

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH

PARROQUIA SANTA ROSA DE LIMA

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PRAY... GROW... SERVE / ORAR... CRECER... SERVIR

EUCCHARIST / EUCARISTIA

Historic Chapel / Capilla Histórica

Monday-Friday ----- 8:30 am ----- (English)

1er Viernes ----- 7:00 pm ----- (Español)

Sunday ----- 7:30 am ----- (English)

1er Dimanche ----- 10:00 am ----- (Français)

2nd Sunday ----- 5:00 pm ----- (Tagalog)

Church / Iglesia

Saturday Vigil ----- 5:00 pm ----- (English)

Sunday ----- 9:00 am ----- (English + ASL)

11:00 am ----- (English)

Domingo ----- 1:00 pm ----- (Español)

RECONCILIATION / RECONCILIACION

Historic Chapel / Capilla Histórica

Thursday ----- 7:00-9:00 pm ----- (English/Español)

Church / Iglesia

Saturday ----- 4:00-4:30 pm ----- (English)

Domingo ----- 2:15-3:15 pm ----- (Español)

NEWCOMERS / NUEVOS MIEMBROS

Meeting - Duggan Room / Reunión - Salón Duggan

There is no meeting in May. / No hay reunión en mayo.

2o Domingo ----- 12:00 pm ----- (Español)

2nd Sunday ----- 12:15 pm ----- (English)

OTHER SERVICES / OTROS SERVICIOS

Stephen Ministry

Ralph Bally: 301-873-0487 • Zita Tepie: 301-519-1527

Accessibility / Fácil Acceso: Hearing systems, accessible seating, large print worship guides and ASL interpretation are available. / Aparatos amplificadores de sonido y asientos accesibles están disponibles.

BAPTISM / BAUTISMO

Begin classes while pregnant or awaiting adoption. Baptisms will not be scheduled until classes have been completed (2 sessions required). Parents MUST pre-register to attend. CLASS DATES: **2020:** Jan. 11 & 18, Mar. 14 & 21, May 16 (two classes in one), Sept. 12 & 19, Nov. 7 & 14

Comience las clases cuando este embarazada o esperando una adopción. Los Bautizos no se podrán programar hasta que las clases hayan sido completadas (Se requieren 2 sesiones). Los padres TIENEN que pre-registrarse para atender. FECHAS DE CLASES: **2020:** Ene. 11 & 18, Mar. 14 & 21, May. 16 (dos clases en una), Sep. 12 & 19, Nov. 7 & 14

MARRIAGE / MATRIMONIO

Couples seeking marriage must make arrangements with a Priest or Deacon a minimum of six months prior to setting a wedding date. Do not plan a reception until you have met with the Priest or Deacon. At least one party must be a member of St. Rose.

Las parejas que buscan el matrimonio deben hacer arreglos con un sacerdote o diácono con un mínimo de 6 meses antes de fijar una fecha para la boda. No planifique una recepción sino hasta que se haya reunido con el sacerdote o el diácono. Al menos una persona debe ser miembro de Sta. Rosa.

NOVEMBER 24, 2019

CHRIST THE KING



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Bulletin items due 2 Fridays before publication date!

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Advent Sale This Weekend

Advent begins on December 1. Stop by the tables after Masses this weekend to buy lovely Advent items and resources! They'll also be sold at the Christmas Shoppe while supplies last.

- ◆ Advent Wreaths & Candles
- ◆ Advent Calendars
- ◆ Christmas Cards
- ◆ At Home With The Word - Sunday Scripture Readings & Reflections for the entire liturgical year!





NEXT WEEK / LA PROXIMA SEMANA

CALENDAR / CALENDARIO

Not all meetings & events appear on this calendar!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (SAR/STP/STJ/DGN2)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:30 am Adult Formation: Sts. Augustine & Benedict (DGN2)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

10:00 am Yarn Angels Knitting & Crocheting (STP)
6:30 pm HS MOHO: Ministry of Hanging Out (YC)
7:00 pm Family of Addicts Support Group (STJ)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 | THANKSGIVING DAY

Parish Offices Closed

10:00 am Mass (CH)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Parish Offices Closed

9:00 am Book Nook Donation Drop-Off (GAR)
6:30 pm Retiro Primera Comuni3n (PCW/LR)
7:00 pm Grupo de Oraci3n (DGN/STJ/OLCC)
7:30 pm Legi3n de Maria (JE)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00 am That Man Is You (DGN)
8:00 am Cleaning Ministry (CH/CHF)
8:30 am Formaci3n para Lectores: Equipo A (HC)
9:30 am Lector Formation: Team A (CH)
5:00 pm Grupo de Hombres (DGN)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 | ADVENT 1

10:00 am Messe en Franais (HC)
12:30 pm Legion of Mary(JE)
5:00 pm Filipino Mass (HC) &
Simbang Gabi Celebration (PCW)
6:30 pm Grupo de Oraci3n (LR/BR)

LITURGY SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE LITURGIA

1st Sunday of Advent / 1^{er} Domingo de Adviento
December 2/3, 2019

Masses/Celebrants:

Sat., 5:00 pm	(CH)	Fr. Tony Krisak
Sun., 7:30 am	(HC)	Fr. Agustin Mateo
Sun., 9:00 am	(CH)	Fr. Oscar Astigarraga
Sun., 10:00 am	(CH)	Fr. Antonio Koffi
Sun., 11:00 am	(CH)	Fr. Agustin Mateo
Sun., 1:00 pm	(CH)	Fr. Oscar Astigarraga (Espa3ol)

Scriptures (Year A):

Is 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44

Bread Bakers: Group 6 **Liturgical Ministers:** Team A

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

+ *Deceased* * *Living*

Mon., 11/25	8:30 am	+	Ernesto San Miguel
Tue., 11/26	8:30 am	+	Lydia Camomot
Wed., 11/27	8:30 am	+	John Gilbert Abenina
Thur., 11/28	10:00 am	*	Cesar Hernan Martinez & Family
Fri., 11/29	8:30 am	+	Pilar Ong
Sat., 11/30	5:00 pm	+	Leonila Lo
Sun., 12/1	7:30 am	+	Lucille King
Sun., 12/1	9:00 am	*	Tom Schneider
Sun., 12/1	11:00 am	+	Marie Acuna
Sun., 12/1	1:00 pm	+	Tomas Pagan Valentin

CONGRATULATIONS / FELICIDADES

Baptism / Bautismo: Cathal Anthony Conboye, Benjam3n Hern3ndez D3az, Oliver Hern3ndez D3az, Andrea Alejandra Romero, Juana Jasmin S3nchez, Ximena Rosibel S3nchez



PLEASE PRAY FOR... / POR FAVOR RECE POR...

THE SICK / LOS ENFERMOS

Thelma Abad, Cynthia Alexander, Paola Barbaro, Krista Bologna, Clint Botkin, Ximena Bravo, Mary Bruce, Bralio Calihua, Humberto Da Silva, Mary Ann Deak, Donna Ely, Theodore Flad, John Fletemeyer, Karen Hammann, Ed Heinhold, Josette Heuschling, Rev. Richard Hite, Barbara Homon, Ken Homon, Reakha Janus, David Jaramillo, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, Jimmy Long, Delia Lozada, Edwin Malonzo, Kevin Markwordt, C3sar Hernan Martinez, Josie Mattero, Dora Mayorca, Alejandro Medina Guillen, Angela Mejia Guerra, Tina Mezgebu, Maria Jose Moreno, Rosa Maria Motta M3ndez, Marcelo Orellana, Paulina Orellana, William Orellana, Axel Palma, Geovanny Palma, Irene Plaza, Joseph R., Susan Raedeke, Tess Rohan, Irene Rovaina, Harold Salmon Jr., Harold Salmon Sr., Patricia Sattalo, Emily Jane Shombie-Karoma, Yasmine Tashman, Jacquy Toasa, Monica Toro, Susana Torrico, Juan Vicente, Barbara Wiley, Amy Williams, Linda Winter.

THE DECEASED / LOS DIFUNTOS

Catalino Cabe Jr., brother of Mary Anne Fletemeyer & George Cabe; Edgar Eduardo Diaz, brother-in-law of Oscar & Pilar Giraldo; Dr. Fred Gill; Lidya Zeballos, mother of Rose Angel.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION / REFLEXION DE LAS ESCRITURAS

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and we dedicate it to Jesus in a special way. It is the solemnity of Christ the King. This solemnity is a relative newcomer in the Church's calendar. Pope Pius XI added it to the calendar in 1925. Pope Paul VI gave the official title as Our Jesus Christ, King of the Universe in 1969.

Pope Pius XI intended this feast to be an antidote to the poison of secularism, which was spreading at that time. Some countries were struggling against the anti-Catholic ideas of communism and fascism. Some other affluent democratic countries were simply losing interest in religion and giving over their lives to the pursuit of pleasure. Yet, Pius remained hopeful, writing that "when once men recognize, both in private and public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well ordered discipline, peace and harmony." The challenges that Pius XI faced in society at that time are not different from the challenges our society faces today. Secularism, loss of interest in God, the greedy pursuit of money and pleasure are main priorities for some people today. At the end of this liturgical year, we can reflect on our lives and see the priorities that occupy most of our efforts and time in our daily lives. For some people, secularism grows even stronger today because of our attachment to a world of media, internet, and smartphones. These distractions sometimes occupy time and effort that we could spend in spiritual growth. It is necessary to celebrate this feast of Christ the King to place Christ crucified at the center of our lives. He died for our sins and weaknesses so that we may be freed from the poison of sin and spiritual death. Only in this way, we may attain the true freedom of the children of God to feed our spirit, soul, and body with the true wealth and wisdom that comes from our mother the Church.

Let us long to live in the kingdom of our heavenly Father, as the repentant thief desired at the side of Jesus: "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Every time we pray the Our Father, we ask God "thy kingdom come." These are two instances that remind us that our kingdom is heavenly rather than the kingdom of this world with its secular ideals of society, namely, money and pleasures. Jesus reigns over the world by climbing the cross and giving himself up for our sins. All those who welcome Jesus as their King of the Universe may also accept the daily sufferings in serving the poor and those who do not know Christ. In this way, we can give witness of our faith even to the point of death. This is how we may also reign over our sins and death together with Christ.

Hoy es el último domingo del año litúrgico y se lo dedicamos a Jesús de una manera especial. Es la solemnidad de Cristo Rey del Universo. Esta solemnidad es relativamente reciente en el calendario de la Iglesia. El Papa Pío XI lo agregó al calendario en 1925. El Papa Pablo VI le dio el título oficial de Nuestro Jesucristo, Rey del Universo en 1969.

El Papa Pío XI pretendía que esta fiesta fuera un antídoto contra el veneno del secularismo, que se estaba extendiendo en ese momento. Algunos países estaban luchando contra las ideas anticatólicas del comunismo y el fascismo. Otros países democráticos más desarrollados simplemente estaban perdiendo interés en la religión y entregando sus culturas a la búsqueda del dinero, placer y confort. Sin embargo, Pío mantuvo la esperanza de escribir "una vez que los hombres reconozcan, tanto en la vida privada como en la pública, que Cristo es el Rey, la sociedad finalmente recibirá las grandes bendiciones de la libertad auténtica, la disciplina bien ordenada, la paz y la armonía". Los desafíos que enfrentó Pío XI en la sociedad en ese momento no son diferentes de los desafíos que enfrenta nuestra sociedad hoy en día. El secularismo, la pérdida de interés en Dios, la búsqueda codiciosa del dinero y placer son las principales prioridades para algunas personas hoy en día. Al final de este año litúrgico, podemos reflexionar sobre nuestras vidas y ver las prioridades que ocupan la mayoría de nuestros esfuerzos y tiempo en nuestra vida diaria. Para algunas personas, el secularismo se fortalece aún más hoy debido a nuestro apego a un mundo de medios, internet y teléfonos inteligentes. Estas distracciones ocupan a veces el tiempo y el esfuerzo que podríamos dedicar al crecimiento espiritual. Es necesario celebrar esta fiesta de Cristo Rey para colocar a Cristo crucificado en el centro de nuestras vidas. Él murió por nuestros pecados y debilidades para que podamos ser liberados del veneno del pecado y la muerte espiritual. Solo de esta manera, podremos alcanzar la verdadera libertad de los hijos de Dios para alimentar nuestro espíritu, alma y cuerpo con la verdadera riqueza y sabiduría que proviene de nuestra madre, la Iglesia.

Anhelemos vivir en el reino de nuestro Padre celestial como lo hizo el ladrón arrepentido al lado de Jesús: "Señor, recuérdame cuando estés en tu reino." Cada vez que rezamos el Padre Nuestro, le pedimos a Dios "venga a nosotros tu reino." Estas son dos instancias que nos recuerdan que nuestro reino es celestial y no el reino de este mundo con sus ideales seculares de la sociedad, como el dinero y los placeres. Jesús reina sobre el mundo al subir a la cruz y se entrega por nuestros pecados. Todos aquellos que le dan la bienvenida a Jesús como su Rey del universo también pueden aceptar los sufrimientos diarios al servir a los pobres y a los que no conocen a Cristo. De esta manera, podemos dar testimonio de nuestra fe hasta el punto de la muerte. Así es como también nosotros podemos reinar sobre nuestros pecados y la muerte junto con Cristo.



WORSHIP / ADORACION



LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent begins on Sun., Dec. 1. You and your household are invited to light the Advent Wreath before a weekend Mass during Advent. SIGN UP: <https://tinyurl.com/ADVWR2019>

LA ILUMINACIÓN DE LA CORONA DE ADVIENTO

Usted y su familia están invitados a encender las velas de la corona de Adviento antes de la Misa durante el Adviento. ANOTESE: <https://tinyurl.com/ADVWR2019>

TEACHING MASS - WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Sat., Dec. 7, 5:00pm, Church. Join us for this special "Teaching Mass", which offers an explanation of what we do and why we do it. During our Vigil Mass, Fr. Matt Carnes will explain the liturgical actions.

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Wed., Dec. 4, 7:00-7:30pm, Historic Chapel. Join our lay Carmelites for Taizé prayer, a simple service of scripture, singing, prayers, and silence. Come rest in the quiet beauty during this simple form of contemplative prayer. INFO: Beth Fisher, ljfisher57@gmail.com

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thurs., Nov. 28, 10:00am, Church. Join us for Mass and give thanks for God's many blessings. Liturgical Ministers are needed. Please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/Thank2019>.

BILINGUAL ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tues., Dec. 3, 6:30pm, Church. Priests will be available to hear confessions in English and Spanish.

RITO PENITENCIAL DE ADVIENTO (BILINGUE)

Miercoles, 3 de diciembre, 6:30pm, en la iglesia.

ADVENT TIME OF REFLECTION

Need a break from the Christmas busyness? Come spend some time in Advent prayer and reflection. Offered twice on Tues., Dec. 10, 9:30-10:30am or 7:00-8:00pm, in the Byron Room. INFO: Christine Jeffrey, cjeffrey@strose.com

CHRISTMAS TABLEAU

In recent years, we have had a Christmas Tableau at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. In order for this to occur, we need your help.

We need some adults to help with one rehearsal and at the Mass. If you are interested, contact Christine Jeffrey at 240-454-5321 or cjeffrey@strose.com.



LITTLE BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT

This little publication has daily reflections for the season of Advent. They are available in the Church Foyer. FREE.

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE LITURGICAL YEAR

Mon., Dec. 16, 6:30-8:00pm, Woodlands. Join us as we journey through the liturgical year and talk about Mary, Saints, Sacraments and sacramentals. This special and interesting session is a favorite for those who have attended! INFO: Christine Jeffrey, cjeffrey@strose.com

ADVENT DAY RETREAT

Sat., Dec. 7, 9:00am-2:15pm, Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg. This event begins with Morning Prayer (9:00am) and Mass (9:30am). Carmelite Friar Father Salvatore Scirba, OCD, will give two talks. *Conversion*: Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. The Church teaches a Second Conversion, one of penance and renewal. *Carmelite Models of Prayer*: St. Teresa of Avila and St. Therese of Lisieux. The event includes fellowship, time for personal reflection, and a special Christmas presentation. Bring your own lunch. Hot and cold beverages provided. COST: \$5 (pay at the door). Bring your family and friends! After the retreat, visit the beautiful Basilica and the pilgrim sites. INFO: Ken Vaughan, ken@vaughanventures.com or 301-443-5112

INCLEMENT WEATHER & EMERGENCY CLOSING POLICIES

- **Weekend Masses, Religious Education & Family Formation:** Cancellation notices will be posted on our website as early as possible.
- **Weekday Masses:** If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) open late or are closed, there is no 8:30am Mass.
- **Weekday Religious Education & Family Formation:** If MCPS close early or cancel all evening activities, Religious Education & Family Formation are cancelled. Updates and cancellations will be sent out via Flocknote (English classes).
- **Thursday Adoration & Confessions:** If MCPS open late, Adoration will be held 1:00-9:00pm. If MCPS close early, Adoration and Confessions are cancelled.
- **Parish Offices:** If MCPS Administrative Offices open late, we open as close to 9:00am as possible. If MCPS Administrative Offices are closed, Parish Offices are closed.
- **Cancellation Notices:** Visit the parish website at www.strose-parish.org.

COMMUNITY / COMUNIDAD

GET READY FOR THE BOOK NOOK SALE!

Start setting aside your donations of books, CDs, DVDs and other media! There are collection dates in late November and late December. Many volunteers are needed to help with this fabulous event! Volunteer sign-up dates will be published later.

BOOK DROP OFF:

Nov. 29 (9:00am-12:00pm)

Nov. 30 (2:00-5:00pm)

Garage in the Back Parking Lot



Dec. 28 (9:00am-3:00pm)

Dec. 29 (8:00am-2:00pm)

Dec. 30 (9:00am-3:00pm)

Dec. 31 (9:00am-3:00pm)

Woodlands Room

BOOK NOOK SALE:

Jan. 2 & 3 (9:00am-9:00pm)

Jan. 4 (9:00am-8:00pm)

Woodlands Room

St. Rose of Lima 2019 Christmas Tree Lot & Shoppe

NOV. 29th - DEC. 15th

WEEKENDS - 9:00AM-8:00PM

WEEKDAYS - 4:00-8:00PM

Deck the halls with lovely and fragrant wreaths, garlands, and a beautiful tree! Find unique gifts, ornaments, and decorations in the Shoppe!



CHILDREN'S SHOPPE:

DEC. 6, 5:00-8:00PM

DEC. 7, 9:00AM-3:00PM

PICK UP POINSETTIAS:

NOV. 30 & DEC. 1

9:00AM-8:00PM

WREATH DECORATING:

NOV. 29 & 30, DEC. 1, 7 & 8

9:00AM-3:00PM

VOLUNTEER!

Lots of help is needed! Many shifts are available. Come share your holiday cheer with others in the Tree Lot or Shoppe! Food for our volunteers is also appreciated: hearty soups or stews, casseroles, baked goods, etc.!

INFO: christmas@strose.com or

[Mike Lynch, Michael.e.lynn@gmail.com](mailto:Mike.Lynch,Michael.e.lynn@gmail.com)

RETRouvaille - HELP FOR HURTING MARRIAGES

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a Catholic program designed to help couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program (beginning with a weekend on January 24-26), visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call 443-400-7017, or send an email to 3015@retrouvaille.org.

O.W.L.S. POTLUCK CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tues., Dec. 10, 12:00pm, Duggan Room. Join the Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors for a potluck luncheon and to sing Christmas songs around the piano. Bring your Christmas spirit, best voice and a dish to share. Newcomers and friends are welcome! RSVP: Linda LeBlanc, 301-963-1269 or stroseowls@gmail.com

EDUCATION / EDUCACION



ADULT FAITH MENTORS NEEDED

You may be aware of the amazing Teen Faith Mentors in our Adaptive Religious Education program who dedicate their time to faithfully mentoring students with special needs in their spiritual journey. Recently St. Rose started an adult small faith group that is geared towards adults that would benefit from the same small group teaching methods. It has been a huge success and we are in need of more adult faith mentors for these young adults who have various developmental differences. The group meets once a month after the 11:00am Mass. If you are interested in becoming an adult faith mentor for our Adult Adaptive Small Faith Group, please contact Sherry Moitoza at smoitoza@strose.com.

JUSTFAITH — LENTEN STUDY ON FOOD INSECURITY

Hunger for Change will explore the realities of food insecurity here in the United States and abroad. This study consists of eight 2 1/2 hour sessions that include prayer, dialogue, active listening and relationship building. It will be offered on Thursdays, February 6 - April 2, 2020. Some sessions may include video and/or guest speakers as well as an immersion experience. Participants will deepen their understanding through in-depth reading and viewing videos and online materials. The most essential resource is the community formed through the process. The recommended size for a group is between 8-15 participants, so space is limited. Interested? Contact Sherry Moitoza ASAP at smoitoza@strose.com. Sign up through St. Rose, NOT via the JustFaith website. For program information, visit www.justfaith.org.

SERVICE / SERVICIO

DID YOU MISS THE EDIBLE TREATS AT THE FAIR TRADE SALE?

It's not too late to get some special goodies! Stop by the Woodlands Room on Sun., Dec. 8 during Hospitality after the 9:00 and 11:00am Masses to purchase these tasty treats while they last! Payment via cash or check only.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS FOR THE POOR

If you are interested in shopping for and delivering a Thanksgiving food basket for a poor family Gaithersburg, please see the website for information and to sign up.

HATS, GLOVES & SCARVES COLLECTION

We have a tradition of helping our Gaithersburg friends in need during the holiday season. This year the Outreach Committee is accepting donations of NEW gloves, hats and scarves for children up to age 18. Donation bins will be in the Gathering Space from now through mid-December. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

THE GIFTING TREE

Bring holiday cheer to our neighbors in need! Special holiday wish tags will be hanging on the Gifting Trees (to be located in the Church Foyer, Church Lower Level, and Parish Centre Foyer). Take a gift tag or two from the tree, purchase the requested item, and return it (with tag affixed) under the Gifting Tree by Sun., Dec. 15.

ATTENTION FEDERAL EMPLOYEES!

Members of the Federal community can support Catholic organizations which address social justice and charitable works issues through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)! Employees of the Federal government, active duty military, United States Postal Service, Federal government retirees, and Federal government contractors are all able to give through the CFC program. To learn more or to find a charity that matches your concerns, visit <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/offerings>.

SHARE CHRISTMAS JOY WITH LOCAL

REFUGEE AND ASYLUM-SEEKING FAMILIES

Again this year, Pax Christi members are pleased to be working with refugee and asylum-seeking families from Cameroon and Ethiopia. You are invited to get involved through this year's Gifting Tree. There is also always a need for cash donations to help with rent and other expenses. Pax Christi is part of a network of Church communities supporting refugees and shares an off-site accountant. Checks should be made payable to "Dayspring Church" (please write "SRL Pax Christi" on the memo line). Send to Diana Domingues, 792 Quince Orchard Blvd. T-2, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. INFO: Bob Cooke, cookerh1251@gmail.com or 301-661-6670

STEWARDSHIP / CORRESPONSABILIDAD

TREASURE COMMITMENTS

received as of November 19, 2019

OFFERTORY

Registered Households: 1,867

Pledge Responses Received: 245*

Total \$ Pledged: \$515,564

FY 2019-2020 Goal: \$1,484,259

DEBT REDUCTION

Pledge Responses Received: 61

Total \$ Pledged: \$56,060

FY 2019-2020 Goal: \$133,640

**This is about 13% of our registered households.*

If you haven't yet returned your pledge, it's not too late!

THANK YOU! / ¡GRACIAS!

TREASURE / TESORO Nov. 9 - 15, 2019

Your Gifts to the Lord

Offertory.....	\$19,520
Direct Debit Offertory	\$26,727
Mortgage Reduction	\$2,240
Capital Campaign	\$82
Direct Debit Capital Campaign	\$625
Gift Certificate Profit	\$109

Our Weekly Tithe

Parish Poor Box.....	\$2,312
Gaithersburg HELP	\$500
Germantown HELP	\$250

Financial Fact

Our Food Certificate program sells Giant, Shopper's Food Warehouse, and Whole Foods Market certificates. The buyer then redeems them at the store for face value, at no additional cost. The parish earns a rebate for each certificate sold - 5% for Giant and Shopper's, 3% for Whole Foods. In FY 2018-19, the rebates amounted to \$7,858. We appreciate all who participate! If you don't already do so, please consider starting now!

TIME & TALENT / TIEMPO Y TALENTO

Keysi Valencia

Keysi has served faithfully on our staff for two years as an Administrative Assistant. She will soon be leaving to work for a Catholic school in Hagerstown. We are grateful for her service, and bid her a fond farewell. May God bless her in her new endeavor!