

# OUR LADY OF GRACE

Catholic Church, Parish Center and School



## EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS



FEBRUARY

9 & 10

(ENGLISH ONLY)

February 4, 2024      Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# DN. ANTHONY'S CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD



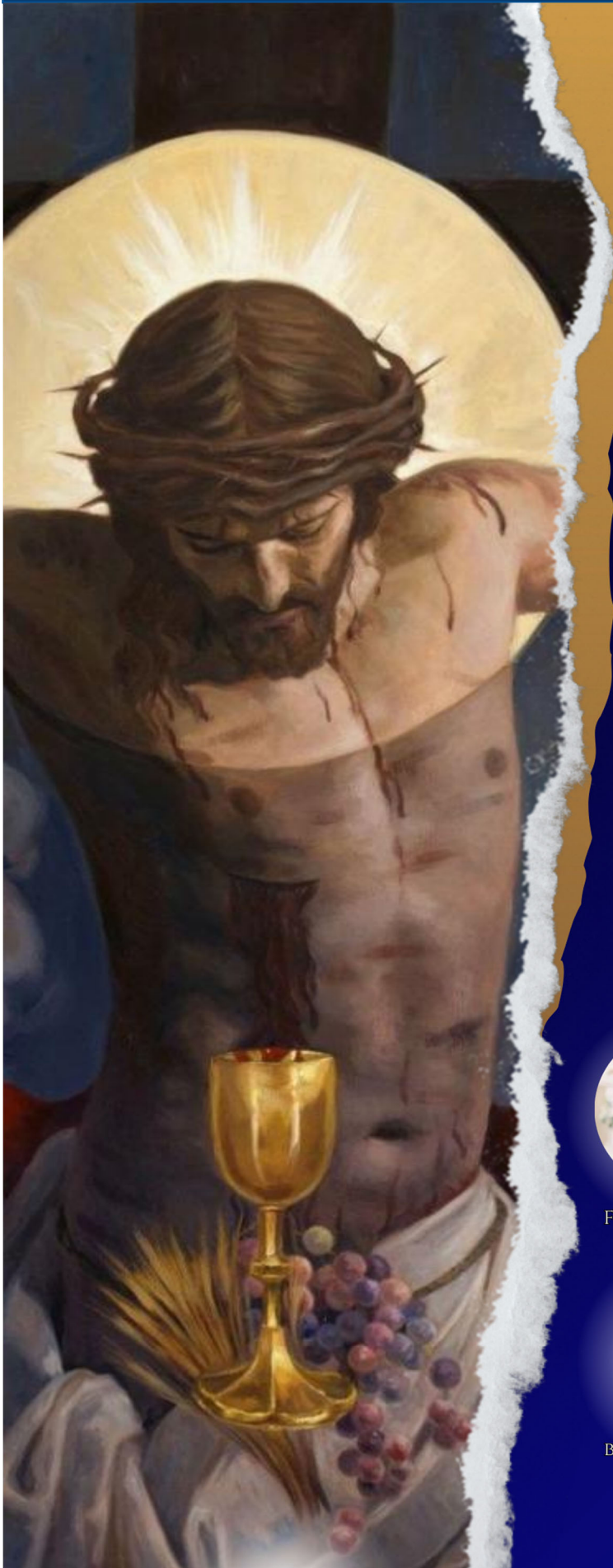
Looking back on my life to this point, I think the seed for my priestly vocation was planted when I was in Catholic school from 1st to 8th grade (St. Columban, Garden Grove). Going to weekly Mass, having daily religion classes, daily prayer, and being in an environment where God was at the center and I saw priests constantly definitely shaped my view of the priesthood and the Church, though I did not think much of it at the time.

Although I grew up in Orange County, I attended Mass mostly in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles at St. Pius X Church in Santa Fe Springs where my father is a choir director for the Vietnamese Masses. I was active in that same church choir as an altar server and eventually pianist throughout high school and college. While I was in college, I had the opportunity to travel to Vietnam for the first time. While I was there, through a priest friend of my father, I spent two weeks a rural parish in Mang Yang, located in the Central Highlands of Vietnam, where the pastor, Fr. Paul, a Redemptorist priest, was ministering to the local parish as well as the Bahnar and Jahrai tribes nearby. I agreed to go there not because I was seeking a sign for a priestly vocation, but to simply see another side of the country that I would not get if I stayed in Saigon or a major city. While I was in Mang Yang, I saw how the people there were genuine, welcoming, and happy with life even if they were not wealthy or lived in great comfort. Seeing Fr. Paul also be happy in his priestly ministry in Mang Yang made me think more seriously about the priesthood as a fulfilling life to have and my social work background would be practical. However, after reflecting on the possibility in prayer, I reached out to Fr. Sang Tran, the pastor at Maria Regina and a former associate pastor at St. Pius X, with whom I kept in touch over the years, to guide me in discernment. He then referred me to Fr. Steven Davoren, the vocations director at the time (and current pastor of our neighbors at St. Mel), who continued to guide me in discernment and applying to the seminary. After much prayer, going on retreat, and graduating from Cal State LA, I began my priestly formation at St. John's Seminary in 2017.

In Vietnamese, there is a saying that translates to "9 people, 10 opinions", which expresses a recurring challenge to formation and ministry for me, though this is not the only one. I strive to do what God's will (or so I think), and yet, I cannot escape opposition or critique despite agreement in other areas or among other people, which can be hard to accept when those critiques come from someone with whom I must work, listen, and above all, love with the love of God. What has been helping me overcoming and navigate that reality is the guidance of my spiritual director, trustworthy peers, and bringing those concerns to my prayer with God. Through consistent prayer and guidance, I often find that everyone else experiences the same, if not worse, situations, and that those few concerns are nothing in the grand scheme of things, whether it is the work I have before me or the many other blessings I have in my life that are occurring simultaneously.

If anyone has any hint of considering the priesthood or religious life, I would say to give oneself wholeheartedly to it; God cannot enter your heart and work in you if you do not open it to Him. And if this vocation is not for you, that is fine; holiness is not exclusive to the priests and religious sisters, but is open and asked of all of us.





# EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

## SOURCE SUMMIT

FEBRUARY 9 & 10

(ENGLISH ONLY)

2/9- 5:00 PM-9:00 PM

2/10- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

GUESTS SPEAKERS



FR. JOHN KODET,  
FSSP



FR. MICHAEL  
O'LOUGHLIN



FR. MARINELLO  
SAGUIN



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## ***Dear Our Lady of Grace family, Praise be Jesus Christ now and forever!***

### **Gospel Reflection**

In the Gospel Reading, when Jesus comes to Peter's house, he finds that Peter's mother-in-law is sick, and he heals her. And then look what happens. The whole town hears of her healing and they rush all their sick to Peter's house. The house is surrounded, and so is Jesus. Now, all of a sudden, Jesus seems to have become a one-man hospital.

What is needed for the Lord's service is prayer first. He is so bombarded that he can't even pray in the house. He has to head out secretly into the countryside in the dark of early morning. When his absence is detected, his disciples go looking for him. "Hey," they say when they find him, "Everybody is looking for you"! They seem to think that his urgent-care clinic should be open at all hours.

Now, of course, it is a good work to heal the sick. And, of course, those who love the sick are right to want them healed. And yet how absurd it is to suppose that prayer should take second-place to work, no matter what the work is! And how sadly and understandably absurd it is to suppose that the mission of Jesus is to be a Doctor Without Borders.

So maybe it isn't hard to figure out what Jesus was praying about in the early morning in the countryside. Each healing Jesus does is a good thing. But good things can actually get in the way of serving God well. To serve God well, a person has to do not just any good things that others want him to do. He has to do those good things that God has called him to do. It may take prayer to figure out which good things to turn down.

Jesus' disciples feel that Jesus needs to hurry back to Peter's village to keep practicing medicine. What Jesus tells them, after his prayer, is that he is leaving Peter's village to continue his ministry—not of medicine but of preaching—in other towns. Preaching is the purpose for which he came. What is needed to serve God well, then, is not endless good things that other people want from you. What is needed for the Lord's service is prayer first. And after that comes fidelity to just those few good things that fulfill that particular purpose to which the Lord has called you.

### **Liturgical Music and OLG Director of Music**

This Sunday I would like to introduce our new Director of Music Ministry, Mr. Joseph Cadabes. He is a familiar face to OLG since he is the organist and cantor at the 8am Sunday Mass. Joseph will be working closely with the different parish choirs and the school choir that is under the direction of the music teacher Mr. Chris Leslie. I am very hopeful that Joseph will bring his knowledge, talents, and love for the liturgy in this new role. I invite you to pray for him and for our music ministry in this time of new growth. Whenever we speak of liturgical music especially in the Mass we must always look to the whole of our Catholic faith and tradition. Music is so important to our

encounter with God. In a recent U.S. Catholic survey, eighty percent of those questioned said that music at Mass was very important to them. However, only thirteen percent were totally satisfied with the music that they have and actually sing. The music at Mass is important, very important! It is not simply a performance by a soloist or choir, a background to accompany our prayer, a means to create a mood, or an incentive to shout and clap our hands. Music is integral to our liturgical worship.

Pope Francis has clearly defined the purpose of music at Mass. He said that it is "first of all a matter of participating intensely in the mystery of God, in the 'theophany' that takes place in every Eucharistic celebration, in which the Lord makes himself present among his people, who are called truly to participate in the salvation realized by the crucified and risen Christ" (Homily at Santa Marta, December 12, 2013). The Second Vatican Council called for full, active and conscious participation of the laity at Mass. Like the introduction of the vernacular in liturgy, music is meant to foster this participation.

Music plays such an important role in our worship of God because we are both body and soul. Prayer rises from the depths of our heart. Words alone do not suffice to express all that we wish to say. But, music has the power to communicate the messages and emotions that words cannot capture. Music is a bridge between the world of matter and the realm of the spirit. It transforms our life path into a conscious spiritual path. Music takes us out of ourselves and opens us up to God. Sound liturgical music, therefore, never centers on the community. Liturgy is not about what we want. Liturgy is, first and foremost, praise and worship of God and our entering into what the Lord himself wants for us.

Many great composers, such as Beethoven, Bach, Mozart and Brahms recognized that their musical talent was not enough to produce good music. They needed divine inspiration. God himself loves music! After all, the Book of Psalms is a song book. Music comes from God, and when we participate in it – whether by writing, performing, or even just listening – we are receiving a gift from God.

At Mass, there are times when we may choose to simply listen to the music and let our hearts rise in praise of God. But, moments of silently listening to music and song at Mass should be rare. Not joining in the songs of the congregation limits and diminishes our participation in the liturgy. The walls of our churches should reverberate with the sound of our singing at liturgy. In the words of the Letter to the Ephesians, we should "be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart..." (Ephesians 5:18-19).

**Have a great week! Continue to be blessed and be a blessing to others!**

*Fr. Marinello Saquin*





## **Querida familia de Nuestra Señora de la Gracia, ¡Alabado sea Jesucristo hoy y siempre!**

En la lectura del Evangelio, cuando Jesús llega a la casa de Pedro, encuentra que su suegra está enferma y la cura. Y luego mira lo que pasa. Todo el pueblo se entera de su curación y llevan a todos los enfermos a la casa de Pedro. La casa está rodeada, y Jesús también. Ahora, de repente, Jesús parece haberse convertido en un hospital de un solo hombre.

Lo que se necesita para el servicio del Señor es primero la oración. Está tan abrumado que ni siquiera puede orar en casa. Tiene que salir en secreto al campo en la oscuridad de la madrugada. Cuando se detecta su ausencia, sus discípulos salen a buscarlo. "Oye", dicen cuando lo encuentran, "¡Todo el mundo te está buscando"! Parecen pensar que su clínica de urgencias debería estar abierta a todas horas.

Ahora bien, por supuesto que es una buena obra curar a los enfermos. Y, por supuesto, quienes aman a los enfermos tienen razón en querer que se curen. Y, sin embargo, ¡qué absurdo es suponer que la oración debe pasar a un segundo plano después del trabajo, sin importar cuál sea el trabajo! Y qué triste y comprensiblemente absurdo es suponer que la misión de Jesús es ser Médico Sin Fronteras.

Entonces, tal vez no sea difícil entender por qué oraba Jesús temprano en la mañana en el campo. Cada curación que hace Jesús es algo bueno. Pero las cosas buenas pueden en realidad obstaculizar el buen servicio a Dios. Para servir bien a Dios, una persona no tiene que hacer cualquier cosa buena que otros quieran que haga. Tiene que hacer aquellas cosas buenas que Dios le ha llamado a hacer. Puede que sea necesario orar para descubrir qué cosas buenas rechazar.

Los discípulos de Jesús sienten que Jesús necesita regresar rápidamente a la aldea de Pedro para seguir practicando la medicina. Lo que Jesús les dice, después de su oración, es que deja el pueblo de Pedro para continuar su ministerio –no de medicina sino de predicación– en otros pueblos. La predicación es el propósito por el cual vino. Entonces, lo que se necesita para servir bien a Dios no son infinitas cosas buenas que otras personas quieren de ti. Lo que se necesita para el servicio del Señor es primero la oración. Y después viene la fidelidad a aquellas pocas cosas buenas que cumplan ese propósito particular al que el Señor te ha llamado.

### **Música Litúrgica y Director de Música OLG**

Este domingo me gustaría presentarles a nuestro nuevo Director del Ministerio de Música, el Sr. Joseph Cadabes. Es una cara familiar para OLG ya que es el organista y cantante de la misa dominical de las 8 am. Joseph trabajará en estrecha colaboración con los diferentes coros parroquiales y el coro de la escuela que está bajo la dirección del maestro de música, el Sr. Chris Leslie. Tengo muchas esperanzas de que Joseph aporte su conocimiento, talentos y amor por la liturgia en este nuevo rol. Los invito a orar por él y por nuestro ministerio musical en este tiempo de nuevo crecimiento. Siempre que hablamos de música litúrgica, especialmente en la Misa, siempre debemos mirar al conjunto de nuestra

fe y tradición católica. La música es muy importante para nuestro encuentro con Dios. En una encuesta católica reciente en Estados Unidos, el ochenta por ciento de los encuestados dijo que la música en la misa era muy importante para ellos. Sin embargo, sólo el trece por ciento estaba totalmente satisfecho con la música que tienen y cantan. ¡La música en la Misa es importante, muy importante! No es simplemente una actuación de un solista o coro, un fondo para acompañar nuestra oración, un medio para crear un ambiente o un incentivo para gritar y aplaudir. La música es parte integral de nuestro culto litúrgico.

El Papa Francisco ha definido claramente el propósito de la música en la Misa. Dijo que se trata "ante todo de participar intencionalmente en el misterio de Dios, en la 'teofanía' que se realiza en cada celebración eucarística, en la que el Señor hace presente en medio de su pueblo, llamado verdaderamente a participar de la salvación realizada por Cristo crucificado y resucitado" (Homilía en Santa Marta, 12 de diciembre de 2013). El Concilio Vaticano Segundo pidió la participación plena, activa y consciente de los laicos en la Misa. Al igual que la introducción de la lengua vernácula en la liturgia, la música está destinada a fomentar esta participación.

La música juega un papel muy importante en nuestra adoración a Dios porque somos cuerpo y alma. La oración surge desde lo más profundo de nuestro corazón. Las palabras por sí solas no bastan para expresar todo lo que queremos decir. Pero la música tiene el poder de comunicar mensajes y emociones que las palabras no pueden capturar. La música es un puente entre el mundo de la materia y el reino del espíritu. Transforma nuestro camino de vida en un camino espiritual consciente. La música nos saca de nosotros mismos y nos abre a Dios. Por lo tanto, la música litúrgica sana nunca se centra en la comunidad. La liturgia no se trata de lo que queremos. La liturgia es, ante todo, alabanza y adoración a Dios y nuestra entrada en lo que el Señor mismo quiere para nosotros.

Muchos grandes compositores, como Beethoven, Bach, Mozart y Brahms, reconocieron que su talento musical no era suficiente para producir buena música. Necesitaban inspiración divina. ¡Dios mismo ama la música! Después de todo, el Libro de los Salmos es un cancionero. La música viene de Dios, y cuando participamos en ella, ya sea escribiendo, interpretando rning, o incluso simplemente escuchando: estamos recibiendo un regalo de Dios.

En la Misa, hay momentos en los que podemos optar por simplemente escuchar la música y dejar que nuestro corazón se eleve en alabanza a Dios. Pero los momentos de escuchar música y cantos en silencio en la Misa deberían ser raros. No unimos a los cantos de la congregación limita y disminuye nuestra participación en la liturgia. Las paredes de nuestras iglesias deberían reverberar con el sonido de nuestro canto en la liturgia. En palabras de la Carta a los Efesios, debemos "estar llenos del Espíritu, hablando unos a otros con salmos, himnos y cánticos espirituales, cantando y alabando al Señor con el corazón..." (Efesios 5,18-19). .

**¡Benedicida semana! ¡Continúe siendo una bendición para los demás!**

*Fr. Marinello Saquin*



# Ash

## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 14

8:00 am Mass (English)

9:00 am School Mass (English)

12:00-2:00 pm- Ash Service  
(English)  
(recurring liturgies every 15 minutes)

6:30 pm Mass (Bilingual)

Note: ashes will be distributed during all Masses. All services to take place inside the Church

# MIÉRCOLES DE Ceniza

## HORARIO

miércoles 14 de febrero

8:00 am Misa (inglés)

9:00 am Misa de la escuela (inglés)

12:00-2:00 pm- Liturgia con  
impartición de ceniza (inglés)  
(servicios cada 15 minutos)

6:30 pm Misa (Bilingüe)

Note: habrá impartición de ceniza durante cada misa. Todos los servicios serán dentro de la iglesia

### EVENTS AT OUR LADY OF GRACE

1. **Eucharistic Ministers retreat**– Monday, February 5 at 6:30 pm in the Church. No registration necessary. Open to new or those interested in becoming Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.
2. Would you like to gain some knowledge or dig deeper in your faith this Lent? Then, **register NOW for University series**. To purchase your tickets and to learn more, scan the QR code on the next page. We'll host some of these panelists and speakers, here at OLG. You won't want to miss it!
3. **Citizenship Workshop** on Saturday, February 10, from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, in the Parish Center
4. **Healing Mass on Monday, February 19 at 6:30 pm/ Misa de sanación**– lunes 19 de febrero, 6:30 pm
5. **Service Sunday-Food Drive on February 17 and 18**

# UNIVERSITY SERIES LENT SEASON 2024

Last day to purchase online tickets:

## Feb. 14



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University Series Conferences at OLG:

Thursday, February 22-  
Michael Gasparro



Wednesday, February 28  
Fr. Marinello and Fr. Parker

Thursday, March 7  
Dr. Christopher Kaczor



Thursday, March 14  
Dn. Memo Rodriguez



Donate your dried palms from last year. These will get  
burned to create ashes for Ash Wednesday

## PALM COLLECTION COLECTA DE PALMAS

Done sus palmas del año pasado. Estas se convertirán en  
cenizas para ser usadas el miércoles de ceniza

Look for the  
**blue bins**  
around the  
church

Busque las  
**cajas azules**  
alrededor de  
la iglesia

7-week session **Bible Studies**  
for women

Topic:  
**THE PROPHET HOSEA**



Starts on Tuesday, February 13  
9:00-10:30 am  
in the Parish Center

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# Havana Nights

honoring

*Fernando and Verenice Lopez*

Saturday, March 23, 2024  
Warner Center Marriott  
Woodland Hills

Dinner, Dancing, Silent & Live Auctions,  
Raffles, and Casino Tables

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**FOR OUR BELOVED SICK**

*If you know someone who is homebound or sick please call the parish office to arrange for one of our ministers to come out to them for Holy Communion*

Veronica Pomposa	Yolanda Aburto	Liz Knight	Joanne Williams
Pablo Godinez	Nelson Aburto	Karlo Cuesta	Patty Sims
Claire Mansour	Karo Dylanian	Samantha Ramirez	Jay Newman
Mercedes	Shereen Peer	Corzo Family	Kathy Dunn
Echegoyen	Michael Peer	Stephen B.	Maria Kuhl
Jeff Kinzli	Grace Cihanowyz	Salagubang	Melinda Lowenstein
Aidan Bradley	Renee Harbour	Rubén Salagubang	Alexa Arellano
Phillip Ribas	Angela Rostani	Jeannie Arigei	Lucia Reyes
Allison Arahkn	Stephanie Rivas	William Hardy	Maria G. Legaspi
Franklin Moya	Angela Berry	Tim Grimm	Mary Pham
Mariano Velazquez	Tony Mammo	Herminda Ulloa	Alexa Willett Olibia
Susan Morales	Tonya Fuentes	Sylvia Williams	Dr. Naresh Saxena
Paula Aguilar	Fuentes Family	James Pryer	Patricia Yahnke
Ed Ricard	Mejia Family	Josefina Villalobos	Bill Hughes
Gary Thomas	Jasmin Reyes	Terry Hughes	
Patricia Branagan	Jose Reyes	Leo Quintanilla	
Phyllis Richardson	Anne Nicholson	Clara Mercedes	
Harolyn Matisoff	Chrystal Pritchard	Aguilar	
Pat Borland	Brianna Mantallana	Jason Garcia	
Julie Sianzon	Jolli Sisante	Maria A. Alzamora	

**FOR OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN****U.S. NAVY**

Andres L. Aguilera  
Jamila Habibullah  
Jake Schneider  
Emily Pomposo  
Jordan Arteaga  
Jeffrey Quintero  
Connor M. Coffey

**U.S. Marine Corps**

Manuel Arteaga  
Christopher Castillo  
Andrew Barragan  
Monica Pagan  
George Moreno Jr.  
Thomas J. Felix

Luis Mancillas

**U.S. Army**

Nicholas Lombard  
Heather Pomerantz  
Brian Pomerantz  
Corey Raby  
Vincent Sanwo  
Ron Clemente  
Anthony Villwock  
George Moreno

Phillip Rivas  
Marc. A. Monreal  
Anthony Diaz  
Michael Arnold

**U.S. Air Force**

Fernando Aguilera  
Marco Flores  
Jorge Godina  
Steve Hyath

**U.S. Coast Guard**

David Scates  
Brian Page (LAFD)

**MASS SCHEDULE/HORARIO DE MISAS**

**Daily:** 8:00 am (English only)

**Saturday/Sábado:**

8:00 am; 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

**Sunday/Domingo:**

8:00am; **9:30am\***, 11:00am (Español); 12:30pm

\*translation in sign language available.

Livestream option available

**First Friday/Primer Viernes**

6:30 pm (bilingual Mass/ Misa bilingüe)

**Reconciliation/Confesiones**

(Christmas and Lent schedule may change)

**Friday:** 5:00-6:00 pm

**Saturday:** 9:00-10:00 am

**Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración Eucarística**

**Every Friday/ cada viernes:**

8:30am-6:00pm (chapel)

**First Friday/primer viernes:**

10:00 am-11:59pm(church)

**First Saturday/primer sábado**

12:00am-7:45am (church)

**Parish Office Hours/Horario de la oficina parroquial**

**Monday-Friday:** 9:00am-6:00pm

(closed for lunch 12:00-1:00pm)

Weekends: CLOSED

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**NOTE: CALL OR COME TO THE PARISH OFFICE 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE TO REQUEST YOUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, February 3 (Vigil Mass): PRO-POPULO**

**Sunday, February 4**

**8:00 am:** Diego Villarba (D); Arlene Villarba De Jesus (D); Thomas Sears (D); Caroline Ashby (L-healing); Bernadette Grace Baricaua (L-healing)

**9:30 am:** Elsy Donantes (D); Karina & Elias Gonzalez (L-healing); Daniel Bamberg (D); Atuko Gomi (D)

**11:00 am:** Alvaro Yanez Guerrero (D); Florinda Lopez (D); Gavina Cuamany (D); Florita Marin (L); Jesus Antonio Perez (L); En honor a la Virgen del Perpetuo Socorro

**12:30 pm:** Gregorio Pepe (D), Maria Emmi Villavicencio y Family (L); Blake Rogers (L-healing)

**Weekly Intentions 02/05-02/10**

**02/05:** Alvaro Yanez Guerrero (D); Enrique & Sofia Auza (D)

**02/06:** Alvaro Yanez Guerrero (D); Martin Munoz (D); Ramiro Munoz (D); Ramon Martinez (D)

**02/07:** Alvaro Yanez Guerrero (D); Vivek Varughese (D); Claro Mendoza (D); Jaime Kwong Padrigon (D)

**02/08:** Alvaro Yanez Guerrero (D); Mirek Dominczyk (D)

**02/09:** Alvaro Yanez Guerrero (D)

**02/10:** Alvaro Yanez Guerrero (D); Montano C. Bondad (D); Lydia de Guzman (D); Stella Aguele (L-80th birthday); Jessica de Lange (L-30th birthday)



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FIRST READING: JB 7:1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 147:1-2,  
3-4, 5-6SECOND READING: 1 COR 9:16-19,  
22-23

GOSPEL: Mk 1:29-39

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

FIRST: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13

PSALM: PS 132:6-7, 8-10

GOSPEL: MK 6:53-56

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

FIRST: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30

PSALM: PS 84:3, 4, 5 AND 10, 11

GOSPEL: Mk 7:1-13

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

FIRST: 1 Kgs 10:1-10

PSALM: PS 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40

GOSPEL: Mk 7:14-23

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

FIRST: 1 Kgs 11:4-13

PSALM: PS 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 AND  
40

GOSPEL: Mk 7:24-30

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

FIRST: 1 KGS 11:29-32; 12:19

PSALM: PS 81:10-11AB, 12-13, 14-  
15

GOSPEL: Mk 7:31-37

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

FIRST: 1 KGS 12:26-32; 13:33-34

PSALM: PS 106:6-7AB, 19-20, 21-  
22

GOSPEL: Mk 8:1-10



## THIS IS MY BODY ESTE ES MI CUERPO

“What God entrusts to Adam and Eve might best be explained through the term “stewardship”. They are able to care for creation and, if I can put it this way, they are to be spokespersons for it, appreciating its order with their illuminated minds and giving expression to its beauty with their well-trained tongues.”

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*ESP: “Lo que Dios confía a Adán y Eva podría explicarse mejor mediante el término “mayordomía”. Son capaces de cuidar la creación y, si puedo decirlo así, deben ser portavoces de ella, apreciando su orden con sus mentes iluminadas y expresando su belleza con sus lenguas bien entrenadas.” (pág. 4)*

***“The fundamental determination of good and evil remains, necessarily, the prerogative of God alone, since God is Himself, the ultimate good. To seize this knowledge, therefore is to claim divinity for oneself – and this is the one thing that a creature can never do and thus should never try. To do so is to place one in a metaphysical contradiction, interrupting thereby the loop of grace, and ruining the sacrum convivium (sacred banquet). Indeed, if we turn ourselves into God, then, the link that ought to connect us, true God, to the rest of creation is lost, and we find ourselves alone.”***

Our moral life has its source in faith in God who reveals Himself to us. St. Paul speaks of the “obedience of faith” as our first duty. Our obligation toward God is to believe in Him and all He says.

Do I question God’s order and His commands? Do I judge good and evil differently from God? Have I refused to accept what God has revealed as true, or what the Catholic Church proposes for belief?

“Sin has enslaved the human race, pressing what is best in us into its service, using mind, will, imagination, courage, and creativity in a perverted way. This perversion, in turn, has set us at odds with one another, prompting the war of all against all.

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Sin divides and scatters us; it involves a severing of our relationships with the Creator God through whom alone we find our unity.”

When was the last time I went to confession? Do I examine my conscience every night to see God’s goodness, and the graces He gave me that day, and also to say sorry for the times when I did not use my mind, will, imagination, courage, and creativity according to God’s will?



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