



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Welcome:

If you are a new parishioner, or visiting for the first time, welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church! We are happy you are here and hope you find our parish home to be a warm and welcoming place. If you would like to become a member of our parish, please check with the parish office or give us a call.

Homebound: For Communion to the sick or the homebound, please call the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul: *Closed until the completion of our New Community Center & SVdP Food Pantry in 2024.

Funerals: To ensure the availability of a priest and the church, please call the office before you make arrangements with the funeral director.

Baptism Preparation: Classes offered as needed. Please contact the parish staff for more information. Se ofrece una clase cada tercer sábado del mes a las 10 de la mañana.

Senior Luncheon: We are working on re-establishing the Luncheons and will notify everyone when we are ready to offer lunch once a month for Seniors and Friends.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday - Friday: 8am Rosary, 8:30am Mass

Saturday: 5pm Vigil, English

Sunday: 9am, English & 12pm, Español

Adoration: Thursdays, 8:30am-8:30pm

Adoración al Santísimo: jueves, 8:30am-8:30pm

Reconciliation: Wednesdays, 7pm & Fridays, following the 8:30am Mass.

Reconciliación: miércoles, 7pm y viernes, 9am

Anointing of the Sick: Second Wednesday of each month following the 8:30am Mass.
(Anointing is available at all hours in emergency.)

School Mass: Fridays, 8:30am (Sept.—June)

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May 4th & 5th, 2024: Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Church Teaches...



Two weeks ago, the Sunday Gospel proclaimed, through the words of Jesus, that we are invited into the same relationship Jesus shares with His Father. Last week, with the image of the vine and branches, the Gospel

further described the relationship we have with God, with His Son, and with each other. Today, the Gospel gives these relationships a name: "Friendship."

The change from "servants" to "friends" which Jesus announces gives us every reason to gather around His altar, Sunday after Sunday, in joyful thanksgiving. This is a change initiated by God through the words of Jesus: "You have not chosen me, I have chosen you."

From the very beginning of the creation of our human family, God has wanted us to share with Him true friendship. The description of that creation in the Book of Genesis gives us a deep insight into the relationship between God and those first humans. *They were friends!* They walked and talked together in the garden. They knew the sound of each other's voices. There was loyalty and patience, faithfulness, and a shared joy that came from their love for each other. (It wasn't as though God needed friends, and it wasn't as though God's friends needed God to give them something. They had it all because they had God. God was God because there was love ... and there still is.)

We know, however, that God's "friends" decided to go it alone – on their own. There was betrayal and blame, hiding and shame, behavior that usually destroys a friendship. Let's not forget, though, that friendship *for* God and friendship *with* God is not broken by such things. God has revealed something about friendship we sometimes forget: forgiveness.

From our own human experience, we know that friendship includes having no secrets, complete acceptance, blindness to flaws and imperfections ... and willing forgiveness. Ideally, nothing can get in the way when a friend is in need. Jesus, put it simply: we become willing "to lay down our lives for our friends," figuratively and sometimes literally.

Something worth pondering this week: the greatest compliment we can receive from (or offer to) another, and the most obvious sign of someone's grace and holiness is to call them a "friend of God."

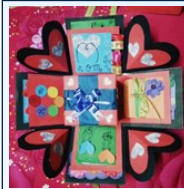
Bulletin Announcements



We were blessed with fabulous weather for our annual Jog-a-thon on April 23rd! Thank you so much to Jog-a-thon Chair Lindsay

Childers for all of her hard work, to all of the parent volunteers who helped run the event, and of course to our students who eagerly ran the course! Stay tuned for an update from our Parents' Association on the total dollars raised and the students and grades who ran the most laps and raised the most money!

It's hard to believe, but we have fewer than two months left in this school year! The May calendar will be emailed to parents early next week, and we have lots of field trips coming up! With the longer days during Daylight Saving Time, the temptation for kids to stay up late is strong: please make sure that they get plenty of rest every night, so they are rested and ready-to-go on school mornings!



Among the many Easter lessons we have picked up this year, we have heard how we are called to: listen to God; care for the needs of others; and lay down our lives for the good of another.

This is, in a unique way, the very vocation of motherhood: listening; caring for the needs of others; and laying down one's life for another.

Obviously, not much is stronger than a mother's love for her child. Our mothers, together with our fathers, are the ones who first teach us about love and how to respond to those in need. Let us be grateful for them.

The Church, in many ways, is also a mother to us. She teaches us how to love and to respond to those in need.

From her we receive the grace of the Sacraments, are taught to hear the word of God, and receive teaching to guide our steps in the truth of the children of God.

Next Sunday we will thank God for *all* moms. But throughout the coming week, let us be grateful for our mothers who nurture us and support us; our Church which guides us through life; and our Blessed Mother, who protects both the Church and all of God's children.

The Holy Cross Worship Schedule—

- ❖ **Daily Mass: Tues. - Fri., 8:30am**
- ❖ **Confessions: Wednesdays, 7pm & Fridays, following the 8:30am Mass**

(Appointments for Confession are also available throughout the week.)



Bulletin Announcements: Activities & Opportunities



The Catholic Charities of Oregon second collection is this weekend.

Catholic Charities offers compassionate help with

common sense. That tradition comes down from the women Religious who started Catholic social service in the state in 1844 and continued with the founding of Catholic Charities in 1933. Many strong women have carried the tradition ever since, identifying where the need is most urgent and finding sensible ways to help.

We are part of that tradition. Our gift to the 2024 appeal enables them to continue to offer lifesaving services such as affordable and transitional housing, permanent housing with supportive services, immigration legal help, refugee aid, family support, case management, food and more.

Please consider giving to Catholic Charities in honor or in memory of someone you love. Thank you for your generous response.



We thank our St. Vincent de Paul workers for their years of dedication to feeding the hungry here in North Portland.

While it is true that our Food Pantry is now closed (until our new Community Center opens), we are directing our labors and support to the SVdP Conference at Holy Redeemer parish.

Please continue to use your “blue envelopes” to support this vitally important ministry in North and Northeast Portland. Anyone interested in volunteering at the Holy Redeemer Food Pantry, please call 503.880.2780, or email: svdp@holyredeemerpx.org.



Next weekend, May 11-12, we will celebrate the *Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*. The Scriptures tell us that, in the days following His Resurrection until the Ascension, Jesus

appeared to His Apostles in several different ways to affirm for them that He had been raised from the dead and truly lives. They were filled with the virtue of faith, indicating that “with God all things are possible.” Soon He would leave them again, this time to sit at His Father’s Right Hand.

Many of us are old enough to remember when the Ascension was celebrated on the Thursday which marked the fortieth day of Easter. What changed? The celebration of the Ascension was transferred to the following Sunday – which was part of a larger trend to transfer holy days of obligation and other solemnities to the following Sunday. Doing so allows greater exposure and more solemn celebration of the holy day among the faithful.

The Next Generation of Gardeners— are needed for the parish grounds.

Those retired parishioners who have served on the volunteer grounds committee have family members who are ill and need care givers.



If you can donate 2-4 hours a month, working alongside a grounds committee member, you will get support and tools. Our parish grounds are beautiful, will you help to keep them that way?

Please contact the parish office at 503.289.2834 or holycrossoffice@archdpdx.org if you are interested in supporting this important ministry. Thank you!



We celebrate Mother’s Day next Sunday and what theme is more universal than motherhood? All of us stand in gratitude – grateful for the mothers who brought us into this world. We prize that nurturing relationship so highly that we call our Church, “Holy Mother,” and we venerate Mary, the mother of Jesus, for her pivotal role in the life of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Yet, as we anticipate Mother’s Day, can know it can bring with it an abundance of mixed emotions and memories. Any mother can attest to the difficulty and challenge of the task of parenting. And mothers come in all shapes and sizes. Some mothers are birth mothers, some are adoptive. Some mothers are the grandmas or aunts who raised us. Some are friends who have loved us with a mother’s love. Some mothers left us far too soon. Some mothers are the people we rebelled against; some mothers are the women we idolized. Most often, our mothers were probably a mix of all of this. It’s a complex vocation, this parenting!

During the month of May, we honor and remember not just our own moms, but Mary, the Mother of God. We see her as the great symbol of motherhood and as our role model. Let us ask Mary’s intercession, so that in our endeavors to be good stewards and to raise good stewards, to nurture in the faith those entrusted to us, she might come to our assistance and guide us with her motherly understanding. And especially next weekend, on Mother’s Day, let us be sure to ask Mary to bless all mothers, especially our own.

Please take a moment this week to dream about a special breakfast or brunch at this time next year (and in the years ahead) for our mothers in our new Community Center! See if you can imagine hundreds of us gathering in our new “home” to share pancakes and say “thanks” to our moms. Help us make the dream come true!

Family Resources— April 28th, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Upcoming Key Dates/Events:

May 5th:

- English First Communion, 9am Mass

May 12th:

- Happy Mother's Day

May 19th:

- Youth Masses, Family Faith Fun Day

May 25th-27th:

- Memorial Day Weekend

Save the Dates! Vacation Bible School—July 22nd-26th, 2024

Registration is *NOW* available!

Limited spaces available. Sign up *TODAY!*

Printed packets in the back of the church, in the front offices of the parish and school, and online:

Vacation Bible School - Holy Cross Catholic Church (holycrosspdx.org). Questions, please contact Andrea

Swanson, Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry, 503.206.8069.

What a year of Ministry!

In this whirlwind of sacramental events in our parish it's important that we offer a huge **THANK YOU** to our catechists, our volunteer teachers, who make our Sacramental classes happen.

Thank you to our catechists:

- Eric Boughton (Confirmation)
- Michelle Dumas (Confirmation)
- Mark Gast (Confirmation)
- Marta Ramos (Confirmation)
- Francis Rochon (Confirmation)
- Salvador Santos (Confirmation)
- Steve Spitulski (Confirmation)
- Bunny Brown (First Communion)
- Sierra Faoro (First Communion)
- Genesis Gomez Mejia (First Communion)
- Beth Kabele (First Communion)
- Leslie Velazquez-Flores (First Communion)
- Ashley McCullar (Children's Liturgy)
- Carrina McNerney (Children's Liturgy)
- Keola Morley (Children's Liturgy)
- Jane Tagorda (Children's Liturgy)
- RJ Tagorda (Children's Liturgy)
- Eva Varga (Children's Liturgy)

We also thank Andrea Swanson for her loving, patient, and wise leadership in Religious Education, Confirmation, and our Youth groups!



Our First Communion Celebration is today!

At the 9am Mass today we are having our First Communicants celebrate their special day with all of us gathered. They are excited to get to celebrate this faith-milestone with their parish community.

Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit Through the Sacraments



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples that He is going away, but the Father will send the Holy Spirit to help them.



We can't see Jesus on earth any more, because His body went into Heaven at the Ascension. We can't see the Holy Spirit either, because He doesn't have a body. The Holy Spirit really is in the world, though. He is working in the Church and in people who obey and love God.



The Holy Spirit comes to us mainly through the sacraments. We get grace, which is God's life in us, when we receive the sacraments. Jesus gave us the sacraments to help us on our way to Heaven. Do you know the seven sacraments? Here is a list to help you to remember:



Baptism
Confession
Confirmation
Holy Communion
Marriage
Holy Orders
Sacrament of the Sick



Important Dates

May 4-5: 6th Sunday of Easter

- **First Communion Mass at 9am Sunday**
- **Catholic Charities Special Collection**

May 8: Monthly Mass of Anointing, 8:30am and Confessions, 7pm

May 9: Adoration, 8:30am-8:30pm

May 10: Confessions, 9am

May 11-12 : Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

- **Mother's Day Weekend**

May 19: Pentecost Sunday (Fiftieth Day of Easter)

May 25-27: Feast of the Holy Trinity

- **Memorial Day Weekend**

Next Week's Readings: May 11th & 12th

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1, 1-11

Psalm: 47 **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 1, 17-23

Gospel: Mark 16, 15-20



This entire Easter season is fifty days of prolonging the joy of Easter Sunday. Accordingly, following Easter Sunday, we refer to the Sundays of Easter, not the Sundays after Easter. In the words of

St. Athanasius, we can refer to the Easter (or Paschal) Time as "one Great Sunday."

Although our 21st-century "attention span" makes it hard to remain focused on *anything* for fifty days, Easter joy certainly deserves our honest effort.

Following the Easter readings (for Sunday Masses and weekday Masses) can be a helpful way to give that honest effort. Doing so will help us notice that the readings for the Sundays & weekdays of Easter are all from the New Testament, and the first reading for each day is from the Acts of the Apostles, on account of the early Christian community's experience and the development and growth of the Church, animated by the work of the Holy Spirit.

The U.S. Bishops' website offers easy access to the readings used at Mass. There are also valuable resources which not only provide the Scriptures for each day, but also helpful reflections. Among these are: [The Word Among Us](#); [Give Us This Day](#); and [Magnificat](#).

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Mass Intentions for May 7th—May 12th, 2024:

Tues. +Isabel Sablan by family

Wed. +Kellie Wisher by Nina and Dick Wisher

Thurs. +Mary Jo Harmon by Glenda Bell

Friday Ints. of Lamont/Montalbano families

Sat. (5pm) Ints. of the People of the Parish

Sun. (9am) Ints. of First Communion Children

(12pm) +Fr. Juan Diaz-Vilar by family

*To arrange for a Mass intention, please contact the parish office.
Please plan ahead if you are requesting a specific date.*



In our prayers, let us remember all those who have died, including: James Graiff, Martin Kuntz,

Brigid McManus, Irne Heaverin,
and Juana Luna Ortiz

Let us pray also for those who are ill or homebound:

Darlene Thayer, Sue Anne Boettcher,

Shayna Ramirez, Mary Ragland,

Bob Hungerford, John Bachmeier, Greg Busch,

Amanda Holmberg, Anita Verbout, Erma Faoro,

Christina Gardener, Carl Cawley, Tiem Nguyen,

Marvilla Graiff, Kathy Ackley, Sandra Blossom,

Ann O'Reilly, Richard Lund, Sr. Mary Ryan,

Annie Braunstein, Donna Hatley, Chris Kelly,

Rose Petersen, Jane Bachman, Ann Renon,

Jack Link, Bernie Maloney, Tina Paradiso,

Rupert Liddie, Tim Brezo, and Georgie Ferguson

Stewardship



**April 27th & 28th, 2024
Weekend Offertory: \$4,026.78
Online Giving: \$2,000.00
Total: \$6,026.78**

**Weekly Offertory needed \$11,805.00*

The experience of being "chosen" by someone can be a welcome one. It might be as simple as someone choosing us to be on their team; or, some years later, to be their referee. Being chosen is also a welcome response when applying for a job. Similarly, being chosen to give a reference for someone else applying for job can be a sign that we are trusted to do so. But being chosen can be even more significant still.

At the root of every happy marriage is the fact that two people once *chose* (and then have kept on *choosing*) each other. At the heart of every true friendship, even outside of marriage, is a similar choice. Two people choose to be friends with each other – they value their relationship as special and worthwhile. As in marriage, the choice must be mutual if the friendship is to last.

When it comes to the stewardship of God's gifts, let's not forget that He has *chosen* us (because He trusts us) to use His gifts well ... not counting the cost, and for the good of others. Do we trust God in the same way He trusts us?

LA IGLESIA NOS ENSEÑA



Hacia el año 9 A.D., los pueblos griegos de la Provincia Romana tomaron la decisión de cambiar el calendario. En adelante la historia de la humanidad no se contaría a partir de la fundación de Roma, sino a partir del nacimiento del emperador Augusto. La razón era de peso. Él había sido “Buena Noticia” (*euangelion*) para todos, pues había traído la paz introduciendo en el mundo un orden nuevo. Augusto era el gran “bienhechor” y “salvador.”

Los primeros cristianos comenzaron a proclamar un mensaje muy diferente: “La Buena Noticia no es Augusto sino Jesús.” Por eso, San Marcos tituló así su Evangelio: “Buena Noticia de Jesús, el Mesías, Hijo de Dios.” (1, 1) Y por eso, en su Evangelio, el mandato final del Resucitado es éste: “Vayan al mundo entero y proclamen la Buena Noticia a toda la creación.”

“**Buena noticia**” es algo que, en medio de tantas experiencias malas, trae a la vida de la gente una esperanza nueva. Las “buenas noticias” aportan luz, despiertan la alegría, dan un sentido nuevo a todo, y animan a vivir de manera más abierta y fraterna. Todo esto y más es Jesús, pero ¿cómo proclamarlo hoy como Buena Noticia?

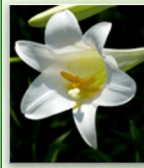
Podemos explicar doctrinas acerca de Jesús: en Él está la salvación de la humanidad, la redención del mundo, y la liberación definitiva de nuestra esclavitud. Todo esto es cierto, pero no basta. No es lo mismo exponer verdades cuyo contenido es teóricamente bueno para el mundo, que hacer que la gente pueda experimentar a Jesús como algo “nuevo” y “bueno” en su propia vida.

No es difícil entender por qué la gente le sentía a Jesús como “Buena Noticia.” Toda su manera de ser era algo bueno para todos: era compasivo y cercano, acogía a los más olvidados, abrazaba a los más pequeños, bendecía a los enfermos, y se fijaba en los últimos. Toda su actuación introducía en la vida de las personas algo bueno: salud, perdón, verdad, fuerza interior, y esperanza.

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“Dios nuestro, por la Resurrección de tu Hijo nos has dado una esperanza auténtica. Derrama sin cesar sobre nosotros la fuerza del Espíritu para que Él transforme nuestras vidas y se manifiesta en nuestras obras. Por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.”

PARA REFLEJAR....



El Cielo no se puede describir, pero lo podemos pregonar. No lo podemos alcanzar con nuestra mente, pero es imposible no desearlo.

Si hablamos del Cielo no es para satisfacer nuestra curiosidad sino para reavivar nuestra alegría y nuestra atracción por Dios. Si lo recordamos es para no olvidar el anhelo último que llevamos en el corazón.

Ir al cielo no es llegar a un lugar, sino entrar para siempre en el Misterio del amor de Dios. Por fin, Dios ya no será alguien oculto e inaccesible. Aunque nos parezca increíble, podremos conocer, tocar, gustar, y disfrutar de su ser más íntimo, de su verdad más honda, y de su bondad y belleza infinitas. Dios nos enamorará para siempre.

Pero esta comunión con Dios no será una experiencia individual y solitaria de cada uno con su Dios. Nadie va al Padre si no es por medio de Cristo. Sólo conociendo y disfrutando del misterio suyo penetraremos en el misterio insondable de Dios. Cristo será nuestro “cielo.” Viéndole a Él “veremos” a Dios.

Qué plenitud alcanzará en Dios la ternura, la comunión, y el gozo del amor y la amistad que hemos conocido aquí. Con qué intensidad nos amaremos entonces quienes nos amamos ya tanto en la tierra. Pocas experiencias nos permiten pregonar mejor el destino último al que somos atraídos por Dios.



Para aquellos inmersos en el mundo secular, la Pascua terminó hace mucho tiempo (de hecho, el domingo de Pascua). Para nosotros, qué contradictorio parece todo esto. Si, nosotros creemos que el misterio Pascual y los eventos de la Pascua, de cambios en la vida, no han terminado. Ellos no son un final sino un inicio triunfal, y han alterado nuestras vidas en una manera radical. El misterio y el milagro de la Pascua nos desafían a vivir como gente diferente, como gente de la Resurrección. ¿Qué significa esto? Significa ser “corresponsables católicos.”

Nosotros hemos vivido a través de la Cuaresma y de los misterios Pascuales, tratando de profundizar todo el tiempo una relación con la persona de Cristo. Esto es tan simple y al mismo tiempo tan sorprendente y complejo.

Entre más profundo crece la relación, cuanto más nos arraigamos en ella, esta relación con Cristo dominará más nuestras vidas. Nosotros no segmentaremos a Jesús, lo mantendremos en nuestro centro. Y los misterios nos guiarán al asunto fundamental en el corazón de toda la corresponsabilidad, el asunto que la Pascua nos obliga a preguntar: ¿Cómo administro mis recursos – mi tiempo, mi dinero, mis habilidades y dones, mi vida entera – para que ellos estén al servicio del Reino de Dios?

Esta no es una pregunta de medio tiempo. Esta no es una pregunta estacional que se quita del estante periódicamente. Esta es una pregunta básica que la estación de la Pascua nos hace: “Jesús, ¿cómo quieres que yo te sirva?”

MINISTERIO HISPANO

Equipo Pastoral 503.289.7188

Pláticas Pre-Bautismales:

Tercer sábado del mes a las 10am.

Recuerde que necesita registrar a su hijo/a antes de asistir a la plática.

Bautismos:

El primer sábado del mes a las 9:30am y **el último domingo del mes** después de Misa.

Estas fechas son solo para niños menores de 6 años.

Los niños mayores de 6 años deberán de comunicarse a la oficina antes de apartar alguna fecha.

Preparación Sacramental para:

Iniciación Católica para Adultos (RICA) y Bodas – por favor llame a la oficina

Misas de Quinceañeras:

Misa de Acción de Gracias para Quinceañeras en grupo, el segundo sábado del mes a la 11am.

Confesiones:

Los miércoles a las 7pm,
los viernes a las 9am,
y por cita entre semana.

Adoración al Santísimo:

Cada jueves de las 8:30am a las 8:30pm.

Misa con Unción de los Enfermos:

Segundo miércoles del mes inmediatamente después de la Misa de 8:30am.

HORARIO PARROQUIAL

5 de mayo: VI Domingo de Pascua

8 de mayo: Confesiones, 7pm

9 de mayo: Adoración, 8:30am-8:30pm

10 de mayo: Confesiones, 9am

12 de mayo: Fiesta de la Ascensión



**Corresponsabilidad Parroquial—
28 de abril: \$6,026.78**

¡Gracias!

(El Ofertorio semanal necesita llegar al presupuesto Parroquial: \$11,805.00)

Hoy se nos recuerda de nuevo que el corazón del cristianismo (y la corresponsabilidad) es el amor: amor a Dios y amor de unos para con otros. Jesús nos dice que tenemos que amarnos unos a otros como Él nos ha amado. **Éste es un amor muy exigente**, ya que nos compromete a amar no sólo a los que nos caen bien y que nos aman o son compañeros católicos de las mismas ideas, sino también a los difíciles, a los “no atrayentes,” a gente muy lejos de ser perfecta, a marginados y extraños... Eso no es tan fácil, y esa es probablemente la razón por la que Él lo llama “mandamiento.” Pidamos al Señor que crezcamos en esta apertura de auténtico amor y corresponsabilidad.

LA LITURGIA — LECTURAS

Fiesta de la Ascensión—12 de mayo

Primera Lectura: Hechos 1, 1-11 **Salmo:** 46

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 1, 17-23

Evangelio: Marcos 16, 15-20

EL DÍA DEL SEÑOR



En el Catecismo Católico leemos: “En domingos y otros días santos de precepto los fieles están obligados a participar en la Misa” (can 1247). . . “Los fieles están obligados a participar en la Eucaristía los días de precepto, a no ser que estén excusados por una razón seria (por ejemplo, enfermedad, el cuidado del niños pequeños) o dispensados por su pastor propio (can 1245). Los que deliberadamente faltan a esta obligación cometen un pecado grave.” (par. 2181)

¿Quién puede decir que guarda santo el día del Señor si no ofrece a Dios su más valioso regalo en ese día? ¿Quién puede afirmar que ama a Dios si rehúsa (sin serios obstáculos) ofrecer lo más encumbrado, el punto cumbre, de la vida cristiana por lo menos en el día que Dios ha mandado guardar? ¿Qué otra acción más santa hay en ese día?

Cuando hablamos de la Misa, amor es la clave. Pero, ¿cómo amamos a Dios? Cristo respondió a esto así: “El que cumple mis mandamientos es el que me ama.” (Juan 14, 21). ¿Dio Jesucristo algún mandamiento acerca de la Misa? Sí. En la Última Cena, la institución de la Eucaristía, Cristo dijo, “Hagan esto en memoria mía.” (Lucas 22, 19)

En nuestras oraciones recordemos:

...a todos los que están enfermos, incluyendo:

Darlene Thayer, Shayna Ramirez,
Sue Anne Boettcher, Mary Ragland,
Erma Faoro, Sr. Mary Ryan, Greg Busch,
Bob Hungerford, Anita Verbout,
Carl Cawley, Amanda Holmberg, Marvilla
Graiff, John Bachmeier, Sadrac Lopez, Kathy
Ackley, Richard Lund, Sandra Blossom,
Donna Hatley, Annie Braunstein,
Rupert Liddie, Chris Kelly, Rose Petersen,
Jane Bachman, Bernie Maloney,
Tina Paradiso, Jack Link, and Tim Brezo



...y a todos los que han muerto, especialmente James Graiff, Brigid McManus, Juana Luna Ortiz, y Martin Kuntz

“Te pedimos, Señor, que tus siervos que han muerto vivan ahora para ti y que tu amor borre los pecados que cometieron por fragilidad humana. Por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor.”