

May 17, 2026

Pastor Message



Searching for God in the Right Place

Many people today are searching for something deeper in life. Some are searching for peace, some for happiness, some for love, and some simply for meaning. Deep inside every human heart, there is a search for God. Even people who do not speak about faith often carry questions inside them: Why am I here? What will truly satisfy my heart? Why do I still feel empty even after achieving many things? The problem is not that people are searching. The problem is that many are searching for God in the wrong places. Some people search for God only in money. They think, If I become rich, I will finally be happy. But we have seen wealthy people who still feel lonely and restless. Money can buy a bed, but not peaceful sleep. It can buy medicine, but not health. It can buy entertainment, but not lasting joy. Some search for God in unhealthy relationships. They depend completely on another person to fill the emptiness inside them. But no human being can fully satisfy the deepest hunger of the soul. That is why many relationships collapse under pressure. When we expect another person to become our whole source of happiness, disappointment eventually comes. Others search for God in popularity and social media attention. A person may have thousands of followers online but still feel alone inside. Applause from people lasts only for a moment. Today people praise you; tomorrow they forget you. Human approval is temporary. A few years ago, a reporter interviewed a famous celebrity who had money, fame, and success. During the interview, the celebrity said something shocking: I have everything I dreamed of, but I still feel empty inside. That sentence teaches us an important truth: success without God cannot fully satisfy the human heart. In the same way, many people keep running from one thing to another, hoping something in this world will finally give complete peace. But our hearts were created for something greater. We were created for God. St. Augustine once said, Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord. That is very true. A fish can never be happy outside water because it was made for water. In the same way, the human soul can never find lasting peace away from God because we were created for Him. So where should we search for God? We find God in prayer. Not in complicated words, but in honest conversation with Him. We find God in silence, where the noise of the world becomes quiet. We find God in Scripture, where He speaks to our hearts. We find God in the Eucharist, where Christ gives Himself to us. We find God in acts of kindness, forgiveness, and love. So dear friends, if you are searching for peace, search in the right place. If you are searching for meaning, search in the right place. If you are searching for lasting joy, search in the right place. The world can give temporary pleasure, but only God can give lasting peace. When we place God at the center of our lives, everything begins to change. Problems may still exist, but we no longer face them alone. Difficulties may still come, but our hearts remain stronger. The search finally becomes a journey with purpose.

Amen.

Fr. Joseph Puthen

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK



Saturday, May 16

5:00 p.m. Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 17

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS

9:30 a.m.(E) † Lisandro & Olivia Longoria by Bro. Martin
Francesco, OFS

† Nicolas Huerta by Sara Garza

† Mateo Longoria, Jr. & Mateo Longoria, Sr.

11:15 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Monday, May 18

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 20

7:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 21

7:00 a.m. † Wilfredo Lopez (anniv) by the family

Friday, May 22

7:00 a.m. † Reynaldo M. Carbajal (birthday) by the family

Saturday, May 23

5:00 p.m. † Ariela Aleman (birthday) by the family

† Alfonso Garcia, Jr. by the family

† Rudy & San Juanita Soliz, Jr. (birthday & anniv)
by the family

Sunday, May 24

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS

9:30 a.m.(E) † Amando Rodriguez, Sr. (anniv) by the family

11:15 a.m. † Lauro Almaraz by the family

† Reynaldo Reyes (5th anniv) by the family

~Flowers on the Altar~



All 2026 Graduating Seniors

Fr. Joseph's Homily

Fr. Joseph's homily for the weekend Masses will
be posted on our website!

Our website address is on the front of the bulletin.

Parish Tithes and Offerings May 9 & 10

Sacred Heart Parish

Regular Collection: \$3853.00

Online Giving: \$1015.00

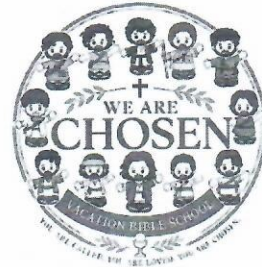
St. Anne Mission

Regular Collection: \$530.00



Parish Meetings & Events

- May 17 Senior Mass at 11:15 Mass
May 19 Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:00 pm Parish Hall
May 20 Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00pm Schoenstatt Chapel
May 24 Pentecost Sunday
May 24 Altar Server Mass at 11:15
May 25 Memorial Day—Parish Office Closed
May 27 Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00pm Schoenstatt Chapel
Jun 03 Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00pm Schoenstatt Chapel
Jun 05 1st Friday Mass at 12:05 pm. Guadalupe Chapel



Save The Date!

VBS June 22-26



Knights of Columbus

Family of the Month
Christian Perez,
Edmund & Cindy Perez



Memorial Bricks

We are going to be ordering memorial bricks again soon. So, if you have been thinking about ordering a brick in memory of your loved one, now is the time to get your order in! Come by the Parish Office to pick up an order form or call 361-325-3455 for more information.

4x8: \$100 8x8: \$150 12x12: \$200
These prices include clipart

~Youth News~

Just a reminder to all Religious Ed kids and parents. It is still important to continue going to Mass! Just because Religious Ed classes are done for the summer, they still sign in when they come to Mass. It's especially important for the ones preparing for their Sacraments next year.



Prayer Blanket Ministry

This Parish has been so blessed with this ministry. All the blankets that have been made, prayed over and blessed by Fr. Joseph, have been such a blessing to each person who has received one in their most difficult time. This wonderful group of ladies are asking for donations, material as well as monetary, to help keep this beautiful ministry going. If anyone is a seamstress and would love to join and help spread their love for this ministry, please call the Parish Office 361-325-3455.

Altar Society Schedule

For the Month of May:
have the privilege of cleaning the sanctuary:
Patti Ann, Maricela L., Cindy P.
Cleaning the side altars:
Enedelia S. & Irene E.



Prayer Blanket Ministry

This ministry will be making blankets for people in our parish who are seriously ill. These blankets will be blessed and given



to everyone on our list. Prayer is very powerful and we ask everyone in our parish to pray for these individuals on the prayer list:

5-17-26

Richard & Norma Saenz
Letty Garcia
Mari Reyes
Janie Zamarripa
Lizette Salinas Rodriguez

5-10-26

Edna Marie Longoria
Robert Tristan
Erica M.
Kindra Vannest
Jacob Soliz
Benny Soliz
Neri Almendarez
Agueda A. Garza
Ruben Garza
Rita Galindo
Erik Garcia
Paulita Flores

Ellie Renee Arredondo

4-26-26

Ricardo Garza
Marlene Costley Maldonado

5-3-26

Fred Lopez
Marshal Ramirez
Angelita Villarreal
Jason Alegria
Brooklyn Alegria
Amelia Wilkinson
Gracie Pena
Grace Mora
Diana G. Cantu
John Cantu



MAY 10-23



The Sanctuary Candle in the **Church** is burning

for:

Maria L. Trevino

By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in the **Guadalupe Chapel**

is burning for:

Polo Carbajal

By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in the **Schoenstatt**

Chapel is burning for:

Rita & Pedro Barrera

By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in **St. Anne Mission** is

burning for:

Odelia S. Rodriguez

By the family

VOCATIONAL CROSS



5:00 p.m. Mass

May 2-May 9 Benita Huerta
May 9-May 16 Joyce Mauldin
May 16-May 23 Melissa Escobar

8:00 a.m. Mass

May 3-May 10 Grace Charles
May 10-May 17 Enedelia Saenz
May 17-May 24 Lucy Flint

11:15 a.m. Mass

May 3-May 10 Omar & Missy Guerra
May 10-May 17 Lupe Saenz, Jr.
May 17-May 24 Pam Cabrera

St. Anne Misson

9:30 a.m. Mass

May 3-May 10 Laura Gutierrez
May 10-May 17 Alma Martinez
May 17-May 24 Alicia Cantu



The month of May
is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.