### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

9:30am - People of the Parish, Living & DECEASED

11:30am - Julio E. Alvarez & Francisco Pagan- Tia e Hermana Maria Pagan

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

12:10pm - Communion Service

7:30pm - (Spanish) Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00am - Communion Service

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00am - Communion Service

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

12:10pm - Communion Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

4:00pm - Aurelio Pascarella - Maiola Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:30am - People of the Parish, Living & DECEASED

11:30am - (Spanish) Chris Vasquez - Family

## **CALENDAR**



SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 Monday, August 27

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

6:30pm - Holy Hour, Spanish (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

11:00am - Bible Study (Rectory)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

7:00pm - Prayer Meeting, Spanish (MTMC)

6:30pm - Youth Group (Fatima Trip)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

THIS WEEK THE HOLY APOSTLES SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF BIANCA BENEDUCE REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, LOUISE & FAMILY.

# **Weekend Collection Reports:** August 11 & 12, 2018

**OFFERING** \$ 4,693.94

**ATTENDANCE** 

Thank you for your generous support!

# SAVE THE DATE! October 21, 2018



"The Sister Dorothy Mary WALK for Holy Apostles"

Sunday, October 21, 2018

There are many ways you can help:

1) Pray for a nice day;

- 2) GET FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO **SPONSOR YOU**:
- 3) Help clean up Church after the WALK;
  - 4) SPONSOR A WALKER;
  - 5) start getting in shape for the walk;
- 6) DONATE NEW PRIZES FOR WALKERS WHO COLLECT OVER \$100.00..... THERE ARE MANY \$100 WALKERS.
  - 7) HAVE A FAVOR BUSINESS? ASK FOR A DONATION!

Contact parish office at 254-7170, Yolanda Nunez, Deacon John Crego or Joanne Kleisley to offer whatever support you can give. Any suggestions for BUSINESSES contact Sr. Lorraine.

Thank you in advance for supporting the WALK!

FAITH **FORMATION** CLASSES starts Wednesday, September 19th at the Mother Teresa Missionary Center. Classes are from 6:30p.m. until 7:30p.m.

CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 & RCIA CLASSES start Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Mother Teresa Missionary Classes are from 6:30p.m. until 7:30p.m. Please call Yolanda at 254-7170 for more information.

### CONFIRMATION YEAR 1

Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Mother Teresa Missionary Center. Classes are from 6:30p.m. until 7:30p.m. Please call Yolanda at 254-7170 for more information.

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There are times when standing before you can be difficult and painful for a variety of reasons. Today as I stand before you, it is not only difficult and painful, but my heart is very heavy...

Many of my brother priests have violated innocent people... and in doing so they have also violated you... and me...and the Church... and God. The ways that they have acted out in a sexual manner hurting countless numbers of children and other vulnerable people is evil. The reports are horrendous. When we think that we have heard it all...another report is made known.

I am so sorry... for every victim, their families and friends and for all who love them. I cannot imagine the pain that they endured and are still going through. While their pain hurts deeply I must also say that I am glad that they were courageous enough to come forward and speak their truth, even when some of our Church leaders did not want to hear it. We must hear the whole truth by listening to what they need to share and offer healing...We must expect that the perpetrators be held accountable for their actions... And we must be humble and ask for forgiveness and do penance, asking God to help us.

Not only am I sorry for those who have been victims of the clergy sexual scandal, I am sorry for you and for me. As a priest, I and my brother priests, have a sacred vocation. Our vocation calls us to act as Jesus would act and to call each one of you to do the same. We are only human... We do not do this perfectly, and yet as priests, we hold a special trust with you and with God that we will always do our best. My brother priests did not do their best - they broke this special trust repeatedly... They hurt the Body of Christ.

This scandal makes it very hard for so many to look at the Church as a source of support, strength, inspiration, and ultimately a place where the beautiful Love of God is unconditionally given. This also makes my heart heavy...

Yet at the same time I need to ask you to remind yourself about the Love of the Lord that is poured out for you...and to understand that as flawed as our Church and its members can be, it still can be a place where you grow and receive His personal Love for you in such amazing ways right here. I want to continue to help you do that as your Pastor and will do all in my power for this to happen. Your faith must be rooted in God, where no human being, priest or otherwise, can take that special bond you have with Our Lord, away!

Sadly, there are also so many other people who have been violated in a sexual way by people in their families, at school, at work -with people they know or with strangers... All of it is very evil.

If you have been violated - I am so sorry and I hope that you will receive the help that you may need. Please, let us all pray for healing each day for the victims and for each one of us...You are in my prayers, and I place you in the hearts of Jesus and Mary for the beginning of a deep healing.

I believe that our Church needs great healing. We must be humble and do penance asking the Lord to help us. Considering this, I am inviting you to join me for a special Mass on Friday, September 14th at 7pm. We will offer to the Lord all victims of sexual abuse, especially those hurt in our Church...

And we will ask the Lord to forgive us and to give us the strength we need to heal and to once again to be on fire for Him!

Love, in Our Lord,

Fr. Tony