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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00AM (ESPAÑOL)

✙ ANTONIO DOMINGUEZ

10:00AM (ENGLISH)

✙ AARON KARCHER

12:00PM (ENGLISH)

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

8:30AM (ENGLISH)

✙ AARON KARCHER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

12:10PM (ENGLISH)

✙ AARON KARCHER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

12:10PM (ENGLISH)

✙ AARON KARCHER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

12:10PM (ENGLISH)

✙ AARON KARCHER

6:00PM (BILINGUAL)

ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

8:30AM (ENGLISH)

✙ AARON KARCHER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00AM (ESPAÑOL)

3:30PM (ENGLISH)

RECONCILIATION

5:00PM (ENGLISH)

✙ AARON KARCHER



Saint Rafael the Archangel Ministry

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: BE A COMPANION ON THE JOURNEY

Some of our parishioners face medical appointments alone but they don't have to. Our new ministry, an extension of the **Ministry to the Sick and Homebound**, offers **companionship, transportation, and meals** for those needing support. **If you feel called to bring comfort, presence, and practical help to others**, reach out to

Carmen Gaston: gaston.carmen@gmail.com

or

Kim Gilfillan: kpgilfillan@att.net

to learn more.

JOIN US FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS!

Planning to attend the Eucharistic Congress? Travel with us! We have booked two buses, but seats are limited.

- Cost: \$15 per seat (Payment required at time of registration)
- Where to Register: Parish Office
- When to Sign Up: As soon as possible!

Please stop by the office to register and submit your payment. We need to finalize our headcount ahead of time, so secure your spot today!

¡ACOMPÁÑENOS AL CONGRESO EUCARÍSTICO!

¿Planea asistir al Congreso Eucarístico? ¿Viaje con nosotros! Hemos reservado dos autobuses, pero los lugares son limitados.

- Costo: \$15 por asiento (Se requiere el pago al momento de inscribirse)
- Dónde inscribirse: En la oficina parroquial
- Cuándo inscribirse: ¡Lo antes posible!

Por favor, pase por la oficina para inscribirse y realizar su pago. Necesitamos consolidar la lista de pasajeros con anticipación, ¡así que asegure su lugar hoy mismo!

A sacramental emergency means a person is in immediate danger of death, critical medical condition, or sudden health crisis. *Una emergencia sacramental significa que una persona está en peligro inmediato de muerte, condición médica crítica o crisis de salud repentina.*

FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES CALL: 828 282 8337



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JULIO | UN MENSAJE DEL PADRE JULIO



Queridos hermanos, me siento feliz de haber terminado la renovación de nuestro Santuario. Lo que empezó por darle seguridad al Sagrario y mantener al Santísimo seguro, terminó en este proyecto grande de renovación de todo el interior de la iglesia.

Quiero agradecer a cada uno de ustedes por sus oraciones, sus aportaciones económicas y sobre todo por el trabajo voluntario que muchos de ustedes aportaron para terminar en tiempo récord esta renovación.

En nuestra parroquia tenemos muchas almas contemplativas, personas que pasan horas delante del Señor; ellas me motivaron a darle mayor centralidad a la Eucaristía y mi más grande deseo es que muchas más almas vengan a buscar al Señor allí en el santuario y hagamos de nuestra parroquia un lugar de adoración continua al Señor.

Espero disfruten los cambios hechos, desde la renovación del santuario hasta la mejora del sistema de sonido y la colocación del altar.

Que Dios les bendiga a todos ustedes. El Señor les manda a decir: «Mi casa es tu casa y eres siempre bien recibido». ¡Bendiciones!

Dear brothers and sisters, I am happy to have completed the renovation of our Sanctuary. What began with securing the Tabernacle and keeping the Blessed Sacrament safe ended up turning into this large renovation project for the entire interior of the church.

I want to thank each one of you for your prayers, your financial contributions, and above all for the volunteer work that many of you provided to finish this renovation in record time.

In our parish we have many contemplative souls, people who spend hours before the Lord; they motivated me to give greater centrality to the Eucharist and my greatest desire is that many more souls come to seek the Lord there in the sanctuary and that we make our parish a place of continuous adoration to the Lord.

I hope you enjoy the changes made, from the renovation of the sanctuary to the improvement of the sound system and the placement of the altar.

May God bless all of you. The Lord sends word to you: "My house is your house and you are always welcome." Blessings!

Rev. Julio C. Domínguez

Help make the 2026 Eucharistic Congress a welcoming experience for thousands of pilgrims!

We're looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of roles at the 2026 Eucharistic Congress, coming up Sept. 11-12 at the Charlotte Convention Center. Most shifts are just 1½–3 hours, so you'll have plenty of time to enjoy the Congress while helping others encounter Christ. All Volunteers receive free parking, and Ushers and Youth Track Volunteers also receive a free T-shirt.

Ready to serve? Sign up before Monday, Aug. 10:
goeucharist.com/get-involved

¡Ayude a que el Congreso Eucarístico 2026 sea una experiencia acogedora para miles de peregrinos!

Buscamos voluntarios para desempeñar una variedad de funciones durante el Congreso Eucarístico 2026, que se celebrará el 11 y 12 de septiembre en el Centro de Convenciones de Charlotte. La mayoría de los turnos duran solo entre 1½ y 3 horas, por lo que tendrá mucho tiempo para disfrutar del Congreso mientras ayuda a otras personas a encontrarse con Cristo. Todos los voluntarios recibirán estacionamiento gratuito, y los ujieres y voluntarios del Programa para Jóvenes también recibirán una camiseta gratuita.

¿Listo para servir? Inscribáse antes del lunes 10 de agosto:
goeucharist.com/get-involved

2026 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

MEET OUR PARISH COUNCIL | CONOZCAN A NUESTRO COSEJO PASTORAL



Rev. Julio Dominguez

Dear brothers and sisters,
I have the honor of presenting to you the Pastoral Council of our parish.
I thank each of them for having accepted my invitation.

The parish pastoral council is a consultative body of participation and co-responsibility presided over by the pastor, composed of lay faithful, consecrated persons, and clergy to study and evaluate the pastoral activities of the community, regulated mainly by canon 536 of the Code of Canon Law.

- According to canon 536, it is established in each parish at the discretion of the diocesan bishop and has a purely consultative nature.
- It does not possess executive or legislative decision-making power independent of the authority of the pastor.

Composition and Members

- It is obligatorily presided over by the pastor of the community.
- "It is composed of faithful who are in full communion with the Catholic Church, both clergy and members of institutes of consecrated life and above all laity"
- The laity must constitute the majority of its members, elected or designated according to the criteria of the bishop.

Main Functions

- "It fosters the pastoral activity of the parish," helping to plan and coordinate evangelizing and community actions.
- It suggests practical proposals to promote Christian life, liturgy, and charity within the parish territory.
- It presents new initiatives to the pastor for the good of the faithful.

I ask all of you for your prayers so that our pastoral council carries out its mission seeking to do the will of God for the good of all our parishioners.

Queridos hermanos,
Tengo el honor de presentarles al Consejo Pastoral de nuestra parroquia. Agradezco a cada uno de ellos por haber aceptado mi invitación.

El consejo pastoral parroquial es un organismo consultivo de participación y corresponsabilidad presidido por el párroco, compuesto por fieles laicos, consagrados y clérigos para estudiar y valorar las actividades pastorales de la comunidad, regulado principalmente por el canon 536 del Código de Derecho Canónico.

- Según el canon 536, se constituye en cada parroquia a juicio del obispo diocesano y tiene un carácter meramente consultivo.
- No posee poder de decisión ejecutivo ni legislativo independiente de la autoridad del párroco.

Composición y Miembros

- Está presidido obligatoriamente por el párroco de la comunidad.
- "Se compone de fieles que estén en plena comunión con la Iglesia católica, tanto clérigos como miembros de institutos de vida consagrada y sobre todo laicos"
- Los laicos deben constituir la mayoría de sus integrantes, elegidos o designados según los criterios del obispo.

Funciones Principales

- "Fomenta la actividad pastoral de la parroquia," ayudando a planificar y coordinar las acciones evangelizadoras y comunitarias.
- Sugiere propuestas prácticas para impulsar la vida cristiana, la liturgia y la caridad dentro del territorio parroquial.
- Presenta al párroco nuevas iniciativas para el bien de los fieles.

Les pido sus oraciones a todos ustedes para que nuestro consejo pastoral realice su misión buscando hacer la voluntad de Dios para el bien de todos nuestros feligreses.



Mary Reitzel



Guillermo Martinez
parishioner since 2016



Kimberly Gilfillan
parishioner since 1991



Sheyla Diaz
parishioner since 2008



Richard Timmons
parishioner since 2019



Alejandro Tellez
parishioner since 2012



Xiomara Palma
parishioner since 1992



German D. Pilar



Garry Rufty
parishioner since 1984



Maria Dosamante



Special Visit from the Poor Clare Sisters – Sunday the 16th

Please join us in welcoming the Poor Clare Sisters on Sunday the 16th! Be sure to stop by their table after Mass to browse their selection of beautiful religious items and delicious homemade treats. Every purchase directly supports their community and helps fund their new chapel. Read a personal message from the Sisters below:

"We are the Poor Clare Sisters from Tlapa, Guerrero, Mexico. We are raising funds for the construction of our Chapel by selling religious items and other products made by ourselves, such as pickled peppers, chipotle peppers, and rompopo. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity. You can count on our prayers. Thank you very much, and May God bless you."

Visita Especial de las Hermanas Clarisas – Domingo 16

¡Acompañenos a dar la bienvenida a las Hermanas Clarisas este domingo 16! Los invitamos cordialmente a pasar por su mesa después de misa para apoyarlas y llevarse a casa hermosos artículos religiosos o deliciosos productos hechos a mano. ¡Cada compra marca la diferencia y las ayuda a construir su nueva capilla! Compartimos a continuación su mensaje personal:

"Somos las Hermanas Clarisas de Tlapa, Guerrero, México. Estamos recaudando fondos para la construcción de nuestra Capilla, con la venta de artículos religiosos y otros productos elaborados por nosotras mismas como chiles en vinagre, chiles chipotles y rompopo. Agradecemos de corazón su generosidad. Cuenten con nuestras oraciones. Muchas gracias y que Dios les bendiga."

Upcoming Retreat at the Catholic Conference Center

Are you navigating a new chapter or transition in life? Take time to reflect, reset, and discover God's grace in every season.

Retreat Theme: Finding God in a New Season of Life

Dates: September 4–6

Location: Catholic Conference Center – Hickory, NC

A two-night retreat focused on entering your next season of life with greater peace and confidence.

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www.catholicconference.org/new-season, email info@catholicconference.org, or call 828-327-7441.



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Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point

This study explores the fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Join us as we examine the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us.

- How do I get my priorities in order?
- I've been going through the motions in my spiritual life—how does it relate to my day-to-day life?
- How do I get to know Christ in a personal way?



St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Thursday mornings before Mass
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Last Week's Offertory

IN PEW	\$5,017.25
ONLINE	\$1,235.00
TOTAL	\$6,252.25

OCIA Registration Is Now Open!

Are you interested in becoming Catholic, completing your Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion), or simply exploring the Catholic faith? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) provides a welcoming space to deepen your relationship with God and learn about the Church. Join us as we journey together in faith!

To register, please scan or click the QR code.



¡Inscripciones Abiertas para OCIA!

¿Está interesado en hacerse católico, completar sus Sacramentos (Bautismo, Primera Comunión, Confirmación) o simplemente explorar la fe católica? El Orden de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (OCIA / RICA) ofrece un espacio acogedor para profundizar su relación con Dios y aprender más sobre la Iglesia. ¡Acompáñenos en este camino de fe!

Para inscribirse, por favor escanee o haga clic en el código QR.

CATHOLIC FUN FACT

According to ancient tradition, Saint Thomas—famous for needing to touch Christ's wounds to believe in the Resurrection—doubted the Assumption of Mary, too! Because he was traveling back from preaching in India, Thomas arrived in Jerusalem late and missed the Assumption. When the other apostles told him that Mary had been assumed body and soul into heaven, Thomas refused to believe it without proof and demanded her tomb be opened.

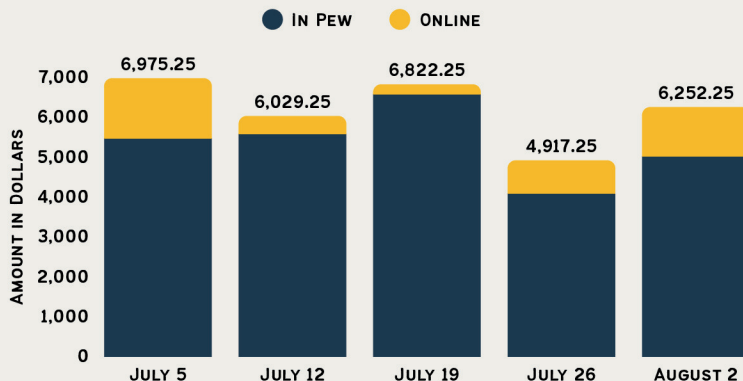
When they opened the tomb, Mary's body was gone, leaving only sweet-smelling flowers. To reassure Thomas, Mary appeared to him from heaven as she was being assumed and dropped her girdle (her belt) into his hands as physical proof!



Feast of Assumption

August 15th

THE LAST FIVE WEEKS



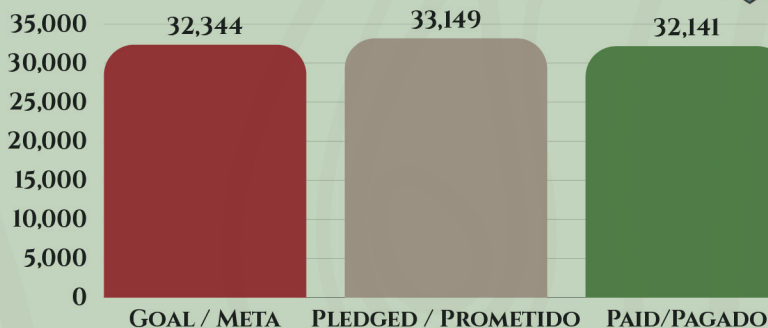
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We only need \$203 to meet our goal!



Scott Hahn on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
St. Paul Center

Dr. Scott Hahn

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OF THE BLESSED
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FAMILIES OF THE WEEK

Each week we list five registered families and ask all members of our church to pray for them. **Please pray for the families of this week | Por favor ore por las familias de esta semana:**

THE FISH FAMILY
THE FLORES FAMILY
THE FRON FAMILY
THE FUTRELLE FAMILY
THE GABRIEL FAMILY



Please pray for those from our parish serving our country: Capt. Chris Chrislip, Matt DiRisio, Heidi Alvarado Rojo.

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PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Enroll your deceased loved ones in our parish's purgatory society. Every 1st Monday of the month, a Mass will be said for all the names on the list. Submit the names of your deceased loved ones to purgatory@stjosephdoc.org or write them on a paper labeled "Purgatory Society" and place in the collection basket.

Inscriba a sus seres queridos fallecidos en la Sociedad del Purgatorio de nuestra parroquia. El primer lunes de cada mes se ofrecerá una misa por todos los nombres que figuran en la lista. Envíe los nombres de sus difuntos a purgatory@stjosephdoc.org o escríbalos en un papel con el título "Sociedad del Purgatorio" y colóquelo en la cesta de la colecta.

Please Remember in your Prayers | Favor de Recordar en sus Oraciones: Virginia Martin, Erick Heimbach, Bill Marshall, Tom Dziubczynski Jr, Barbara Harvey, Waldo Cervantes, Donna-Lee Bellerose, Patricia Caldwell, Steve Caldwell, Eric Heimbach, Teresa Fannin, Kevin Blondo, John & Carol Baughman, Julia Price, Vincent Ciancio, Monica Delgado, Vivian Horn Mannix, Kevin Mannix, Jose Ruelas, Rita Hammer, Don Nackley, Mary Paige, Scarlett Ruffy, Richard Shoener

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Subject to approval and space.

¿Necesita publicar algo en el boletín? Envíe su volante o información a bulletin@stjosephdoc.org antes del martes.

Sujeto a aprobación y espacio.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? FALL IN LOVE WITH THE MASS

We go every Sunday, but do we know what's actually happening? Fr. Mike Schmitz breaks down the Catholic Mass in this beautiful walkthrough. From the "two-way mirror" of the elevation to the moment we "stake our lives" on the Amen, learn the history and heart behind every prayer. If you want to move from habit to heart-felt worship, this video is for you.



¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? ENAMÓRATE DE LA MISA

Vamos todos los domingos, pero ¿sabemos realmente lo que está sucediendo? En esta explicación detallada se desglosa la Santa Misa paso a paso. Desde la imagen de la iglesia como un barco que nos guía hacia el Padre hasta el profundo misterio del sacrificio en el altar, descubre la historia y el corazón detrás de cada oración. Si buscas pasar de la rutina a una adoración profunda, este video es ideal para ti.

