

COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA de ST. GREGORY-OUR LADY OF FATIMA

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

May 1 de Mayo, 2016



CONGRATULATIONS TO
THOSE BEING CONFIRMED
SUNDAY AT THE
CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREW

¡FELICIDADES A LOS
CONFIRMADOS ESTE
DOMINGO POR EL OBISPO
WALKOWIAK EN LA
CATEDRAL DE SAN ANDRÉS:

Alvaro Avilez-Burgo	Fabian Vilchez-Mendoza
Daniel Brito	Pher Mendez
Gabriela Brito	Osiel Deblas
Mishele Brito	Denise Trevino
Anahi Diaz	Yessica Gallegos
Sally Diaz	John Guardarrama
Luis Garcia	Rosalinda Moncada
Xasha Gonzalez	Mercedes Salgado
Michael Herrera	Alicia Ortega
Brianna Kukla	Jennifer Guardarrama
Angela Ortiz	Dulce Zarzoza
Daniel Ramirez	Norma Gonzalez
Jose Rosas, Jr.	Maria Rosas
Oscar Salgado, Jr.	

We wish these young people a real awakening of faith through the power of the Holy Spirit they will receive today. Many thanks to the catechists who prepared them!

Deseamos a estos jóvenes una fe fuerte por el poder del Espíritu Santo que recibirán hoy. ¡Muchas gracias a los catequistas por preparar a los jóvenes!



FIRST COMMUNION: Each week between Easter and Pentecost First Communicants celebrate at our weekend Masses. Please join us in welcoming the following children to the Table of the Lord:

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN: Cada semana entre Pascua y Pentecostés se dará cuenta de los celebrando su Primera Comunión. Demos la bienvenida a los siguientes niños a la Mesa del Señor:

Andrew Hayes	Briseida Brito
Pablo Ortega-Rubio	Gladys Moncada-Pineda
Tommy Ponce	Nadia Millan
Jonathan Ponce	Gabriela Brito
Isaac Ponce	Mishelle Brito
Julian Ponce	Jaquelin Aviles
Suki Sanchez-	Stephanie Vargas-
Vasquez	Gonzalez Miguel Fraga-
Jose Chavirra	Burgos
Michael Chavirra	Jose Luis Rodriguez, Jr.
Ariana Vela	Alexis Dealmonite Ivan
Jesus Cruz-Baltazar	Moncada Pineda
Anahi Diaz	Sierra Brandel-Herrera
Sally Diaz	Juan Brito
Cindy Diaz	

MASS SCHEDULE ~ LA MISA

Saturday	5:00 pm	Shelby
Sunday	9:30 am	Hart
Domingo	11:30 am	Hart; Español

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	4:00 pm	Shelby
By appointment		(231) 873-2660

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LITURGY ~ LITURGIA**May 2-8 de Mayo****Tues/Martes**

9:00 am StG Mass

Thurs/Jueves:

5:15 pm StG Mass

Fri/Viernes:

9:00 am OLF Mass

Sat/Sabado

5:00 pm OLF Bud Warmuskerken

9:30 am StG Bette Roche

11:30 am StG Familia Parroquial

PARISH CALENDAR - CALENDARIO**May 1-8 de Mayo**

Sun/Domingo	3:00 pm	Confirmation-St Andrew's Cathedral
Mon/Lunes	StG 8-9:00 am	Prayer Group - 206 S Peach, Hart
	OLF 10:00 am	Quilt Club; noon potluck
Wed/Miercoles	StG 3-5:00 pm	Food Pantry, 11 Washington, Hart
	StG 3:30-4:30 pm	Rel Ed Classes Gr K-5-Carnival
	OLF 6:15-7:45pm	Rel Ed K-6; May Crowning & Potluck
Thurs/Jueves	StG 7:00 pm	Bible Study
Sat/Sabado	6-8:00 pm	Youth Group Outing/M Lorenz's
	StG 10:00 am	First Saturday Devotions

MINISTRY SCHEDULE ~ MINISTERIOS DE LA MISA**May 7/8 de Mayo****Ministers of the Word/Lectura**

5:00 pm Walter Carrier

9:30 am Georgia Dennison

11:30 am Olga Guzman

Ministers of the Eucharist:

5:00 pm D Carrier, H Schouten, M Sanford

9:30 am R Umstead, M mahynski, M Baranski

11:30 am A Tudon, A Rodriguez, M Barco

Altar Servers/Acolitos

11:30 am Alicia Escoto, Paulina Ortega

Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida

9:30 am Vanderstelt Family

11:30 am Jesus Zarzoza y Familia

Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas

9:30 am D VanderZanden, A Bosse, T Bosse, J Schaner

11:30 am Gerardo Morales y Familia

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES end this week.

- **CONFIRMATION:** Sun, May 1, 3:00 pm, St Andrew's Cathedral, GR. Cnfirmation students and their families will celebrate with a hot dog roast and bonfire at the home of Wally & Donna Carrier on Monday night.
- **ELEMENTARY STUDENTS at St. Gregory's** will enjoy their annual Carnival on Wednesday. **Parents please note: Carnival will end at 4:30 p.m.** Please be prompt in picking up your child(ren). We have had a great year!
- **YOUTH GROUP** will meet Sat, May 7, 6-8:00 pm at the home of Mary Lorenz. Come prepared to hike in the woods and bring your favorite snack to share around the bonfire. For more information call Mary at 231-861-2475.

HOW CAN PARISHIONERS HELP OUR YOUTH? You can help in our Youth Ministry plan as little or as much as you like! If each parishioner would just do one thing one time – WOW! Here are ways we are looking for help:

preparing food for meals
preparing/serving meal
help with service projects
presenting program topics
program planning



phone calling
transportation
chaperoning
music

If you can help in any of these areas, please contact me at 873-3071 or reled@stgregoryathart.org. You may also contact any of the Core Group members, or sign up in the back of the church after Mass. Suggestions? We need those, too!

Linda Foster, DRE

**April 24 de Abril**

Envelopes	\$2,345.00
Loose	<u>785.00</u>
Total	\$3,130.00

CSA APPEAL 2016

Our Catholic faith is a gift that unites our parish family with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids and in the universal Church. We all are pilgrims on a journey of faith, striving daily to become disciples of Christ through our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. When we give to CSA, we are supporting individuals and families in our parishes, in our communities, and beyond. With your generous response to date, we have reached 42% of our parish CSA goal. \$10,355 has been pledged toward our assessment of \$24,739. Thank you for your stewardship! Our goal is 100% participation; getting a completed pledge card from every household. If you have not responded, thanks for doing so as soon as possible.

QUILT CLUB: Mon, May 2, 10:00 am at OLF, with noon potluck. Many hands are welcome; no experience needed. Info: Mort 873-2675.

RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING: Tues, May 3, 7:00 pm at Hart Wesleyan Church. 231-233-1560 for details.

LIVE STREAMED PROGRAMS: catholicinformationcenter.org

- THE JOY OF LOVE! POPE FRANCIS, FAMILIES AND THE CHURCH TODAY: Tues, May 3, 7-8:45 pm
- RE-DISCOVERING OUR CATHOLIC MYSTICAL AND CONTEMPLATIVE TRADITION: TERESA OF AVILA: Wed, May 4, 7-8:45 pm.

PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS COUPLES RETREAT: Sat, May 7 at Franciscan Life Process Center, Lowell. Info at www.immaculatehope.org. Reg: immaculateretreats@gmail.com. Free of charge; registration required.

DOMINICAN SISTERS WELCOME single women, ages 18-40, to morning prayer, mass, dinner, and discussion on consecrated life. May 8, 9-1:00. RSVP: 616-514-3431 or dfaber@grdominicans.org.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today Jesus gives this advice: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another. Don't miss the forest for the trees. We are living today what we worried about yesterday.

"AMORIS LAETITIA": For a link to a PDF, visit dioceseofgrandrapids.org

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Gene Schaner, Jim Johnson, David Adamczyk, Donald Earhart Jr, Ed Lathrop, Jeanne Strzyg, Tom Merten, Agnes Kokx, Sally Morden, Victoriano Herevia, Sean Morrissey, Ann Herrygers, Heather Swiech, Dennis Hedinger, Mary Beth Latona, Don Hopper, Mike Fuller, Fidencio Vasquez Jr, Oralia Davila, Bryan Cramer, Joseph Frontiera, Richard Davila. Daniel Crawford, Wendy Baxter, Julie LaPree, Mike Oomen, Ardith Merten, Mike Purdy, Don & Marilyn Walsworth, Emmit Kass DeVos, Dan VanderStelt, Kevin VanDyke, Amy Jewett, Jim Smith, Anthony Aerts, Anna Gregurek, James Tate, Damien Creed, Krystle Peters, Louis Smith, Gaye Adamczyk, David Lopez, April Rosalez, Eugene Rodriguez, Becky Romero



On Friday, April 8, Pope Francis' long-awaited apostolic exhortation on the family and love, "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love"), was released. The exhortation includes

not only the pope's reflections but also insights from the meetings in 2014 and 2015 of the Synod of Bishops. In this thorough analysis of the theology of the family and of the challenges families face in today's world, the pope sets a pastoral agenda that should keep Catholics busy for a long time. The letter does not change any doctrine, but it represents a change in tone on some issues. It emphasizes mercy and understanding and acknowledges the complexity of human experience that too often has been overlooked, particularly when the church discusses family situations that "fall short of what the Lord demands of us."

In a most important section, while never denying the need to strive for the ideal, the pope urges patience and mercy for those whose marriages have failed. They need to be included in the community; they need the church's ministry. They are part of our church family. When he says that it is "important that the divorced who have entered a new union should be made to feel part of the church" (No.243), this is not a throwaway line. It is a call to action. Francis briefly addresses same-sex couples as also deserving respect and inclusion without redefining marriage. And he wants to abandon the old formulation "living in sin."

Francis also reminds Catholics that "individual conscience needs to be better incorporated into the church's practice in certain situations which do not objectively embody our understanding of marriage" (No. 303). The church has been "called to form consciences, not to replace them" (No.37). Pastors, therefore, need to help people not simply follow rules but to practice "discernment," a word that implies prayerful decision making.

The pope says the aim is to integrate, not exclude, these people who fall short of the Christian ideal. He uses three verbs to express how the church should assist them here: accompany, discern and integrate. These words were much in vogue at the two synods on the family and are central to his nonjudgmental approach to people.

The concept of integration is the key element in this 260-page magisterial text, in which Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of "reaching out to everyone" to help each person find "his or her proper way of participating in the church community and thus to experience being touched by an 'unmerited, unconditional and gratuitous' mercy."

The pope is calling for "new pastoral methods," and the church should think creatively. Pastors and other leaders must reach out to those who struggle, those who are hurting, those who have survived failure; they need to understand difficult and complex situations and show that they truly care.

Simply put, Pope Francis is pointing out the need for greater pastoral sensitivity regarding marriage and families, especially those in "irregular situations." Realizing the complexities of modern life, the pope is asking for greater discernment by everyone, laity and clergy alike. Marriage and the family are cornerstones of society and should be given the serious reflection they deserve. Family life is more than just a "topic"; it is a vocation that needs thoughtful and prayerful support.

Peace, Fr. Tom



Los evangelios de los domingos de mayo, en tiempo de Pascua, representan una enseñanza progresiva de lo que significa ser discípulos, seguidores de Cristo. En las lecturas de todos estos domingos hay un enorme énfasis en el amor que distingue a la comunidad, en la unidad y en la llamada a la evangelización que reciben todos los cristianos. Las lecturas pasan a centrarse en la misión de los cristianos de anunciar, denunciar, construir y extender la Buena Noticia, con fe firme en la promesa de la venida del Espíritu.

Pentecostés es la culminación de esta reflexión sobre la Iglesia; con la llegada del Espíritu y el nacimiento de una comunidad universal, se ven representadas todas las razas, pueblos y lenguas. Con la fiesta de Corpus Christi concluyen las celebraciones de después de Pascua; esta festividad invita a reflexionar sobre la naturaleza de Cristo que se da como pan para todos. Es en el dar gracias, partir y compartir el pan donde se hace la comunidad.

Mayo es, además, el mes mariano por excelencia. Las costumbres de los altares de mayo, el ofrecimiento de flores y la coronación de la Virgen ofrecen muchas oportunidades catequéticas, tanto para niños como para adultos. La comunidad argentina celebra su fiesta patronal, Nuestra Señora de Luján. Las celebraciones de san Isidro Labrador, patrono de los campesinos y agricultores y de santa Mariana de Paredes, primera santa ecuatoriana, son también momentos importantes este mes.

Las celebraciones de primeras comuniones y confirmaciones en tiempo de Pascua acaparan gran parte de la atención de las familias en este tiempo. La afluencia de familiares, que quizá no asistan al templo en otros momentos del año, ofrece una buena oportunidad de evangelización.

CLASES DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA terminan esta semana.

Estudiantes de confirmación y sus familias celebrarán con un asado de perro caliente y una fogata en la casa de Wally y Donna el lunes. **Los estudiantes de primaria en San Gregorio** disfrutarán de su carnaval anual el miércoles. **Padres, por favor, tenga en cuenta: Carnaval finalizará a las 4:30 de la tarde.** Por favor sea puntual en recoger a su hijo(a). Hemos tenido un gran año!



EL GRUPO DE JOVENES se reunirá el sábado 7 de mayo a las 6-8:00 pm en la casa de Mary Lorenz. Vengan preparados a caminar en el bosque y traigan algo de comida para compartir alrededor de la fogata. Para más información llamen a Mary at 231-861-2475.

¿Cómo puede la parroquia ayudar a nuestra juventud? ! Usted puede ayudar en nuestro plan pastoral juvenil tan poco o tanto como le gusta! Sin tan solo nos pudiera ayudar una sola vez - ¡Seria increíble! Estas son algunas maneras que estamos buscando ayuda:

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| Preparación de alimentos | Sirviendo de comidas |
| Haciendo llamadas | La presentación de temas |
| Transporte | Música |
| Ayuda con proyectos de servicio | Planificación de Programa |
| Chaperoning | |

Si usted puede ayudar en cualquiera de estas áreas, por favor, póngase en contacto conmigo, al 873-3071 o reled@stgregoriathart.org. También puede comunicarse con cualquiera de los miembros del Grupo Central, o registrarse después de la misa. Tiene algunas sugerencias? ¡Necesitamos eso, también!

Linda Foster, DRE

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