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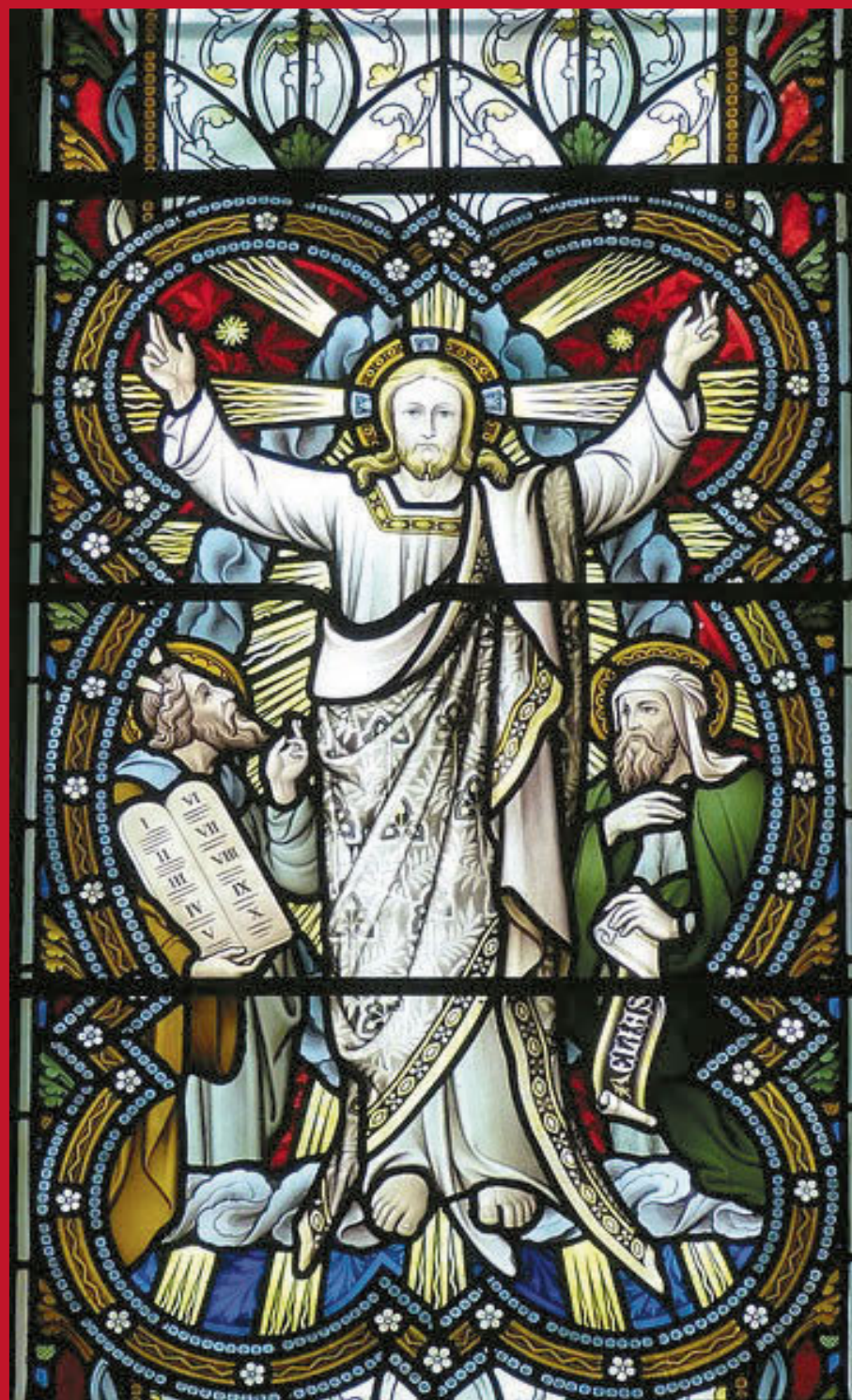
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## FROM FR. CHUCK

Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**, celebrated every year on August 6. It is nice when that lands on a Sunday so that we can celebrate it with more of the faithful gathered. This feast stems back to the 5<sup>th</sup> century in the East Syrian Church and was brought into the universal Church by Pope Callistus III, on August 6, 1457. It was on that date that the defeat of the Turks was announced, and it marks 40 days prior to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14). You might recall that we hear this same gospel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent. We tell the story of the Transfiguration on that Sunday, near the beginning of Lent, likely because of an ancient tradition which held that the transfiguration of Jesus happened 40 days before his crucifixion, Good Friday. The awe-struck disciples in this magnificent story remind us that we all are to stand in awe before the Lord our God, who commands us to listen to his Son, Jesus. Jesus' face "shown like the sun," revealing his divine nature and he appeared with Moses and Elijah, symbolic of the law and the prophets, which Jesus both embraced and brought to fulfillment.

There is a sad irony that the liturgical Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, connected to the end of a battle in 1457, is on the same day, August 6, when the horrific atom bomb would be dropped on Hiroshima almost five centuries later. Along with the second bomb on Nagasaki three days later, it was purportedly to end a battle, but it took hundreds of thousands of lives. Let us remember in prayer all those terrorized by war and violence in their homeland or in their homes. When God tells us in the gospel to listen to his Son, we must stand up and take notice of Jesus' call to be peacemakers.

I'm happy to include later in this bulletin a letter from Bishop Mueggenborg sent to me to be shared with all of you congratulating our parish on surpassing our Catholic Services Appeal goal. I'm very proud of our small, but mighty parish, and the contribution that we make, as the Cathedral, to the support of the ministries of the diocese. *THANK YOU* to all who are making that happen! If you have not yet made your CSA pledge, please contact Mary Ann at the parish office and she will be happy to help you.

Also in this bulletin is our fiscal year-end report and 2023-24 budget. Do take a few minutes to review it. As you will see, we ended our fiscal year (June 30) very strong. We've been able to cover all our regular expenses, including the purchase of the church boiler, help those who have come to us in need, pay down our debt, and save funds toward that debt and future needs. We're blessed by the Lord and the generosity of so many parishioners, friends and visitors who help make all this possible. Again, a huge *THANK YOU* to all of you and to our guests from week to week. I am edified by all you do.

**BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME!**

## DEL PADRE CHUCK

Hoy celebramos la **Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor**, celebrada cada año el 6 de agosto. Es una bendición cuando cae en domingo para celebrarlo con más fieles. Esta fiesta se remonta al siglo V en la Iglesia de Siria Oriental y fue traída a la Iglesia universal por el Papa Calixto III, el 6 de agosto de 1457. Misma fecha en la que se anunció la derrota de los turcos, y marca 40 días antes de la Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Cruz (14 de septiembre). Escuchamos la historia de la Transfiguración el 2º domingo de Cuaresma, quizás debido a la antigua tradición que sostiene que la Transfiguración de Jesús ocurrió 40 días antes de su crucifixión, (Viernes Santo). El asombro de los discípulos con esta magnífica historia nos recuerda que todos debemos estar asombrados ante el Señor nuestro Dios, quien nos llama a escuchar a su Hijo, Jesús. El rostro de Jesús "se mostró como el sol", revelando su naturaleza divina y apareció con Moisés y Elías, símbolo de la ley y los profetas, que Jesús abrazó y llevó a su cumplimiento.

Hay una triste ironía relacionada con la liturgia de la Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor y una batalla en el mismo día, 6 de agosto, cuando la horrible bomba atómica fue lanzada sobre Hiroshima casi cinco siglos después. Junto con la 2ª bomba en Nagasaki tres días después, supuestamente fue para poner fin a la batalla, cobrando cientos de miles de vidas. Recordemos pues en oración a todos los aterrorizados por la guerra y la violencia en su patria o en sus hogares. Cuando Dios nos dice en el evangelio que escuchemos a su Hijo, debemos tomar nota de este llamado de Jesús a ser pacificadores.

Me complace incluir en este boletín la carta del Obispo Mueggenborg felicitando a nuestra parroquia por superar la meta de la Campaña de Servicios Católicos. Estoy muy orgulloso de nuestra pequeña, pero poderosa parroquia y la contribución que hacemos, como Catedral, al apoyo de los ministerios de la diócesis. ¡GRACIAS a todos los que hacen que se logre! Si aún no ha hecho su promesa de CSA, comuníquese con Mary Ann en la oficina parroquial y ella con gusto le ayudará.

También más adelante en este boletín está nuestro reporte fiscal de fin de año y el presupuesto 2023-24. Tómese unos minutos para revisarlo. Terminamos el año fiscal (30 de junio) con números positivos. Logramos cubrir nuestros gastos regulares, incluida la compra del boiler de la iglesia, ayudar a algunos necesitados en nuestra comunidad, pagar parte de nuestra deuda y ahorrar fondos para la misma deuda y algunas necesidades futuras. Somos bendecidos por el Señor y la generosidad de tantos feligreses, contribuidores y visitantes que ayudan a hacer todo esto posible. Una vez más, un enorme **AGRADECIMIENTO** a todos. Estoy bendecido por todo lo que hacen.

**¡BENDICIONES PARA TODOS EN ESTA 18ª SEMANA DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO!**

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**August 2023**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

The special second collection taken up in August assists the African American, Native American, and Alaskan Native Catholic communities through the Commission for Catholic Missions. Everyone is encouraged to support the Catholic missions in the United States and to consider a donation to the Commission's efforts to serve minority communities.

Your support affects the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious women and men, and lay-leadership who labor throughout the United States as disciples of Jesus and witnesses to our common faith. Financial donations to the Commission for Catholic Missions provides funding for resources and personnel training to carry out the mission entrusted to the Church in places that would otherwise not experience excellent ministry.

A school in our own Diocese, Bishop Manogue Catholic High School, receives a grant from the Commission for Catholic Missions, which serves as tuition assistance for Native American and African American students who would otherwise be unable to afford Catholic education in our Diocese. Please consider a donation to assist Catholic racial minorities and their needs.

***With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain,***

***Yours in Christ,***

***Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg, Bishop of Reno***

***At the Cathedral, this second collection will be taken on the weekend of August 12/13.***



*Dear Father Chuck,*

I write to you today with sincere gratitude for the many ways you helped fund the mission of your parish and the Church of Northern Nevada. It is through the stewardship efforts of the priests and parishioners in the diocese that together, we are able to make a difference. I want to congratulate you and your parish for not only meeting but exceeding your Catholic Services Appeal 2023 goal!

I am touched by your response to this very important need. This year, when our seminarians are home for the summer, they will be sharing their time and talent in various assignments. Children in our faith formation programs and youth participating in retreats or special programs and youth ministry opportunities, all benefit from the catechetical assistance provided by the Offices of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry.

These are just a few of the ways that CSA-funded ministries help make a difference in the lives of thousands of people around the diocese.

I am proud to be your bishop! The enthusiastic response of so many parishioners is a wonderful testament to how we reach out to others. Your response gives me confidence that we will continue to be the branches (John 15:5).

Father Chuck, I would like to thank you all for your support and good work! Please feel free to share this letter with your parish community at all the Masses, as you deem appropriate.

Please continue the work of prayerful service in your parish and in the diocese. Thank you again for your generosity.

*With every best wish and assurance of prayers, I remain,*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg, Bishop of Reno*

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*Estimado Padre Chuck,*

Le escribo con sincera gratitud por las muchas maneras en las que usted ayuda a la misión de su parroquia y la Iglesia del Norte de Nevada. Es a través de los esfuerzos de corresponsabilidad de los sacerdotes y los feligreses de la diócesis que juntos podemos hacer la diferencia. ¡Quiero felicitarlo a usted y a sus feligreses por no solo lograr, sino superar su meta de la Campana de Servicios Católicos 2023!

Me siento conmovido por su respuesta a tan importante necesidad. Este año durante el verano, cuando nuestros seminaristas regresen a casa, ellos estarán compartiendo su tiempo y talentos en las diferentes tareas que se les sean asignadas. Los niños y niñas en nuestros programas de formación en la fe y los jóvenes que están participando en retiros o programas especiales y oportunidades del ministerio juvenil se benefician de la asistencia proporcionada por las Oficinas de Formación en la Fe y Ministerio para los Jóvenes.

Estas son solo algunas de las formas en que los ministerios financiados por CSA ayudan a marcar la diferencia en las vidas de miles de personas en la diócesis.

¡Estoy orgulloso de ser su obispo! La respuesta entusiasta de tantos feligreses es un testimonio maravilloso de cómo nos acercamos a los demás. Su respuesta me da confianza que seguiremos siendo las ramas (Juan 15:5).

¡Padre Chuck, por medio de la presente me gustaría agradecerles a todos por su apoyo y buen trabajo! Por favor, comparta esta carta con su comunidad parroquial en todas las Misas, según lo considere apropiado.

De nuevo gracias por tu generosidad, y les pido que continúen con devoción el buen trabajo de servicio en su parroquia y en la diócesis.

*Con todos los mejores deseos y mis oraciones, quedo,*

*Suyo en Cristo,*

*Excmo. Señor Obispo Daniel H. Mueggenborg, Obispo de Reno*

**St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral Annual Report 1 July 2022 -- 30 June 2023**

| <b>Income</b>                        | <b>Actual</b>    | <b>YTD<br/>Budget</b> | <b>Actual vs<br/>Budget</b> | <b>Budget<br/>2023-2024</b> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Offertory                            | 540,390          | 450,000               | 90,390                      | 482,000                     |
| Christmas & Easter                   | 22,663           | 27,005                | (4,342)                     | 24,000                      |
| Other Holy Days                      | 3,774            | 4,682                 | (908)                       | 4,776                       |
| Sacramentals                         | 13,210           | 13,629                | (419)                       | 13,900                      |
| Other Offerings                      | 29,120           | 15,885                | 13,235                      | 19,120                      |
| School Buildings and Other Rent      | 215,805          | 218,120               | (2,315)                     | 230,351                     |
| Dividends/Interest - General         | 53,909           | 4,007                 | 49,902                      | -                           |
| Dividends/Interest - Restricted*     | 94,314           | -                     | 94,314                      | 12,000                      |
| Bequests & Memorials                 | 300              | -                     | 300                         | -                           |
| Collections for Building Improvement | 75,999           | 26,000                | 49,999                      | 26,520                      |
| Collections for Long Term Debt**     | 34,771           | 30,000                | 4,771                       | 30,600                      |
| Charity                              | 17,826           | 10,404                | 7,422                       | 12,000                      |
| Parish functions                     | 912              | 500                   | 412                         | 510                         |
| CSA Rebates                          | 10,286           | -                     | 10,286                      | -                           |
| Youth & Religious Education          | 5,770            | 2,081                 | 3,689                       | 2,123                       |
| Gift Shop                            | 13,981           | 9,884                 | 4,097                       | 10,082                      |
| <b>Total Income</b>                  | <b>1,133,030</b> | <b>812,197</b>        | <b>320,833</b>              | <b>867,982</b>              |
| <b>Expenses</b>                      |                  |                       |                             |                             |
| Clergy                               | 121,572          | 132,275               | 10,703                      | 138,061                     |
| Church ***                           | 230,708          | 62,694                | (168,014)                   | 67,651                      |
| Parish Hall                          | 62,985           | 103,610               | 40,625                      | 110,533                     |
| Rectory                              | 10,041           | 24,555                | 14,514                      | 24,648                      |
| School                               | 12,789           | 16,000                | 3,211                       | 16,480                      |
| Office & Staff                       | 205,509          | 229,772               | 24,263                      | 261,696                     |
| Boards & Committees                  | -                | 1,040                 | 1,040                       | 1,071                       |
| Music                                | 39,648           | 48,761                | 9,113                       | 46,720                      |
| Liturgy                              | 6,597            | 18,793                | 12,196                      | 17,505                      |
| Youth & Religious Education          | 37,838           | 41,440                | 3,602                       | 42,717                      |
| RCIA                                 | 14,847           | 17,327                | 2,480                       | 17,750                      |
| Hospitality & Parish Functions       | 2,867            | 7,802                 | 4,935                       | 7,500                       |
| Gift Shop                            | 6,408            | 6,243                 | (165)                       | 6,430                       |
| Loans- Interest Payments             | 8,664            | 8,664                 | -                           | 9,000                       |
| Diocesan Assessment                  | 73,991           | 74,836                | 845                         | 80,457                      |
| High School Assessment               | 6,940            | 6,940                 | -                           | 6,940                       |
| Charity - General Funds              | 15,032           | 11,444                | (3,588)                     | 11,787                      |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                | <b>856,436</b>   | <b>812,196</b>        | <b>(44,240)</b>             | <b>866,946</b>              |
| <b>Income - Expenses</b>             | <b>276,594</b>   | <b>1</b>              | <b>276,593</b>              | <b>1,036</b>                |

**NOTES:** \*Gain on special invested funds restricted for the long-term debt balloon payment due in 2047.

Long-term invested account balance toward debt balloon payment **1,004,052**

Balance of long-term debt outstanding subject to balloon payment in 2047, Loan #2 **1,832,533**

Balance of long-term debt with monthly payments, Loan #1 **425,862**

\*\* Principal paid on outstanding loans **44,958**

\*\*\*\$187,273.50 for purchase of boiler

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023**

8:00 AM † SCOTT BROTHERS  
4:30 PM † EMILIA MORGAN

**SUNDAY, AUG. 6, 2023—TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

7:30 AM † BILL SESCOYEFF  
9:30 AM PEOPLE OF ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL  
11:30 AM † FAUSTO DONATO SEGURA CALDERON  
4:00 PM † AGRIPINO TELLEZ  
6:00 PM † JOSE INOCENTE MURGA &  
† ALICIA MERCEDES DE MURGA

**MONDAY, AUG. 7—ST. SIXTUS II AND COMPANIONS**

12:10 PM † JOHN C. ROCHA, JR

**TUESDAY, AUG. 8—SAINT DOMINIC**

7:00 AM ISABELLE DOON—BIRTHDAY  
12:10 PM † LINDA FLORES RAMOS

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9—ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS**

7:00 AM † GEORGE MCELROY  
6:30 PM † VERN BARNES

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10—ST. LAWRENCE**

7:00 AM † PATRICIA GLEN  
12:10 PM JOHN ZEPEDA—BIRTHDAY

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11—SAINT CLARE**

7:00 AM † ELIZABETH GRIFFAL

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12—**

8:00 AM MICHAEL FRANCIS  
4:30 PM † † LITA & BRIGIDA GONZALEZ

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR PRIESTS

When I was a child. I liked reading mystery books, I read most of the Hardy Boys books. I remember enjoying the *Mystery at Thunderbolt House* by Howard Pease. Another book that stands out in my memory during my teen years is *Death Be Not Proud* by John Gunther, a powerful true story about dying, death, love, and family.

My first teachers of the faith were my parents. They brought my brothers and me to church regularly. I also had the benefit of Catholic school, hence the Dominican Sisters, lay teachers, and priests were also an important part of my faith formation. At a very young age I started serving at Mass with my brothers and later became involved in the Cathedral choir of which I remained a part all through high school and college. Another ministry I liked was teaching religion for the children of the parish, mostly 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. During high school and college I worked in the parish office as a receptionist on week-day evenings and on Saturdays. It was during those days I started thinking about becoming a priest, though it was a long time after that before I went to seminary.

My favorite saints are Francis of Assisi and Oscar Romero. St. Francis lived a life of great simplicity, cared for the poor, the abandoned and for all of creation. St. Oscar Romero was Archbishop of San Salvador during a time of great persecution of the people. He was assassinated because he called out in the name of Jesus for peace and respect for the human rights of the people.

**Fr. Chuck**

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

After all morning Masses, all are invited to stop by Righini Hall for Coffee & Donuts and a complimentary blood pressure check.



## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA ASUNCION DE LA VIRGEN MARÍA

7:00 AM & 12:10 PM—English/Inglés

5:30 PM—Bilingual/Bilingüe

## WOMEN OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS MEETING

August 10 at 5:00 PM in Righini Hall. Please bring a snack to share.

## NEXT WEEKEND—APPLE TURNOVERS

Knights of Columbus Nevada Council # 978 will be baking and selling apple turnovers on August 12/13 after all Masses (or until sold out). Please support this great fundraiser and take home a few turnovers baked by the Knights in the Cathedral's kitchen. **THANK YOU!**

## 9:30AM Sunday Mass is live streamed via YouTube: DIOCESE OF RENO CHANNEL

### SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil-Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30AM, 4:00PM  
& 6:00PM—Misa en español

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 12:10PM

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00AM & 12:10 PM

Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 AM

Miercoles: 6:30 PM Misa en español

Saturday: 8:00AM

HOLIDAYS: 9:00 AM

### ADORATION

Thursday: 1:00—5:30 PM concludes with benediction

### RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Thursday 5:30—6:30 PM

Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM

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### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

| Date      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection | 2nd Collection | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Special Collection To Benefit |
|-----------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| July 2    | \$11,585                   | \$4,408        | Long Term Repairs                             |
| July 9    | \$8,798                    | \$2,899        | Peter's Pence                                 |
| July 16   | \$9,160                    | —              | NO 2nd Collection                             |
| July 23   | \$6,712                    | —              | NO 2nd Collection                             |
| July 30   | \$7,599                    | —              | NO 2nd Collection                             |
| August 6  | \$                         | \$             | Loan Payment                                  |
| August 13 | \$                         | \$             | Black & Native American Missions              |
| August 20 | \$                         | —              | NO 2nd Collection                             |
| August 27 | \$                         | —              | NO 2nd Collection                             |

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sun:** Dn 7:9-14/Ps 97:1-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

**Mon:** Nm 11:4-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21

**Tues:** Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-13/ Mt 14:22-36

**Wed:** Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-35/Ps 106:6-14, 21-23/Mt 15:21-28

**Thurs:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-9/Jn 12:24-26

**Fri:** Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

**Sat:** Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

### JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY  
AT 11:35 AM**

**ONLINE GIVING JULY 24—28: \$1,165**

**CSA Goal \$124,183**

**# of Pledges:** 142 of 300 parishioners

**Pledged:** \$126,873 **Received:** \$86,866

### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR KARMA BOX:

**Snacks, bottled water, sunblock, hats, bandanas, bug repellent, ChapStick, aloe vera.**

### LET US PRAY FOR.../ OREMOS POR...

**US Servicemen & Women,** Eulalia Jimenez, Elvia Mendez, Sandy Batchelder, Heidi Gibson, Joseph Gezelin, Doug Todd, Deanne Bradshaw, Jaime Mariscal, Dominador Batac, Nick Rossi Sr, Bernardo Rongcal, Jerry Tellers, Jack Hallsted, Tillie Pugliesi, Patty King, Andrea Torres, Skyler Awisus, Margarita Marshall, Tim Bauer, James Czeck, John Zepeda, Rose Fazio, Susan Moser, Joyce Flynn, Kristen Monibi, Charlie & Linda Gill, Donald Walls Sr., Jovita Mendoza, Patty Tellez, Ed & Maria Slaughter, Sayra Gutierrez, Kriss & Zenaida Janoski, Hector, Bertha, Daniel, Linda & Luz Ibarra.  
†† **Sr. Carmen Baca, Veronica de la Torre, Larry Griffone, Charles Millar.**

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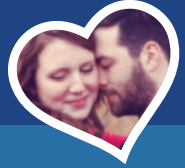
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