



THE TEMPLE OF GOD
WHICH YOU ARE
IS HOLY

EL TEMPLO DE DIOS
ES SANTO Y USTEDES
SON ESE TEMPLO



DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
NOVEMBER 9, 2025
DEDICACIÓN DE LA BASÍLICA SAN JUAN DE LETRÁN

Joyfully proclaim, lovingly serve. † Proclamar con alegría, servir con amor.

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ALEXANDRIA
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OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD...

Our prayers for the victims of Hurricane Melissa in the Caribbean may lead us the desire to help. I strongly recommend Catholic Relief Services, the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Their website is crs.org, and there is a Spanish language option. I encourage you to donate to Catholic Relief Services to help our brothers and sisters in need in the Caribbean.

Last Saturday, November 1, was the Feast of All Saints. This feast is usually a Holy Day of Obligation, but when it falls on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted in our part of the U.S. There are good reasons for that, but I'll skip them—except to say that I jokingly call these “Holy Days of Non-Obligation.” (Just a little humor. A very little.)

Attendance at the All Saints' Day Mass I celebrated was quite low—even lower than our usual weekday Mass attendance. On one hand, I was disappointed. On the other, since there was no obligation this year, I couldn't be too surprised. Still, even on Holy Days that are obligatory, attendance is much lower than weekend Masses—and weekend attendance itself is far below what it once was, when many Catholics feared committing mortal sin by missing Sunday Mass.

Oddly enough, I think this is a healthy development. Not that fewer people attend, but that “obligation”—and the fear of sin tied to it—has become less central in people's decisions about worship.

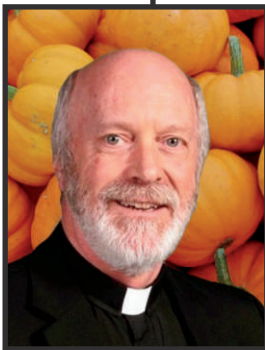
When I graduated from high school in 1974, I wouldn't have missed the graduation ceremony for anything—not because attendance was mandatory, but because it mattered deeply to me. For those who didn't care, no rule would have changed their minds. My 1974 graduation was not the Eucharist, but there's a parallel. When something holds deep meaning for us, we don't need a mandate to participate. And when it doesn't, obligation won't inspire participation.

Rather than lament declining Mass attendance, maybe we can see Sundays and Holy Days differently—as opportunities for grace, community, and encounter with Christ.

Last week I promised to write more about Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*. Now I'm promising to continue this reflection on Sunday and Holy Day obligation—or opportunity.

Maybe I'll alternate topics from week to week. (Or maybe I won't!) Stay tuned.

Fr. Tom Metzger November 9, 2025



PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE TOM...

Nuestras oraciones por las víctimas del huracán Melissa en el Caribe pueden inspirarnos a ayudar. Recomendando ampliamente Catholic Relief Services, la agencia humanitaria internacional de la comunidad católica en Estados Unidos. Su sitio web es crs.org y está disponible en español. Les animo a donar a Catholic Relief Services para ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados en el Caribe.

El sábado 1 de noviembre fue la Solemnidad de Todos los Santos. Esta festividad suele ser de precepto, pero cuando cae en sábado o lunes, en nuestra región de Estados Unidos no es obligatorio asistir a misa. Hay buenas razones para ello, pero las omitiré, salvo para decir que, en broma, las llamo “Días Santos de No Obligación”. (Un poco de humor, muy poco).

La asistencia a la misa de Todos los Santos que celebré fue bastante baja, incluso menor que la asistencia habitual a la misa entre semana. Por un lado, me decepcionó. Por otro, dado que este año no era obligatorio, no me sorprendió demasiado. Aun así, incluso en los días festivos de precepto obligatorio, la asistencia es mucho menor que en las misas de fin de semana; y la asistencia de fin de semana está muy por debajo de lo que era antes, cuando muchos católicos temían cometer pecado mortal al faltar a la misa dominical.

Curiosamente, creo que esto es positivo. No porque asista menos gente, sino que la «obligación» —y el temor al pecado asociado a ella— ha perdido importancia en las decisiones de las personas sobre la liturgia.

Cuando me gradué de la preparatoria en 1974, no me habría perdido la ceremonia de graduación por nada del mundo; no porque la asistencia fuera obligatoria, sino porque significaba mucho para mí. Para quienes no les importaba, ninguna norma les habría hecho cambiar de opinión.

Mi graduación de 1974 no fue la Eucaristía, pero hay un paralelismo. Cuando algo tiene un profundo significado para nosotros, no necesitamos una obligación para participar. Y cuando no lo tiene, la obligación no inspira la participación.

En lugar de lamentar la disminución de la asistencia a misa, quizás podamos ver los domingos y las fiestas de precepto de otra manera: como oportunidades para la gracia, la comunidad y el encuentro con Cristo.

La semana pasada prometí escribir más sobre la exhortación apostólica *Dilexi Te* del Papa León XIII. Ahora prometo continuar esta reflexión sobre la obligación —o la oportunidad— de asistir a misa los domingos y las fiestas de precepto.

Tal vez alterne los temas cada semana. (¡O tal vez no!) ¡Estén atentos!

P. Tom Metzger a 9 de noviembre de 2025

Our Mission: We, the Anderson-Alexandria Catholic Pastorate, united in Jesus Christ through His Word, the Sacraments, and the Eucharist, are called to joyfully proclaim His Gospel and lovingly serve His people.

Nuestra misión: Nosotros, el Pastorado Católico de Anderson-Alexandria, unidos en Jesucristo a través de su Palabra, los Sacramentos y la Eucaristía, estamos llamados a proclamar con alegría su Evangelio y servir con amor a su pueblo.

ORDINARY TIME — TIEMPO ORDINARIO

INTENTIONS & READINGS

INTENCIONES Y LECTURAS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 / LUNES, 10 DE NOVIEMBRE

Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

Wisdom 1:1-7 / Luke 17:1-6

8:00 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Rick Muir

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 / MARTES, 11 DE NOVIEMBRE

Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Wisdom 2:23-3:9 / Luke 17:7-10

8:00 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Allen Raver

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 / MIÉRCOLES, 12 DE NOVIEMBRE

Memorial of St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

Wisdom 6:1-11 / Luke 17:11-19

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Phil & Gracia Hannon

11:30 AM St. Vincent Hospital, And. +Mary Jane Kinley

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 / JUEVES, 13 DE NOVIEMBRE

Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Wisdom 7:22b-8:1 / Luke 17:20-25

8:15 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Robert Sokol

7:00 PM St. Mary Anderson (Spanish) +David Kroll

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 / VIERNES, 14 DE NOVIEMBRE

Wisdom 13:1-9 / Luke 17:26-37

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Jean Ann Flecker

8:10 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Roger Hensley

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 / SÁBADO, 15 DE NOVIEMBRE

Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9 / Luke 18:1-8

4:00 PM St. Mary, Anderson +Jeremiah Armington

4:30 PM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Allan Matchett

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 / DOMINGO, 16 DE NOVIEMBRE

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20a / 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 / Luke 21:5-19

7:30 AM St. Mary Anderson *People of the Pastorate*

8:30 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Bill Chafin

9:30 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Allen Raver

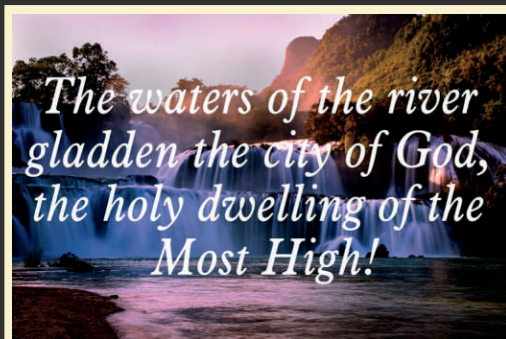
11:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson (Spanish) +Manuel Pacheco Padilla



*Un río alegre
a la ciudad
de Dios.*

***St. Mary Alexandria Masses are live-streamed, though not recorded. Access them at stambroestmary.org.**

***Las misas en St. Mary Alexandria se transmiten en vivo, mas no se graban. Se pueden acceder el video en vivo en stambroestmary.org.**



*The waters of the river
gladden the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the
Most High!*

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place next Sunday, November 16, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St. Mary Church in Alexandria.

*Habrá Adoración al
Santísimo Sacramento el
próximo domingo 16 de
noviembre desde las 9:30am
hasta las 12:30pm en la igle-
sia de St. Mary en Alexandria.*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

- ✠ Most Thursdays/Jueves, 6:00-6:45pm
St. Mary, Anderson
- ✠ 1st Sunday of the Month/1er domingo
del mes, 10:30-3:00 - St. Ambrose
- ✠ 3rd Sunday of the Month/3er domingo
del mes, 9:30-12:30 - St. Mary, Alex.

CONFESSIONS

- ✠ Thursdays/Jueves 6:00-6:45 PM
St. Mary Anderson
- ✠ Saturdays/Sábados 2:30-3:30 PM
St. Mary Anderson
- ✠ Saturdays/Sábados 3:30-4:00 PM
St. Mary Alexandria

Read and/or listen to each day's scripture—
and see a video with a short reflection about
it—at the USCCB website: bible.usccb.org

*Ud. encontrará las
lecturas diarias en
español en la página web
de los obispos de los
Estados Unidos:
bible.usccb.org/es*



This film is intended for mature audiences aged 14+.

ANDERSON-ALEXANDRIA PASTORATE PRESENTS
EXCLUSIVE SHOWING OF:

TRIUMPH of the HEART
THE PASSION OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

November 16, 2025
St. Mary, Alexandria, school gym

4:00pm

SCAN OR CODE TO LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!

No admission charge
Concessions for purchase

SAVE THE DATE




Esta película es apta para personas de 14 años de edad en adelante.

PASTORADO DE ANDERSON-ALEXANDRIA PRESENTA
Proyección Exclusiva de Película:

TRIUMPH of the HEART
LA PASION DE SAN MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

16 de noviembre
Sta. Maria, Alexandria

4:00pm

DEJENOS SABER QUE ASISTIRA ESCANEANDO EL CODIGO QR:

No habra cobro para entrar
Habrá venta de concesiones

MARQUEN SUS CALENDARIOS!




Exclusive Film Screening: Triumph of the Heart

Our parish is thrilled to host a special screening of Triumph of the Heart, the moving true story of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Franciscan priest who offered his life in exchange for another prisoner at Auschwitz during World War II.

When: Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 4:00pm

Where: St. Mary, Alexandria, School Gym
820 W. Madison St. Alexandria, IN 46001

Come and be inspired by this powerful witness of faith, courage, and sacrificial love. This screening is open to all parishioners, families, and friends (14+).

Admission: No Charge — RSVP to the QR code.

Join us for this unique opportunity to encounter the heroic story of St. Maximilian Kolbe on the big screen! More about the movie at triumphoftheheart.com

Proyección exclusiva de la película Triumph of the Heart (Triunfo del Corazón)

Nuestra parroquia se complace en presentar una proyección especial de Triumph of the Heart, la conmovedora historia real de San Maximiliano Kolbe, el sacerdote franciscano que ofreció su vida a cambio de la de otro prisionero en Auschwitz durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial.

Cuándo: domingo 16 de noviembre de 2025, 4:00pm

Dónde: Gimnasio de la escuela St. Mary Alex.
820 W. Madison St., Alexandria, IN 46001

Venga y déjese inspirar por este poderoso testimonio de fe, valentía y amor abnegado. Esta proyección está abierta a todos los feligreses, familiares y amigos.

Entrada: Gratuita, confirme su asistencia con el código QR.

Dates to Remember

November **1**: All Saint's Day

November **2**: All Souls' Day—Pastorate-wide All Souls' Day Vespers service at St. Mary Alexandria at 6 pm

November **9**: Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (a collection taken up only once every 3 years)

November **16**: Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (Working on the Margins); film *Triumph of the Heart* at St. Mary Alexandria, 4:00pm

November **23**: Christ the King Sunday (last weekend of the liturgical year)

November **27**: Thanksgiving Day (our Community Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Mary in Alexandria)

November **30**: 1st Sunday of Advent (beginning of the liturgical year)



Fechas importantes

1 de noviembre: Día de todos los santos

2 de noviembre: Día de los fieles Difuntos (servicio de oración del pastorado en St. Mary Alexandria a las 6 pm)

9 de noviembre: Colecta para la Arquidiócesis para los servicios militares de los EEUU (esta colecta solo se levanta una vez cada tres años)

16 de noviembre: Colecta para la Campaña católica para el desarrollo humano; película *Triunfo del corazón* en St. Mary Alex, 4:00pm

23 de noviembre: Domingo de Cristo Rey (el último fin de semana del año litúrgico)

27 de noviembre: Día de Acción de gracias (Comida comunitaria de Acción de gracias en St. Mary Alexandria)

30 de noviembre: 1er domingo de Adviento (principio del año litúrgico)

I've been wondering...

Q: Why does the whole Church celebrate the dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome?

A: The short answer is that the Basilica of St. John Lateran is considered our “mother church,” since it is the seat of the Bishop of Rome, otherwise known as our Pope. (If you thought that the Pope’s main church was St. Peter’s, you’d be wrong—along with a large percentage of other Catholics!)

The Lateran Basilica is the oldest and highest-ranking church in Rome, serving as the Pope’s cathedral. Its feast is always celebrated on November 9th, which this year falls on a Sunday. This feast commemorates the basilica’s consecration, which took place in 324 AD. The occasion highlights the importance of church buildings as places of worship and community and fosters a sense of historical continuity and reverence for sacred spaces as well as for the unbroken line of succession in the papacy.

Fun fact: The basilica is named for both St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist. “Lateran” comes from the name of the family that once owned the land this church was built on.

Me he preguntado...

P: ¿Por qué toda la Iglesia celebra la dedicación de la Basílica de San Juan de Letrán en Roma?

R: La respuesta corta a esta pregunta es que la Basílica de San Juan de Letrán se considera nuestra “iglesia madre” por ser la sede del Obispo de Roma, o sea, el Papa. (Si pensaba usted que la iglesia principal del Papa era la Basílica de San Pedro, se equivoca, ¡junto con millones otros católicos!).

La Basílica de Letrán es la iglesia más antigua y la de mayor rango en Roma, y funciona como catedral del Papa. Su fiesta se celebra siempre el 9 de noviembre, día que este año cae en domingo. Esta fiesta conmemora la consagración de la basílica, misma que tuvo lugar en el año 324 d.C. La ocasión resalta la importancia de los templos como lugares de culto y comunidad, y fomenta un sentido de continuidad histórica y reverencia por los espacios sagrados, así como por la ininterrumpida sucesión del papado.

Dato curioso: La basílica obtiene su nombre tanto de San Juan Evangelista como de San Juan Bautista. “Letrán” proviene del apellido de la familia que antiguamente era propietaria del terreno donde se construyó.



DECEMBER 13, 2025
ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH

Join us in Social Hall after 9 a.m. Mass in the Nave for a light breakfast.
Author of *Of Love and Loss*, Tim Florian, will speak about loss through the holiday season.



Scan the QR code for more information and to register by December 10.



GIVE THE GIFT OF A PLAN TO YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY BY PUTTING YOUR FINAL WISHES IN ORDER



Peace in Planning
with

Father Travis Stephens
St. Alphonsus Liguori
Catholic Church

Deacon Tim Perry
St. Alphonsus Liguori
Catholic Church

Maureen O'Hara
Family Service Advisor
Our Lady of Peace Cemetery

November 12, 2025
7:00 pm

St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church, Zionsville
Weitzel Hall (Rm. E)

Understand the process of planning a funeral for you or a loved one. We invite all adults, ages 25 to 105, to join us for an informational meeting concerning planning and pre-paying for your final arrangements.

RSVP HERE



1870 W. Oak Street, Zionsville, IN 46077 | ZionsvilleCatholic.com/peace-in-planning | 317.873.2885

FOOD PANTRY

The most people to ever come to our food pantry in one month had been in January of this year: over 600 people came. This past October, over 800 people came, many for the first time ever at a food pantry. One man came because his wheelchair-bound daughter had her Medicaid benefit cut so much that she and her husband and child had to move in with her dad. He was already working two jobs and he was so ashamed to ask for help. We are here for people like them. I hope he left glad that he came and not ashamed anymore.

Do you want to help people like this family? Some of my wonderful volunteers have had to stop or will be moving away. I need helpers. Duties and times are flexible. I will help you learn what you need to know. Ask me anything, I'll tell you. And thank you for reading! God bless us all.

~Lawson Hunsicker
Food Ministries Coordinator
lhunsicker@parish.dol-in.org

FOOD MINISTRIES



El mayor número de personas que habían acudido a 1 nuestra despensa de alimentos en un solo mes se registró en enero de este año: vinieron más de 600 personas. Este pasado octubre, vinieron más de 800, muchas de ellas por primera vez. Un hombre vino porque a su hija, que usa silla de ruedas, le redujeron tanto su beneficio de Medicaid que ella, su esposo y su hijo tuvieron que mudarse con su padre. Él ya tenía dos trabajos y le daba mucha vergüenza pedir ayuda. Estamos aquí para personas como ellos. Espero que se haya ido contento de haber venido y ya sin tanta vergüenza.

¿Quiere usted ayudar a personas como esta familia? Algunos de mis maravillosos voluntarios han tenido que dejar de colaborar o están en process de mudarse. Necesito ayuda. Las tareas y los horarios son flexibles. Yo le ayudaré a aprender todo lo que necesita saber. Pregúnteme lo que quiera, le responderé. ¡Gracias por leer! Que Dios nos bendiga a todos.

~Lawson Hunsicker
Coordinadora de los Ministerios de Alimentos
lhunsicker@parish.dol-in.org
765-644-8467 (oficina)

DESPENSA

FORMED



How to Advent

Advent sometimes just feels like that time that is sandwiched between Thanksgiving and Christmas – life is hectic with Christmas shopping, parties, the school year ending, and so much more. But as Catholics, **we really ought to enter into this season of joyful anticipation with purpose and intention!** In *How to Advent*, we will discover the rich traditions that mark this season and how they aid us in preparing our hearts for the birth of the child Jesus at Christmas. Guided by priests, religious, professors, and a charismatic host, you will gain practical tips and spiritual reflection on the practices of the Advent calendar, Advent wreath, Jesse tree, and nativity scene. There are four episodes in this show that last between 12 and 15 minutes each.

Have you signed up for FORMED?

FORMED is the leading Catholic online streaming service. Our pastorate offers the service **FREE** to all individuals and families in all three parishes and both pastorate schools. For information on how to get access to this great content, visit the FORMED page on our pastorate web site: stambrosestmary.org/formed

¿Ya se inscribió usted a FORMED?

FORMED es el principal servicio católico de transmisión en línea (streaming). Nuestro pastorado ofrece este servicio **GRATIS** a todas las personas y familias en las tres parroquias y ambas escuelas del pastorado. Para ver información sobre cómo acceder este excelente contenido, visite la página FORMED (en inglés) de nuestro sitio web del pastorado: stambrosestmary.org/formed



RELIGIOUS FORMATION COORDINATOR

St. Elizabeth Seton is seeking a Religious Formation Coordinator who is responsible for planning, coordinating and directing the ministry of Religious Formation in the spiritual life of preschool elementary students as well as youth Sacramental Preparation. Candidates should have a pastoral mindset and commitment to personal spiritual growth in addition to excellent organizational, communication, interpersonal, and leadership skills.

APPLY NOW

For a more detailed job description or to submit a cover letter and resume email: Kristen.Swift@SetonCarmel.org

Kristen Swift
Director of Evangelization, Family Life, and Pastoral Ministries



10655 Haverstick Rd, Carmel, IN 46033

JOIN OUR TEAM

May we pray for you?

Contact your parish secretary to get connected with our pastorate prayer line.

¿Nos permite orar por usted?

Contacte a la secretaria de su parroquia para que lo conecten con la línea de oración de nuestro pastorado.



ADULT'S PROGRESSIVE EUCBRE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, NOV. 15TH AT 5:30PM

ZIMMER HALL
ST. MARY ALEXANDRIA

\$5 per person
Payouts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place players

BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage)
& Snacks to Share

Hosted by the Daughters of Mary
RSVP to 765-620-4155

Volunteers Needed !!

Food Donations Needed !!

Wednesday Nov. 26 and/or Thursday Nov. 27

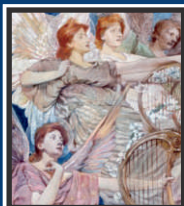
St. Mary's Thanksgiving Community Dinner

Can you help?

See sign-up sheets in the narthex OR

Contact: 765-233-0878

st.mary.alex.in@gmail.com



ANDERSON CHOIR SCHEDULE

The English-language choir will sing at St. Mary Anderson for the following Masses:

Saturday, Nov 1, 4:00 pm; Sunday, Nov 2, 7:30 am; Saturday, Nov 15, 4:00 pm; Sunday, Nov 16, 7:30 am; Saturday, Dec 6, 4:00 pm; Sunday, Dec 7, 7:30 am; Saturday, Dec 20, 4:00 pm; Sunday, Dec 21, 7:30 am; Thursday, Dec 25, Midnight Mass.

Advent Wreath & Crafts event



November 7th, 14th & 21st from
6:30 to 8:00 pm in the basement/
cafeteria of St. Mary Church in Anderson.

**We're hoping to see participants
from all three parishes
in our pastorate!**

Free event – freewill donations accepted

Please RSVP to St. Mary Anderson secretary
Robin at 786-644-8467 with your family's
name and number of children
& adults attending.



**Bring your
Bible!**



Acompáñenos en un evento familiar de



Corona de Adviento y manualidades

El 7, 14 y 21 de noviembre de las 6:30 hasta
las 8:00 pm en el sótano/cafetería de
St. Mary en Anderson.

**¡Esperamos contar con participantes de las
tres parroquias de nuestro pastorado!**

*Sin costo alguno – se aceptan
donativos voluntarios*

Favor de confirmar su asistencia con la Sra.
Mónica llamando al 765-568-9131, indicando
el nombre de su familia y el número
de niños y adultos que
estarán asistiendo.



**¡Traiga su
Biblia!**



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL ANDERSON

Quarter 1 "All A's" Honor Roll:

G5: James Sturgeon, Kalem Weston
G6: Camila Arciga-Rodriguez, Jonah Armstrong, Lindsey Jasinto-Ortiz
G7: Sofia Laurido, Chloe Weston
G8: Yajaira Bautista Cruz, Gregory Sanjuan



Quarter 1 "All A's & B's" Honor Roll

G3: Jensen Armstrong, Abigail Bedolla-Flores, Conall Christie, Ava Cruz, Jade Cruz, David Galvez Lopez, Ximena Jaramillo Rodriguez, Benji Puckett, David Rojas Diaz, Laura Tello, Rubi Valencia Perez
G4: Betsaida Bautista Cruz, Reyes Garcia, Juan Montes Espiritu, Roland Poore, Damarys Rojas-Velasco, Jessenia Sierra
G5: Isabella Contreras, Arianna Jaramillo Rodriguez, Joan Soto Romero, Ediberto Xalin Silverio
G6: Kiara Wheeler
G7: Claudia Herrera, Juliana Lorenzana Sandoval
G8: Victoria Arciga-Rodriguez, Elizabeth Herrera, Victor Ibarra, Jessilyn Moore, Bridget Ramirez, Cynthia Santiago Martinez

In September, students and staff and Holy Cross School donated **197 cans of vegetables** to the St. Mary Soup Kitchen.



En el mes de septiembre los alumnos y empleados de Holy Cross School donaron 197 latas de vegetales al Comedor comunitario de St. Mary.

Congratulations to students with Perfect Attendance (no absences or tardies) during Quarter 1:

Preschool: Luke Goudreau
Grade 2: Gustavo Gonzalez, Peter Nguyen
Grade 3: Ava Cruz, Jade Cruz, Benji Puckett, Melani Soto Romero
Grade 4: Melisa Cruz-Bautista, Carlos Nicasio, Damarys Rojas-Velasco
Grade 5: Isabella Contreras, Nayeli Cruz Bautista, Oscar Miguel-Gonzalez, Joan Soto Romero
Grade 6: Briana Cruz Lopez, Jesus Lopez, Chago Moreno-Rea
Grade 7: Juliana Lorenzana Sandoval, Jorge Nicasio
Grade 8: Victor Ibarra, Aleece Kuhns, Gregory SanJuan

VIRTUES IN PRACTICE

Holy Cross School recognizes our October Virtues in Practice recipients. These students modeled Reverence (Showing your deepest respect for things of God):

Fabian Velazquez, Kindergarten, nominated by Mrs. Castillo:

"Fabian consistently demonstrates reverence and attentiveness during Mass. Despite being quiet and shy, he is always prepared to pray, exhibits a respectful demeanor, and remains attentive to his surroundings."

Ava Ochoa Arellano, Grade 3, nominated by Miss Walker:

"Ava shows reverence by being respectful and attentive during Mass, where she follows along carefully and takes time to learn about the Catholic faith. She treats her classmates with kindness and respect, remembering that we are all children of God. Ava is also moving through the process of being baptized, showing her desire to grow closer to God."

Chago Moreno-Rea, Grade 6, nominated by Mrs. Atkinson:

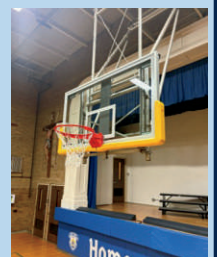
"When Fr. Tom visits our class, Chago writes down his religious goals and takes the discussion seriously. Recently, when I asked what happened to another student who was injured, Chago raised his hand and was very sincere as he told us what was going on. When we prayed for the student, Chago was nodding, held his hands in prayer, and bowed his head. Most of the class was respectful, but Chago was deeply reverent, which was heartwarming. He is a prayer warrior!"

In November, our school will focus on the Virtue of **Stewardship** (returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent, and treasure).



HCS recently installed new nets, rims, and glass backboards in our North Campus gymnasium, just in time for the new basketball season! The purchase of these items was funded by a federal grant.

Recientemente HCS instaló nuevas redes, aros y tableros de vidrio en nuestro gimnasio del Campus Norte, ¡justo a tiempo para la nueva temporada de baloncesto! La compra de estos artículos fue financiada por una subvención federal.



Action Plan Progress Report

This week we conclude the updates on the seven PVP Action Plans with information on the planned implementation of the Spiritual Gifts Assessment Tool. For a refresher on each of the seven Action Plans, scan the QR code to see Father Tom's August 3rd bulletin column. In the coming weeks, we will provide an additional Progress Report on each of the seven Action Plans. **Stay tuned, great things are happening in our Pastorate!**



Action Plan #7: Spiritual Gifts Assessment Tool

OBJECTIVE: Beginning June 2026, implement the ongoing use of a tool by which Both Spanish- and English-speaking parishioners discern their gifts and talents to encourage greater involvement in ministries and other activities within our Pastorate, parishes, and schools. Administer the discernment tool to the initial 100 parishioners in the Pastorate by June 30, 2026.

PROGRESS: DOE Esmeralda Sanchez has learned from the Diocese that they have approved Called and Gifted as a spiritual gifts assessment tool. She is working further with the Diocese to learn if their tool is the only one which can be used; and she is exploring if there is a procedure/process to have our Diocese vet and potentially approve another tool. That information will guide the work of the Committee as it moves forward and works together.

GOALS: Continue dialog with the diocese. Review the Called and Gifted Assessment Tool. Explore alternative spiritual gifts assessment tools.

MEETING DATES: – Yearlong meeting schedule will be set at the first committee meeting when all members can be present.

Reporte sobre el Plan de Acción

Esta semana concluimos las actualizaciones de los siete Planes de Acción de PVP con información sobre la implementación prevista de la Herramienta de Evaluación de Dones Espirituales. Para un repaso de cada uno de los siete Planes de Acción, escanee el código QR para ver la columna del Padre Tom en el boletín del 3 de agosto. En las próximas semanas, les brindaremos un Informe de Progreso adicional sobre cada uno de los siete Planes de Acción. **¡Estén atentos, grandes cosas están sucediendo en nuestra parroquia!**

Plan de Acción #7: Herramienta de Evaluación de Dones Espirituales

OBJETIVO: A partir de junio de 2026, se implementará el uso continuo de una herramienta que permitirá a los feligreses hispanohablantes y angloparlantes descubrir sus dones y talentos para fomentar una mayor participación en los ministerios y otras actividades de nuestra parroquia, parroquias y escuelas. La herramienta de discernimiento se aplicará a los primeros 100 feligreses de la parroquia antes del 30 de junio de 2026.

PROGRESO: La Directora de Evangelización, Esmeralda Sánchez, ha recibido información de la Diócesis sobre la aprobación de la herramienta "Llamados y Dotados" para la evaluación de dones espirituales. Está colaborando con la Diócesis para determinar si esta herramienta es la única válida y está investigando si existe algún procedimiento para que la Diócesis evalúe y, potencialmente, apruebe otra herramienta. Esta información guiará el trabajo del Comité en sus futuras iniciativas y en su colaboración para compartir sus opiniones.

METAS: Continuar el diálogo con la diócesis. Revisar la herramienta de evaluación de dones espirituales. Explorar herramientas alternativas para la evaluación de dones espirituales.

FECHAS DE LAS REUNIONES: El calendario anual de reuniones se establecerá en la primera reunión del comité en la que todos los miembros puedan asistir.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:

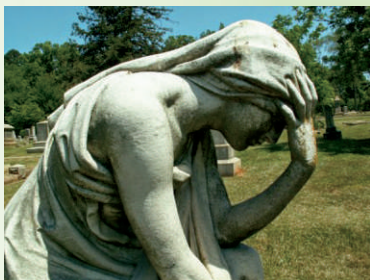


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For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

INTENCIÓN DE ORACIÓN DEL SANTO PADRE PARA EL MES DE NOVIEMBRE:

Por la prevención del suicidio. Oremos para que aquellos que luchan con pensamientos suicidas puedan encontrar el apoyo, el cuidado y el amor que necesitan en su comunidad y estén abiertos a la belleza de la vida.



This weekend our pastorate takes up the **Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS)**, a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders—including those from our own pastorate and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and it has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.

Este fin de semana nuestro pastorado realiza la **Colecta para la Arquidiócesis para los Servicios Militares de EE.UU. (AMS)**. Esta colecta, aprobada por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EE.UU., se realiza cada tres años. La AMS brinda atención pastoral a hombres y mujeres católicos que prestan servicio en las Fuerzas Armadas de EE.UU., están inscritos en una Academia Militar de EE.UU., reciben tratamiento médico en cualquiera de los 153 Centros Médicos del Departamento de Asuntos de Veteranos de EE.UU. o trabajan para el gobierno federal fuera de las fronteras de EE.UU., incluyendo a quienes pertenecen a nuestro pastorado y diócesis. La AMS no recibe fondos del gobierno ni de las fuerzas armadas, y no tiene parroquias de las que recibir un donativo semanal. Para obtener más información sobre la AMS, visite www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.

★ **Triennial National Collection** ★
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Next weekend, November 15 & 16, our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities.

Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at usccb.or/cchd.



**Trabajando desde
la periferia**

El próximo fin de semana, 15 y 16 de noviembre, nuestra colecta especial apoyará la **Campaña católica para el desarrollo humano**. Casi 38 millones de personas en Estados Unidos viven en la pobreza. Esta colecta apoya programas que empoderan a las personas para identificar y abordar los obstáculos que enfrentan para lograr un cambio per-

manente y positivo en sus comunidades. Usted puede aprender más sobre la Campaña católica para el desarrollo humano en usccb.or/cchd.



Weekly Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year
July 1- June 30

Oct. 26,
2025

Year to Date
Año hasta la fecha

St. Mary Alexandria	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$4,808	\$81,736
	Received/ Recibido	\$9,271	\$81,065
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	\$4,463	(\$671)
St. Mary Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$11,110	\$188,870
	Received/ Recibido	\$7,838	\$172,094
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$3,273)	(\$16,776)
St. Ambrose Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$8,805	\$149,685
	Received/ Recibido	\$6,185	\$122,774
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$2,620)	(\$26,911)

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Where's Sister?

Can you identify exactly where in our pastorate this photo of Sister Mary Mary Ambrose was taken? Look for the answer here next week.

¿Dónde Anda?

Logra usted identificar exactamente en qué parte de nuestro pastorado se tomó esta foto de Sor Mary Mary Ambrose? Busque la respuesta aquí la semana entrante.



Where was Sister?

Last week Sr. Mary Mary Ambrose was photographed sitting on the table in the middle of the kitchen of Zimmer Hall at St. Mary in Alexandria.

¿Dónde andaba?

La semana pasada, Sor Mary Mary fue fotografiada sentada sobre la mesa en la cocina de Zimmer Hall en St. Mary en Alexandria.

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