



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.*

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The Pastor's Page/Página del Pastor

Dear Families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Today's readings are again directed to believers, communities of faith. As in last week's reading Amos confronts us with a condemnation of those whose lives are focused on pleasure and self-absorption. The psalm contrasts that focus with the Lord's—justice for the oppressed; food for the hungry; freedom for captives; sight to the blind; raising of those who are bowed down; loving the just; protecting strangers, orphans and the widowed; and by doing so, thwarting the way of the wicked. Timothy urges the pursuit of righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Luke tells the familiar tale of the wealthy man and the poor beggar at his doorstep, who experience life very differently in this world and the next. We are once again being given clear indications about how God intends for us to live our lives.

So in this busy, crazy, stressful, even scary life we all have, how often do we stop and think about those who are not as comfortable as we are? Those who are afraid of where their next meal will come from, how they can afford their medical expenses, being deported or imprisoned, a loss of their loved ones, and keeping the family sheltered. We should thank our heavenly Father for the joys we have and ask Him to help us in our struggles and be there for those in need.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas Familias de Inmaculado Corazón de María,

Las lecturas de hoy una vez más están dirigidas a los creyentes, comunidades de fe. Así como la lectura de la semana pasada. Amós nos conforta con una condena de aquellos cuyas vidas están enfocadas en el placer y la auto absorción. El Salmo contrasta ese enfoque con el del Señor: justicia para los oprimidos, alimentos para los hambrientos, libertad para los cautivos, vista para los ciegos, levantar a los agachados, amor al justo, proteger a los extranjeros, huérfanos y las viudas; y al hacerlo, frustrando el camino a los malvados. Timoteo nos insta a la búsqueda de la justicia, la devoción, la fe, el amor, la paciencia y las mansedumbre. Lucas cuenta la historia familiar de un hombre rico y un mendigo en su puerta, que lleva una vida muy diferente en este mundo y en el otro. Una vez mas estamos recibiendo indicaciones acerca de como Dios Quiere que vivamos nuestras vidas.

Entonces, en esta vida ocupada, loca, estresante e incluso aterradora que todos tenemos, ¿con qué frecuencia nos detenemos y pensamos en aquellos que no están tan cómodos como nosotros? Aquellos que tienen miedo de dónde vendrá su próxima comida, cómo pueden pagar sus gastos médicos, ser deportados o encarcelados, la pérdida de sus seres queridos y mantener a la familia protegida. Debemos agradecer a nuestro Padre celestial por las alegrías que tenemos y pedirle que nos ayude en nuestras luchas y esté allí para los necesitados.

Inmaculado Corazón de Maria, ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

**Regular
Mass
Schedule.
Holiday and
Feast Days
may be
different.**

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, September 27th

8:00 am Alleykuty Xavier
5:00 pm Adan Rocillo y Familia - Special Intention
Missionary Sisters of the Blessed
Sacrament and Mary Immaculate -
Anniversary at IHM

Sunday, September 28th

7:30 am † John Tomasini
9:00 am IHM Parishioners
10:45 am Families of Movimiento Familia - Sp. Int.
† Maria del Rosario Marquez
12:30 pm † Ron Margala
2:00 pm † Enrique Gacia Alabarran
† Grecia Espinosa Villanueva - Health
5:00 pm Ana Ellenberger - Health

Monday, September 29th

8:00 am † Blanche (Belen) Rodriquez

Tuesday, September 30th

8:00 am Maria Bean - Birthday
† Consulo Ochoa

Wednesday, October 1st

8:00 am † James McDonald
Maria Conchita Laxamana - Sp. Int.

Thursday, October 2nd

8:00 am Divine Mercy Ministry - Sp. Int.

Friday, October 3rd

8:00 am † Rosario Mijares-Masters

Saturday, October 4th

8:00 am Legion de Maria - Special Intention
† Members of Legion de Maria

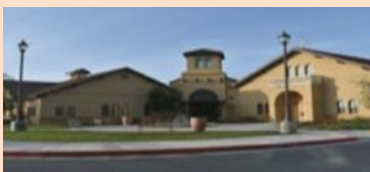
Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Jim and Lee Huckstein, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Lyndsey Burrow Ryan McCleod, Robert Walpe, Chris Heuer, Tom Kane, Dawn Lanphere, Adrian Rojo, Mayen Lown, Solange and Nicole Patroni-Patino, Gianna Lawrence, Daniel Martinez, Gabriel Ibarra, Jesus Flores, Manuel Dizon, Jason Castro, Harvey Lopez, Cheryl Engberson, Nico Gracia Medrano, Giselle Honore, Ron and Pat Reagan, Steven Klovee, Tammy Tomasa, Terence Cruz Gonzales, George Verret. *** Tom Smith, Marica Jacobo, Anika Cacik, Georgia Thompson, Emiliano Martinez, Tarrel Waters, Nancy Anicama, Mike Harris, Steven Lopez, Betty Vetro, Pat Trent, Abigail Burkhardt, Ana LaFollette, Francis Cenotti, Ben Castro, Jr., Jodi Vargas, ** James Sablan, Bert Suva, Jill Vance, Jodi Waters, George Zanarini, Gloria Almeida, Frank Vargas, Melia Galan, Claire Murray, Danielle Scott, Ella June Scott, Jose Garcia, Anneliese Warren ** Jose Rosado, Ezequiel Sandoval, Dave Esser, Antonia Fernandez, Javier Bañales, Janet Heitzmann, Tony Sarmiento, Billie Cole, Aida Gutierrez, John Relova, Francisco Sanchez, Fran Alcorn, Robert Kostinow, Trudy Zacher, Humberto Gomez, Jose Luis Rodriguez, Rich Ingram, Joyce Toste, Cherry Hall, Robert Pacioni, Christian Basheer, Alice, Lolita Navat, Max Mische, Dolores McLean, Sandy Robinson *** Sonia Perez, Carola Mosca, Diomedes S. Rada, Virginia Ceremony, Jason Crowell, Franchesca Taylor, Colby Edwards, Michael Shannon, Daniel Mahoney ** Linda Rogers, Gerald Rogers, Connie Ponce, Anthony Valentino, Michael Clancy, Jr., Vincent Vera, Mike Smith, Marge and Larry Cragle, Maria Luisa Cortez, Mary Ellen Dethlefsen, Alma Robison, Charles Smith, Hector Aguirre Garcia, Carlos Lopez, Joan Birke, Leticia Villanueva, Rigo Malera, Irene Manata.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday:	647: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Jn 1:47-51	Ps 138:1-5
Tuesday:	456: Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56	Ps 87:1b-7
Wednesday:	457: Neh 2:1-8 Lk 9:57-62	Ps 137:1-6
Thursday:	458: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8-11	Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday:	459: Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16	Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9
Saturday:	460: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Lk 10:17-24	Ps 69:33-37
Sunday:	141: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10	Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

Please join us the first Saturday of each month at Holy Cross cemetery for a Mass at 11:00am.



Vengan el primer sábado del mes al Cementerio de Holy Cross a la Misa de las 11:00am.

Entrance Hymn

God of Day and God of Darkness

BEACH SPRING

God of day and God of darkness,
now we stand before the night;
as the shadows stretch and deepen,
Come and make our darkness bright.

All creation still is groaning
for the dawning of your might,
when the Sun of peace and justice
fills the earth with radiant light.

Still the nations curse the darkness,
still the rich oppress the poor;
still the earth is bruised and broken
by the ones who still want more.
Come and wake us from our sleeping,
so our hearts cannot ignore
all your people lost and broken,
all your children at our door.

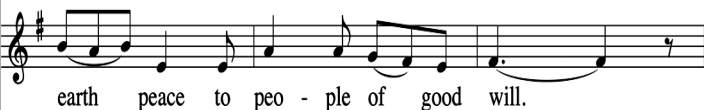
You shall be the path that guides us,
you the light that in us burns;
shining deep within all people,
yours the love that we must learn,
for our hearts shall wander restless
'Til they safe to you return;
finding you in one another,
we shall all your face discern.

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Gloria

Mass of the Angels and Saints



1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God,
heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. **R.**
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, son of the Father;
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. **R.**
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. **R.**

Final: *Amen, Amen!*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146 • Bob Hurd



Praise the Lord, my soul!

Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the LORD who preserves fidelity forever,
who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the LORD who sets pris'ners free.
2. The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,
the LORD who raises up those
who are bowed down.

It is the LORD who loves the just,
the LORD who protects the stranger.
3. The LORD upholds the orphan
and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The LORD will reign forever,
the God of Sion from age to age.
Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of the Angels and Saints

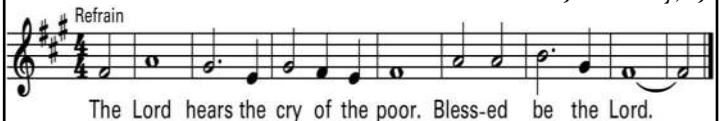


*Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor /
so that by his poverty you might become rich R.*

Preparation of the Gifts

The Cry of the Poor

John Foley, SJ



1. I will bless the Lord at all times, with praise
2. Let the low - ly hear and be glad: the Lord
3. Ev - 'ry spir - it crushed, God will save; will be
4. We pro - claim your great - ness, O God, your praise



1. ev - er in my mouth. Let my soul glo - ry in the
2. lis - tens to their pleas; and to hearts bro - ken, God is
3. ran - som for their lives; will be safe shel - ter for their
4. ev - er in our mouth; ev - 'ry face bright-ened in your



1. Lord, who will hear the cry of the poor.
2. near, who will hear the cry of the poor.
3. fears, and will hear the cry of the poor.
4. light, for you hear the cry of the poor.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of the Angels and Saints

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

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Memorial Acclamation

Mass of the Angels and Saints

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

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Great Amen

Mass of the Angels and Saints

Amen, Amen, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

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Lamb of God

Mass of the Angels and Saints

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Communion Hymn

Create In Me
Bob Hurd

Refrain



Cre - ate in me a clean heart.

Verses



1. Have mer - cy on me, God, in your com - pas-sion.
2. O pu - ri - fy my heart and teach me wis-dom;
3. O give me back the joy of your sal - va - tion;

to Refrain

1. Re-move my sin. Wash me _ from my guilt.
2. then I shall be clean-er _ than the snow.
3. a will-ing spir-it & sus-tain in me.

Glory In the Cross

Steven Janco



We should glo - ry in the cross of our Lord Je - sus
Christ, for he is our sal - va - tion, our life and res - ur -
rec - tion; through him we are saved and made free.

1. Sing, my tongue, the hymn of glory;
of the final conflict sing.
Shout the triumph of the victim;
far and wide the echoes ring:
Jesus Christ, the world's salvation,
from the cross now reigns as King.
2. Tell how, when at length the fullness
of the holy time had come,
Christ was sent, the world's Creator,
from the Father's heav'nly home,
and was found among us dwelling,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
3. With the thirty years now ended,
which on earth he willed to see,
willingly he meets his passion,
born to set his people free;
On the cross the Lamb is lifted,
there the sacrifice to be.

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Recessional Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns
DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who set us free,
And hail him as your heav'nly King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love,
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

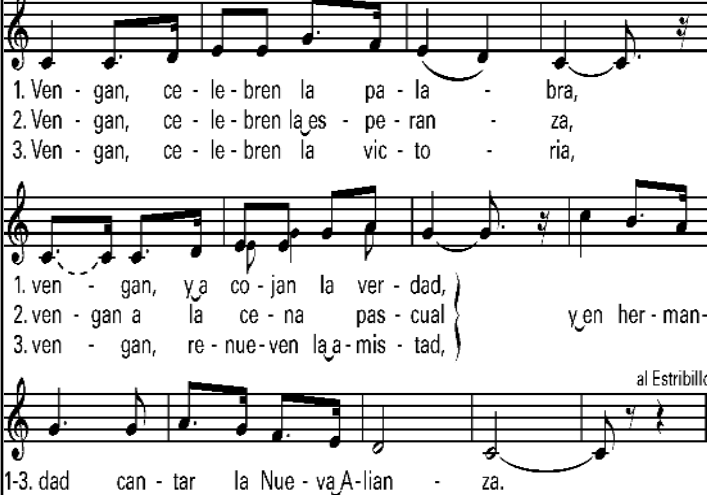
Entrada**Dios Nos Convoca**
Carmelo Erdozáin

Estribillo

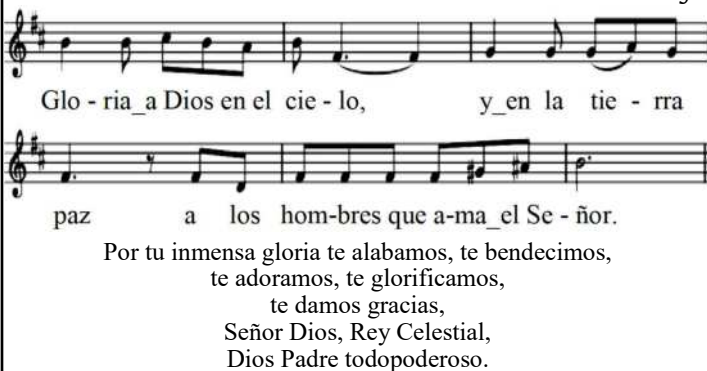


Dios nos con-vo - ca, ven-gan y es-cu-che-mos su voz;
la me-sa ha pre - pa - ra - do, su pan es sal - va - ción;
gra - cias, Se - ñor, por ser tus in - vi - ta - dos.

Estrofas



1. Ven - gan, ce - le - bren la pa - la - bra,
2. Ven - gan, ce - le - bren la es - pe - ran - za,
3. Ven - gan, ce - le - bren la vic - to - ria,
1. ven - gan, ya co - jan la ver - dad,
2. ven - gan a la ce - na pas - cual } y en her - man -
3. ven - gan, re - nue - ven la a - mis - tad, }
al Estribillo
1-3. dad can - tar la Nue - va A - lian - za.

Gloria*Misa de Santa Maria del Lago*


Glo - ria a Dios en el cie - lo, y en la tie - rra
paz a los hom - bres que a - ma el Se - ñor.
Por tu inmensa gloria te alabamos, te bendecimos,
te adoramos, te glorificamos,
te damos gracias,
Señor Dios, Rey Celestial,
Dios Padre todopoderoso.

Señor, Hijo único, Jesucristo;
Señor, Dios, Cordero de Dios, Hijo del Padre;
tú que quitas el pecado del mundo, ten piedad de nosotros;
tú que quitas el pecado del mundo, atiende nuestra súplica;
tú que estás sentado a la derecha del Padre,
ten piedad, ten piedad de nosotros;

Porque sólo tú eres Santo,
sólo tú Señor,
solo tú Altísimo, Jesucristo,
con el Espíritu Santo en la gloria de Dios Padre.
Amén, Amén

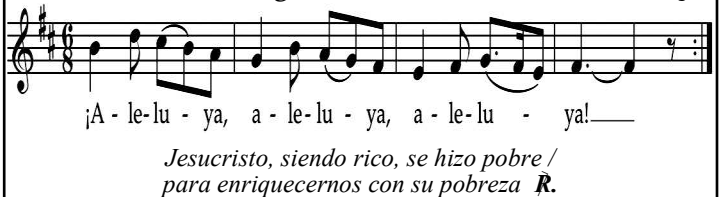
Salmo Responsorial

Salmo 145 • Mary Frances Reza

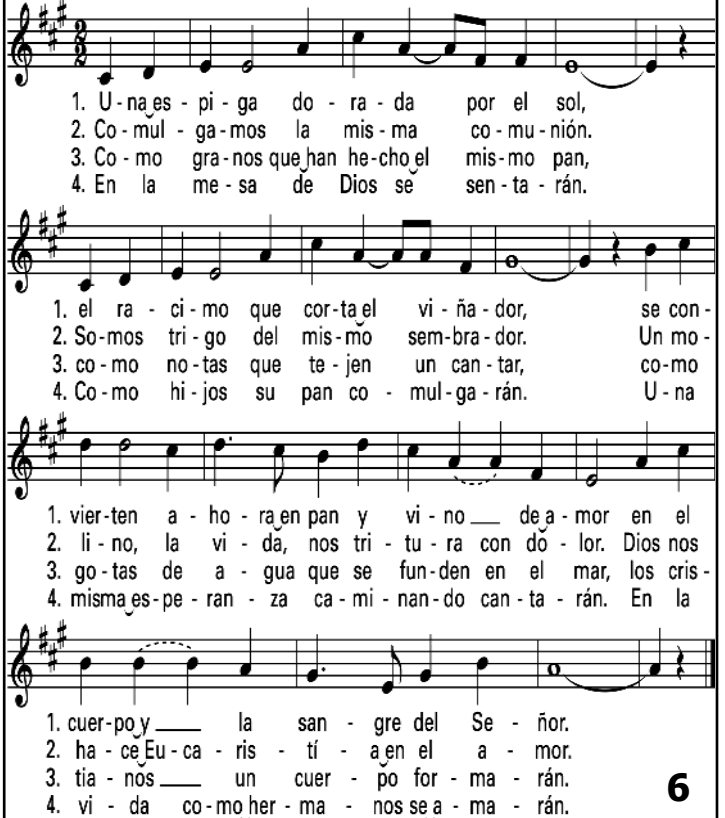


R. A - la - ba, al - ma mí - a, al Se - ñor.
A - la - ba, al - ma mí - a, al Se - ñor.

1. Él mantiene su fidelidad perpetuamente,
hace justicia a los oprimidos,
da pan a los hambrientos, liberta a los cautivos.
2. El Señor abre los ojos al ciego,
el Señor endereza a los que ya se doblan,
el Señor ama a los justos, el Señor guarda a los peregrinos.
3. Sustenta al huérfano y a la viuda,
y trastorna el camino de los malvados,
el Señor reina eternamente, tu Dios, Sión, de edad en edad.

Aclamación del Evangelio*Misa de Santa Maria del Lago*


¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! —
*Jesucristo, siendo rico, se hizo pobre /
para enriquecernos con su pobreza R.*

Preparación de las Ofrendas**Una Espiga**
Cesáreo Gabaráin


1. U - na es - pi - ga do - ra - da por el sol,
2. Co - mul - ga - mos la mis - ma co - mu - ni - ón.
3. Co - mo gra - nos que han he - cho el mis - mo pan,
4. En la me - sa de Dios se sen - ta - rán.
1. el ra - ci - mo que cor - ta el vi - ña - dor, se con -
2. So - mos tri - go del mis - mo sem - bra - dor. Un mo -
3. co - mo no - tas que te - jen un can - tar, co - mo
4. Co - mo hi - jos su pan co - mul - ga - rán. U - na
1. vier - ten a - ho - ra en pan y vi - no de a - mor en el
2. li - no, la vi - da, nos tri - tu - ra con dó - lor. Dios nos
3. go - tas de a - gua que se fun - den en el mar, los cris -
4. misma es - pe - ran - za ca - mi - nan - do can - ta - rán. En la
1. cuer - po y la san - gre del Se - ñor.
2. ha - ce Eu - ca - ris - tí - a en el a - mor.
3. tia - nos un cuer - po for - ma - rán.
4. vi - da co - mo her - ma - nos se a - ma - rán.

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

Pan del Cielo

Eleazar Cortés

Todos

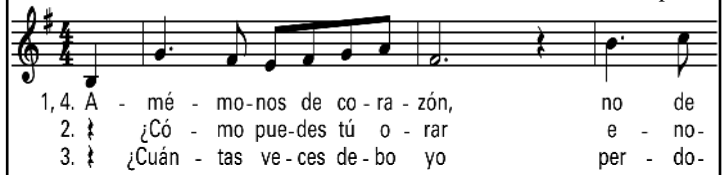


A - li - men - to pa - ra nues - tro ca - mi - no que nos
vie - ne del a - mor di - vi - no; pan vi - vo ba -
ja - do del cie - lo que nos da paz y con - sue - lo.

1. Yo soy el pan que da la vida eterna;
el que cree en mí ya no tendrá hambre ni sed.
2. Yo soy el Dios que cura tus heridas;
al que viene a mí le aliviaré pena y dolor.
3. Vengo a invitar al pobre y marginado
a participar en mi banquete de salvación.
4. Yo soy la vid, ustedes los sarmientos.
Unidos a mí producirán fruto sin fin.
5. Mi Padre es el viñador genuino.
Al que nunca dé flores ni fruta, lo arrancará
6. Si están en mí y guardan mis palabras,
lograrán pedir cuanto deseen y lo obtendrán.

Amémonos de Corazón

Tradicional de España



1, 4. A - mé - mo - nos de co - ra - zón, no de
2. ¿Có - mo pue - des tú o - rar e - no -
3. ¿Cuán - tas ve - ces de - bo yo per - do -



1, 4. la - bios so - la - men - te. men - te.
2. ja - do con tu her - ma - no? ma - no?
3. nar al que me o - fen - de? fen - de?



1, 4. Pa - ra cuan - do Cris - to ven - ga, pa - ra cuan - do Cris - to
2. Dios es - cu - cha la o - ra - ción, es - cu - cha la o - ra -
3. Se - ten - ta ve - ces sie - te, se - ten - ta ve - ces



1, 4. ven - ga nos en - cuen - tre bien u - ni - dos. ni - dos.
2. ción cuan - do es - tás re - con - ci - lia - do. lia - do.
3. sie - te, per - do - nar al que me o - fen - de. fen - de.

Salida

Oye el Llamado

Tradicional de México

Estrofas

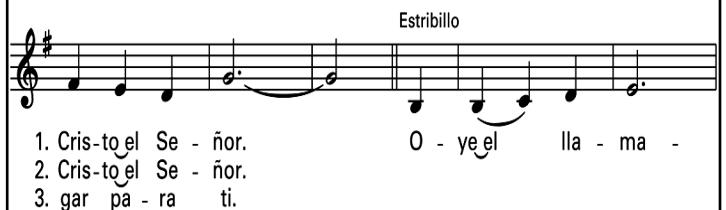


1. Te - ne - bro - sas e - ran in - men - sas ti - nie -
2. La vi - da sin Cris - to es u - na qui - me -
3. A - cép - ta - le a Cris - to, Se - ñor de Se - ñor -



1. blas; des - pre - cian la voz de
2. ra; tan só - lo es e - ter - na en
3. res; tam - bién Él pre - pa - ra un lu -

Estribillo



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2. Cris - to el Se - ñor.
3. gar pa - ra ti.



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quie - re lle - var - te por sen - da me - jor.

September 28, 2025

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7 | 1 Tim 6:11-16 | Lk 16:19-31

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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Have you ever had a moment when you felt yourself to be the underdog, and wished that there were some champion who would come and defend your cause? Today, we see God described in those terms. Our psalm tells us that the Lord “raises up those who are bowed down,” that he “protects strangers,” and “the fatherless and the widow he sustains.” But God doesn’t stop there. He wants *us* to become champions for the poor. Notice that our Gospel reading depicts the poor man named Lazarus in such a way that we cannot help but feel compassion for him. Here is a man who is in dire need, covered in sores, right outside the door of a rich man who has more than enough to provide for his own needs and those of Lazarus – but does nothing to help him. In fact, the rich man’s *dog* shows more compassion toward Lazarus (by licking his sores) than the rich man! The story is meant to prick our consciences and move us to have the same kind of response that God has – of compassion – leading us to become champions for those in need.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Throughout our history, the Church has been particularly effective at spreading the faith during those times when we’ve put care for the poor and vulnerable at the center of our action. Before the advancements of modern medicine, members of the early Church risked their lives to care for those sick with contagious diseases. Their selfless example led many to faith in Christ. While our situation is much different today, we are called at the beginning of the first reading to not be complacent in our efforts to care for the poor. As we serve those most in need, our witness will likewise draw others to seek to know and follow the God of compassion whom we serve.

SERVE

One of the ways we can fight against complacency is to engage in service. Check your parish or local charitable organizations for opportunities to serve those in need in your community. No matter what kind of service you choose to engage in, do everything with “love, patience, and gentleness,” as Paul reminds us today. Then we will be models of God’s own care for the poor.



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San Miguel Arcángel,
defiéndenos en la batalla.
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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.

The Little Flower of Jesus – October 1

"Whoever is a little one, let him come to me." (Prov. 9:4 Douay Rheims Bible) This Bible passage had a monumental effect on this week's saint.

On October 1, the Church celebrates Virgin and Doctor of the Church, St. Therese of Lisieux. Born Marie Françoise-Therese Martin in 1873 in Alençon, France, to devout Catholics Louis and Marie Martin. Louis and Marie became the first married couple to be canonized together in 2015.

When she was four, her mother died. Her happy disposition changed, and she became very shy, distant, and oversensitive, often suffering from nervous tremors. On Christmas Eve 1886, just days before her fourteenth birthday, she experienced what she later called her 'complete conversion'. She wrote later, "On that blessed night, the sweet infant Jesus, scarcely an hour old, filled the darkness of my soul with floods of light. By becoming weak and little, for love of me, He made me strong and brave." This is why she is known as Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face.

Many are aware of the initial difficulty she experienced entering the Carmelite Order because of her young age. She entered the cloister at 15 years old and devoted herself to religious life. She discovered an approach to the spiritual life she called the "Little Way." Inspired by the passage from Proverbs above, she wrote, "I concluded that God would not inspire desires which could not be realized, and that I may aspire to sanctity in spite of my littleness. For me to become great is impossible. I must bear with myself and my many imperfections, but I will seek out a means of getting to Heaven by a little way-very short and very straight, a little way that is wholly new." Her "Little Way" consisted not of seeking grandiose sacrifices to God, but little virtues and little acts of holiness with great love, always striving for Heaven.

A year before her death, her superior ordered her to write her story. This became her book, *The Story of a Soul*. Had she not written it, we would know very little about her. Her book, as well as the many letters and poems she wrote, became known after her death. One hundred years after her death, Pope St. John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church. In his Apostolic Letter, *Divini Amoris Scientia*, he wrote, "Despite her inadequate training and lack of resources for studying and interpreting the sacred books, Therese immersed herself in meditation on the Word of God with exceptional faith and spontaneity."

Little Flower of Jesus, pray for us, Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

La Pequeña Flor de Jesús - 1 de octubre

"Quien sea pequeño, dejen que venga a mí." (Proverbios 9:4 Biblia Douay Rheims) Este pasaje Bíblico tuvo un efecto monumental en el santo de esta semana.

El 1 de octubre, la Iglesia celebra a la Virgen y Doctora de la Iglesia, Santa Teresa de Lisieux. Nació como Marie Françoise-Terese Martin en 1873 en Alençon, Francia, hija de los devotos Católicos Luis y María Martin. Luis y María se convirtieron en la primera pareja casada en ser canonizada juntos en el 2015.

Cuando Teresita tenía cuatro años, su madre murió. Su disposición alegre cambió, se volvió muy tímida, distante, e hipersensible, y a menudo sufría temblores nerviosos. En la Víspera de Navidad de 1889, pocos días antes de su decimocuarto cumpleaños, experimentó lo que más tarde llamo su 'conversión completa'. Ella escribió más tarde: "En aquella noche bendita, el dulce Niño Jesús, de apenas una hora de nacido, lleno la oscuridad de mi alma con torrentes de luz. Pero, haciéndose débil y pequeño, por amor a mí, me hizo fuerte y valiente." Por esto se le conoce como Teresa del Niño Jesús y del Santo Rostro.

Muchos son conscientes de la dificultad inicial que experimentó cuando ingresó en la Orden Carmelita debido a su corta edad. Ingresó en el claustro a los 15 años y se dedicó a la vida religiosa. Descubrió un enfoque de la vida espiritual que llamo el "Pequeño Camino." Inspirado en el pasaje de Proverbios de arriba, ella escribió, "Concluí que Dios no inspiraría deseos que no pudieran realizarse, y que pueda aspirar a la santidad a pesar de mi pequeñez. Debo tener paciencia conmigo misma y con mis muchas imperfecciones, pero buscare un medio para llegar al cielo por un camino pequeño, muy corto y muy directo, a un pequeño camino que es completamente nuevo." Su "Pequeño Camino" no consistía en buscar sacrificios grandiosos a Dios, pero pequeñas virtudes y pequeños actos de santidad con gran amor, siempre luchando por el Cielo.

Un año antes de morir, su superior le ordenó escribir su historia. Esta se convirtió en su libro, "La Historia de un Alma." De no haberlo escrito, sabríamos muy poco de ella. Su libro, así como las numerosas cartas y poemas que escribió, se hicieron conocidos después de su muerte. Cien años después de su muerte el Papa San Juan Pablo II la declaró Doctora de la Iglesia. En su Carta Apostólica, *Divini Amoris Scientia*, el escribió, "A pesar de su formación inadecuada y falta de recursos para estudiar y la interpretación de los libros Sagrados, Teresita se sumergió en la meditación en la Palabra de Dios con fe y espontaneidad."

Pequeñas Flores de Jesús, ruega por nosotros, Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros!

October 2025

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27 th Ordinary 5	6	Our Lady of Rosary 7	8	9	10	11
7:30 Fr. David / CoOp 9:00 Fr. Huong / CoOp 10:45 Fr. Candelario/CoOp 12:30 Fr. Huong/CoOp 2:00 Fr. Candelario/CoOp 5:00 Latin-Fr. Candelario	8:00 Fr. Huong	8:00 Fr. Candelario 6:00 Confessions	8:00 Fr. Quang	8:00 Fr. Quang Benediction / Adoration 5:00 Benediction	8:00 Fr. Candelario Benediction / Adoration 4:00 - Marian Conference 5:00 Bp. Thanh N. All Priests & Deacons Confessions Until 9:00 pm Benediction	Marian Conference 8:00 Frs. Quang, Huong Fr. Candelario Preach - Anointing 12 - 4:00 Confessions 5:00 Bp. Michael B. All Priests & Deacons
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For the weekend of September 28, please bring canned tuna and other meats. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 28 de septiembre, por favor traigan atún enlatado y otras carnes. GRACIAS!

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 5 - Mission Co-Op

October 12 - Maintenance Fund

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

5 de octubre - Cooperativa de la Misión

12 de octubre - Fondo del Mantenimiento

8th Marian Conference – October 10, 11 2025



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for MARIAN CONFERENCE

Opportunities available for set-up before the event begins, as well as other areas of need on the day of the Conference. Contact Jey Navat: JNavat.IHM@gmail.com for details.

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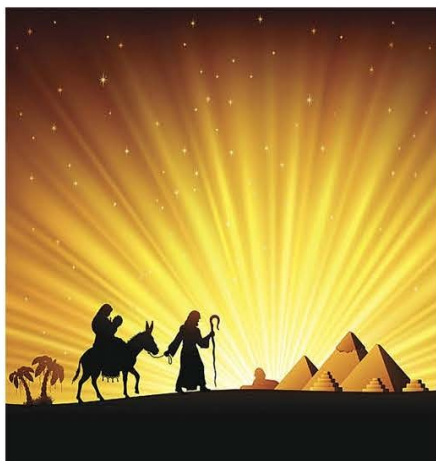
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Mon. Sept. 29th

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5:00pm	Legion of Mary/Eng	Library
7:00pm	Bible Study/Sp	Hall A
7:00pm	Men of St. Joseph	Library
7:00pm	Escuela de la Cruz	John
7:00pm	Daughters of Mary	Luke
7:00pm	ICF Monthly Mtg	Hall B/C

Tues. Sept. 30th

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

Wed. Oct. 1st

10:30am	SVDP Board Mtg	Library
12:00pm	St. Joseph's Cenacle for Priests	Chapel
2:30pm	IHM Good Shepard	Hall A/B/C/John

Thurs. Oct. 2nd

5:00pm	Widow/Widower Group	Library
6:30pm	Youth Group	Hall A/B
7:00pm	Discovering Christ	Luke
7:00pm	RCIA	Mark
7:00pm	Adult Confirmation/Eng	Hall C
7:00pm	Pre-Baptismal Class/Eng	Library
7:00pm	Emaus Wm/Sp/Monthly Mtg	John

Fri. Oct. 3rd

9:00am	SVDP Food Distribution	Hall A/B/C
3:30pm	Bible Study/Eng	Library
7:00pm	C.O.V. Youth	Luke
7:00pm	RICA/Confirmation Adult/Sp	John
7:00pm	Divine Mercy Cencle/Sp	Library

Sat. Oct. 4th

3:30pm	Confessions	Church
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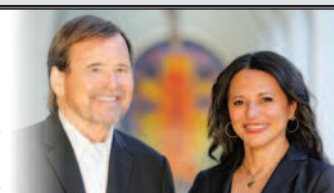
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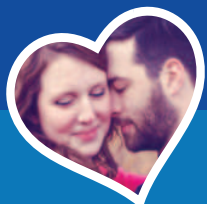
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