

NOW I HAVE SEEN AND TESTIFIED  
**THAT HE IS THE  
SON OF GOD**

AHORA HE VISTO Y ATESTIGUO  
**QUE ÉL ES EL  
HIJO DE DIOS**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 18, 2026  
II DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

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

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## OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD...

When St. Mary's parishes in Anderson and Alexandria were founded around the middle of the 19th century, most of their members were of Irish and German descent.

About a hundred years later, St. Ambrose was founded, and many members of the new parish were of Polish descent.

Beginning in the 1990's, the Hispanic population in Anderson, and thus the Catholic community in Anderson, has grown significantly. Most Hispanics in Anderson trace their origin to Mexico, but some to Peru, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Spain, Cuba, Argentina, Ecuador, and El Salvador. We have parishioners of Brazilian origin. (They are Latino, but not Hispanic.)

Our pastorate is also home to a small but faithful and visible number of Vietnamese-Americans. China and other Asian countries, and the Philippines, are also represented. And I know of at least one parishioner from the continent of Africa.

Why am I sharing this demographic description of our Pastorate? Because I'm thinking of FOOD.

**On Wednesday evening, March 18, we will celebrate the vigil of the Feast of St. Joseph.** (The actual feast day falls on Thursday, March 19.) More details will follow, but the celebration will consist of an evening prayer service (not Mass), followed, of course, by FOOD.

Although we don't have large numbers of Italian-Americans in our Pastorate, we will be adopting and adapting the Italian tradition of "St. Joseph's Table," with the traditional Italian foods associated with the feast day. But this will be an intercultural St. Joseph's Table, giving us the opportunity to share our own ethnic pride and to appreciate that of others. Even more importantly, this will afford us a broader view of the Church, the Body of Christ.

I'm envisioning tables stocked with traditional foods from all the countries I mentioned above, and more. We don't expect any group to supply all the food or even a majority of it. Each family can bring enough for themselves and 6-10 other people. The non-cooks in the Pastorate will be most welcome, of course. I have a feeling there will be more than enough food for everyone!

Start thinking about a dish you could provide - something from your heritage that can be served in small portions to enable sharing. (And yes, American food is "heritage food.")

Stay tuned for details, and mark the evening of March 18 on your calendar.

Fr. Tom Metzger Jan. 18, 2026

## PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE TOM...

Cuando se fundaron las parroquias de St. Mary en Anderson y Alexandria a mediados del siglo XIX, la mayoría de sus miembros eran de ascendencia irlandesa y alemana.

Aproximadamente cien años después, se fundó St. Ambrose, y muchos miembros de la nueva parroquia eran de ascendencia polaca.

A partir de la década de 1990, la población hispana en Anderson, y por lo tanto la comunidad católica en Anderson, ha crecido significativamente. La mayoría de los hispanos en Anderson tienen sus orígenes en México, pero algunos provienen de Perú, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, República Dominicana, Venezuela, España, Cuba, Argentina, Ecuador y El Salvador. También tenemos feligreses de origen brasileño. (Son latinos, mas no hispanos).

Nuestra parroquia también cuenta con un pequeño pero fiel y visible grupo de vietnamitas-americanos. China y otros países asiáticos, así como Filipinas, también están representados. Y conozco al menos a un feligrés del continente africano.

¿Por qué comparto esta descripción demográfica de nuestra parroquia? Porque estoy pensando en COMIDA.

**El miércoles 18 de marzo por la noche, celebraremos la vigilia de la Fiesta de San José.** (El día de la fiesta es el jueves 19 de marzo). Próximamente daremos más detalles, pero la celebración consistirá en un servicio de oración vespertino (no misa), seguido, por supuesto, de COMIDA.

Aunque no tenemos un gran número de italoamericanos en nuestra parroquia, adoptaremos y adaptaremos la tradición italiana

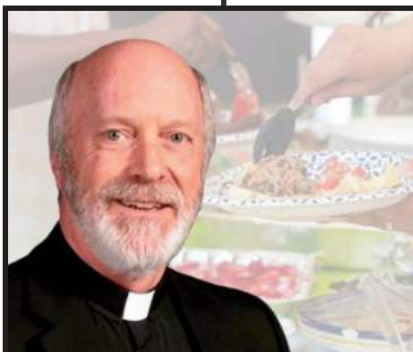
de la "Mesa de San José", con las comidas tradicionales italianas asociadas a la fiesta. Pero esta será una Mesa de San José intercultural, que nos brindará la oportunidad de compartir nuestro propio orgullo étnico y apreciar el de los demás. Aún más importante, esto nos permitirá tener una visión más amplia de la Iglesia, el Cuerpo de Cristo.

Imagino mesas repletas de comidas tradicionales de todos los países que mencioné anteriormente, y más. No esperamos que ningún grupo proporcione toda la comida ni siquiera la mayor parte. Cada familia puede traer suficiente para sí misma y para 6 a 10 personas más. Los que no cocinan en la parroquia serán bienvenidos, por supuesto. ¡Tengo la sensación de que habrá comida más que suficiente para todos!

Empiecen a pensar en un plato que puedan preparar: algo típico de su cultura que se pueda servir en porciones pequeñas para compartir. (Y sí, la comida estadounidense también es parte de la tradición culinaria).

Manténganse atentos para más detalles y anoten la noche del 18 de marzo en sus calendarios.

P. Tom Metzger a18 de enero de 2026



**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, JANUARY 19 / DOMINGO, 19 DE ENERO**

*1 Samuel 15:16-23 / Mark 2:18-22*  
 8:00 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Robert Phegley, Sr.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20 / MARTES, 20 DE ENERO**

*1 Samuel 16:1-13 / Mark 2:23-28*  
 8:00 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Jesse Backous

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21 / MIÉRCOLES, 21 DE ENERO**

**Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**  
*1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 / Mark 3:1-6*  
 8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria\* +Sr. Patricia Anne Mehling  
 11:30 AM St. Vincent Hospital, Anderson +Elaine Hawkins

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 / JUEVES, 22 DE ENERO**

**Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children**  
*1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Mark 3:7-12*  
 8:15 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Charlie McGinnis  
 7:00 PM St. Mary Anderson (Spanish) +Frank García

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 / VIERNES, 23 DE ENERO**

*1 Samuel 24:3-21 / Mark 3:13-19*  
 8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria\* +Janice Jackson  
 8:10 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Jeff House

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 / SÁBADO, 24 DE ENERO**

**Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
*2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-37 / Mark 3:20-31*  
 4:00 PM St. Mary, Anderson +Carl Worden family  
 4:30 PM St. Mary, Alexandria\* Int. of the Daughters of Mary

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 / DOMINGO, 25 DE ENERO**

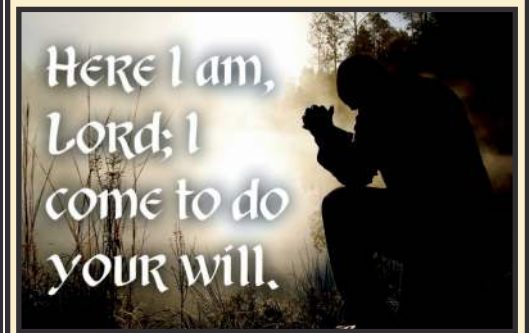
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Isaiah 8:23—9:3 / 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 / Mark 4:12-23 or 4:12-17*  
 7:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Jerry Gorman  
 8:30AM St. Mary, Alexandria\* +Mary & Russel Parton  
 9:30 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson People of the Pastorate  
 11:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson (Spanish) +Ricarda Velasco

\*St. Mary Alexandria Masses are live-streamed, though not recorded.

You may access them at [stambrobestmary.org](http://stambrobestmary.org).



*\*Las misas en St. Mary Alexandria se transmiten en vivo, mas no se graban. Se puede acceder el video en vivo en [stambrobestmary.org](http://stambrobestmary.org).*



**Adoration of the Most-Blessed Sacrament** will take place this Sunday, January 18th, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St. Mary Alexandria.



*Habrà Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento este domingo 18 de enero desde las 9:30am hasta las 12:30pm en la iglesia 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](http://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](http://bible.usccb.org/es)*



# National Prayer Vigil for Life — January 22-23, 2026

## 22-23 de enero, 2026 — Vigilia Nacional de Oración por la Vida

The National Prayer Vigil for Life is a prayer vigil held on the eve of the March for Life each January. Thousands of pilgrims from across the nation pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. It is held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Seminarian-led holy hours will be livestreamed throughout the night from 9 pm – 8 am.

La Vigilia Nacional de Oración por la Vida es una vigilia de oración que se celebra la víspera de la Marcha por la Vida cada mes de enero. Miles de peregrinos de todo el país oran por el fin del aborto y por un mayor respeto a toda vida humana. Se lleva a cabo en la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington, D.C. Las horas santas, dirigidas por seminaristas, se transmitirán en directo durante toda la noche, de las 9 pm hasta las 8 am.



“A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.”

“Se necesita urgentemente una gran oración por la vida, una oración que se eleve en todo el mundo. Mediante iniciativas especiales y en la oración diaria, que se eleve a Dios, Creador y amante de la vida, una súplica ferviente desde cada comunidad cristiana, desde cada grupo y asociación, desde cada familia y desde el corazón de cada creyente.”

~Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*

~Papa San Juan Pablo II, *Evangelium Vitae*

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**22 DE ENERO DE 2026**  
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ÚNASE A MÁS DE 2000 PERSONAS DE TODAS LAS EDADES PARA REUNIRSE Y EXPERIMENTAR LA IGLESIA MÁS GRANDE DE INDIANA Y ESTAR UNIDOS EN LA EUCHARISTÍA COMO UN PUEBLO PRO VIDA.

PATROCINADO POR LAS DIÓCESIS DE INDIANA

# TMIY That Man Is YOU!

**Men of the Anderson Alexandria Pastorate:**

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? (Ask your wife.) Become a more loving father? (Ask your wife.) Build friendships with other like-minded men from your pastorate? Be the best man you can be?

**We invite you to attend the *That Man is You* Spring Semester.**

This men's group has been meeting on Saturday mornings for twelve years. Meetings begin with fellowship, prayer, and breakfast at 6:15; the program starts at 6:30. There is discussion afterward, with dismissal by 7:25. Attendance is not taken.

**Saturdays, beginning January 10th 2026, from 6:00 to 7:25 am, in Assembly Hall at St. Ambrose (west across the parking lot from the church).**



**1/17/26 Session 15: My Saint Joseph**

Presenter: Sr. Alexia Zaldivar

- An Inspirational Story of a Sacrificial Father
- The Call to Reflect the Face of the Heavenly Father
- Your Small Hidden Sacrifices Make a Difference
- Create an Environment Where Others Encounter God
- Protect the Treasures God has Entrusted to You
- Contemplate the Heart of St. Joseph

**1/24/26 Session 16: Biblical Masculinity**

Presenter: Michael Gormley

- Generalities Oversimplify Our Roles as Fathers
- Are the 10 Commandments Part of Your Heart?
- The Responsibility of a Father to Catechize His Children
- Good Men are Oriented to the Primacy of the Family
- Every Man is Called to be a Father
- Understand God's Three Commitments for Being a Man

**1/31/26 Session 17: Spiritual Headship**

Presenter: Michael Gormley

- Understanding the Social View of Household Codes
- Sts. Paul and Peter make the Household Codes Christian
- St. Paul clarifies the Radical Teachings of Jesus
- Love Your Wife the Way Christ Loved the Church
- Difference Between a Tyrant and a Good King as a Leader
- Headship of Family is the Power of Service in Love

**2/7/26 Session 18: Finding Your Mission Field**

Presenter: Paul George

- We Were Made for Mission and Purpose
- Men are Fully Alive When They Freely Live as God Intends
- Don't Be Paralyzed by the Past, Present, or Future
- What Do You Want to Be Remembered For?
- Be Present to Your Mission Field
- "Love God, Serve Others, Die with No Regrets"



**For more info, scan QR code or go to [paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/](http://paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/).**

**Local coordinator: parishioner Mike Evans (your parish secretary can get you his contact info)**

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Lent will be here before we know it!!

Ash Wednesday will fall on February 18 this year.

Please bring your palms from last year back to church and place them in the labeled baskets so they can be burned for this year's Ash Wednesday.

Antes de darnos cuenta, ¡llegará la Cuaresma!

Este año el Miércoles de Ceniza cae el 18 de febrero.

Favor de traer sus hojas de palma del año pasado y depositarlas en las canastas señaladas para que sean quemadas para este Miércoles de Ceniza.

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## ANDERSON CHOIR SCHEDULE

The St. Mary/St. Ambrose (English) choir sings at the 4:00 pm Saturday and 7:30 am Sunday Masses on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month. They will be singing Jan. 17/18, Feb. 8/9 & 21/22, March 7/8 & 21/22, April 2 (Holy Thursday), April 4 (Easter Vigil), April 18/19, May 2/3 & 16/17, and May 31 (Most Holy Trinity).

**If you are interested in joining the choir**, please contact your parish office and leave a message for Kimberly.



### SOUP KITCHEN

### FOOD MINISTRIES

### COMEDOR COMUNITARIO

*For I was hungry and you gave me food.*  
~Matthew 25:35

We will be serving potato beef soup, cheese and crackers, and fruit at Alternatives shelter for women and children and the Christian Center shelter on Wednesday, January 28.

To support the volunteers who prepare the soup, everyone is encouraged to bring any of the following food items to church (Anderson parishes) and place them in the baskets at the doors during the weekend Masses on January 24/25:

- 15-oz. cans of diced potatoes
- package of butter
- onions
- package of American cheese slices
- box of saltine crackers
- 16- or 29-oz. or gallon-sized can of fruit

*Porque tuve hambre y me disteis de comer.*  
~Mateo 25:35



Serviremos sopa de carne papas, queso y galletas saladas y fruta en el refugio Alternatives para mujeres y niños y en el refugio del Christian Center el miércoles 28 de enero.

Para apoyar a los voluntarios que preparan la sopa, se anima a todos a traer cualquiera de los siguientes alimentos a la iglesia (parroquias de Anderson) y depositarlos en las cestas que se encuentran en las puertas durante las misas del fin de semana del 24 y 25 de enero:

- latas de 15 onzas de papas en dados
- paquete de mantequilla
- cebollas
- paquete de queso americano en rebanadas
- caja de galletas saladas
- latas de 16 o 29 onzas o de o de un galón de fruta

## FOOD PANTRY

## FOOD MINISTRIES

## DESPENSA

We have been a pick-up partner for Aldi for six months. That means we pick up the retail items Aldi donates to our pantry. In those six months we have picked up 18,236 pounds of food. That's not a typo and it blew my mind. Each one of those items has to be moved five times to get it to the point of distribution - once into carts at the store, then into the car or truck, then into the room to be weighed, then weighing and recording it, then into freezers, fridges or on shelves. Only then is it ready to give out. We do this twice a week, every week.

**I am in desperate need of more helpers who can pick up food at Aldi.** This partnership has been really important to our pantry. It gives us more healthy options than we would normally have, a broader choice of foods, and a lot of food for free! It is a wonderful blessing and very hard work.

While one person can do it, it would be much better to have a team of two. It would be ideal to have enough teams that you would only be asked to pick up once a month, unless, of course, you just plain love to pick up groceries! In that case I have the perfect job for you! I hope you will consider whether this is something you can help us with. Unless we get more helpers, I am not sure we can sustain this partnership with Aldi.

**If you are thinking about it, please come see! We will have an informational meeting Tuesday, January 20 at 2:00 pm** in the school annex (St. Mary Anderson) to answer questions, have show and tell, and explain anything that's unclear. I hope to see you then, I really do. It doesn't mean you are committing, it means you are finding out. My number is 765-644-8467 if you want to call.



**FOOD MINISTRIES**



Thank you, and God bless us all!

~Lawson Hunsicker

Food Ministries  
Coordinator

Llevamos seis meses colaborando con Aldi en la recogida de alimentos. Esto significa que recogemos los productos que Aldi dona a nuestra despensa. En esos seis meses, hemos recogido 18,236 libras de alimentos. No es un error tipográfico. ¡Me quedé asombrada! Cada uno de esos productos tiene que ser manejado cinco veces antes de llegar al punto de distribución: primero se colocan en los carritos de la tienda, luego se cargan en el coche, o camioneta, después se llevan a nuestra oficina para pesarlos, se pesan y se registran, y finalmente se almacenan en congeladores, refrigeradores o estanterías. Solo entonces están listos para ser distribuidos. Hacemos esto dos veces por semana, todas las semanas.

**Necesito urgentemente más voluntarios que puedan recoger alimentos en Aldi.** Esta colaboración ha sido fundamental para nuestra despensa. Nos proporciona más opciones saludables de las que tendríamos normalmente, una mayor variedad de alimentos, ¡y gran parte de ellos gratis! Es una bendición maravillosa, pero también un trabajo muy duro.

Aunque una sola persona podría hacerlo, sería mucho mejor contar con un equipo de dos. Lo ideal sería tener suficientes equipos para que solo tuvieran que ir a recoger los pedidos una vez al mes, a menos que, por supuesto, ¡le encante ir a recoger la compra! En ese caso, ¡tengo el trabajo perfecto para usted! Espero que considere si puede ayudarnos con esto. Si no conseguimos más voluntarios, no estoy seguro de que podamos mantener esta colaboración con Aldi.

**Si usted está interesado, ¡venga a vernos! Tendremos una reunión informativa el martes 20 de enero a las 2:00 pm** en el anexo de la escuela (St. Mary Anderson) para responder preguntas, mostrarles cómo funciona y aclarar cualquier duda. Espero verlos allí. No significa que se comprometan a nada, solo que se informarán. Mi número de teléfono es 765-644-8467 por si quieren llamar. Gracias y que Dios los bendiga a todos.

~Lawson Hunsicker

Coordinadora de los  
Ministerios de Alimentos



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# LLAMADOS Y DOTADOS

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## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Pray with the Pope (scroll down for video)



## INTENCIÓN DE ORACIÓN DEL SANTO PADRE PARA EL MES DE ENERO:

Por la oración con la Palabra de Dios

Oremos para que la oración con la Palabra de Dios sea alimento en nuestras vidas y fuente de esperanza en nuestras comunidades, ayudándonos a construir una Iglesia más fraterna y misionera.



Reza con el Papa (bajar de página par ver el video)

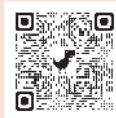
# FORMED



Our pastorate website home page now includes a link to content related to the **holy days and saints for the current week**. Scroll down to *This Week on FORMED* to view the content.

*La página principal del sitio web de nuestro pastorado ahora incluye un enlace a contenido relacionado con las **festividades y los santos de la semana en curso**. Baje hasta la sección "This Week on FORMED" para ver el contenido.*

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Jan 26	Topic #1	Building Climate of Respect
Feb 2	Topic #2	Responsibility & Blame Game
Feb 9	Topic #3	Understanding Expectations
Feb 16	Topic #4	Re-Defining Power Struggle
Feb 23	Topic #5	Control Issues
March 2	Topic #6	Listening Beyond the Words
March 9	Topic #7	Personality Differences
March 16	Topic #8	Childhood Issues and Emotional Baggage
March 23	Topic #9	Handling Anger Constructively
March 30	Topic #10	Speaking the Truth in Love
April 13	Topic #11	How to Fight Fair and Conflict Resolution
April 20	Topic #12	Feelings & the Hurt Spiral
April 27	Topic #13	Forgiveness & Repair
May 4	Topic #14	Rebuilding Trust

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*La escuela Holy Cross ha lanzado un sitio web completamente nuevo repleto de videos, fotos e información.*



# BIG NEWS:

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We will begin offering transportation this fall!



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# Pancake Breakfast



The Knights of Columbus will offer a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, January 18 from 10:30 to 12:00. in Ambrosian Hall (church basement) of St. Ambrose Church. Cost: \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, and coffee. **Mark your calendars:** The Knights are planning to host future pancake breakfasts on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

## Desayuno de Hotcakes

Los Caballeros de Colón ofrecerán un Desayuno de Panqueques este domingo 18 de enero de 10:30 a 12:00 en el sótano de la iglesia de St. Ambrose. Costo: \$8 para adultos y \$5 para niños menores de 12 años. El menú incluye panqueques, salchicha, huevos revueltos, jugo y café. **Marquen sus calendarios:** Los Caballeros piesen hacer estos desayunos de hotcakes el tercer domingo de cada mes.



If you are interested in serving as a LECTOR (reading the first and second scripture passages at Mass), please contact your parish office. The deadline for notifying us is March 28, and training will occur during the Easter season. Training is conducted once a year.

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## Weekly Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year  
July 1- June 30

JAN. 4, 2026  
Año hasta la fecha

<b>St. Mary Alexandria</b>	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$4,808	\$129,816
	Received/ Recibido	\$5,053	\$135,712
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	\$245	\$5,896
<b>St. Mary Anderson</b>	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$11,110	\$299,970
	Received/ Recibido	\$9,246	\$254,896
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$1,864)	(\$45,074)
<b>St. Ambrose Anderson</b>	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$8,805	\$237,735
	Received/ Recibido	\$7,184	\$219,729
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$1,621)	(\$18,006)

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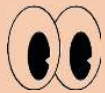
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Los **comprobantes de donación** (para fines fiscales) se enviarán por correo a los feligreses a finales de enero. Cualquier contribución que se hayan recibido en nuestras oficinas después del 4 de enero de este año se contabilizará para el 2026.

## Divine Mercy



The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the church at St. Mary in Alexandria. Everyone is invited to come and join in prayer. If you are unfamiliar with this devotion, no worries! Prayer cards are available to help you learn how participate in this short but powerful prayer.



## JOB POSTINGS

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