

Mass Intentions

Saturday	July 8, 2017
5:00PM	Yvette Diaz – RIP, 25 th Anniversary
Sunday	July 9, 2017
8:00 A.M.	In Thanksgiving Josie and Tony Lugo - RIP
9:30 A.M.	Joseph Ellison – RIP
11:00 AM.	Lisbet Aguilar – 15 th Birthday Blessings
11:30 A.M.	Leonore Ligason – Birthday Blessings
Monday	July 10, 2017
8:00 A.M.	Dolores Holmes – RIP
Tuesday	July 11, 2017
8:00 A.M.	Intentions of the Parishioners
Wednesday	July 12, 2017
8:00 A.M.	Barbara and Jim Wuerth – RIP
Thursday	July 13, 2017
8:00 AM	Intentions of the Parishioners
Friday	July 14, 2017
8:00 A.M.	End to Abortion

St. Mark Ji Tianxiang couldn't stay sober

St. Mark Ji Tianxiang couldn't stay sober, but he could keep showing up. St. Mark Ji Tianxiang was an opium addict. Not *had been* an opium addict. He *was* an opium addict at the time of his death. For years, Tianxiang was a respectable Christian, raised in a Christian family in 19th-century China. He was a leader in the Christian community, a well-off doctor who served the poor for free. But he became ill with a violent stomach ailment and treated himself with opium. It was a perfectly reasonable thing to do, but Tianxiang soon became addicted to the drug, an addiction that was considered shameful and gravely scandalous. As his circumstances deteriorated, Tianxiang continued to fight his addiction. He went frequently to confession, refusing to embrace this affliction that had taken control of him. Unfortunately, the priest to whom he confessed (along with nearly everybody in the 19th century) didn't understand addiction as a disease. Since Tianxiang kept confessing the same sin, the priest thought, that was evidence that he had no firm purpose of amendment, no desire to do better.

Without resolve to repent and sin no more, confession is invalid. After a few years, Tianxiang's confessor told him to stop coming back until he could fulfill the requirements for confession. For some, this might have been an invitation to leave the Church in anger or shame, but for all his fallenness, Tianxiang knew himself to be loved by the Father and by the Church. He knew that the Lord wanted his heart, even if he couldn't manage to give over his life. He couldn't stay sober, but he could keep showing up. And show up he did, for 30 years. For 30 years, he was unable to receive the sacraments. And for 30 years he prayed that he would die a martyr. It seemed to Tianxiang that the only way he could be saved was through a martyr's crown.

But while Tianxiang was never able to beat his addiction, he was, in the end, flooded with the grace of final perseverance. No threat could shake him, no torture make him waver. He was determined to follow the Lord who had never abandoned him. As Tianxiang and his family were dragged to prison to await their execution, his

grandson looked fearfully at him. "Grandpa, where are we going?" he asked. "We're going home," came the answer. On July 9, the feast of St. Mark Ji Tianxiang, let's ask his intercession for all addicts and for all those who are unable to receive the sacraments, that they may have the courage to be faithful to the Church and that they may always grow in their love for and trust in the Lord. St. Mark Ji Tianxiang, pray for us!

San Marcos Ji Tianxiang no pudo estar sobrio

San Marcos Ji Tianxiang no pudo mantenerse sobrio, pero el continuaba yendo a la iglesia. San Marcos Ji Tianxiang era un adicto del opio. No había sido un adicto del opio. Él era un adicto al opio a la hora de su muerte.

Por años, Tianxiang fue un respetable cristiano, criado en una familia cristiana en el siglo 19 en China. Él era un líder en la comunidad cristiana, un doctor de prestigio que servía a los pobres de gratis. Pero él se enfermó de una violenta enfermedad del estómago y él se receto a sí mismo opio. Era la cosa más razonable para hacer, pero Tianxiang pronto se volvió un adicto a la droga, una adicción que era considerada como vergonzosa y gravemente escandalosa.

A medida que las circunstancias se deterioraban, Tianxiang continuaba luchando con su adicción. Él iba frecuentemente a confesarse, rehusando abrazar esta aflicción que lo tenía controlado. Desafortunadamente, el sacerdote con quien él se confesaba (al igual que casi todo el mundo en el siglo 19) no entendió que la adicción era una enfermedad. Y puesto que Tianxiang continuaba confesando el mismo pecado, el sacerdote pensó, que era evidente que él no tenía el firme propósito de enmendarse, y no deseaba mejorarse.

Sin una resolución de arrepentirse y de no volver a pecar, la confesión es inválida. Después de unos cuantos años, el confesor de Tianxiang le dijo que dejara de venir hasta que el pudiera cumplir con los requisitos de la confesión. Para algunos esto hubiera podido ser una invitación para dejar la Iglesia de coraje o de vergüenza, pero debido a todas sus faltas, Tianxiang sabía que él era amado por el padre y por la Iglesia. Él sabía que el Señor quería su corazón, aun si no podía entregarle su vida. Él no podía permanecer sobrio, pero él podía seguir yendo a la iglesia.

Y así lo hizo por 30 años. Por 30 años, él no fue capaz de recibir los sacramentos. Y por 30 años el oro para poder morir como un mártir. Le parecía a Tianxiang que la única manera de poder salvarse era a través de una corona de mártir.

Pero mientras que Tianxiang nunca pudo vencer su adicción, el al final, fue colmado con la gracia de una perseverancia final. Ninguna amenaza lo pudo hacer temblar, ninguna tortura lo hizo vacilar. Él estaba determinado a seguir al Señor el cual nunca lo había abandonado.

A medida que Tianxiang y su familia eran llevados a prisión para esperar ser ejecutados, su nieto lo miro con miedo preguntándole. "¿Abuelito, a dónde vamos? Él le contesto. "Vamos a casa,"

El 9 de julio, la fiesta de San Marcos Ji Tianxiang, pidámosle su intercesión por todos los adictos y por aquellos que no pueden recibir los sacramentos, para que tengan el valor de ser fieles a la Iglesia y para que puedan siempre crecer en su amor y confiar en el Señor. ¡San Marcos Ji Tianxiang ruega por nosotros!

If I should become sick and unable to work, then I shall be like the Lord on the cross. He will have mercy on me and help me, I am sure. –Saint Kateri Tekawitha (July 14)



Jeanne May, Syntha Cortes, Naomi and Bud Whitman, Raymond Roback, Barbara Neral, Faith Boyd, Babs Garcia, Lee Maciel, Laura Maciel, Edna Ramirez, Russ Beaverson, Carol Rodriguez, Magie and Salvador Archuleta, Carol Reed, Ed Reed, Frank Guinto, Mark Norris, Joaquin and Lupe Gonzalez, Chenoa Nicole Deshotles, Lenet Inglett, Judith Withers Paquin, Rene Aguendo, Joe Carey, Greg Leech, Herbert Kaneohe, Cheryl Bryant, Mary Jo Reed, Jesus Ayala, Beverly Lugo, Blaze Anthony, Georgiana Viveros, Aswut Toscano, Virgil Yazzie, Nora Scott, John David Admire, Emily Mazzetti, Kathleen, John Admire, Faith Boyd, Babs Garcia and. **Also, please remember those who have died: Marco Calderon, Earl Reed, Raymond Esparza, Jorge Oros, Evelia Garcia, Rogelio Murillo, Joe Torano, Veronica Schmidt, and James Scott**

Do you know anyone who would like to be listed for prayer? Please Call the Office at 760-742-3317 or Mike Kerrigan at 951-805-3872

Around the Mission - July

Baptism: Saul Alvarez Reynoso, Arlett Nicol Melendez, Nadeane Manuella Bobb, Marina Luna Avila, Miranda Oritz, Noel Rivera, Alexa Navarro

Quinceañeras: Karina Marin, Samantha Avalos

First Anniversary: Antoinette Smith – Saturday, July 1, 2017 at 10:00am in Pala; blessing of the Headstone to follow.

Nadine Nelson – July 15, 2017, 10:00am, **Graveside Only**
Ralph Piper – July 28, 2017, 7:00pm Rosary, Pauma Tribal Hall; July 29, 2017, 10:00am, Mass, Pauma Chapel

What does the Catechism say about...

Which are the holydays of obligation in the United States?

- Christmas Day (December 25)
- The Octave of the Nativity (January 1)
- Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter)
- The Assumption (August 15)
- All Saints' Day (November 1)
- The Immaculate Conception (December 8)

What else does the Church oblige us to do on holydays of obligation? The Church obliges us to abstain from servile work on holydays of obligation, just as on Sundays, as far as we are able.

Why were holydays instituted by the Church? Holydays were instituted to remind us of the mysteries of our religion and of the important events in the lives of Christ and of His Blessed Mother.

What is a fast day? A fast day is a day on which only one full meal is allowed, but in the morning and evening some food may be taken, the quantity and quality of which are determined by approved local custom.

Who are obliged to observe the fast days of the Church? All baptized persons between the ages of twenty-one and fifty-nine are obliged to observe the fast days of the Church, unless they are excused or dispensed.

The life of a Christian is nothing but a perpetual struggle against self; there is no flowering of the soul to the beauty of its perfection except at the price of pain. –Saint Padre Pio (July 11)

Greetings from Ireland...

Sister Barbara wrote, 'It gave me great joy to receive the 200th Anniversary book on Pala Mission. I would have loved to have been with you and all the old friends I made in the 17 years I spent with you. If you someway place in the parish newsletter, please express my love and appreciation for all of them.'
She cared for her mother until her passing in November of 2016 at the fine age of 100. Her community has allowed her to continue in her parish ministry in her home parish, which is wonderful. Sister Barbara thanks God for her good health and will continue as a parish sister for as long as the Lord gives her health and time.

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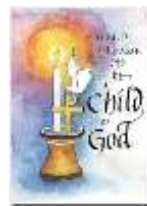
Installation of the new Officers

You are invited to the installation of officers for this year on Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 2:00pm at Father Rey's house. If you are interested in joining or curious about what's going on with the Knight's, bring the family for great conversation and food. For more information, please call 760-560-8070

Instalación de Nuevos Oficiales del Año

Instalación y comida el domingo, 9 de julio de 2017, a las 2:00pm en la casa del padre Rey. ¡Miembros y sus familias, niños, TODOS! Vamos a tener un reconocimiento especial para nuestro miembro más antiguo del grupo. ¿Quién es? ¡Vengan para saber! Para obtener más información, llame al 760-560-8070.
 ¡Gracias!

BAPTISMS



Baptisms scheduled after following completed.
 (1) Registered & active parishioners for at least 3 months. (2) Attend Sunday Mass and live exemplary Christian lives as a model for the child to be baptized. (3) Parents attend a Baptism Preparation Seminar, held last Wednesday of month, call parish to schedule. (4) Sponsors need to attend a Baptism class and have a letter from their parish stating they are active members, attended a Baptism class and qualified to be godparents. **Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation need to be at least 16 years old, have received the sacraments of Baptism/Confirmation/First Communion, and if married in a Catholic marriage.** If you do not register in a parish and contribute regularly (no matter how small), they will not have a record of your attendance & cannot provide a letter. This is your responsibility.

July is the month of the Precious Blood of Jesus!