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# The Missionary Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine



They should know you, the only true  
God, and the one whom you sent,  
Jesus Christ

The extraordinary intimacy that is ours with Christ, that he is closer to us than we are to ourselves is not easy to fathom sometimes. We back away from it actually.

When I was in my twenties, he quips, I felt that by the time I was forty I would have grown-up enough to let go of my bad habits. But, when I turned forty, I gave myself an extra ten years, promising myself that by age fifty, I'd have conquered these habits. Well, now I'm my fifties and I've promised myself that by age sixty, I'll be more mature and more serious about the deeper things in life.

We're well intentioned, but we keep pushing the things we need to change in our lives off into the future: Yes, I

need to do this, but I'm not ready yet. I want more time. Sometime in the future I'll do this.

I suspect that all of us can relate to that: It's very threatening to have God become "concrete" in our lives, as opposed to God simply being a reality that will one day become very real. Because if God is "concrete" already now that means that our worlds have to change now.

St. Augustine's infamous prayer says it all. After converting to Christianity at age twenty-five, he struggled for another nine years to bring his sexuality into harmony with his faith. During those nine years, he prayed this way: Lord, make me a chaste Christian ... but not yet!

**May 17, 2026**  
**7th Sunday of**  
**Easter**



**Acts 1:12-14**  
**1 Peter 4:13-16**  
**John 17:1-11a**

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**“On the last day, we will not be asked if we accomplished great deeds, or been acclaimed by others, rather we will be asked if we followed His will, in the state and condition, to which we were called.”**

Saint Guido Maria Conforti

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### Weekly Celebrations

#### SUNDAY

10 AM MASS IN THE SHRINE CHURCH  
1 PM FILIPINO MASS (BI-LINGUAL)

#### SATURDAY

10 AM MASS IN THE SHRINE CHURCH  
CONFESSIONS 3 PM - 4 PM

#### MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

7:30 AM MASS IN CONFORTI CHAPEL

#### DAYS OF OBLIGATION

7:30 AM IN CONFORTI CHAPEL  
12:10 PM IN SHRINE CHURCH

**Last week's collection: \$1,137.00.  
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### Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, May 17, 10 AM | 1 PM**  
+ Fr. Francis Signorelli | Joyce Savage

**MONDAY, May 18, 7:30 AM**  
Laetitia Pierre Louis

**TUESDAY, May 19, 7:30 AM**  
+ Nick Tassone

**WEDNESDAY, May 20, 7:30 AM**  
+ Aida Sebastiao

**THURSDAY, May 21, 7:30 AM**  
+ Jack Evans

**FRIDAY, May 22, 7:30 AM**  
+ Nick Tassone

**SATURDAY, May 23, 10 AM**  
+ Ana Maria Dias