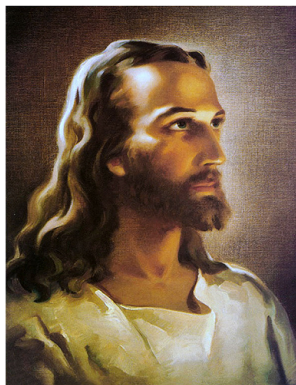


APRIL 27 & 28, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



By: The Word Among Us

Ask for what you want and it will be granted to you.
(John 15, 7)

Have you ever heard of “smoke sellers”? They sell a product that they promise will solve all our problems, cure all our diseases and guarantee us a happy life. It's a tempting offer. But deep down we all know that this seller's promises are empty.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we can approach him and ask for whatever we want. Does that mean that, like a “smoke-seller,” the Lord is promising to give us whatever we desire, even if that is riches, fame, and power? Not at all.

When Jesus makes his promise, he begins by saying: “If you abide in me and my words abide in you” (John 15:7). That is the key: Remain in Jesus. The Lord wants us to be like branches that are constantly fed and sustained by the vine. That means staying connected to him so that he can nourish us and form us (15:5). The closer we are to Jesus and the more we allow his words to shape us, the more our hearts will resemble his. Our desires and dreams will begin to reflect yours. As a result, we are more likely to “ask” according to God's will.

Of course, this doesn't happen overnight. Even as we strive to align our hearts with God's will, we must continue to present our needs and desires to Jesus. We must always approach him with the trust of children, who trust in his loving father. After all, we fear a good God who wants to give us good things. But in the end, prayer is not an exercise in trying to get him to submit to our will. It is a process of freely accepting His will for our lives.

Jesus promises us that we can ask and receive by seeking to do his will and standing firm on his words. He, himself will dwell in us and lead us to our Heavenly Father. And that's not an empty promise!

“Jesus, my Lord, I ask you to help me to remain in you!”



Patron of Cancer Patients. Feast Day: May 1
By EWTN

St. Peregrine is not well known in America. And yet, the most dread disease in America is Cancer. It takes second place among fatal diseases in our country. Of the American children born this year, about 20 per cent of the boys and 22 per cent of the girls will become its victims sometime during their lives. Though millions of dollars are being spent by the government and private agencies on research and care, and thousands spending themselves, cancer is still the nation's second biggest killer.

But there is still one hope, and that lies in confident and persevering prayer. God who created the world and fashioned the human body with all its mysterious functions, is Master of His own creation. He can and does suspend the laws of nature for those who have faith in His goodness. Prayer is omnipotent. It can also take away impossible-to-cure diseases. We have but to remember the solemn promise of the Savior: “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened” (Matt. 7, 7-8).

Furthermore, the saints are our friends in heaven. They favor no special nationalities, for the Church is universal. They intercede for all who pray to them with confidence. Since St. Peregrine is the “Cancer Saint,” why should not people who fear or who suffer from cancer or any form of running sores pray to him, when there is so little hope in the natural powers of men to cure? The fact that thousands of miraculous cures were already reported—and many thousands more that were never made known to the public—should inspire confidence in St. Peregrine's prayers before God and the Virgin Mary. If it is God's Will, these prayers will be answered, that God may reward our confidence and that He may be glorified in His Saints!

Prayer to St. Peregrine

St. Peregrine, whom Holy Mother Church has declared Patron of those suffering from Cancer, I confidently turn to you for help in my present sickness.

I beg your kind intercession. Ask God to relieve me of this sickness, if it be his Holy Will. Plead with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Sorrows, whom you loved so tenderly and in union with whom you have suffered the pains of Cancer, that she may help me with her powerful prayers and loving consolation.

But if it should be God's Holy Will that I bear this sickness, obtain for me courage and strength to accept these trials from the loving hand of God with patience and resignation, because he knows what is best for the salvation of my soul.

St. Peregrine, be my friend and patron. Help me to imitate you in accepting suffering, and to unite myself with Jesus Crucified and the Mother of Sorrows, as you did. I offer my pains to God with all the love of my heart, for his glory and the salvation of souls, especially my own. Amen.



ATTENTION

THIS FRIDAY, MAY 3RD IS FIRST FRIDAY AND THERE WILL BE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 11AM. FOLLOWED BY ENGLISH MASS AT 12:05PM. AND, AT 5:30PM, THERE WILL BE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FOLLOWED BY SPANISH MASS AT 6PM. ALSO, REMEMBER THAT SATURDAY, MAY 4TH IS FIRST SATURDAY AND THERE WILL BE MASS AT 9AM.

~UPDATE YOUR RECORDS ~

Have you changed your address? Phone number? Email address? If so, please contact the parish office and let us know your changes so that we can update your parishioner record. Email changes to olgcinfb@gmail.com or call at 707-964-0229 ext. 1.

NEWS FOR SJS DR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Bingo Extravaganza Night A Huge Success!

Our parish school's latest fundraiser dinner and bingo night was a huge success raising \$2020! We could not have done it without the support of our parishioners and our community! I especially want to thank La Palapa Restaurant and El Torito Market for donating all the ingredients for the taco dinner. Thank you to all the parishioners who baked and brought desserts! Thank you to our school families who cooked all day. And most importantly, thank you to Angelene Leist for organizing and running our Bingo Games. Hopefully this will become an annual event and a time for us to enjoy an evening of good food and fun together as a community while we support our children!

SJS DR Catholic School Now Enrolling

Do you worry about your children getting bullied at school?
Do you wish the schools would respect your family's values and Faith?
Do you worry about the negative effect of social media on your children?
Do your kids come home from school depressed, sad or upset way too often?
Come see the difference at SJS DR Catholic School where the children are happy and learning every day!
We are enrolling now! Call or text 707-513-5672. Visit our website at sjdrccs.com.

Common concerns and our answers:

1. We can't afford to send our kids to private school. Answer: Most parents pay only \$250/month. Sponsors help families who are unable to pay even that much for tuition.
2. I don't see a playground for the children. Answer: At SJS DR the students spend long recesses playing soccer, baseball, pickleball, tag, jump rope, exploring in the school garden, building forts and so much more. They go on many field trips too!
3. I can't pick my child up at 3:00pm because of work. Answer: SJS DR offers after-school care for students until 5:00pm.

**MASS INTENTIONS
APRIL 27 – MAY 3, 2024**

Saturday (27)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba †
	6:30pm	Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Alfonso y Maria Bran † Eleuterio y Manuel Gaona † Beatriz Valencia † Belén Mandujano † Refugio Torres † Trinidad Nieto †
Sunday (28)	8:00am	Open Intention
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (29)	12:05pm	NO MASS
Tuesday (30)	5:30pm	Maria Madalena & Mateus Freitas †
Wednesday (01)	12:05pm	Kirk Talbott †
Thursday (02)	12:05pm	Malachi Ennis †
Friday (03)	12:05pm	Open Intention
	6pm	Rosalina Salazar † David Ramírez † Epifanio & Antonia Rentería † Lupe Rentería †

WEEKLY COLLECTION

APRIL 20 & 21, 2024...\$2,586.00
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS...\$841.00

THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL (AMA)

NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Audrey George, Ron Sousa, Esperanza Barba, Bertha Valenzuela, Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, Angie Gómez, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.



**WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT:
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides
“ParishSOFT Giving,” an online giving software!**

To get started, you can go to olgcinfb.org.

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose or a one-time donation, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 ext. 1 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



**EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM,
WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,
FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.**



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE. ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH. FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.