



# IMMACULATE HEART OF *M*ARY

— Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial —

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.  
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 19, 2023



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Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight.

We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

Recognizing our blindness may not be an easy task. Looking inside of ourselves and examining our faults is difficult and that is why the sacrament of reconciliation strengthens us to look at our sins and confess them so to draw closer to God and open our eyes.

We will be having a Penance/Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00pm. There will be no 6:00pm Confessions that evening.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria,

Nuestro viaje cuaresmal continúa este domingo cuando escuchamos a Jesús curar a un ciego en el Evangelio de Juan. Jesús se proclama luz del mundo, una luz que vence las tinieblas y permite una capacidad de ver. El hombre, ciego de nacimiento, pudo iniciar su camino hacia la vista reconociendo primero su ceguera. Se nos recuerda que Dios nos invita continuamente a pasar de la ceguera a la vista.

Empezamos por reconocer nuestra propia capacidad de "puntos ciegos", y así nos abrimos a verdades incómodas y a la curación de Dios. Se nos invita a ver más allá de las apariencias, como indica la lectura de Samuel, y a mirar en el corazón de las cosas. Se nos invita a "vivir como hijos de la luz", como enseña la carta a los Efesios. Como el hombre curado de la ceguera, podemos aprender gradualmente a ver plenamente y a seguir a Jesús.

Reconocer nuestra ceguera puede no ser una tarea fácil. Mirar dentro de nosotros mismos y examinar nuestras faltas es difícil y por eso el sacramento de la reconciliación nos fortalece para mirar nuestros pecados y confesarlos para acercarnos más a Dios y abrir nuestros ojos.

Tendremos un Servicio de Penitencia/Reconciliación el martes 28 de marzo a las 7:00pm. No habrá confesiones a las 6:00pm.

Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

#### Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

#### Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00PM (English)

#### Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

7:30AM (English) - 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) - 2:00PM (Español)

5:00PM - Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

#### Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM & Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

## Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA

#### Saturday March 18th

8:00 am The sick in need of prayers  
5:00 pm † Angelita, Whitey and Carol Morris

#### Sunday March 19th

7:30 am Irma Perez - Thanksgiving  
9:00 am Connie Vieira - Birthday  
10:45 am IHM Parishioners  
12:30 pm † Jose Brizida  
2:00 pm † Jesus, Eulogio and Guadalupe Oseguera  
5:00 pm † Francisco García Nila

#### Monday March 20th

8:00 am Eduardo Rocillo - Birthday

#### Tuesday March 21st

8:00 am Gabrielle Ochoa-Aragon - Birthday

#### Wednesday March 22nd

8:00 am † Anthony Marlan Massoni

#### Thursday March 23rd

8:00 am † Alfredo Protocis

#### Friday March 24th

8:00 am Keir Timmons - Birthday

#### Saturday March 25th

8:00 am Gonsalvez Family - Special Intention

### Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Lyndsey Burrow, Ryan McLeod, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Giselle Honore, Clarence Cichon, Marion Cichon, Joseph Oliver, Therese Brantome, Trevor Rogers, Carlos Arias, Dennis and Teresa Saunders, Sergei, Susan and Galina, John Lee and Family, Bohakel Family, Shields Family, Cyrina Salem, Ponticelli Family, Salem Family.\*\*\*

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday: 543: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tuesday: 245: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: 246: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14,  
17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 247: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23  
Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 248: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: 545: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11  
Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: 34: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8  
Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

**Hours of Adoration** are on Thursdays from 9:00AM to 6:00PM. On Fridays, Adoration begins at 9:00am and continues until 7:00am on Saturday. Please pray for increased vocations.



**Horas de Adoración** son los jueves de 9:00AM a 6:00PM. Adoración los viernes empieza a las 9:00AM y continúa hasta el sábado a las 7:00AM. Por favor recen para que aumenten las vocaciones.

**Entrance Hymn****Now Is the Acceptable Time**

Barbara Bridge

Refrain



Now is the ac-cept-a-ble time. Now is the day of sal-  
va-tion. We are called to be-come the ho-li-ness of God. Be  
rec-on-ciled with God now! Re-ceive the grace of God.

Verses



1. Break o-pen your hearts of stone. — Re - turn to the Lord
2. Keep se-cret your deeds of love — and cheer-ful - ly give
3. With fast-ing and con-stant prayer, — strength-en your-selves



1. with your whole heart! God's mer-cy a - waits us all:
2. to the need - y. God's bless-ing is ours to share:
3. on the jour - ney. God walks with us day by day:

to Refrain




1-3. God is gra-cious, rich in kind - ness.

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**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps. 23 • Scot Crandal



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.
2. He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
with your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.
3. You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.
4. Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
for years to come.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Mass of St. Frances Cabrini



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end-less glo - ry!

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord /  
whoever follows me will have the light of life R.*

**Preparation of the Gifts****Shepherd Me, O God**

Marty Haugen



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

## Verses

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side;  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

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## Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of St. Frances Cabrini

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord, God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

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## Memorial Acclamation

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We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection  
until you come again.

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## Great Amen

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Amen, Amen, Amen.

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## Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
*miserere nobis, miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
*miserere nobis, miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
*dona nobis pacem, dona nobis pacem*

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## Communion Hymn

I Received the Living God  
LIVING GOD



1. Je-sus said: "I am the Bread Knead-ed long to give you life;
2. Je-sus said: "I am the Way, And my Fa-ther longs for you;
3. Je-sus said: "I am the Truth; If you fol-low close to me,
4. Je-sus said: "I am the Life Far from whom no thing can grow,



1. You who will par-take of me Need not ev-er fear to die."
2. So I come to bring you home To be one with him a-new."
3. You will know me in your heart, And my word shall make you free."
4. But re-ceive this liv-ing bread, And my Spir-it you shall know."

## I Love the Lord

Arnel Aquino, SJ

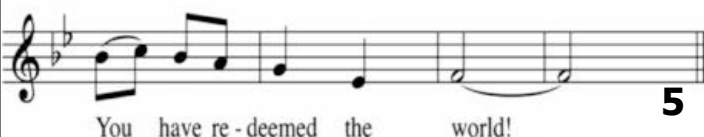
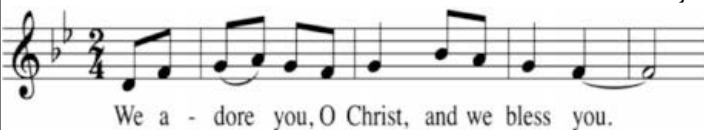
I love the Lord,  
he is filled with compassion.  
He turned to me on the day that I called.  
From the snares of the dark,  
O Lord save my life,  
be my strength.

1. Gracious is the Lord and just  
our God is mercy, rest to the weary.  
Return, my soul to the Lord our God  
who bids tears away.  
I love the Lord.
2. How can I repay the Lord  
for all the goodness he has shown me?  
I will raise the cup of salvation  
and call on his name.  
I love the Lord.
3. I shall live my vows to you,  
before your people, I am your servant.  
I will offer you my sacrifice  
of praise and of prayer.  
I love the Lord.



## Recessional Hymn

We Adore You, O Christ  
Steven Van Wye



## Entrada

Por La Cruz a la Luz  
Cesareo Gabaráin

Estrofas



1. Si la se-mi-lla no mue-re, no na-ce-rá la es-  
2. No sim-bo-li-za la muer-te, es sig-no de vic-



1. pi-ga. Si no a-cep-ta-mos la cruz, ¿có-mo al-can-  
2. to-ria, por-que a-bra-za-do a la cruz nos me-re-



1. zar la vi-da? ¿có-mo al-can-zar la vi-da?  
2. ció la glo-ria, nos me-re-ció la glo-ria.

Estribillo



Por la cruz a la luz, fuen-te de a-mor y vi-da.

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## Salmo Responsorial

Sa. 22 • Carlos Rosas



El Se-ñor es mi pas-tor, na-da me fal-ta.

1. El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta:  
en verdes praderas me hace recostar;  
me conduce hacia fuentes tranquilas  
y repara mis fuerzas.

2. Me guía por justo sendero,  
por el honor de su nombre.  
Y aunque camine por cañadas oscuras,  
nada temo, pues Tú vas conmigo:  
tu cayado me sosiega.

3. Preparas una mesa, preparas ante mí,  
enfrente de mis enemigos,  
preparas una mesa;  
con perfume mi cabeza unges,  
y mi copa rebosa.

4. Tu bondad y tu misericordia  
me acompañan todos los días,  
me acompañan todos los días,  
todos los días de mi vida,  
viviré por años sin término  
en la casa del Señor.

## Aclamación del Evangelio

Misa de Santa Maria del Lago



A - la - ban - za\_a ti, O Cris-to Rey de\_eter - na glo - ria.

*Yo soy la luz del mundo, dice el Señor /  
el que me sigue tendrá a luz de la vida R.*



## Preparación de las Ofrendas

Abre Mis Ojos  
Jessie Manibusan

Estrofas



1, 5. A-bre mis\_ o - jos, que quie-ro ver co-mo tú.  
2. A-bre mis o - í - dos, que quie-ro o - ír co-mo tú.  
3. A-bre mi\_ co-ra-zón, que quie-ro a-mar co-mo tú.  
4. Ven y des - can - sa en\_ mi co - ra - zón.



1, 5. A-bre mis\_ o - jos, a - yú - da-me a ver.  
2. A-bre mis o - í - dos, a - yú - da-me a o - ír.  
3. A-bre mi\_ co - ra-zón, a - yú - da-me a a-mar. (al Puente)  
4. Ven y des - can - sa, te a - li - via - ré.

Puente



Da-me la a-le-grí-a de tu sal - va - ción, cre-a en



mi un co-ra-zón pu-ro. No me a-rr-o-jes le-jos de tu ros-tro, Se-



ñor, no me qui-tes tu san-to es - pi-ri-tu.

al Estrofa 4

## Santo

Misa de Santa Maria del Lago

Santo, Santo, Santo  
es el Señor, Dios del universo.  
Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria.  
Hosanna en el cielo, hosanna en el cielo.  
Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor,  
Hosanna en el cielo, hosanna en el cielo.

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## Aclamación Conmemorativa Misa de Santa Maria del Lago

Anunciamos tu muerte, proclamamos tu resurrección.  
Ven, Señor, Jesús.  
Ven, Señor, Jesús.

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## Gran Amén

Misa de Santa Maria del Lago

Amén, Amén.

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## Cordero de Dios

Misa de Santa Maria del Lago

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,  
ten piedad de nosotros.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,  
ten piedad de nosotros.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,  
danos la paz.

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## Comunión

La Cena del Señor  
Mauricio Centeno

"Co-man de es-te pan: es-to es mi cuer-po".  
"Be-ban de es-te vi-no: es-to es mi san-gre".

1. Y dando gracias a Dios,  
compartió con sus discípulos:  
"Coman de este pan;  
beban de este vino".
2. En la Cena del Señor,  
se confirma la alianza nueva,  
derramada en favor de muchos,  
para el perdón de los pecados.
3. Jesús les dijo a todos:  
"No volveré a beber de este vino,  
hasta el día en que beba con ustedes  
el vino nuevo, en el Reino de mi Padre".

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## Purifícame, Señor Carmelo Erdozain

1. Purifícame, Señor, con tu gracia.  
Purifícame, Señor, con la lluvia de tu gracia.  
Purifícame, lléname, Señor, de esperanza,  
y al entrar en tu morada, purifícame.
2. Transfigúrame, Señor, a tu imagen,  
transfigúrame, Señor, a la luz de tus palabras.  
Transfigúrame, guíame, Señor, por tus sendas,  
y al calor de tu mirada, transfigúrame.
3. A tu lado quiero estar en tu mesa,  
a tu lado quiero estar y gozar de tu presencia,  
compartir tu pan. Yo no sé, Señor, si soy digno  
de que hagas de mi casa tu morada.
4. Pero yo quisiera ser tu invitado,  
tu invitado quiero ser y sentir con mis hermanos  
que tu cuerpo es pan, pan de eternidad, pan del cielo,  
vino nuevo de la Alianza, sacramento.
5. En tu nombre anunciaré tu evangelio;  
en tu nombre anunciaré el mensaje de tu Reino.  
Quiero serte fiel. Tú vendrás, Señor, a mi lado,  
llevaré la buena nueva a mis hermanos.

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## Salida

Perdona a Tu Pueblo  
Tradicional de España

Estribillo  
Per-do-na a tu pue-blo, Se-ñor, per-do-na a tu pue-blo, per-  
dó-na-le, Se-ñor.

Estrofas

1. Por tus pro-fun-das lla-gas cru-e-les,
2. Por las he-ri-das de pies y ma-nos,
3. Por los tres cla-vos que te cla-va-ron,
4. Por las tres ho-ras de tu a-go-ní-a,
5. Por la a-ber-tu-ra de tú cos-ta-do,

al Estribillo

1. por tus es-pi-nas y por tus hie-les, per-dó-na-le, Se-ñor.
2. por los a-zo-tes tan in-hu-ma-nos, per-dó-na-le, Se-ñor.
3. y las es-pi-nas que te cla-va-ron, per-dó-na-le, Se-ñor.
4. en que por Ma-dre dis-te a Ma-rí-a, per-dó-na-le, Se-ñor.
5. no es-tés e-ter-na-men-te e-no-ja-do, per-dó-na-le, Se-ñor.

## ***The Bishop's Ministries Appeal supports the following ministries:***

### **Religious Education & Faith Formation**

Gifts to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal help support religious education and faith formation programs for thousands of youth and adults annually.

### **Clergy Formation & Support**

From initial formation to retirement, the Diocese provides support for our priests. Additionally, your gift to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal supports continued updating and renewal for priests and deacons who faithfully serve our people.

### **Pastoral Ministries & Services**

Diocesan pastoral ministries and services focus on strengthening our faith, our families, and building up our parish communities by engaging people in the daily life of the Church as faithful disciples of Christ.

### **Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in Need**

Each year, our schools and parishes are faced with emergency repairs or budgetary shortfalls. The Bishop's Ministries Appeal will again return 100% of all monies collected over and above each parish's goal for use at the parish level for its own needs, plans for growth and new ministries to better serve their parishioners and the local community.

### **Priest Retirement & Care**

Bishop Barber has an obligation to take care of our priests from the time they take vows through retirement. Your gift to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal shows that you support and value those priests who have made a positive impact in your life.

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We gratefully accept gifts for the Bishop's Ministries Appeal via cash, check, credit card, or direct debit. Gifts of appreciated stock, easily liquidated property, planned gifts, and bequests are also accepted.

#### **Oracion San Miguel**

San Miguel Arcángel,  
defiéndenos en la batalla.  
Sé nuestro amparo contra la  
perversidad y asechanzas del  
demonio. Reprímale Dios,  
pedimos suplicantes,  
y tú Príncipe de la  
Milicia Celestial,  
con el divino poder de Dios,  
arroja al infierno a Satanás  
y a todos los espíritus malignos  
que andan dispersos  
por el mundo  
para la perdición de las almas.  
Amén.



#### **Prayer to St. Michael**

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle,  
be our protection  
against the wickedness and  
snares of the devil.  
May God  
rebuke him we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the  
Heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan  
and all the evil spirits  
who prowl about the world seeking  
the ruin of souls.  
Amen



## Information/Información

### St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of March 26, please bring peanut butter and jelly. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 26 de marzo, por favor traigan peanut butter and jelly. GRACIAS!

### SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 26, 2023 - Easter Flowers  
April 2, 2023 - Facility Improvement

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### FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

26 de marzo, 2023 - Flores para la Pascua  
2 de abril, 2023 - Fondo del Mejoramiento de las Instalaciones



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS DURING LENT  
7:00 PM



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH  
Brentwood, California



### PENANCE SERVICE

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023

7:00PM



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH  
Brentwood, California

### DEANERY 10 RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR LENT 2023

#### Church of the Good Shepherd

March 13 @ 7pm

#### Most Holy Rosary

March 22 @ 7pm

#### Our Lady Queen of the Word

April 3 @ 7pm

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary

March 28 @ 7pm

#### St. Ignatius of Antioch

March 23 @ 7:30pm

#### St. Anthony

March 30 @ 7pm

#### St. Peter Martyr

March 21, 22, 23 @ 5pm



### SELLING OF PALMS



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### A Lenten Prayer

Lord, I know how much you love me  
It's hard for me to feel it sometimes  
but I know your love is always with me  
Help me to use your love as a way  
to persevere in my Lenten intentions  
I am weak, but I know with your help  
I can use these small sacrifices in my  
life to draw closer to you. Amen



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## Eucharist Real Presence – Part 1

So far, we have looked at the Eucharist from 2 aspects: a sacred meal and a sacrifice. What holds both aspects of the Eucharist together is the doctrine of the real presence, namely that Jesus Christ is actually and substantially present in the Eucharist. It is his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Without the real presence, the meal loses the sacred aspect, and the sacrificial element disappears. It would just be people eating bread. To understand how this real presence is possible, we need to return to the Bible.

“In the beginning” (Genesis 1:1) is how the first book of the Bible, Genesis, begins. In verse 3, we are told, “God said: Let there be light, and there was light.” The first chapter of Genesis shows this action of God speaking creation into existence. He brings all things into existence through his Word. Our words describe reality, and sometimes, our words can change reality. If a police officer tells someone they are under arrest, that person is now legally under arrest. God’s words *cause* reality. Humans can create by using and manipulating existing things. God creates out of nothing.

St. John, the Evangelist, explores the Word of God. His Gospel starts with the same words as Genesis, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race.” (John 1:1-4) The Greek word for word is *logos*. Ancient Greek philosophers associated logos with the order and design of the universe. They understood logos to be the intelligible expression of the mind of God, who creates and sustains, and governs the universe.

In the Old Testament, the Word is understood to be the powerful utterance of God that brought all things into being. It is also associated with the Wisdom of God, thought to be God’s eternal companion. St. John has combined these traditions to say something new. The Word of God is not merely an abstract principle of God or a sound God makes; He is a Divine Person, the Second Person of the Trinity, the Son of God. In verse 14, St. John says, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” The Incarnate Word of God becomes man, Jesus Christ.

In chapter 6 of the Gospel According to John, beginning in verse 22 is the Bread of Life Discourse. This teaching follows the Multiplication of Loaves and Jesus walking on water in John. In this discourse, Jesus tells his followers, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” (Jn 6:35). When many of his disciples object to Jesus identifying himself in this way he replies, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” (Jn 6:51) This causes more quarreling.

In the following verses, Jesus repeats this claim four more times (53-56). He repeats it a fifth time in verse 58. Many of Jesus’ disciples who followed him closely were shocked and left him. This is the only time in the Gospels that many of his disciples left him because of his teaching.

These followers understood that Jesus was not speaking symbolically. If He were speaking symbolically, they would not react with, “This saying is hard; who can accept it?” (Jn 6:60). At each point when the crowds react negatively, Jesus does not soften his language or tell them he means it figuratively. When His followers leave him, he does not change his words to get them back. He instead asked his closest followers, the Apostles, if they would also leave him. Simon Peter responds with a great act of faith, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” (Jn 6:68-69)  
What do you believe?

## **Eucaristía Presencia real - Parte 1**

Hasta ahora, hemos visto la Eucaristía desde 2 aspectos: una comida sagrada y un sacrificio. Lo que mantiene unidos ambos aspectos de la Eucaristía es la doctrina de la presencia real, es decir, que Jesucristo está real y sustancialmente presente en la Eucaristía. Es su Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad. Sin la presencia real, la comida pierde el aspecto sagrado y desaparece el elemento sacrificial. Sería sólo gente comiendo pan. Para entender cómo es posible esta presencia real, tenemos que volver a la Biblia.

"En el principio" (Génesis 1:1) es como comienza el primer libro de la Biblia, el Génesis. En el verso 3, se nos dice: "Dijo Dios: Sea la luz, y fue la luz". El primer capítulo del Génesis muestra esta acción de Dios de dar existencia a la creación. Él trae todas las cosas a la existencia a través de su Palabra. Nuestras palabras describen la realidad, y a veces, nuestras palabras pueden cambiar la realidad. Si un oficial de policía le dice a alguien que está bajo arresto, esa persona está ahora legalmente bajo arresto. Las palabras de Dios causan la realidad. Los seres humanos pueden crear utilizando y manipulando cosas existentes. Dios crea de la nada.

San Juan, el Evangelista, explora la Palabra de Dios. Su Evangelio comienza con las mismas palabras que el Génesis: "En el principio era el Verbo, y el Verbo estaba con Dios, y el Verbo era Dios. El estaba en el principio con Dios. Todo se hizo por él, y sin él no se hizo nada. Lo que llegó a ser por medio de él fue la vida, y esta vida fue la luz del género humano". (Juan 1:1-4) La palabra griega para palabra es logos. Los antiguos filósofos griegos asociaban el logos con el orden y el diseño del universo. Entendían el logos como la expresión inteligible de la mente de Dios, que crea, sostiene y gobierna el universo.

En el Antiguo Testamento, la Palabra se entiende como la poderosa expresión de Dios que dio origen a todas las cosas. También se asocia con la Sabiduría de Dios, que se considera su eterna compañera. San Juan ha combinado estas tradiciones para decir algo nuevo. La Palabra de Dios no es simplemente un principio abstracto de Dios o un sonido que Dios hace; es una Persona Divina, la Segunda Persona de la Trinidad, el Hijo de Dios. En el verso 14, San Juan dice: "Y el Verbo se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros". El Verbo de Dios encarnado se hace hombre, Jesucristo.

En el capítulo 6 del Evangelio según San Juan, a partir del verso 22 se encuentra el Discurso del Pan de Vida. Esta enseñanza sigue a la Multiplicación de los Panes y a Jesús caminando sobre las aguas en Juan. En este discurso, Jesús dice a sus seguidores: "Yo soy el pan de vida; el que viene a mí nunca tendrá hambre y el que cree en mí nunca tendrá sed." (Jn 6, 35). Cuando muchos de sus discípulos objetan que Jesús se identifique de este modo, él responde: "Yo soy el pan vivo que ha bajado del cielo; el que coma de este pan vivirá para siempre; y el pan que yo daré es mi carne para la vida del mundo." (Jn 6,51) Esto provoca más disputas.

En los versos siguientes, Jesús repite esta afirmación cuatro veces más (53-56). La repite una quinta vez en el verso 58. Muchos de los discípulos de Jesús que le seguían de cerca se escandalizaron y le abandonaron. Esta es la única vez en los Evangelios que muchos de sus discípulos le abandonan a causa de sus enseñanzas.

Estos seguidores comprendieron que Jesús no estaba hablando simbólicamente. Si hablara simbólicamente, no reaccionarían diciendo: "Dura es esta palabra; ¿quién la puede aceptar?". (Jn 6,60). Cada vez que la multitud reacciona negativamente, Jesús no suaviza su lenguaje ni les dice que lo dice en sentido figurado. Cuando sus seguidores le abandonan, no cambia sus palabras para que vuelvan. Por el contrario, pregunta a sus seguidores más cercanos, los Apóstoles, si también le abandonarán. Simón Pedro responde con un gran acto de fe: "Maestro, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna. Hemos llegado a creer y estamos convencidos de que tú eres el Santo de Dios". (Jn 6, 68-69)  
¿En qué crees tú?



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## From the Respect for Life Ministry -

Please join us in praying the Annunciation Novena Started March 16 and will end on the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord on March 25, (the novena can be started at any time) praying for a "Heart Open to God's Will". Remember to keep the Unborn and their parents in your prayers. You can find copies of the novena in the vestibule or go to the following link: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/resources/nfp-novenas>

## Annunciation Novena

Heart Open to God's Will  
O Mary, Blessed Mother of God,  
when the angel greeted you  
you were surprised and fearful;  
yet, in wonder you listened and  
opened your heart to the divine message.  
Your life had been ordinary,  
like so many of Adam's children,  
but your "yes" changed your life  
and led to the salvation of us all,  
because you invited Christ Our Lord  
to grow inside of you.  
Mother of Our Savior, help me to open my  
heart to the Father's will in my life.  
Prayer for me to the Lord God as I pray to Him,  
O God, prepare my heart  
for it is hard for me to trust in your will.  
Give me clarity of vision,  
that I may see your way.  
Open my ears,  
that I may hear your words.  
Place your hand on my shoulder,  
that I may feel your guidance.  
Enlighten the darkness of my soul,  
that I may be filled with your light.

**Fr. Quang will do a special blessing for all pregnant mothers at the 8:00am Mass on Saturday, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation. 12**

## Ministry Meetings/Reuniones de Ministerios

### + Confessions / Confesiones

Tuesday/Martes: 6:00 - 7:00PM  
Saturday/Sabado: 3:30 - 4:30PM

### Devotions/Devociones

Monday to Friday/Lunes a Viernes  
7:30AM

### **Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario**

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Wednesday/Miércoles  
8:30AM

### **Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Novena Madre del Perpetuo Socorro**

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Friday/Viernes  
8:30AM

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia**

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#### Sun. Mar. 19th

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#### Mon. Mar. 20th

8:45am	Men's Fellowship	Library
5:00pm	Legion of Mary/Eng	Library
6:00pm	ICF Monthly Meeting	Hall B/C
7:00pm	Bible Study/Sp	Hall A
7:00pm	Emmaus Women/Sp	John
7:00pm	Men of St. Joseph	Library
7:00pm	Escuela de la Cruz	Luke

#### Tues. Mar. 21st

10:00am	IHM Crafters	Library
6:00pm	Legion of Mary/Sp.	Chapel
6:00pm	Confessions	Church

#### Wed. Mar. 22nd

4:00pm IHM Good Shepherd Hall A/B/C/Jn

#### Thurs. Mar. 23rd

10:00am	Women's Faith Sharing	Library
4:00pm	IHM Good Shepard	Hall A/B/C/Jn
4:30pm	Widow and Widowers Group	Library
7:00pm	Confirmation/Adult	Hall A
7:00pm	Discovering Christ	Library
7:00pm	RICA/Faith Formation	Mark
7:00pm	Emmaus Men/Sp Meeting	Luke

#### Fri. Mar. 24th

8:00am	St. Vincent de Paul	Hall A/B/C
3:30pm	Bible Study/Eng	Library
4:00pm	KofC Fish Fry	Hall A/B/C
7:00pm	Confirmation Adult/Sp/RICA	John
7:00p	Emmaus Women/Eng Monthly	Mark
7:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Luke
7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

#### Sat. Mar. 25th

9:00am	Exodus 90 Meeting	Hall A
12:00pm	Legion of Mary Eng—Acias	Hall C/Church
3:30pm	Confessions	Church

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