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**Welcome to
Our Parish!**

Ascension of the Lord
May 24, 2020

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Rev. John K. Antony

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Dc. Greg Pair, Dc. Charles Kuehl
Dc. César Villafranca

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Short term prayers for the

Prayer Chain

479-452-9464



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 25th

MEMORIAL DAY

7:00 am Jack Shields†
5:00 pm English Mass in Chapel
6:00 pm Spanish Mass

Tuesday, May 26th

7:00 am Gene Bruick†
5:00 pm English Mass in Chapel
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Spanish Mass

Wednesday, May 27th

7:00 am Henry Udou†
5:00 pm English Mass in Chapel
6:00 pm Spanish Mass

Thursday, May 28th

7:00 am Ginny Kleint†
5:00 pm English Mass in Chapel
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Spanish Mass

Friday, May 29th

7:00 am Rosalie Ciulla†
5:00 pm English Mass in Chapel
6:00 pm Spanish Mass



Saturday, May 30th

7:00 am Gene Bruick†
3:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Jack Merrywell†

Sunday, May 31st

7:30 am Phyllis Neubauer and
Renee Michaud†
10:00 am Parishioners
12:00 pm Leodegario Gonzalez†
2:00 pm Erlinda Araujo &
Jose Rodriguez†
5:00 pm David Gangluff†

"The mission of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is to proclaim the gospel message of Jesus through Word, Sacraments and Works: to form our community in the traditions and teachings of our Catholic faith, to care for one another and the community at large and to bring others to know Jesus by our witness and example".



Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 2020

He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

— Acts 1:9

Welcome to our Parish!



Become a part of our Church family!

We invite you to fill out a registration form! You can find one on our website, www.icchurch.com, or at the Church Office.

DEVOTED TO PRAYER

Today, as we await Pentecost, we come to the end of the baptismal homily from Peter that we have heard over the past few weeks. This homily was written by a realist who knew the joy and the glory of a Resurrection faith, but also knew that the strength of that faith would be put to the test and tried in suffering. Earlier this year we heard Jesus preach, "Blessed are you when they insult you . . . because of me" (Matthew 5:11) and this is echoed today by Peter. These words are also formed in the image of Christ who prays to the Father in heaven today, a prayer that is placed in John's Gospel right before Jesus endures his suffering and death. Our awaiting the Spirit, awaiting our mission for Christ means that we are, most likely, awaiting some sort of trial and suffering. We don't endure the same degree of persecution that Peter and John knew, but each of us has our faith put to the test eventually. And it is for this reason that we, like Jesus and like those faithful followers gathered in the upper room, devote ourselves to prayer. -Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

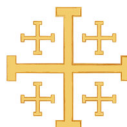


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

SEARCH #148 RETREAT

Registrations are now being accepted for Search #148, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The summer Search is open to in-coming juniors, seniors and recently graduated seniors. Search #148 will be held at St. John Center, Little Rock, over the dates of July 17-19, 2020.



Due to Covid-19 -- space will be limited to 30 registrants and all covid-19 guidelines set by the Bishop will be followed (wearing of masks, distancing, etc.) The fee is \$135.00. For more information and registration forms visit our website at: dolr.org. If you have questions you may contact Trish Gentry tgentry@dolr.org at the Diocese of Little Rock Youth Ministry office: 501-664-0340, ext 418. Cell Phone number (501) 352-1682.

DOLR Ordinations

The Diocese of Little Rock has announced it has rescheduled the ordination Masses, the Chrism Mass and priest jubilarian Mass to August 2020. The diaconate ordination of our parishioner, Omar Galvan, has been scheduled for August 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Details to follow. Please keep him and all the seminarians in your prayers.

Adoration Chapel

The St. Boniface Adoration Chapel is closed for the time being. However, you are welcome to come in to any of the Catholic churches in Fort Smith for prayer and adoration.

St. Boniface Church hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00am to 3:30pm
And Sunday 8:00am to 2:00pm

Christ the King Church hours:

Monday—Thursday 8:00am to 4:30pm
Friday 8:00am to 1:00pm

I.C. Church hours:

Sunday—Saturday 6:00am to 7:00pm

OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



Our church office will remain closed until further notice. Thanks to everyone for their patience and fortitude during this difficult time. If you need to reach someone on the staff or in case of an emergency, you can call 479-783-7963, leave a message and someone will get back with you shortly.

Online Resources during this Covid19 Crisis

Since the COVID-19 crisis, Arkansas parishes are working very hard to provide online resources to their parishioners to help them stay connected and continue to practice their faith from home. Please visit, <https://dolr.org/covid>, for a list of the options available in these parishes as well as other resources by popular Catholic ministries. This list will be updated frequently as new information becomes available. (dolr.org)



Memorial Day Prayer

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into

your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen

—from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 24th
NO CLASSES, MEETINGS OR REUNIONS

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NO CLASSES, MEETINGS OR REUNIONS

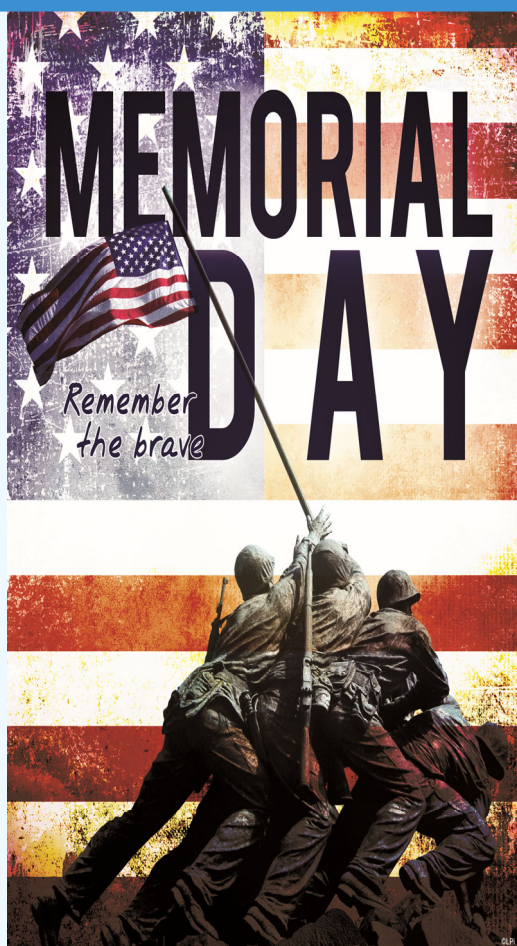
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This week, we want to recognize,
**Laverne Neihouse, Johnette Seiter, Karen Brooks,
Rita Bates, Lona Seiter**
for sewing the fabric barriers for the church pews.
Thank you for everything you do for our Parish!

Sundays Readings

First Reading: Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

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

Second Reading: May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel: Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day
Monday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi; Memorial Day
Tuesday: St. Philip Neri
Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury;
Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday: St. Paul VI

Drivers Needed for OCA

Ozark Catholic Academy High School in Tontitown is looking for part-time drivers for both school vans and a bus during the school year. Bus driver would need a CDL license.

If you are interested in the different routes and times available and would like more information, please contact Brendan Wiley at 479-692-1671 or email him at brendan.wiley@ozarkcatholic.org.



Keep your faith strong and engaged with TAN books!

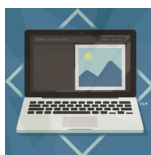
A small blessing has found its way to our parish. **TAN Books**, a Catholic publisher based in North Carolina and someone we have done business with in the past, has graciously offered to supply us with a host of books covering various spiritual topics, and perfect to keep your Faith strong and engaged during this difficult time, all at a discounted rate of 30% off. **This program ends as of May**

31st, 2020. Simply go to their website, www.tanbooks.com, and use the code **IMMA72901** at checkout to receive the discount.



TAN BOOKS

I.C. Church has a YouTube Channel!



You can now visit our YouTube channel, **IC Church Fort Smith**, to see the recorded Masses on your Smart TV or mobile device! Subscribe to our page to get notifications of the latest videos!

Long Term Prayer List. John Armstrong, Harold Willie, Jean Hendricks, Betty Garth, Peggy Sutterfield, Evelyn Wofford, Wally Russell, Nadine Long, Elvin Frick, Dana Seaton, Dick Schwartz, Jan Udouj, Lawrence Charves, Janet Hodgins, Mary Jean Loy, Alice Traynor, Marilyn Newman, Caylee Cross, Anne Udouj, Tom Loy, Lynda Ledet, Frances Schneider, Nelta Sugg, Bob Wells, Bonnie Thatcher, Melinda & Steve, Gary Orendorff Family, Pat Fuhrmann, Antoinette Beland, Tom Phillips, Jim Foldvary, Sofia Hurtado, Esperanza Solorio, Jane Myrick, Amy Graham, Amy Valley, Christopher James Capilo Leonhardt, Cecilia Stringer, David Korkames, Mary Josephine Thomas, Mary Allen, Gus Weisenfels, Tom Wagner, Maria Alexandra Ramirez, David Bond, Roswitha Goodman, Guy Ann Bartley, Joan Reif, Bob Rhodes, Kathy Furstenberg, Cheri Bell, Carl Dougherty, JJ Seiter, Joe Zelasko, Ann Marie Richards, Mary Memmolo, John Gaffney, Kathy Bowen, Angela Miller, Christine Lamb, Pete and Donna Luebbers, Jim Myrick, Rosella Boerner, Shandy and Steve Mizner, Ben Baumann, Alice Aboloc, Lily Flores, Lawrence Komp, Maria White

Job Opportunity: Choir Director

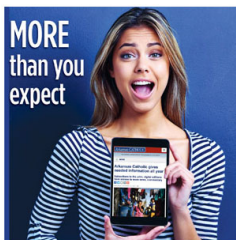
I.C. Church seeks gifted and experienced Choir Director to lead the English-speaking adult choir. The ideal candidate will have a passion for traditional Catholic organ music, and draw on the talents of our diverse

congregation. This is a part-time position and applications are being accepted by mailing a résumé and cover letter to: Fr. John K. Antony, Pastor, to Immaculate Conception Church, P. O. Box 1866, Fort Smith, AR, 72902, attn. Fr. John K. Antony.



CCC collection

MORE
than you
expect



We will have a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Half of the collection stays in the Diocese of Little Rock to support the communications ministries, including the newspaper and websites. Your donation makes it possible for nearly 6,000 free Arkansas Catholic digital subscriptions to be given to readers who request it. Your donation also supports the diocesan website, www.dolr.org.

If you haven't already, please drop off/mail your donation to the church or make an online gift at dolr.org/online-giving. Thank you.

Father John's Homilies!

Enjoy some of Fr. John's homilies and share them with your family & friends! Visit our website www.icchurch.com, click on "Fr. John's Homilies" for audio or "Fr. John's Blog" for a written version!

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Looking for an interesting book to read?

Over the last few years, Father John Antony has published 3 distinctive books to help raise funds for various campaigns to support Catholic education.

All 3 books are available at the I.C. church office! For more information or to purchase a book, please contact Cindy McNally at 479-783-7963 or email at cmcnally@icchurch.com.

1st bk: Oh, For the Love of God
2nd bk: Oh, For Heaven's Sake
3rd bk: Oh, Lord, Have Mercy!



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"Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word." — Jn 17:5-6

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Automatic Contributions Program



This program allows you to make your contributions to the church even when you are unable to attend Mass at IC. For details, call the Church Office 479-783-7963 or visit our website, www.icchurch.com.

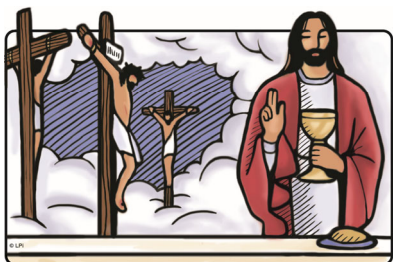


The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs Dcn. Matthew A. Glover at the Diocese of Little Rock at (501)664-0340 ext. 361. For Pastoral Assistance, please contact: Diocese of Little Rock Victim Assistance Coordinator Laura Gottspomer (501) 664-0340 ext. 425.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION — 05/17/2020

Due to an early deadline, we were not able to include the Financial Information for May 17th by the close of this bulletin edition. For the latest financial information, please visit our website www.icchurch.com or sign-up to receive our weekly newsletter by emailing Cecilia Garcia at churtado@icchurch.com. We apologize for the inconvenience, Immaculate Conception Church





La Ascensión del Señor

24 de Mayo del 2020

Se fue elevando a la vista de ellos, hasta que una nube lo ocultó a sus ojos. — Hechos 1:9

Bienvenidos a Nuestra Parroquia!

BIENVENIDOS

¿Eres nuevo en Fort Smith? ¿Nunca te has registrado en la parroquia? ¡Regístrate en nuestra parroquia! Visita nuestra página web icchurch.com/EnEspanol o ven a la Oficina Parroquial para una forma de registro.

Esta semana queremos reconocer a, **Laverne Neihouse, Johnette Seiter, Karen Brooks, Rita Bates, Lona Seiter**
Por ayudar a coser las telas para las bancas de la Iglesia.
¡Gracias por todo lo que haces por nuestra parroquia!

DEDICADOS A LA ORACIÓN

Hoy, mientras esperamos Pentecostés, llegamos al final de la homilía bautismal de Pedro que hemos estado escuchando en las últimas semanas. Esta homilía fue escrita por un realista que conoció el gozo y la gloria de una fe de resurrección, pero que también supo que el temple de esa fe sería probado en el sufrimiento. Varios domingos atrás oímos a Jesús predicar: "Dichosos cuando los injurien, . . . por causa mía" (Mateo 5:11) y eso encuentra eco hoy en Pedro. Estas palabras se forman en la imagen de Cristo que reza al Padre del Cielo hoy, una oración colocada en el Evangelio de Juan justo antes de que Jesús pasara por su sufrimiento y muerte. Esperar al Espíritu, esperar nuestra misión por Cristo significa que, probablemente, aguardamos algún tipo de prueba y sufrimiento. No soportamos el mismo grado de persecución que Pedro y Juan pasaron, pero la fe de cada uno de nosotros eventualmente será probada. Y es por esta razón que nosotros, al igual que Jesús y aquellos fieles discípulos que se reunieron en la habitación superior, nos dedicamos a la oración. -Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Horario para rezar el Santo Rosario

Si deseas rezar el Rosario en los próximos meses llama a Mariella Araujo al (479)785-7978.

Capilla de Adoración



La Capilla de Adoración de la Iglesia San Bonifacio estará cerrada por el momento por el mandato del Obispo Taylor por precaución del coronavirus, COVID-19.

Las Iglesias estarán abiertas durante el día para los que gusten venir y orar.

Horario de la Iglesia de San Bonifacio:

Lunes a Viernes de 9:00am a 3:30pm y
el domingo de 8:00am a 2:00pm

Horario de la Iglesia de Cristo Rey:

Lunes a Jueves de 8:00am a 4:30pm
Viernes 8:00am a 1:00pm

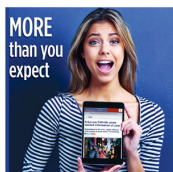
Horario de la Iglesia Inmaculada Concepción:

Domingo a Sábado de 6:00am a 7:00pm

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 19:1-8; Sal 68 (67):2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Martes: Hch 20:17-27; Sal 68 (67):10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Miércoles: Hch 20:28-38; Sal 68 (67):29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Jueves: Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Viernes: Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Sábado: Hch 28:16-20, 30-31; Sal 11 (10):4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Domingo: Vigilia: Gn 11:1-9 o Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b o Ez 37:1-14 o Jl 3:1-5; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Día: Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104 (103):1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Colecta para los servicios de comunicación



Tendremos la colecta para la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación. La mitad de la colecta se queda en la Diócesis de Little Rock para ayudar los ministerios de comunicación, que incluyen periódico e Internet. Si aún no lo ha hecho, por favor deje/envíe su donativo a la iglesia o haga una ofrenda en línea en dolr.org/online-giving. Gracias.

Página Web y Facebook

Ahora puedes visitar nuestro canal de YouTube, **IC Church Fort Smith**, para ver Misas grabadas en tu Televisor o celular! ¡Suscríbete a nuestro canal para recibir notificaciones de nuestros videos!



Sociedad de Santa Ana

Las parroquias del condado de Sebastián trabajan juntas bajo el nombre Sociedad de Santa Ana para ayudar a las personas de bajos recursos en nuestra comunidad.

¿Quieres ayudar a la Sociedad de Santa Ana?

Dona a la Caja de los Pobres -

Las cajas de los pobres están ubicadas en las entradas de la parroquia. Les pedimos a las familias que donen \$1 por semana a la caja de los pobres.

Closet de Santa Verónica - Actualmente, el closet necesita:

Desodorante (mujer/hombre), jabón de baño, crema para el cuerpo y para manos, crema para afeitar, papel sanitario, detergente de ropa y artículos femeninos.

Donaciones pueden ser depositadas en los contenedores de Santa Ana ubicados en las entradas de la Iglesia.



Herramientas para practicar la fe en casa

Desde la crisis del COVID-19, las parroquias en Arkansas están trabajando arduamente para ofrecer recursos en línea a sus feligreses para ayudarlos a mantenerse conectados y continúen practicando su fe desde casa. Visita <https://dolr.org/covid>, para una lista de opciones disponibles en estas parroquias al igual que otros recursos de parte de otros ministerios católicos populares en español. Esta lista será actualizada frecuentemente a medida que haya nueva información disponible.



Mausoleo en la Inmaculada Concepción

Una alternativa a la sepultura tradicional.

Un Mausoleo es una construcción en donde se depositan las cenizas del ser querido en un nicho. El Mausoleo será construido en el área cercada al Norte del Edificio Santa Anna y al Este de la iglesia y contará con un pabellón para ofrecer un lugar en donde realizar el último servicio funerario. Cada nicho podrá albergar hasta 2 urnas. El costo de cada nicho es de \$1,750 e incluye cuidado perpetuo, placa con el nombre, apertura y cierre del nicho y colocación de urna. Se ofrecen opciones de pago, limitadas a 12 meses. Si estás interesado/a en adquirir un nicho, por favor contacta a Cindy McNally al 479-783-7963.



Visita nuestra página web icchurch.com/EnEspañol.htm

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LA DIOCESIS DE LITTLE ROCK ESTA COMPROMETIDA A PROTEGER A LOS NIÑOS Y JOVENES.

Si estás enterado de algún abuso o has sido abusado por clérigos, voluntarios o funcionarios de la Iglesia, por favor contacta a la Línea de Ayuda del Estado de Arkansas para crímenes contra niños al 1800-482-5964 y con el Canciller de Asuntos Canónicos Dcn. Matthew A. Glover en la Diócesis de Little Rock al (501)664-0340 ext. 361. Para asistencia pastoral, por favor contacta a la Coordinadora de Asistencia para Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock Laura Gottspomer al (501)664-0340 ext. 425

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura: *Este Jesús que les han llevado volverá de la misma manera (Hechos 1:1-11).*

Salmo: *Entre voces de júbilo y trompetas, Dios el Señor asciende hasta su trono (Salmo 47 [46]).*

Segunda lectura: *Dios sentó a Jesús a su derecha en el reino de los cielos (Efesios 1:17-23).*

Evangelio: *Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones (Mateo 28:16-20).*

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LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo:	La Ascensión del Señor; Jornada Mundial de las Comunicaciones Sociales
Lunes:	San Beda el Venerable; San Gregorio VII; Santa María Magdalena de Pazzi; Día de los Caídos
Martes:	San Felipe Neri
Miércoles:	San Agustín de Canterbury; Shavuot (festividad judía) empieza al atardecer
Jueves:	La Ascensión en el calendario juliano
Viernes:	San Pablo VI

Programa de Contribuciones Automáticas



Haz tu ofrenda aún ahora que no puedas asistir a Misa. Ayuda a la iglesia en estos tiempos difíciles. Puedes mandar por correo tu sobre o lo puedes depositar el sobre con tu nombre en la Caja de los Pobres adentro de la Iglesia. ¿Preguntas? Llama a Oficina Parroquial al 479-783-7963 y deja tu mensaje.

Ordenación Diaconal de Omar Galvan

Debido a las circunstancias actuales del Covid-19, la ordenación diaconal de Omar Galvan ha sido pospuesta hasta el 12 de Agosto del 2020 a la 6:00 pm. Tendremos mas detalles en cuanto se presenten. Gracias por todas sus oraciones. Sigamos en oración por aquellos que están en riesgo de contraer el virus y especialmente por aquellos que ya lo tienen, que nuestro Señor los sane. Y también tengan en sus oraciones a todos los seminaristas que están por recibir la ordenación diaconal. Dios los bendiga abundantemente.



Una Oración por los Soldados en el Día de los Caídos

Dios Omnipotente y Eterno, sabemos que aquellos que se refugian en Ti, se alegrarán y exultarán de gozo por siempre. Protege a estos hermanos Y hermanas militares en el cumplimiento de su deber. Cuídalos con el escudo de tu fuerza y mantenlos libres de todo peligro. Que el poder de tu amor les permita regresar al hogar donde están los que les aman; y así, te alaben y bendigan por tu cuidadoso amor.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor.
Amen.

-El Día de los Caídos es un día para recordar a aquellos que murieron al servicio de los Estados Unidos de América.



