in confession.

St. Isidore of Seville (May 15th)



Thanks to the generous donation of \$500.00 from Mother Teresa School for the Share Life Fund. You can work Wonders!

<u>A Blood Donor Clinic</u> will be held at the Holy Martyrs Parish Hall from 3:00pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday, May 19th.

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In Celebration of the Year of the Priests

we will be celebrating the evening Mass for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on **Saturday**, **June 5**th **at 5:00pm** with Archbishop Thomas Collins and all the priests that have served our parish in the past with a dinner in their honour. Please come out to the Mass and dinner afterwards to make this a very special occasion for our priviledged guests. Limited seating for dinner. **Tickets will be on sale after Masses at \$35.00 each.** Please see Imelda Santos.

Our Weekly Collection

Offertory Donation was \$6,795.75 Thank you for your wonderful kindness in supporting the Parish.

YOUNG ADULT'S RETREAT - SAT. MAY 15TH

To initiate a new Catholic Young Adult's group in our parish, we would like to invite young adults between the ages of 18 and 35 to attend a day retreat on **Saturday**, **May 15th at Stella Maris Marina in Holland Landing**. The retreat will include Mass and a talk given by a visiting Basilian priest, Fr. Jim Murphy, as well as a dinner BBQ and evening bonfire. **The retreat will run from 11am to 6pm, with an optional social (BBQ, Bonfire) to follow from 6pm-10pm**. There is no charge for the retreat, but we will be accepting donations to cover costs (suggested donation of \$10). We invite you to join us for a day of renewal, faith and fellowship. Hope to see you there! For more information, please call Ray at the Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION DATES

St. Jean de Brebeuf May 11th at 7:00pm Mother Teresa May 11th at 7:00pm

All participants and sponsors are reminded to be at the church for 6:30pm in order to put on your gowns for the service which is being celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Peter Hundt

R.C.I.A WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE...

The R.C.I.A. (Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults) is for any adults (18 years old or older) who are interested in joining the Catholic Faith. In it we journey with you in a discovery of who Christ is, the Church He founded and His love for you. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr. Boniface at the Parish Office.

A Mother's Day Message

Dear Lord, who chose Mary to be the Mother of your Son, we bless you for our mother, we ask you to bless her with grace and peace all her days. Loving God, we pray for all who rejoice in Motherhood, we thank you for her life and for giving life to us. We bless you for her gentleness and love and dedication. Bless her with joy and love. May she like all the holy women find joy in Christ our Saviour. We pray that we ask this to Christ our Lord. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, May 8th

- + Virgilio Domingues, Rosa, Manuel, & Gabriel Oliveira by Family
- + Joseph Sandner by Imelda Santos
- + Antonio Santoro by Diane Oliveria & Family
- + Paul, Elizabeth & Mary Gres by Gres & Dudo Families
- + Antonio Murais Castro by Wife and Family
- + John Pfeiffer by Parents & Family
- + Vito Ingoglia by Ingoglia Family
- + Maria Amtao Pereira & Manuel Festa by Daniel & Maria Viveiros

Sunday, May 9th (Mother's Day)

- 8:30am + Ilda Coelho by Eduarda Romeiro & Family
- 10:00am + Brene Arruda by Maria Arruda
- 11:30am + Nancy Bova by her children, Dian, Philip, Patty &

Mandy

5:00pm **Spanish Mass** 6:30pm **Pro Populo**

7:00pm Monday, May 10th

- + Francisco Rodrigues by Wife Ester Barros
- + Antonio Mirassol by Wife & Children
- + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
- + Maria & Luis Borges by Maria Da Silva

8:00am Tuesday, May 11th

+ Special Intentions by Claudina & Anibal Crisostom & Family

7:00pm Wednesday, May 12th

+ Valentin Marques (12th Anniversary) by Grandchildren

8:00Am Thursday, May 13th

+ All Souls by David & Rosa

7:00pm Friday, May 14th

- + Annie Yaszczyszyn by Taucar Family
 - 9:15am Saturday, May 15th
- + All Souls

5:00pm Saturday, May 15th

- + Emi Chavez by Family
- + Alzirio & Laurinda Janeiro by Antonio Janeiro & Family
- + Miguel Gomes by Gina, Jack and Danny
- + Mercelina Rodrigues by her Daughter & Family
- + Alice Fernandes by Silva Family
- + Manuel Ferraz by Wife & Family

Sunday, May 16th

8:30am + Jose & Lucinda Sousa & Daniel & Diolinda

Viveiros by Jose & Lucia Viveiros

10:00am + Maria Gutta by Nick Gutta & Family

11:30am + Jose De Sousa by Wife & Family

5:00pm **Spanish Mass** 6:30pm **Pro Populo**

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"



Calling all Singers

You are invited to a Choir Rehearsal for the Year of the Priest Mass on June 5th. Practices will be held on May 26th and June 2nd at 7:30pm in the Church. All are choir members are welcome!

Sunday to Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH Sun May 9th - 1:00pm - Our Lady of Fatima - Mass & Procession

Mon May 10th - 2:00pm - Seniors Group

Mon May 10th - 7:30pm - RCIA

Mon May 10th - 8:00pm - St. Vincent de Paul

Tue May 11th - 7:00pm - St. Jean de Brebeuf & Mother Teresa

Schools - Confirmation with Bishop Hundt

Wed May 12th - 7:00pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wed May 12th - 8:00pm - Al-Anon

Thu May 13th - 7:00pm - Bereavement Group

Sun May 16th - 1:00pm - Holy Spirit Festival





May 7 & 8th Life Teen Retreat	Monday, May 10th
- School of Monk	- A Body to Die for
Sunday, May 16th	Monday, May 17 th
- Ultimate Frisbee	- Movie Night

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If you are planning to buy a plot in our cemetery, now is the time. Please contact the Parish Office for more information and ask for Delia. 905-775-2065.

Marriage Encounter

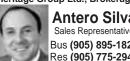
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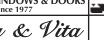
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