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ALL WELCOME: The diocese’s cultural communities will come together in a feast of faith and tradition in the fifth annual Pentecost Mass for All Peoples on June 4.
Pope: Immigrants Bring New Life to Parishes

VATICAN CITY — Catholic communities are invited to grow in the joy of encounter and to recognize the new life that migrants bring with them. Pope Francis said, marking the release of a Vatican document on ministering to migrants in a multicultural world.

The “Pastoral Orientations on Intercultural Migrant Ministry” by the Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development “invite us to broaden the way that we experience being Church,” the pope wrote in the preface.

“They urge us to see the tragedy of prolonged uprootedness, to welcome, protect, integrate and promote our brothers and sisters, and to create opportunities to work together toward communion,” he wrote.

The Vatican released the 35-page document in English, Spanish and Italian on March 24 on its website migrants-refugees.va. It also released a companion 20-page booklet providing “good practices undertaken by Catholic organizations and religious congregations” around the world to offer effective examples of putting the pastoral guidelines into practice.

Pope Francis wrote in the preface, that “in times of greatest crisis, like the pandemic and the wars that we are currently experiencing, closed-minded and aggressive nationalism and radical individualism fracture or divide our unity, both in the world and within the Church.

“The highest price is paid by those who end up getting labeled as ‘them’ versus ‘us’: foreigners, migrants and the marginalized who inhabit the existential peripheries,” he wrote.

Jesus says that “every encounter with a refugee or migrant is an opportunity to encounter Him,” he wrote, and “His Holy Spirit makes us capable of embracing everyone, cultivating communion in diversity and harmonizing differences without ever imposing a depersonalized uniformity.”

Catholic communities are invited to experience the joy of encounter, and the guidelines propose ways they can implement the pope’s idea of “an ever more integrated and multicultural Church,” he wrote.

The guidelines said, “Newcomers challenge us to rethink the parish: not modeled on a village where everybody knows each other and newcomers are seen as a new addition from outside, but toward a Church on the move, always open to welcome others.”

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Students Participating in Synod

By Aida Bustos

Over the next several weeks, the San Diego Diocese will be analyzing the information the parishes submitted after they held their synod sessions in March. Meanwhile, the sessions for young people continue through mid-June at parishes and schools.

Experts from two local universities are assisting the diocese’s synod team to summarize the findings submitted by the parishes in a report for Bishop Robert McElroy. He said he plans to share it with the faithful in the months to come.

The report also will be sent to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which will submit a report of its own to the Vatican summarizing all diocesan findings.

At schools and parishes, meanwhile, principals and faith-formation directors had a variety of age-appropriate formats available to them to engage their students in the synod process. Some opted to hold sessions using the listening-circle model used by the parishes, while others invited students to share their experiences in creative ways, such as through drawing or writing.

St. Charles School in South Bay held eight synod sessions for its students in fifth to eighth grades, from March 25 to April 4, said Sylvia Benning, the principal.

The school used the circle format, with 8 to 10 students per group. The week before the sessions, the teachers introduced the concept of the synod.

“They stressed how special it was that our pope wanted to hear from our students,” she said.

“I wish I could say that students shared freely but that wasn’t our experience,” she said. “They were somewhat hesitant. As soon as one student passed on a question, many others passed or said they felt the same as what another student had already shared.”

One of the questions in the session asks participants to share a time when they felt joy in the Church. The principal said that this was the easiest question for the youngsters.

“For most, it revolved around receiving sacraments.”

The most challenging question was when the students had to share a time when they felt disappointment in the Church. “My honest opinion was these students were too young to offer many insights,” she concluded. “However, I feel introducing the synod process and reasons behind it was of great importance.”

The diocese, supported by Catholic social service organizations, also is holding sessions with the homeless, incarcerated and refugees.

There will be another opportunity for the diocese to listen to community members. The diocese will circulate a survey this summer, inviting everyone to participate, particularly those who did not attend the parish sessions and those not attending Mass regularly.

The diocese will announce how the survey will be conducted in the weeks to come.

Follow the process of the synod on the diocese’s Facebook (@DioceseSanDiego) and Instagram (@SDCatholics) pages.

LISTENING: Students at St. Charles School in south San Diego participated in the Church’s consultation by sharing their experiences in a circle, led by Sylvia Benning, the principal.
New Generation Works to Protect Creation

By Denis Grasska

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Barrio Logan is planting the seeds of environmental stewardship in youth and young adult hearts.

Youth group members have been working in the parish’s community garden, while young adults recently kicked off the parish’s tree-planting campaign.

About 40 varieties of organic vegetables, along with various types of flowers, grow in “Jardín Manos Sanadoras,” Spanish for “Healing Hands Garden,” established early last year.

The garden, which measures 25 feet by 50 feet, is located at Salón Tepeyac, a few doors down from the parish church. It was the brainchild of Angéle Ryah, who at the time was part of the parish’s Community Resource Center team. It was intended to serve as a source of nutritious food, to create opportunities for interaction amidst the isolation of the pandemic, and to draw people closer to God through caring for His creation.

Since February, youth group members have been working in the garden two to three times a month. They planted lettuce and have helped care for their crops by watering them and pulling encroaching weeds. They were preparing to pick the lettuce in late April, with some of the produce to be enjoyed by their own families and the rest to be distributed to fellow parishioners at Sunday Mass.

Lupita Perez, leader of the parish’s youth ministry since last August, said the parish has strived to instill in its youth the values of “Laudato Si,” Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical on the importance of being good stewards of the earth. The idea behind getting the youth involved in the garden was to help them to make “a connection to our Creator” and to develop “a personal relationship with creation.”

She hopes that the youth will be able to take what they have learned about gardening and apply it at their own homes.

In addition to this project, the youth group is cultivating an earth-conscious mindset in other ways, too.

For example, the youth group is practicing the song “Laudato Si,” written in 1981 by De La Salle Brother Damian Lundy, which they plan to sing during one of the parish Masses in late May.

Also in May, during confirmation classes, three youthful presenters will speak on topics related to environmental sustainability. They include Sol Parra, a senior at the University of San Diego, Patrick Harris Ritter, an intern with the Diocese of San Diego’s Creation Care Ministry, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish youth group member Natalia Armenta.

At age 17, Armenta is already a committed climate activist.

Spurred into action about two years ago by the poor air-quality and other environmental concerns in her own community, she educated herself on the subject of climate change and sought ways to get involved.

Since then, much of her activism has been virtual because of the pandemic. But, more recently, she has been able to organize in-person marches and rallies.

“Youth have the most to lose to climate change and, as we see, the climate crisis is only getting worse,” said Armenta, who was recently introduced to “Laudato Si” and feels there is “definitely a connection” between her faith and her activism.

Armenta is grateful that Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and its youth group have shown such commitment to environmental issues, allowing her to combine her enthusiasm for that cause with “other loves and passions,” like her faith and her parish community.

The parish youth ministry also started using biodegradable items during its recent food-sale fundraiser.

Perez has found that young people, like those in her youth group, are passionate about the issue of climate change. She described the current generation of Catholic youth and young adults as “a ‘Laudato Si’ generation.”

The young adult community of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish has also gotten involved with creation care ministry, most notably through participation in a tree-planting campaign.

It was the young adults who kicked off the campaign with the planting of the first tree on March 19 at the residence of parishioner/catechists Rosa and Heriberto “Beto” Camargo, said Hilda Tapia, who coordinates the parish’s young adult ministry.

Because its campus isn’t an ideal location for new trees, the parish is arranging to have the trees planted at parishioners’ homes.

The ongoing campaign is being rolled out in phases, one parish ministry at a time, Tapia said.

In addition to the tree-planting, young adults also took part in a Taizé prayer service and “Ignatian ecological examen” on March 22, where they were invited to make a commitment to caring for creation.

Tapia feels that she has her work cut out for her as she tries to spread the message of “Laudato Si.” She noted that some young adults told her that they had underestimated the impact of climate change or had failed to consider how their choices might be affecting others.

A young adult named Angelica Píñon Palacios, a high school special education teacher, told Tapia that, for many of her peers, the priority is finding a good job or receiving an education that will lead to a successful career.

“As an underserved Latinx parish community, most families are too busy trying to make ends meet,” she said, explaining the challenge of spreading that message at her parish.
Call for Greater Effort to Fight Climate Change

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**WASHINGTON** — Representatives of Catholic organizations called upon parishioners to address climate change through actions in their lives and advocacy with political leaders following a United Nations report that warned that the earth's temperatures continue to rise, putting human lives in danger.

Solutions can be as simple as reducing electricity usage in the home and on parish property, driving less and walking more, and planting trees, the representatives of groups working on climate-related issues said.

In addition, they said that it is becoming increasingly urgent for Catholics to boost engagement with members of Congress to urge them to enact policies that will reduce the country's dependence on fossil fuels.

Reducing the use of oil and natural gas, the burning of which scientists have determined produces greenhouse gases that lead to global warming, is crucial to mitigate the effects of a changing climate, said Dan Misleh, founder of the Catholic Climate Covenant.

“There’s lots of easy solutions. It’s a matter of just getting people aware and encouraging action,” Misleh said.

The San Diego Diocese is a national Catholic leader on this issue. Its Creation Care Ministry invites parishes and Catholic schools to educate themselves about climate change and to develop projects they can do to mitigate its effects. Currently, the ministry has a campaign to plant trees at parishes, schools and homes. It’s providing the trees for free and expert support before they are planted. More information is available at sdchurch.org/creation.

Thousands of pages long, the report released April 4 by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change paints a dire picture of the consequences facing the world if carbon emissions are not reduced immediately.

It warned that global temperatures will rise this century beyond the 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit (2 degrees Celsius) warmer targeted under the 2015 Paris climate agreement if the current pace of fossil fuel use continues.

Scientists have measured temperatures that already have risen by more than 2 degrees Fahrenheit (1.1 degrees Celsius) warmer since pre-industrial times, leading to more devastating natural disasters such as flooding, long-term drought, forest fires and stronger hurricanes, and the displacement of millions of people from their homelands.

U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres said the report demonstrates that governments and corporations have delivered “a litany of broken climate promises” as they continue to prioritize fossil fuels for energy and ignore the goals of the Paris accord.

Misleh said everyone needs “to cut emissions dramatically so the future, especially for our children and grandchildren, is not going to be as awful as we are heading for.”

Elsewhere, CIDSE, a network of 17 Catholic development agencies from Europe and North America, called for immediate “deep and urgent emissions reductions.”

In an April 4 statement, the organization said it was inspired by Pope Francis and his actions to address climate change. CIDSE’s secretary-general, Josianne Gauthier, echoed Guterres, saying that “corporate power is hindering climate justice.”

“This means to really tackle climate change, we need to address our economic system,” Gauthier said. “As Pope Francis has said, we cannot live within an economy based on insatiable and irresponsible growth. We are motivated to challenge the system based on the direct experiences of people at the forefront of climate change, who need mitigation urgently.”

The report said greenhouse gas emissions continued to grow from 2010 to 2019, but at a slower pace than in the first decade of the 21st century. The rate of growth slowed from 2.1% annually to 1.3% annually, the report said.

However, the report’s authors said that unless countries rapidly quicken the pace to cut emissions, the earth on average could see temperatures 4.3 to 6.3 degrees Fahrenheit (2.4 to 3.5 Celsius) warmer by the end of the century, a level that will cause severe effects worldwide.

To kickstart outreach to congressional leaders, a coalition of Catholic organizations has unveiled the Encounter for Our Common Home campaign.

The effort calls for training and advocacy to prepare people to “encounter and urge” senators during the week of May 2-6 to support climate solutions that especially benefit poor and vulnerable communities most susceptible to climate change.

Those registering at godsplanet.us/advocacy will be able to participate in two webinars in advance of the online or in-person meetings with senators or their staff members.

The Southern Cross contributed to this story.

Visit the webpage scatholic.org/creation for information about the diocese’s sustainability efforts.
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Washington — The U.S. Catholic Church’s three-year Eucharistic revival about to get under way “is not a program but a movement,” an invitation to the faithful from God to go on mission and be compelling witnesses of our faith.

That’s how the newly named executive director of the National Eucharistic Congress, Tim Glemkowski, sees this effort.

“We, the Church, have to be clear about telling our story, getting to the core” of our faith, that “God is not just some distant someone who is not engaged,” he said. “He’s alive and real and can be encountered in the Eucharist, source and summit of the faith. ... This is where God is with us.”

The National Eucharistic Revival begins June 16, the feast of Corpus Christi, and culminates with the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in 2024. Along the way, there will be parish, diocesan and regional events to increase Catholics’ understanding of the Real Presence in the Eucharist.

The first year will get under way at the parish and diocesan levels with initiatives to promote the Eucharist. The following year, there will be regional revival events, leading to the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in 2024, the first to be held since one took place in 1976 in Philadelphia. It is expected to draw tens of thousands from across the country.

Last fall, the San Diego Diocese launched its own initiative to promote the Eucharist at all of its parishes. It included special homilies and a detailed explanation of the rituals of the Mass, all delivered in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Auxiliary Bishop Ramón Bejarano will lead the revival’s efforts at the San Diego Diocese. He has been briefing diocesan clergy and lay leaders about it.

The U.S. bishops approved plans for the revival and the congress last November during their fall general assembly in Baltimore. Both are being spearheaded by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis.

“God is doing something important in His Church through this multiyear national eucharistic revival,” Glemkowski said in a statement after his appointment was announced on April 4. “At its core, I believe the congress is a critical moment for how we fulfill Pope Francis’ vision of becoming a more missionary Church.”

He sees the revival and the congress as “a milestone moment” for the Church and also “a generational moment” that can really change lives. Glemkowski noted that “the original vision” for the revival began to be discussed when Auxiliary Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles was the bishops’ evangelization chairman, shortly after the results of a 2019 Pew survey showed just 30% of Catholics understood the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

In the Pew survey, 69% of all self-identified Catholics said they believed the bread and wine used at Mass are not Jesus, but instead “symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.”

The results struck a nerve with many U.S. bishops, who saw a catechetical crisis in this lack of fundamental understanding about the Eucharist.

In November, in addition to approving the plans for the revival and congress, the bishops also approved a statement on “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church,” which is addressed to all Catholics in the United States and “endeavors to explain the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of the Church.”

GIFT: The U.S. bishops will begin a three-year initiative in June to promote the Eucharist. Last Ash Wednesday, Father Sarfraz Alam, OSA, celebrated the Eucharist at St. Patrick Church in San Diego.

More on U.S. Catholic Church’s National Eucharistic Revival can be found at eucharisticrevival.org.
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From Depths of Silence, We Recognize Ourselves

After sharing a few days at a retreat in silence, we said goodbye in a circle where each participant shared the special moments of consolation and desolation they had experienced during the spiritual exercises.

The gift of silence was a recurring comment. Silence allowed us to discover and to feel, but to enter into it took time. We arrived with our minds stuffed with worries, schedules, pending tasks and responsibilities that we were going to be away from for a few days.

Being silent was not easy!

The spiritual guides invited us to center ourselves in the present, in the here and now, to walk in silence and allow ourselves to soak in the presence of the spirit of God, who manifests Himself in the natural beauty of the place.

They invited us to let go, open up, to trust in order to enter into our own consciousness, that place of interior intimacy where we encounter the mystery of our lives and the mystery of God, where we discover that the Lord is nearer to us than we are to ourselves, like St. Augustine would say, “Higher than my highest and more inward than my innermost self,” (Confessions III, 6, 11).

To be in silence is to learn to be alone with oneself, to accompany oneself and to listen to the interior voices that can’t be heard above the din of daily life. To enter into silence can cause anxiety and fear — fear of seeing what we have not wanted to see.

In silence, doors could open that have been closed or repressed in our subconscious; old emotional wounds could be torn open stoking profound feelings once more, or raise shadows that stalk us again because we have not embraced them.

Silence, then, becomes an experience of getting to know our interior, of accepting who we are, of knowing our history, with all its lights and shadows … And, paradoxically, that is where we meet our Lord, where we meet the mystery of God who created us in His likeness and image, who loves us unconditionally — and that experience heals.

In the circle where we said goodbye, we opened our souls — when you build a sense of trust and security, souls emerge and make themselves known.

We listened to each other attentively; when someone shared, I could recognize pieces of my own existence in the account. We spoke about our sorrows, of our infancy, of difficult moments of abuse, infidelity and addiction … We spoke about the people who accompanied us and sustained us, who offered us their confidence and love, even in the most unexpected moments. We recognized the presence of the grace and love of God through many anonymous “angels” He put in our way.

When our circle ended, there was a special feeling in the air, a dense energy that quantum physics would call a “magnetic field” but what believers recognized as the presence of the Spirit of God, something transcendent, infinite and mysterious that can be felt but is undescrribable.

I felt what it was like to be “one” with all, to be a brother, to be a part of one single body … a glimpse of the Kingdom promised by Jesus for those who love each other. When brothers come together and share what the Lord has constructed in our lives and recognize each other as equals, we experience that love knows no hierarchies, that no one can be considered above another or think of someone as being beneath. If we look at each other with appreciation, compassion and love, we can observe what I am in the other and can truly say: “I am you.” And we can experience the saving grace of what Jesus called us to do: “Love one another; as I have loved you” (John 13:34).
Light of Risen Christ Dispels Fear

By Junno Arocho Esteves

VATICAN CITY — Young people should not allow the darkness of fear to overwhelm them and instead allow the light of Easter to illuminate their lives and give them courage, Pope Francis said.

Fears “must be brought to light. And when fears, which are in darkness, come into the light, the truth bursts out,” the pope told thousands of young men and women gathered in St. Peter’s Square.

The April 18 event, titled “Seguimi” (“Follow Me”), was organized by the Italian bishops’ conference and brought young teens from all of Italy for a prayer vigil in Rome. The Vatican said an estimated 100,000 young people were present.

Pope Francis said that, although Jesus’ resurrection “conquered the darkness of death,” there are still dense clouds “that darken our time.” He noted the pandemic, war in Europe, and violence in various regions.

The pope said young people can experience moments in life that “put us to the test” and “make us feel naked, helpless and alone.” In those times of uncertainty, he said, young people must not keep to themselves, because “fears must be said, fears must be expressed in order to be able to drive them away.”

“My Lord — the mother who was almost your age when she received the angel’s announcement and became pregnant with Him — teach you to say: ‘Here I am!’” the pope said.

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Family Theater Productions Turns 75

WASHINGTON — Family Theater Productions is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

The Catholic company wants to start production on, among other things, an animated series based on a popular children’s book series and a holiday-themed film, said Holy Cross Father David Guffey, national director of Family Theater Productions.

The anniversary is a tribute to the “humble beginnings rooted in prayer” of Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton, founder of Family Theater Productions, and his “faith and trust in God,” Father Guffey said.

“The 75th anniversary is also a tribute to the ways Hollywood and entertainment have changed,” he said, from radio production to TV and films and now social media, apps and video.

With Family Theater Productions now having 75 years under its belt, there’s a five-year plan afoot.

“We have a direction that we’re headed,” Father Guffey told Catholic News Service. “We really believe that great stories unlock the heart and open up people’s heart to the possibility of love and faith in new ways. We believe in the power of narrative, either in a document or a scripted film.”

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Celebration Unites Family of God
Participants Experience Joyful Feast of Faith and Tradition

By Aida Bustos

“Come experience a part of God’s kingdom here on earth.”

That’s how Narciso Guzmán invites people to attend the Pentecost Mass for All Peoples.

The diocese will present the fifth annual event on June 4, to be celebrated by Bishop Robert McElroy, accompanied by the auxiliary bishops and more than two dozen priests.

Everyone is invited to this event, which brings together more than 25 cultural communities to share their Catholic faith in a joyous feast of colors, languages and traditions.

After the Mass, the communities will host a free cultural festival, in which they will share their cultures, food and entertainment.

This year’s Mass is returning to Cathedral Catholic High School, where it was held in 2019, when more than 2,000 faithful turned out.

“This is an event I definitely put on my calendar,” said Guzmán, a longtime leader in the diocese’s Hispanic Commission, who has assisted in all of these Masses.

This year’s celebration will promote peace among the cultures, amid the horror of the war in Ukraine and in other parts of the world.

“As the people of God, how can we bring peace to the world, in light with the war in Ukraine? How can we witness peace to the world?” asked Father Michael Pham.

He directs the diocese’s Office for Ethnic and Intercultural Communities, which started this event five years ago to celebrate Pentecost.

“when the Holy Spirit gathered people of all languages and traditions.”

The communities participating that first year included Africans, African Americans, Chinese, Filipinos, Germans, Hispanics, Indians, Indonesians, Irish, Italians, Koreans, Laotians, Native Americans, Samoans, Tongans and Vietnamese, with many wearing their traditional attire. More communities have joined since then.

The Mass begins with a colorful procession of communities. The liturgy integrates faith traditions, dances and music from the many cultures and proclaims readings in various languages.

“We are one under God’s love,” said Bernadette Aloese, a leader in the Samoan community who has helped in the events. “I can feel He is present with us.”

The organizers of the Mass recently reflected on the impact the event has had on them, their communities and the diocese.

Charlotte Fajardo, the event’s coordinator, recalled how it all started in 2018. The cultural community members were asked to work together to help present the major event. Many were used to organizing their own feast celebrations but had not worked extensively with other cultures. Some did not speak English well.

The demands of hosting the event, however, led them to collaborate, even as they struggled to learn their new partners’ names in a language other than their own.

For that first celebration, each community had to create a cloth with the colors and symbols representative of their culture. Each cloth would be placed last, a symbol of baptism uniting all peoples.

The first time the cultural leaders brought their brightly colored cloths to a meeting felt a little like Christmas, with children showing their gifts to everyone. Tenderly holding them, the leaders explained the history behind each strip of cloth.

“These clothes have now taken a life of their own,” said Fajardo.

Some communities have incorporated that tradition in their own parishes. And the cloths have been displayed at some diocesan events.

“People want to know more about each cloth and the culture it represents,” she said. “It starts a real conversation.”

The first Pentecost Mass filled Good Shepherd Parish, where it was held, exceeding organizers’ expectations.

The following year, they moved the event to Cathedral Catholic High School, with its spacious gym, where the Mass was held. More than 2,300 turned out.

By then, the cultural leaders had been working side by side for a couple of years. They had seen the power of coming together and sharing their cultures.

“They have become more like brothers and sisters,” Fajardo said. “They knew they were one family.”

Then COVID-19 hit, and public worship was not permitted. The leaders insisted that the Pentecost Mass not be canceled. It was live-streamed, instead, from the Pastoral Center chapel on May 31, 2020, with the leaders participating through Zoom.

Fajardo said the high-profile racial killings of African Americans, the demonizing of immigrants and the violence against Asian Americans provoked thoughtful conversations when
The communities came together. They wanted a forum where people of faith from all cultures and races could explore racism and propose ways to address it, particularly in the Church. They developed a five-segment, online forum, “My Church, My Story: Listen, Dialogue and Action.” Held from August 2020 to February 2021, the series shared the experiences of African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian and Pacific Islanders, and immigrants and refugees.

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**Everyone Is Welcome**

All are invited to attend the diocese’s annual *Pentecost Mass for All Peoples* and experience the joy and kinship of the universal Church.

**Saturday, June 4**

Cathedral Catholic High School, 5555 Del Mar Heights Road, San Diego 92130. Mass in the gym and festival in school’s outdoor plaza. Ample parking available.

- **10 a.m.** Call to worship, with multicultural music;
- **11 a.m.** Mass celebrated by Bishop McElroy;
- **12 p.m.** Free Festival of Cultures, with communities sharing traditional food and music.
Obituaries

Msgr. Lloyd Bourgeois

Msgr. Lloyd Bourgeois, a retired priest of the Diocese of San Diego, died March 17. He was 91.

Born in Pembina, N.D., he attended St. Francis Seminary, from 1949 to 1951, and Immaculate Heart Seminary, from 1951 to 1957. The seminaries were located in El Cajon at that time.

Msgr. Bourgeois was ordained for the Diocese of San Diego on March 19, 1957. He served as an assistant pastor at St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Our Lady of Guadalupe (Calexico), and Holy Rosary (in San Bernardino, which was then part of the same diocese as San Diego) parishes and as administrator of St. Thomas Indian Mission in Winterhaven.

He was appointed pastor for the first time at St. Joan of Arc in Blythe, from 1961 to 1967, and followed that up as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Indio, from 1967 to 1969.


He was made a monsignor on May 8, 1985. He retired from active ministry on Aug. 1, 2002.

The late Msgr. Bourgeois was a master at recalling the ordination and death anniversaries of his brother priests, and is remembered as a great storyteller and a loving pastor.

His funeral Mass was celebrated March 31 at San Rafael Church.

Sister Jane Robert Stuckel, OP

ADRIAN, Mich. — Sister Jane Robert Stuckel, a member of the Adrian Dominican Sisters, died Feb. 21 at the Dominican Life Center in Adrian, Mich. She was 88 years old and in the 70th year of religious profession.

Born in Joliet, Ill., she earned a bachelor’s degree in Social Studies from Siena Heights College (University) in Adrian, a bachelor’s in Nursing from Barry University in Miami, and a master’s in Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) from the University of San Diego.

Sister Stuckel ministered for 44 years in elementary education, including in Oceanside, San Diego and El Cajon.

She was the principal for one year at St. Mary Star of the Sea School in Oceanside, from 1981 to 1982, and curriculum director for the Diocese of San Diego’s Office for Schools from 1982 to 1983. She was also an administrator at St. Therese Academy, from 1983 to 1986, followed by eight years at Our Lady of Grace School in El Cajon, where she was first a teacher and then the principal.

From 1997 to 2003, Sister Stuckel served in Congregation leadership as Chapter Prioress of the Pacific West Chapter, residing in Santa Cruz, Calif. She became a resident at the Dominican Life Center in Adrian, Mich., in 2014.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 1. Prayers of Committal were held in the Congregation Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to: Adrian Dominican Sisters, 1257 East Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, MI 49221.

Sister Patricia Laverne Erickson, OP

ADRIAN, Mich. — Sister Patricia Laverne Erickson, a member of the Adrian Dominican Sisters, died Feb. 14 at the Dominican Life Center in Adrian, Mich. She was 79 years old and in her 61st year of religious profession.

Born in Eau Claire, Wis., she earned a bachelor’s degree in Social Studies from Siena Heights College (University) in Adrian, a bachelor’s in Nursing from Barry University in Miami, and a master’s in Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) from the University of San Diego.

Sister Erickson spent more than nine years ministering in education in Chicago, Joliet, and Hometown, Ill., and Toledo, Ohio. She served the Congregation for almost five years on the motherhouse campus in the Maria Health Care Center, in the finance office, and at Weber Center. She ministered for two years in the Bahamas, one year as health education teacher and nurse, and one year as clinic administrator.

Sister Erickson ministered more than nine years as a registered nurse in Guayama, Puerto Rico; Managua, Nicaragua; Opelika, Ala.; Guaymate, Dominican Republic; Adrian, Mich.; and Sierra Blanca, Texas; and more than 17 years as a nurse practitioner, including in San Diego, Escondido and El Centro, as well as in Key West, Fla.

Sister Erickson became a resident of the Dominican Life Center in 2021. The Rite of Committal was held on Feb. 16 in the Congregation Cemetery. A Memorial Mass was celebrated Feb. 22.

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**News Briefs**

**Bishop, Diocesan Director to Address Criminal Justice Reform**

WASHINGTON — The Catholic Criminal Justice Reform Network will host its inaugural conference on Thursday, April 28, and Friday, April 29, at the Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D.C.

Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego and Robert Ehnow, PhD, director of the Diocese of San Diego’s Office for Life, Peace and Justice, will deliver the keynote address on April 28. The bishop will also celebrate Mass the same day.

Two formerly incarcerated women and one formerly incarcerated man, each of whom has the lived experience of having been sentenced to life in prison, followed by parole and reintegration back into the community, will be accompanying Bishop McElroy and Ehnow to the conference.

The Catholic Criminal Justice Reform Network is an initiative of the Lumen Christi Institute [https://www.lumenchristi.org](https://www.lumenchristi.org).

The conference is being co-hosted by the Catholic Mobilizing Network and more than a dozen Catholic law schools. Its purpose is to collaborate with lawyers, judges, parole/probation officials, legal scholars, clergy, and the formerly incarcerated to advocate and influence legislation to make meaningful, impactful change to the current punitive system of justice.

**USD Partners with Catholic Charities**

The University of San Diego has announced a new partnership with Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) to provide a new professional certificate in nonprofit executive management.

The creation of the professional certification began when CCUSA reached out to Interim Dean Joi Spencer at USD’s School of Leadership and Education Sciences. The Department of Leadership Studies was awarded the contract through a competitive bidding process with other prominent universities to provide training to 170 Catholic Charities CEOs from across the United States.

The partnership is being funded through a private donor to CCUSA who has a vision that all the organization’s executives would receive nonprofit management training to expand their business skills and strengthen community impact.

The Department of Leadership studies will launch a pilot program in October 2022. The first-round cohort will be comprised of 25 executives who will complete their training by January 2023.

Participants will attend three six-week online modules, focusing on leading contemporary nonprofits, financial leadership and resource development. At the end of the program, the cohorts will attend a four-day leadership seminar in-person at USD.

**Retreat Offered for Post-Abortive Women**

Rachel’s Hope is hosting a healing retreat for Catholic and Catholic-friendly women seeking to overcome the grief and pain of a past abortion.

The professionally led retreat will be held May 13 to 15 at the diocesan Pastoral Center. It will include a closing Mass.

Group size is limited, and confidentiality will be maintained. The cost to attend is $60, but partial scholarships are available. Limited housing is also available.

For more information, visit RachelsHope.org. For more details or to register, call (858) 581-3022, text (858) 752-93758 or email rachels_hope@usdoj.com.

**Magnificat Holding Women’s Breakfast**

North County Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, is holding its next quarterly breakfast on Saturday, May 21.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon in St. Mary’s new parish hall, located at 1170 S. Broadway, Escondido 92025. It will be preceded by an 8 a.m. Mass.

The guest speaker will be Christy Wilkins. A baptized Catholic, Wilkins was raised Baptist and attended a Mormon seminary before returning to the Catholic faith in 2000 when she and her husband decided to start a family.

Tickets are $25/person via mail or $26 via Paypal or credit card when ordered by Saturday, May 14. After that, the ticket price increases to $28. Registration is required.

For more information or to RSVP, call (760) 271-7743.

**Diocese to Raise Awareness of Mental Health**

RANCHO SANTA FE — The diocesan Office for Family Life and Spirituality, with the San Diego Diocesan Mental Health Ministry Network, has organized a Mental Health Awareness Mass.

 Auxiliary Bishop John Dolan will celebrate the Mass at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, at Church of the Nativity in Rancho Santa Fe. (May 15 is the feast day of St. Dymphna, the patron saint of mental illness.) The liturgy will be followed at 6 p.m. by a mental health resource fair and a short talk by Paula Baker, a mother who will share her family’s journey from fear to hope with a loved one’s mental illness.

In the United States, May is observed as Mental Health Month.

For more information, contact the Office for Family Life and Spirituality at (858) 490-8299.

**Whispering Winds to Host Women’s Retreat**

JULIAN — Whispering Winds Women’s Auxiliary will hold its Spring 2022 retreat from May 13 to 15 at Whispering Winds Catholic Camp and Conference Center in Julian.

The theme will be “Jesus Approaches.” Liz Kelly, author of 10 books, including “Reasons I Love Being Catholic,” will lead the retreat. It will focus on what today’s faith in 2000 when she and her husband decided to start a family.

**Details**

**Memorial Day**

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women can learn about healing, freedom and joy from the women of the New Testament.
The cost to attend is $195/person, which includes lodging, seven meals, four talks by Kelly and a question-and-answer session with her. Participants will also be able to enjoy the camp’s zipline and other activities, as well as to participate in a social Friday night, a prayer service Saturday night, and a Sunday morning Mass. Financial aid is available. Register online at whisperingwinds.org/camps-retreats/womens-retreat. For more information, contact Judy Lemm at (619) 507-1152 or judylemm@cox.net.

Special Mass Celebrated for Foster Families
All foster families, kinship families, and those interested in foster care are invited to a Foster Care Awareness Mass at St. Brigid Parish in Pacific Beach. The liturgy will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Sunday, May 11. After Mass, foster families will share their stories, and attendees will learn how to support families in their area. Breakfast burritos and children’s games also will be available after Mass.
For more information or to RSVP, contact Kaylin Burt at kaylinburt523@gmail.com.

Birthline Launches Mother’s Day Campaign
“Love Another Mother,” a spring fundraising campaign by Birthline of San Diego County, Inc., gives San Diegans the opportunity to honor all mothers, especially the most vulnerable.
Founded more than 40 years ago, Birthline provides free diapers, children’s clothing, food and more, as well as referrals for various services, to pregnant women and families with children age 6 and younger. Many of its clients live below the poverty line.
Supporters of the “Love Another Mother” campaign can honor their own mother or a special mother in their life simply by making a donation to Birthline this Mother’s Day.
Each donation will sponsor a Mother’s Day gift bag that will include: a Walmart gift card, a Mother’s Day plant for their home, and an indulgence care package of soaps, toiletries and cosmetics to help them feel special this Mother’s Day.
For more information, visit birthlineofsandiego.org or call (858) 270-2491.

Liturgical Composer to Perform in Concert
OCEANSIDE — Liturgical singer-songwriter Jesse Manibusan will perform at Mission San Luis Rey Parish in Oceanside.
The concert will take place at 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 29, in the parish’s Serra Center. Manibusan, whose music is published by Oregon Catholic Press (OCP), was the recipient in 2014 of the National Catholic Youth Award, in the Presenter/Artist category, from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministries, Inc.
The upcoming evening will include songs, stories, laughter and inspiration. Adult tickets (ages 13 and up) are $20 in advance or $25 at the door. Child tickets (ages 7 to 12) are $10. For children age 6 and under, there is no cost to attend. Mission San Luis Rey Parish is located at 4070 Mission Ave., Oceanside 92057. For more information, contact the parish at (760) 757-3250 or office@sanluisreyparish.org.

Bishop Dolan to Address Mental Health Conference
LOS ALTOS, Calif. — Auxiliary Bishop John Dolan and Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, will be among the main presenters at the inaugural Mental Health Ministry Conference.
The theme for the event, which will be held from May 19 to 21 at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, is “Building a Culture of Community: Equipping Leaders for Mental Health Ministry.” The conference is co-sponsored by the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers, the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, and the California Catholic Conference.
Participants will be able to connect with others in ministry from around the country, hear from experts, and share resources and best practices. A virtual option is available for individuals who are unable to be onsite. This option will include access to keynotes and panel presentations, but not breakout sessions.
For more information, including ticket prices, and to register, visit bit.ly/MHCONF2022.

Notre Dame Club Hosts Events Yearlong
The Notre Dame Club of San Diego’s history spans as far back as 1948. Since then, the alumni club has expanded to include alumni, their family, friends, and fans of the University of Notre Dame — all 4,715 of them from San Diego.
Like the other 266 Notre Dame Clubs around the world overseen by their Alumni Association, the San Diego Club’s mission revolves around the “6 C’s”: camaraderie, community service, Catholic mission, current students, continuing education, and career connections.
Every year, the club hosts a slew of events in the local community with the goal of being a “Force for Good.” Its whole fall season revolves around its “Season of Service,” with community partners such as Nativity Prep Academy, Casa de los Pobres, Father Joe’s Villages, Operation Dress Code, and the Camp Pendleton Warrior Warehouse.
More information about the Notre Dame Club and its year-round programming can be found on its website, sandiego.ndclub.org, and Facebook page, facebook.com/sdandiego.

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Office for Liturgy & Spirituality
In-Person Workshops For Liturgical Ministers

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Saturday, May 21 | 9:00 am-1:00p
Saturday, July 30 | 9:00 am-1:00p
Saturday, October 29 | 9:00 am-1:00p

MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Saturday, May 7 | 9:00 am-1:30p
plus Thursday, May 12 | 6:00-8:30p
Saturday, July 30 | 9:00 am-1:30p
plus Thursday, August 4 | 6:00-8:30p
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SACRISTAN TRAINING
Saturday, May 7 | 9:00 am-12:30 pm

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By John Mulderig

NEW YORK — Positive priest characters are certainly a rarity in contemporary films. So, Catholics will welcome the uplifting fact-based biography “Father Stu” (Columbia).

While deeply moving, however, this dramatization of the life of Stuart Long (Mark Wahlberg) is also hard-edged, particularly in terms of its dialogue.

Yet that’s part of the point. The movie is fundamentally about God’s ability to use seemingly unpromising people to do His will, in this case a once-boozing ex-boxer.

With the continuance of his somewhat successful career in the ring rendered too dangerous by a medical condition, Stuart moves to Los Angeles and tries to reinvent himself as a Hollywood star. Instead, he winds up as a directionless supermarket clerk.

But things begin to turn around for him when he falls at first sight for Carmen (Teresa Ruiz), a devout CCD teacher. Determined to win her over, he goes through the motions of becoming a Catholic, though an awkward confession and other interactions show that he has yet to be won over in reality.

All that changes after a motorcycle accident and a close brush with death during which he experiences the presence of the Virgin Mary. The result is not only a genuine conversion but a prayer-inspired realization that God is calling him to the priesthood.

Predictably, the news of this radical change in direction proves crushing to Carmen. It’s also a source of consternation to his emotionally abusive father, Bill (Mel Gibson), an implacable atheist, and his caring but equally unbelieving mother, Kathleen (Jacki Weaver).

A tribute to a future cleric who showed dogged determination and grit in the face of a series of apparently insurmountable obstacles, writer-director Rosalind Ross’ profile also showcases Stuart’s unconventional but effective approach to preaching the Gospel. And Wahlberg brings his striking, memorable character vividly to life, skillfully portraying Stuart’s odd combination of crudity and idealism.

Grown viewers will easily get past the earthy language with which the script is filled to appreciate the picture’s faith-inspiring core. But the persistent vulgarity, while justified in context, may prove more problematic for younger movie fans who might otherwise benefit from this portrait of a vocation.

Still, at least some parents may feel that the credibility lent to Stuart’s struggles by the saltiness of his starting point outweighs what would normally be objectionable elements of speech and behavior. If the outcome of that calculation were either increased zeal or, in particular, openness to journeying down the path Stuart himself followed, his hard-won spiritual triumph might be replicated in real life.

The film contains some physical violence, a bloody accident, offscreen premarital sexual activity, about a half-dozen uses of profanity, several milder oaths and pervasive rough and crude language.

“Father Stu” has been rated R by the Motion Picture Association. Catholic News Service has classified it as appropriate for adults.
Question: What role has the Catholic faith played in your life?
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Kids' Screen Time Soars During Pandemic

WASHINGTON — Just when you thought children couldn’t possibly spend more time with their faces buried in a screen, they have done just that.

Use of screen media per day is up 17% for teens (ages 13-18) and tweens (ages 8-12) from the start of the pandemic, according to Common Sense Media. And that doesn’t take into account time spent attending school virtually and doing homework.

The 17% growth rate in 2020 and 2021 compares to a growth rate of 3% for teens and 11% for tweens for daily media use over the four years prior to the coronavirus pandemic, said the report, “The Common Sense Census: Media Use by Tweens and Teens, 2021,” issued March 23.

“In the first year of the pandemic, remote learning required many students to spend hours a day taking classes online. But many also turned to screen media to stay in touch with friends and family, to pursue hobbies and creative interests, and to keep themselves entertained,” the report said.

The report considered the many ways young people use media: watching television regardless of how it comes to them; watching online videos; using social media; playing video or computer games; playing mobile video games; reading e-books, reading online or reading print; using digital devices to create content; listening to podcasts; and using virtual reality.

Common Sense Media reported several key findings in the report.

- “Use of social media is growing among 8- to 12-year-olds,” the report noted.
- Media use shot up among both age groups studied in the first two years of the pandemic. But among tweens, the time they spent on media daily in 2015 was 4 hours, 36 minutes. It increased slightly in 2019 to 4:44, but zoomed to 5:39 in 2021. For teens, their daily media time grew from 6:40 in 2015 to 7:22 in 2019 and then to 8:39 in 2021.
- “Use of social media is growing among 8- to 12-year-olds,” the report noted. About 38% said they regularly use some kind of social media. Nearly one in five (18%) now say they use social media “every day.”
- “Teens now spend nearly an hour and a half a day using social media,” Common Sense Media said, “but have conflicted feelings about the medium.”
- “Though children consumed more media overall after the pandemic than they had before,” the report said, “one form of media (activity) did not increase in usage: reading.” Among tweens, 12% said they never read; among teens, 18% said in 2021 they never read. About a third of tweens (34%) and one in five teens (21%) said they spend some time reading for their own pleasure every day, which are about the same percentages as in 2019.
- Large numbers of Black and Hispanic households, and children in lower-income households, still do not have access to a computer at home, one of the most basic building blocks of digital equity. Common Sense estimated that only two-thirds of low-income families have access to a computer. By race, Black and Hispanic families have percentages in the low 80s when it comes to home computer access.
- “Watching television is something young people devote a substantial amount of time to each day regardless of gender, race/ethnicity or household income,” the report said. Majorities in all ethnic groups: 73% of Blacks, 56% of Hispanic/Latino, and 52% of whites.

However, “television loses some of its appeal as young people grow from the tween years to the teen years,” it noted. Just 27% of teens said they enjoy watching television “a lot,” while two years before, one-third of teens said the same. That’s still far fewer than the 62% who enjoy watching online videos.

Common Sense Media’s figures are based on an online survey of 1,306 8- to 18-year-olds in the United States conducted last fall, from Sept. 29 to Oct. 25, with the permission of parents and legal guardians. The margin of error in the full sample is plus or minus 3.2 percentage points.

Common Sense said, “but have conflicted feelings about the medium.”
Life and Death on the Street

The faithful shared their public witness at two Stations of the Cross events in downtown San Diego on Good Friday. In the morning, the 29th annual Walk with the Suffering featured Cristo Rey San Diego High School and Academy of Our Lady of Peace students re-enacting Jesus’ last hours. The procession highlighted issues that cause suffering, such as poverty, mental illness and lack of affordable housing. Hours later, Auxiliary Bishop Ramón Bejarano led around 250 people from St. Joseph’s Cathedral to the federal building on Broadway to call attention to the sanctity of life and advocate for an end to abortion.

Ann Grace Burke
1935 — 2022


Ann grew up in the Bronx, N.Y. She attended the Academy of Mount St. Ursula, a private all-girls school taught by Ursuline nuns. She spent her summers at Our Lady of Lourdes, a camp in Livingston Manor, N.Y., where she made lifelong friends, and graduated from The College of New Rochelle, where she met her roommate and best friend of over 60 years, Mary Mylod, and her future husband, John.

Ann arrived in La Jolla, on July 7, 1957, the day after she and John were married. He was stationed at Miramar Naval Air Base as a photo intelligence officer. The couple soon became members of Mary Star of the Sea Parish, where they joined its “Holy Family Club,” a group of young couples who met once a month to discuss their faith, pray together, and support each other as they raised their children. Many are still best friends today.

Ann found a job teaching sixth grade at Stella Maris Academy. The following year, they welcomed Tommy, the first of their eight children, into their lives. They were involved in the parish for the next seven years, and during that time Ann taught CCD to high school students and eventually became principal of the High School of Religion. In 1965, she and John moved their family to Mount Soledad, close to All Hallows Parish so that their children could walk to school. Ann got involved in that parish and continued to teach a religion course to high school students. She and John also taught a marriage course together.

Later, Ann helped direct “Droplin,” a monthly prayer and discussion meeting for teenagers in both parishes, which eventually grew into “The Gathering.”

During the late 60’s, Ann joined the Juniors of Social Service, a group of women dedicated to raising funds for the Sisters of Social Service’s projects at Bayside and Camp Oliver. In 1976, Ann and Delle Willett formed O’Shaughnessy & Willett, one of the few women-owned advertising and public relations companies in San Diego. She worked in the field for the next 17 years, also serving for many years as the president of the San Diego Ad Club. Ann was the Director of Advertising for the diocesan newspaper, The Southern Cross, from 1999 until 2007.

After her husband had a debilitating stroke, Ann lovingly cared for him for 16 years. After he passed, she became a Eucharistic minister at Mary Star of the Sea, a position she cherished. Ann was a devoted, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend who embodied Catholic values. She was proud of each of her children and grandchildren, all “wonderful” in her eyes. She is survived by her children, David Burke, John Burke Jr., Christina Burke (Pam Rodgers), Andrew Burke, Carolyn Pringle (James Pringle), Anita Arbelaez (Santiago Arbelaez), and Maryann Castronovo (Anthony Castronovo); and her grandchildren, Johnny, Michael and Katie Burke (and their mother, Lisa), Kole (Jordan Burke) and Makenzie Burke (and their mother, Lori), Emily and Anna Pringle, Isabella, Juliana, Sofia and Santiago T. Arbelaez and Frankie and Tommy Castronovo. She was preceded in death by her husband in 2011, her oldest son, Tom, in 2006, and her beloved sister, Patricia Rogers, in 2019. She was kind, beautiful, generous, loving, devoted, faithful, and full of grace. She will be missed dearly by all.
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