



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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HOLY FATHER
SANTO PADRE

“

O JESUS, I JOIN YOU
IN SPIRIT AS YOU FAST
IN THE WILDERNESS
FOR FORTY DAYS ...
MAY I LEARN SOMETHING
FROM YOU AT THIS TIME.

OH JESÚS, ME UNO A TI
EN ESPÍRITU MIENTRAS
AYUNAS EN EL DESIERTO
DURANTE CUARENTA DÍAS...
QUE PUEDA APRENDER
ALGO DE TI EN ESTE
MOMENTO.

”

- ST. JOHN XXIII
- SAN JUAN XXIII



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, united with our Bishop, is dedicated to revealing the love of Christ to our parish and beyond. Strengthened by the Word, Sacraments, and vibrant worship, we strive to be a shining light throughout our community and supportive of all on their spiritual journey. As a Parish of diverse backgrounds, we vow that our faith in action and ministries will be fruitful and welcoming to all.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 19, 2023

- Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
- Monday:** Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20 6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



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**Love
with
God's
Love**

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: **“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate? How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. “What is unusual about that?” asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him. When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, while they were doing it. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

— Father John Muir



CLERGY

FR. JAMES MCLAUGHLIN, PASTOR - FR. DOMINIC VU, PAROCHIAL VICAR
DEACON JAIME ROSAS



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Hardness of Holiness

Want to know the words I find hardest to say?
“Lord, give me the strength.”

The world tells us to push ourselves outside of our comfort zone if we’re training for a marathon or applying for a job — but if we’re talking about God, everything is supposed to be easy. If it comes “naturally” or without struggle it’s supposed to be right.

Only God is perfect, the world tells us. What’s the use of trying so hard?

I’m really good at finding excuses for myself, especially when it comes to holiness. Holiness, often (not always, but often), is about choosing the hard, but right, thing. The invitation to holiness is whispered in the hardest moments of my day when I am the most hopelessly human. After the kids’ bedtime, when I really just want to watch Dateline and eat too much ice cream instead of saying the Rosary. When I’ve committed to helping someone, but it suddenly becomes incredibly inconvenient. When I see a social media post that’s just begging for a snarky reply. When the conversation becomes gossip and I’m dying to make myself feel superior to someone.

The reason it’s so difficult for me to mutter these five simple words is because I know that if I say them and I mean them, they form a prayer that God will always answer in the affirmative. He will give me the strength I ask for, and then I will have no excuse.

It’s not unlike my kids claiming they’re too tired to clean up the playroom. If they would just ask me for help, it would all be so doable. But where would that leave them?

With a job to do, that’s where.

“Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.”
— Leviticus 19:2

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: “You shall not bear false witness.”

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing “false witness” means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word “gossip” isn’t used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words “detraction” and “calumny,” which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing “another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them,” without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it “harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements” (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: “No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it” (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person’s good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Schedule of Masses with Intentions

The 2023 Mass Intentions Book is now available to schedule your intentions. Due to the large number of applications, only 5 per year are allowed. For more information, contact the parish office.

*Symbolizes Special Intentions offered at Masses
† Symbolizes Mass for the Dead

Saturday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

February 18th

Readings: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11;
Mk 9:2-13

4:30 PM (English) - † Joseph and Anna Florek

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19th

Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

7:30 AM (English) - † Olga Skinner

9:00 AM (English) - Parish Community*

10:30 AM (English) - † Darlene Roesch

12:00 PM (Spanish) - † Eduardo Garcia Ayala

4:30 PM (English) - † Alene Gadomski

7:00 PM (Vietnamese)

Monday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

February 20th

Readings: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd, 2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

8:00 AM (English) - † George Mildenberger and Family*
Christina Hernandez*

Tuesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

February 21st

Readings: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40;
Mk 9:30-37

8:00 AM (English) - † James Kelly

Ash Wednesday

February 22nd

Readings: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17;
2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:00 AM (English) - Sophia Magaro*

10:00 AM (English) - Jazmin Gonzalez*

12:00 PM (English) - † Enrique Hernandez Ramirez

5:00 PM (English) - † Chuck Heyers

6:30 PM (Spanish) - Parish Community*

8:00 PM (Vietnamese)

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

February 23rd

Readings: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
Lk 9:22-25

8:00 AM (English) - † Priest Intention

Friday after Ash Wednesday

February 24th

Readings: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19;
Mt 9:14-15

8:00 AM (English) - † Paul and Terry Marselle*



The Pope's Monthly Intentions: February

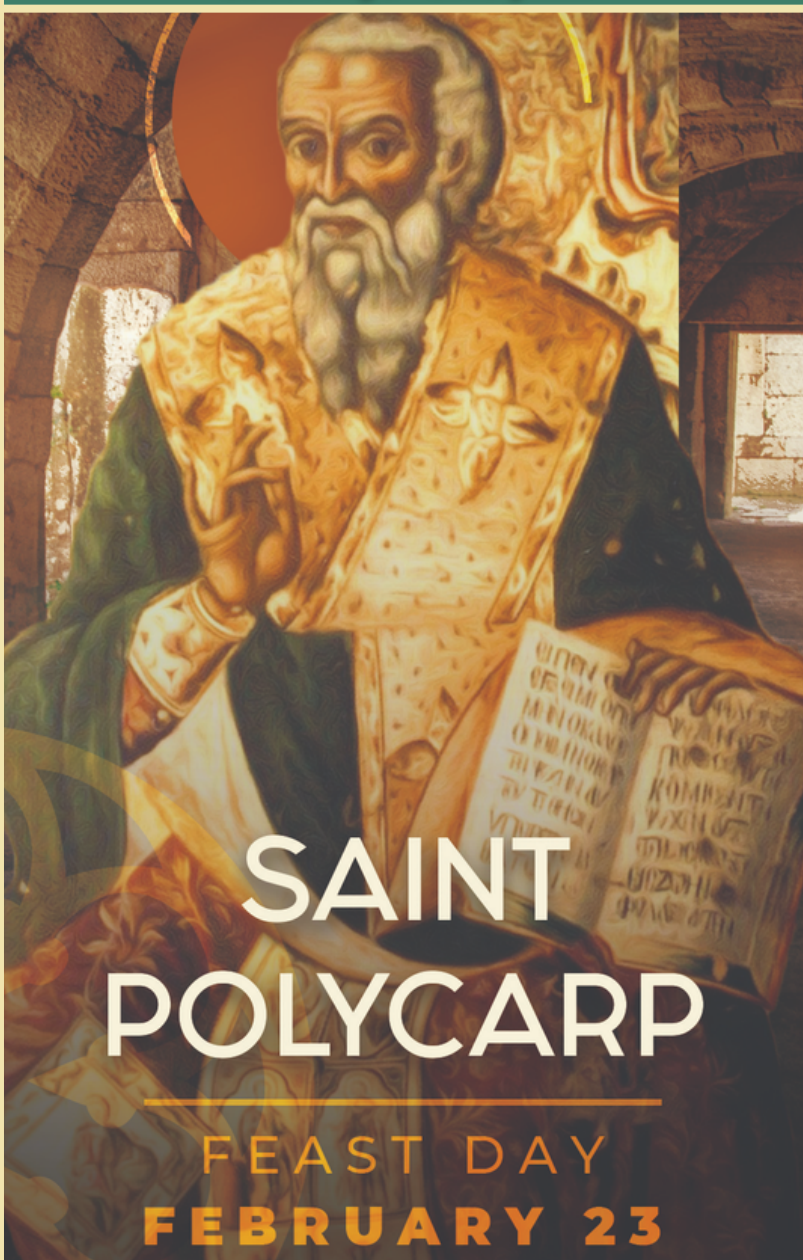
For parishes
We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Confessions

First Fridays - 8:30 a.m.

Wednesdays - 8:30 a.m.

Saturdays - 3:15 p.m.



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FEAST DAY
FEBRUARY 23



Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023

8:00 A.M. - English

10:00 A.M. - English

12:00 P.M. - English

5:00 P.M. - English

6:30 P.M. - Spanish

8:00 P.M. - Vietnamese





LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



Stations of the Cross
Friday February 24th
6:00 PM

Knights of 
Columbus



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting
a Pancake Breakfast on February 26th
for a donation of
7\$ per person or 16\$ per family
after the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM Masses

Parish Support

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Parish Collection Contributions

February 11th & 12th, 2023

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	\$7,580.00
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	\$2,487.00
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	\$5,640.00
Sunday 10:30 a.m.	\$3,083.00
Sunday 12:00 p.m. noon	\$2,484.00
Sunday 4:30 p.m.	\$ 821.00
Sunday 7:00 p.m.	\$1,451.00

\$23,546.00

Mail-In contributions \$2,840.00

Total for Masses and Mail In \$26,386.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity
in supporting the needs of our parish.*



Be the
**LIGHT of
HOPE**

Sé la luz en la esperanza

2023 DDF Annual Appeal Progress

Diocese Goal: \$131,600.00

Pledges Made: \$4,298.00

Gifts Received: \$3,124.37

Donors: 14

Percent of Goal: 2.37 %

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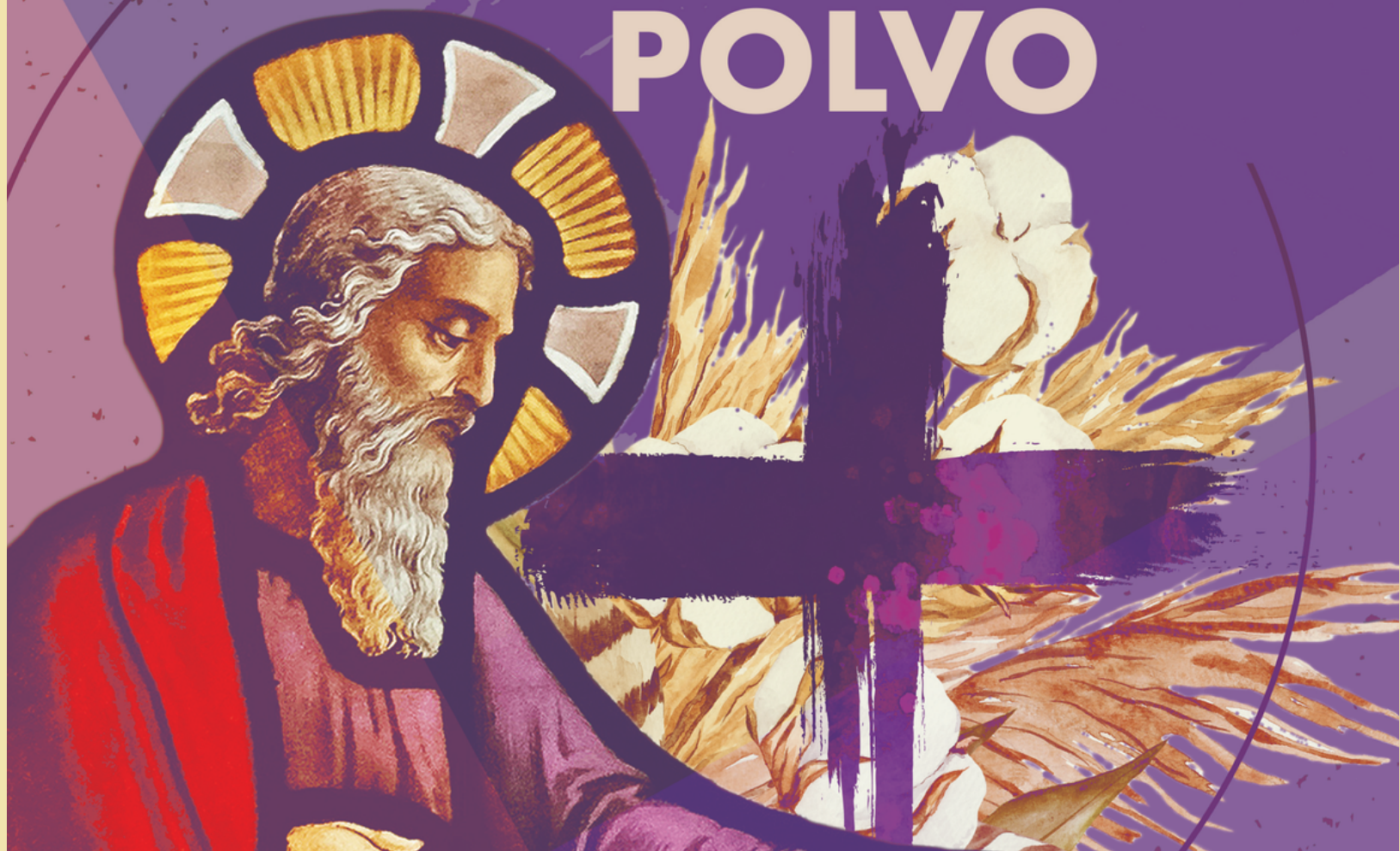
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or call the parish office. **760-564-1255**



VII domingo ordinario

MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

RECUERDA
QUE ERES
POLVO



Horario de Misas con Intenciones

El Libro de Intenciones de Misa 2023 ya está disponible para programar sus intenciones. Debido a la gran cantidad de solicitudes, solo se permiten 5 por año. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

*Simboliza Intenciones Especiales ofrecidas en Misas

† Simboliza Misa por Difuntos

sábado de la VI semana del tiempo ordinario

18 de febrero

Lecturas: Heb 11, 1-7; Salmo 144, 2-3. 4-5. 10-11; Mc 9, 2-13

4:30 PM (Ingles) - † Joseph y Anna Florek

VII Domingo Ordinario

19 de febrero

Lecturas: Lv 19, 1-2. 17-18; Salmo 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10. 12-13; 1 Co 3, 16-23; Mt 5, 38-48

7:30 AM (Ingles) - † Olga Skinner

9:00 AM (Ingles) - Comunidad Parrquial*

10:30 AM (Ingles) - † Darlene Roesch

12:00 PM (Español) - † Eduardo Garcia Ayala

4:30 PM (Ingles) - † Arlene Gadomski

7:00 PM (Vietnamita)

lunes de la VII semana del tiempo ordinario

20 de febrero

Lecturas: Sir 1, 1-10; Salmo 92, 1ab. 1c-2. 5; Mc 9, 14-29

8:00 AM (Ingles) - † George Mildenberger y familia*
Christina Hernandez*

memoria de San Pedro Damián, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Lecturas: 2 Tm 4, 1-5; Del Salmo 15; Jn 15, 1-8

21 de febrero

8:00 AM (Ingles) - † James Kelly

miércoles de ceniza

22 de febrero

Lecturas: Jl 2, 12-18; Salmo 50, 3-4. 5-6a. 12-13. 14 y 17; 2 Cor 5, 20-6, 2; Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18

8:00 AM (Ingles) - Sophia Magaro*

10:00 AM (Ingles) - Jazmin Gonzalez*

12:00 PM (Ingles) - † Enrique Hernandez Ramirez

5:00 PM (Ingles) - † Chuck Heyers

6:30 PM (Español) - Comunidad Parroquial*

8:00 PM (Vietnamita)

jueves después de ceniza

23 de febrero

Lecturas: Dt 30, 15-20; Salmo 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6; Lc 9, 22-25

8:00 AM (Ingles) - Intenciones del Sacerdote*

viernes después de ceniza

24 de febrero

Lecturas: Is 58, 1-9; Salmo 50, 3-4. 5-6a. 18-19; Mt 9, 14-15

8:00 AM (Ingles) - † Paul y Terry Marselle*



Intenciones Mensuales del Papa: Febrero

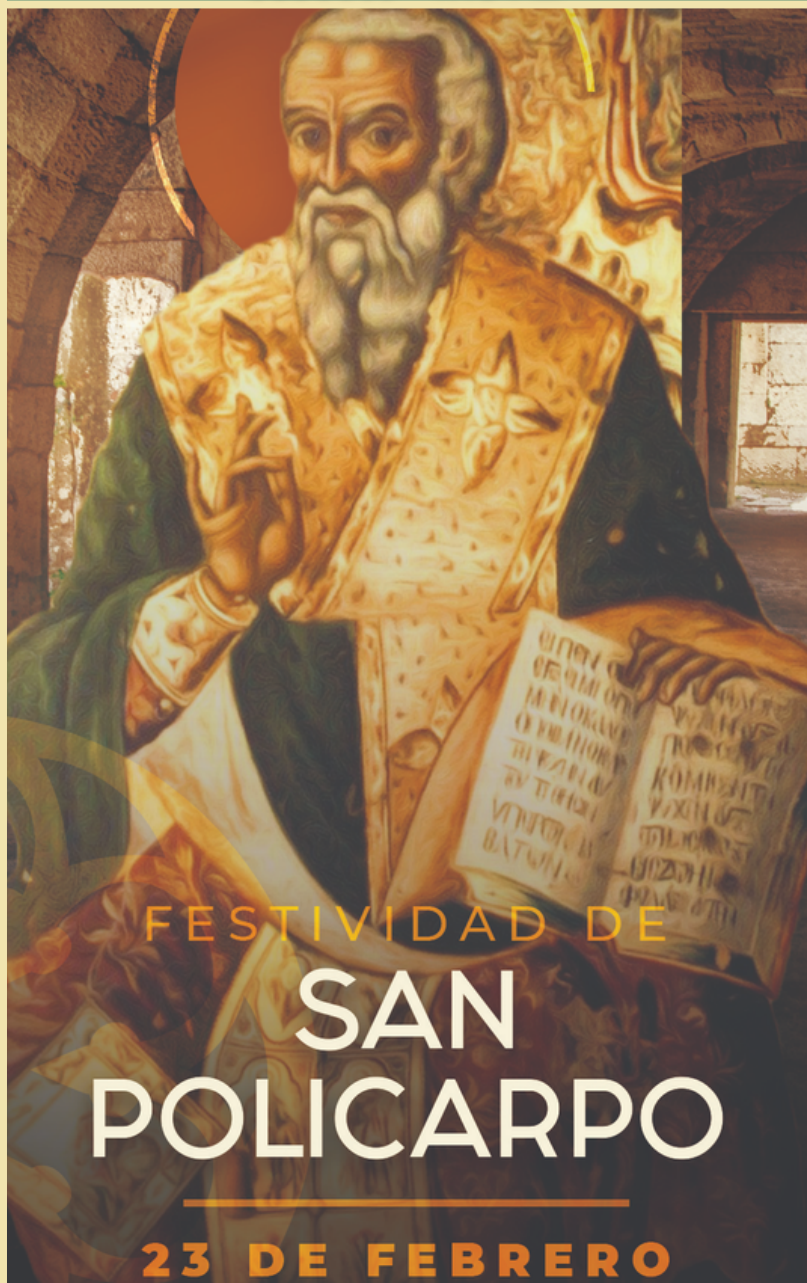
Por las parroquias
Oramos para que las parroquias, poniendo la comunión en el centro, se conviertan cada vez más en comunidades de fe, fraternidad y acogida hacia los más necesitados.

Confesiones

Primeros Viernes - 8:30 AM

Miércoles - 8:30 AM

Sábados - 4:15 PM



FESTIVIDAD DE
**SAN
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23 DE FEBRERO

Parish Directory

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Office Hours

Monday- Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Closed for Lunch: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

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Coordinator	

Pastoral Care

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Communion to -	Margaret Delgado
Sick	
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Quinceañeras -	Margaret Delgado
Marriage Preperation -	Esmeralda Parra
Outreach to the Poor -	Margaret Delgado
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Catechesis

Catechesis (K-8) -
Confirmation -
Rite of Christian -
Initiation
Parent Formation -
Youth Ministry -

Council and Committees

Capital Campaign -	Bill Poland
Building Committee -	Bill Poland
Finance Council -	Bill Poland

Liturgy

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Music Vietnamese -	Jade Nguyễn
Mass Translator -	Dolores Machichi
Ushers and Hopsitality -	Mario Estrada
Hospitalidad -	Francisco Lopez
Ushers Vietnamese -	Công Nguyễn

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Bible Study -	Wayne Rice

Organizations

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