

# Saint Catharine of Alexandria Church

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## Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 PM in English  
Sunday: 8:30 AM in English  
10:00 AM in Polish  
11:30 AM in Spanish

## Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday 8:45 AM in English  
Wednesday: 7:30 PM in Spanish  
Every first Friday: 8:45 AM in English  
7:00 PM in Spanish  
8:00 PM in Polish

**Holy Days of Obligation** - Please consult the Bulletin

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions: Mon.- Sat. 8:30 AM- 8:45 AM  
Sat. 4:00 PM-4:45 PM & by appointment: call parish office

## Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

English: First Saturday of the Month  
Polish: Second Saturday of the Month  
Spanish: Third Saturday of the Month

Please call the Rectory Office for Registrations

## Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months to a year with one of the Priests.

## New Parishioners

Please register by visiting our Parish Rectory



## Dear Padre

May 12, 2019

**My young son asks, "If Jesus was Jewish, then why are we called Catholics?"**

Jesus was a first-century Jew, as were his first disciples. They continued their Jewish practices after Jesus' resurrection, but they believed and proclaimed that he was the long-awaited Messiah, the fulfillment of Judaism. Such claims inevitably led to clashes with Jewish authorities, as when Stephen, the first martyr, was charged with blasphemy and stoned to death in Jerusalem in ad 36 (Acts 6-7). Nevertheless, Jesus' followers initially saw themselves as reformers of Judaism—not founders of a new religion.

The Acts of the Apostles traces the first thirty years of this community of believers, from Jesus' ascension in Jerusalem to Paul's imprisonment in Rome. It details the beginnings of their separation from Judaism, as when the Jewish disciples wanted to impose certain practices of Mosaic Law on the Gentile disciples—circumcision, for example (Acts 15:11). Acts and the epistles also chronicle their expansion outside of Jerusalem to the Mediterranean region—where, for example, in Antioch, the disciples of Jesus were called Christians for the first time (Acts 11:26). The first written reference to "Catholic Church" is from St. Ignatius of Antioch around the year 107. Catholic means universal.

"The Church is catholic: she proclaims the fullness of the faith. She bears in herself and administers the totality of the means of salvation. She is sent out to all peoples. She speaks to all men. She encompasses all times. She is missionary of her very nature" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 868).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.  
—Anonymous



## †Masses for the Week†

### Sunday, May 12th

8:30am †Lucia & Jose Alvarez Jr.— Nieces & Granddaughters  
10:00am For the Parishioners of our Parish  
11:30am †Blanca Balbuena  
†Carlotta Martinez— Familia Ronquillo  
†Remedios Morales— Familia Morales Vasquez

### Monday, May 6th

8:45am †Aurelia Autero— Esposos Soriano

### Tuesday, May 7th

8:45am †Daniel Cucinotta— Nancy Cucinotta

### Wednesday, May 8th

8:45am  
7:30pm Special Intentions— Cursillistas

### Thursday, May 9th

8:45am

### Friday, May 10th

8:45am

### Saturday, May 11th

8:45am  
5:00pm For the Parishioners of the Parish

### Sunday, May 12th

8:30am For the members of the Smartt Family— Paul Smartt  
10:00am †Stanislaw Trzybylo (9th Anni.)  
11:30am †Eduardo, Florencia, & Oscar Barahona— Esposos Soriano  
En Honor a la Divina Misericordia— Elizabeth Bravo  
En Honor a Jesus Crucificado— Francisca Cortez

## This Week in our Parish

### Sunday, May 12th

#### Monday, May 13th

- Catholic Charismatic Renewal Group (Spanish)  
Parish Center from 7pm– 9:30pm

#### Tuesday, May 14th

- Music Program (Spanish)  
Parish Center from 7pm– 8:30pm
- Baptismal Classes for Parents & Sponsors (Spanish)  
Annex Room A-1 from 7pm– 8:30pm

#### Wednesday, May 15th

- Young at Heart Senior's Group  
Annex Room A-2 from 9:30am– 2:30pm

#### Thursday, May 16th

- Confirmation Rehearsal with Sponsor & Students  
Parish Center from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

#### Friday, May 17th

- Jornada de Vida Cristiana (Youth Group)  
Annex Room A-2 from 6:30pm to 9pm
- Quinciañera Rehearsal for Jailene Valle at 7:30pm

#### Saturday, May 18th

- CCD Classes from 9:30am—2:00pm
- First Communion Practice  
Parish from 11:00am—2:00pm
- Infant Baptisms in Spanish
- Rosary Prayer Group (Polish)  
Annex Room A-1 beginning at 6:30pm

#### Sunday, May 19th

## OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

The Weekly Gift to our Church for May 4 & 5, 2019  
amounted to \$2,552

The Second Collection for the Monthly Offering for  
the Monthly Maintenance Collection amounted to \$1,090

Attendance: 552

***We would like to thank everyone for their generous support!***

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Frances DeMarco

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:**

Lena Dalpiaz, Isabel Reyes, Deacon Gustavo Medina  
Angela Spagnolo, Alloyse Chong

*Please call the Rectory to place your loved ones on the Deceased list or Sick list. Additionally, all members MUST be renewed at the beginning of each month or will be removed. Thank you.*

## Generations of Faith

Parish Goal: \$255,000  
Pledged: \$393,486  
Raised: \$187,571



## Annual Catholic Appeal 2019

Parish Goal: \$21,426  
Pledged: \$24,993  
Raised: \$20,538

***Thank you for your generosity!***



**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 12, 2019**

*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."*

— Acts 13:47b

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

**Psalms** — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

**Second Reading** — I had a vision of a great multitude (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

**Gospel** — My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
 Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
 Monday: Our Lady of Fatima  
 Tuesday: St. Matthias  
 Wednesday: St. Isidore the Farmer  
 Saturday: St. John I; Armed Forces Day

**FOOD PANTRY**

Our Food Pantry is accepting canned goods and non-perishables. We are also accepting personal hygiene items for men and women, and toiletries. We could also use brown paper or plastic bags for packing the food. Thank you!

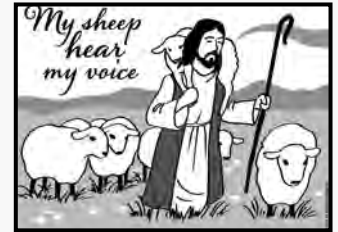
Donations can be dropped off at Parish Rectory during Office Hours.

If you or anyone you know is in need, please feel free to contact us to ask for Donations.



**SHEPHERDS LIKE JESUS**

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: "They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs.

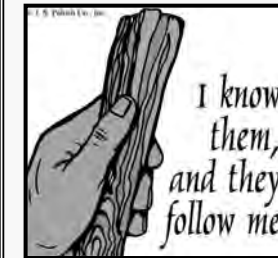


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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?



—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Why do Catholics pray the Rosary?**

In the Catholic Church, the rosary is one of the most cherished prayers. For us Catholics, it is a powerful prayer of intercession to the Blessed Mother. Praying the rosary is promoted as a way to strengthen one's faith, to resist evil, and grow spiritually.

The word rosary comes from Latin and means "a garland of roses," the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary. As Catholics we ask the Blessed Mother to bring our prayers to Her Divine Son and plead for His aid. Catholics bring Rosary intentions to Mary with the hope that their request will be answered.

One of the keys to praying the rosary is to understand that it is a form of mediation. When we recite the twelve prayers that form a decade of the rosary, we are meditating on the mystery associated with that decade. If we merely recite the prayers, whether vocally or silently, we're missing the essence of the rosary.

While almost every Catholic owns a rosary, not all Catholics know how to pray this prayer of intercession. If you are confused about how to best use the rosary, there are many online resources, including apps you can download for little to no cost.



*I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tenderhearted love. I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years, for the closeness we've enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears. And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be!*

## Czwarta niedziela wielkanocna

**Dnia 12 maja 2019 roku**

*"Ustanowiłem Cię światłością dla pogan, abyś był zbawieniem aż po krańce ziemi" (Dz 13,47b)*

**„Księża Biskupi proszą o czytanie Pisma Świętego, bo jest to słowo Boże, w którym znajdujemy odpowiedzi na wiele naszych pytań i dylematów” – powiedział ks. Paweł Rytel Andrianik, rzecznik Konferencji Episkopatu Polski, z okazji obchodzonego w niedzielę 5 maja III Narodowego Dnia Czytania Pisma Świętego i rozpoczynającego się XI Ogólnopolskiego Tygodnia Biblijnego.**

„Pismo Święte nie może być porównane z żadną inną księgą, dlatego, że jest to słowo pisane pod natchnieniem Ducha Świętego. Podczas Mszy Świętej słyszymy na zakończenie czytań biblijnych: „Oto Słowo Boże” ponieważ przez Pismo Święte mówi do nas Bóg” – podkreśla ks. Rytel-Andrianik. Rzecznik Episkopatu zaznacza, że Pismo Święte jest bardzo aktualne, gdyż mówi nie tylko o tym co było kiedyś, ale „jest lustrem, w którym się przeglądamy i widzimy tam siebie, nasze dylematy, pytania. Tam znajdujemy na nie odpowiedź”.

„Ktoś kiedyś spytał, jakie jest najlepsze Pismo Święte? Najlepsze Pismo Święte jest to, które jest najczęściej czytane. Dobrym zaś miejscem w domu dla Pisma Świętego jest stolik przy fotelu, półka w kuchni, czy stolik przy łóżku. Wszystko po to, byśmy mieli Słowo Boże pod ręką. Biblia jest także w licznych aplikacjach na telefony” – podkreślił rzecznik Konferencji Episkopatu Polski.

III Narodowe Dnie Czytanie Pisma Świętego rozpoczyna XI Tydzień Biblijny (5-11 maja). Materiały dostępne są na stronie Dzieła Biblijnego [www.biblista.pl](http://www.biblista.pl). (za: <https://episkopat.pl>)

### FOOD PANTRY

+Grupa naszych parafian organizuje stałą zbiórkę produktów żywnościowych i ich dystrybucję w formie FOOD PANTRY.

Można ofiarować produkty żywnościowe w puszcze lub formie suchej, które się łatwo nie popsują.

Dary opakowane w torbę papierową lub plastikową można złożyć w biurze parafialnym gdy jest otwarte: od poniedziałku do piątku między 9:00 rano a 12:00 w południe, następnie między 1:00 po południu a 5:00 wieczorem.



Nowojorski oddział Fundacji Jana Pawła II organizuje uroczyste przyjęcie honorujące zasługi biskupa Mikołaja DiMarzio, biskupa diecezji Brooklyn, na które zaprasza zwłaszcza diecezjan polskiego pochodzenia. Przyjęcie odbędzie się dnia 2 czerwca 2019 roku o godzinie 4 po południu w "The Princess Manor" 92 Nassau Avenue na Brooklynie. Koszt biletu \$150. Można także złożyć donację na statutowe cele Fundacji Jana Pawła II. Na czekach prosimy o wpisanie jako beneficjenta: "The New York Society of the John Paul II Foundation". Lista gości zamknięta będzie 15 Maja. Zainteresowanych prosimy o jak najszybszy kontakt z biurem parafialnym.

## Doroczna Kwesta Katolicka 2019

Doroczna Kwesta Katolicka 2019 wspiera codzienną działalność diecezji Brooklyn i Queens w odniesieniu do tych celów, których żadna parafia nie może osiągnąć samodzielnie. Doroczna kwesta wspiera następujące misje: katolickie organizacje charytatywne; kapelanów szpitali, kolegiów i więzień; diecezjalne biuro powołaniowe, katolickie służby migracyjne; programy pomocy parafiom; formację wiary; rezydencję kapłanów emerytów; fundację stypendiów „Futures in Education”.

Jeśli przynajmniej 150 parafian zadeklaruje 200 USD każdy na Doroczną Kwesę Katolicką 2019, przekroczymy wyznaczony naszej parafii cel.

Pamiętajmy, że cokolwiek zostanie ofiarowane powyżej wyznaczonego celu, powróci do parafii. W zeszłym roku z powodu hojności naszych parafian ponad 6 000 dolarów wróciło

do parafii i udało nam się sfinansować część kosztów modernizacji naszego kościelnego systemu audio. Spróbujmy wesprzeć Doroczną Kwesę Katolicką także i w tym roku. Cokolwiek zostanie zaoferowane powyżej celu, pozwoli nam to sfinansować resztę kosztów aktualizacji naszego systemu dźwiękowego.



## Saint Isidore the Farmer Saint of the Day for May 15

Isidore has become the patron of farmers and rural communities. In particular, he is the patron of Madrid, Spain, and of the United States National Rural Life Conference.

When he was barely old enough to wield a hoe, Isidore entered the service of John de Vergas, a wealthy landowner from Madrid, and worked faithfully on his estate outside the city for the rest of his life. He married a young woman as simple and upright as himself who also became a saint—Maria de la Cabeza. They had one son, who died as a child.

Isidore had deep religious instincts. He rose early in the morning to go to church and spent many a holiday devoutly visiting the churches of Madrid and surrounding areas. All day long, as he walked behind the plow, he communed with God. His devotion, one might say, became a problem, for his fellow workers sometimes complained that he often showed up late because of lingering in church too long.

He was known for his love of the poor, and there are accounts of Isidore's supplying them miraculously with food. He had a great concern for the proper treatment of animals.

He died May 15, 1130, and was declared a saint in 1622, with Saints Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, and Philip Neri. Together, the group is known in Spain as “the five saints.”

Many implications can be found in a simple laborer achieving sainthood: Physical labor has dignity; sainthood does not stem from status; contemplation does not depend on learning; the simple life is conducive to holiness and happiness. If you have your spiritual self in order, your earthly commitments will fall into order also. “Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,” said the carpenter from Nazareth, “and all these things will be given you besides” (Matthew 6:33).



***Want to learn more about a specific Saint, Devotion or Feast?***

***Call the Rectory and let us know!!***

***Let's get to know more about our Faith together.***

## Cuarto Domingo de Pascua 12 de mayo de 2019

*"Yo te he puesto como luz de los paganos, para que lleses la salvación hasta los últimos rincones de la tierra".*

— Hechos 13:47b

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — La palabra de Dios se iba propagando por toda la región (Hechos 13:14, 43-52).

**Salmo** — El Señor es nuestro Dios y nosotros su pueblo, confío. Aleluya (Salmo 100 [99]).

**Segunda lectura** — Juan tiene la visión de una multitud en vestiduras blancas (Apocalipsis 7:9, 14b-17).

**Evangelio** — Mis ovejas conocen mi voz; ellas me siguen. Yo les doy vida eterna (Juan 10:27-30).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 11:1-18; Sal 42 (41):2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Martes: Hch 1:15-17, 20-26; Sal 113 (112):1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Miércoles: Hch 12:24 — 13:5a; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Jueves: Hch 13:13-25; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Viernes: Hch 13:26-33; Sal 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Sábado: Hch 13:44-52; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Domingo: Hch 14:21-27; Sal 145 (144):8-13; Apo 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

### LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Pascua;  
Jornada Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones;  
Día de las Madres

Lunes: Nuestra Señora de Fátima

Martes: San Matías

Miércoles: San Isidro

Sábado: San Juan I; Día de las Fuerzas Armadas

### DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

Nuestra despensa de alimentos está aceptando productos enlatados y no perecederos. También estamos aceptando artículos de higiene personal para hombres y mujeres, y artículos de aseo. También podríamos bolsas de plástico para empacar los alimentos. ¡Gracias!



Las donaciones se pueden dejar en la Rectoría de la Parroquia durante las horas de oficina.

Si usted o alguien que conoce está en necesidad, no dude en contactarnos para solicitar donaciones.

### PASTORES COMO JESÚS

Cada año en este Cuarto Domingo de Pascua celebramos a Jesús como el Buen Pastor. El Evangelio de hoy parece especialmente oportuno, para los cristianos de todo el mundo que sufren por ser perseguidos como Pablo y Bernabé, Jesús promete a sus ovejas una seguridad duradera y fortalecida. "No perecerán. Nadie puede quitármelos de la mano". Pero nosotros que somos libres para vivir nuestra fe de forma pacífica algunas veces damos por hecho nuestra pertenencia al rebaño de Jesús, vagando por el mal camino buscando nuestro propio placer y prosperidad. La cruz simple que el Papa Francisco lleva puesta parece mostrarnos cómo Jesús responde a eso. La cruz del Papa Francisco muestra una imagen de Jesús, que fue a buscar y encontró a una oveja perdida, luego la coloca alegremente sobre sus hombros para llevarla gentilmente a casa. Que el Domingo del Buen Pastor nos inspire, frecuentemente perdidos y encontrados, para asistir a Jesús a buscar, encontrar y gentilmente llevar a casa a nuestros compañeros corderos preciosos.



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### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Hoy celebramos a una mujer potente e importante en nuestras vidas; la madre. La historia del día de la madre se originó en las fiestas griegas en honor de Rhea, la madre de los dioses. A lo largo de la historia los cristianos también hemos recordado a la Madre de Dios, María, en varias solemnidades, pero hace sólo 100 años, el 10 de mayo de 1907 en los Estados Unidos se empezó a promover la idea de un día de reconocimiento del amor que tenemos como humanos por nuestras propias madres. Eventualmente se paso a muchas naciones latinoamericanas.

Muchas culturas latinoamericanas son matriarcales, es decir, el papel de la madre en la familia es algo esencial. Para los latinos, no hay amor más grande que el de una madre. Sin olvidar la función del padre, ella es la que nos da la vida, nos enseña como vivirla y nos da alimento. Su amor nos recuerda al de Cristo, quien con sacrificio y amor da vida a la Iglesia. Su amor sostiene y cuando las cosas se ponen difíciles emocionalmente, nuestro deseo secreto es de estar en los brazos de mamá.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



### ¿Por qué los católicos rezan el rosario?

En la Iglesia Católica, el rosario es una de las oraciones más preciadas. Para nosotros, los católicos, es una poderosa oración de intercesión a la Santísima Madre. Rezar el rosario se promueve como una forma de fortalecer la fe, resistir el mal y crecer espiritualmente.

La palabra rosario proviene del latín y significa "una guirnalda de rosas", siendo la rosa una de las flores utilizadas para simbolizar a la Virgen María. Como católicos le pedimos a la Santísima Madre que traiga nuestras oraciones a Su Divino Hijo y ruega por Su ayuda. Los católicos llevan las intenciones del Rosario a María con la esperanza de que su petición sea respondida.

Una de las claves para rezar el rosario es entender que es una forma de meditación. Cuando recitamos las doce oraciones que forman una década del rosario, estamos meditando sobre el misterio asociado con esa década. Si simplemente recitamos las oraciones, ya sea vocalmente o en silencio, nos estamos perdiendo la esencia del rosario.

Si bien casi todos los católicos tienen un rosario, no todos los católicos saben cómo rezar esta oración de intercesión. Si está confundido acerca de cómo usar mejor el rosario, hay muchos recursos en línea, incluidas aplicaciones que puede descargar a bajo o ningún costo.



### FELIZ DÍA DE LA MADRE



Dulce reina y bella flor  
Lo mas valioso de mi corazón  
Me encanta y anhelo verte sonreír  
Es algo que me hace vivir feliz

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Eres tu esa mujer soñadora  
Que me bendice y recibe a toda hora.

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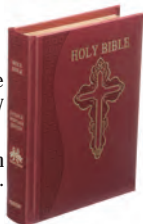
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