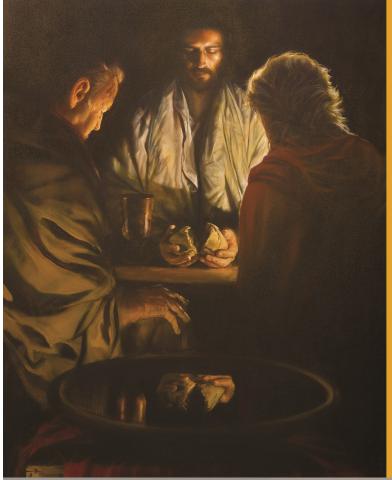
ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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2° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

El se volvió hacia ellos, y viendo que lo seguían, les preguntó: "¿Qué buscan?" Ellos le contestaron: "¿Dónde vives, Rabí?" (Rabí significa "maestro"). El les dijo: "Vengan a ver". - Jn 1, 38-39

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Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 14th, 2024

Dear Parish Family,

We celebrate the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and very soon will be receiving the outward sign of blessed ashes (in only four weeks). During this interim leading up to the Holy season of Lent, may we see our lives once more as a journey of faith always bathed in the light of the Savior's birth, yet compelled to follow Him in love and praise to His Passion, Cross and Death to proclaim His glorious Resurrection.

Your extra sacrifices through the annual Christmas collection were most appreciated. Thank you for continued support of our parish needs throughout the regular Sunday donations. Please remember that electronic giving is offered for anyone who is interested. At present, Online Giving represents almost 20% of our weekly collection. Thank you to our parents for encouraging the children with their envelope use. It is the gift from a child that shows us God's grace.

Bishop Checchio will be praying a Holy Hour for the Unborn in front of a pro-abortion clinic on Main Street in Woodbridge, this Friday, January 19 starting at 1:00 p.m. Those who would like to join, can park in the St. James Church parking lot on the corner of Main Street and Amboy Avenue and then walk the two blocks to the sidewalk frontage.

Bingo Night is this coming Saturday, January 20th in our parish school gymnasium, 865 Roosevelt Avenue, Carteret. Please share the invite. Also, if you know of any local business that might be interested in purchasing a Stage Sponsorship for our Bingo events, the cost is \$100.00. Sponsorship includes a 4' X 3' sign with the name and information about the business displayed on the stage area. Also, announcements advertising the business will be made throughout the evening at each of our four (4) remaining Bingo/Tricky Tray events this spring. Please call the parish office at 732-541-8946 for additional information about Bingo sponsorship.

In the Lord,

Msgr. John



Querida familia parroquial:

Celebramos el 2º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario y muy pronto estaremos recibiendo el signo externo de las cenizas benditas (en solo cuatro semanas). Durante este período intermedio que conduce a la temporada santa de la Cuaresma, que podamos ver nuestras vidas una vez más como un camino de fe siempre bañado por la luz del nacimiento del Salvador, pero obligados a seguirlo en amor y alabanza a Su Pasión, Cruz y Muerte para proclamar Su gloriosa Resurrección.

Sus sacrificios adicionales a través de la colecta anual de Navidad fueron muy apreciados. Gracias por el continuo apoyo a las necesidades de nuestra parroquia a través de las donaciones dominicales regulares. Recuerde que las donaciones electrónicas se ofrecen a cualquier persona que esté interesada. En la actualidad, Online Giving representa casi el 20% de nuestra recaudación semanal. Gracias a nuestros padres por animar a los niños con el uso de sobres. Es el regalo de un niño que nos muestra la gracia de Dios.

El Obispo Checchio estará rezando una Hora Santa por los No Nacidos frente a una clínica pro-aborto en Main Street en Woodbridge, este viernes 19 de enero a partir de la 1:00 p.m. Aquellos que deseen unirse, pueden estacionarse en el estacionamiento de la Iglesia St. James en la esquina de Main Street y Amboy Avenue y luego caminar las dos cuadras hasta la fachada de la acera.

La Noche de Bingo es el próximo sábado 20 de enero en el gimnasio de nuestra escuela parroquial, 865 Roosevelt Avenue, Carteret. Por favor, comparte la invitación. Además, si conoce alguna empresa local que pueda estar interesada en comprar un patrocinio de escenario para nuestros eventos de bingo, el costo es de \$ 100.00. El patrocinio incluye un letrero de 4 'X 3' con el nombre y la información sobre el negocio que se muestra en el área del escenario. Además, los anuncios publicitarios del negocio se harán a lo largo de la noche en cada uno de nuestros cuatro (4) eventos restantes de Bingo / Tricky Tray esta primavera. Llame a la oficina parroquial al 732-541-8946 para obtener información adicional sobre el patrocinio del Bingo.

En el Señor, Mons. John

SACRAMENTS

Baptism (English): The second Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM.

Baptism (Spanish): The first Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Please arrange for the obligatory preparation session by calling the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The Holy Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick are available to the sick and shut-ins upon request.

First Penance, First Eucharist, Confirmation: Children are expected to receive a Catholic upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to receive ongoing Religious Education in the years preceding the reception of these sacraments.

Matrimony: To allow ample time for preparation, please contact the Parish Office at least one year before the intended wedding date.

Holy Orders or Religious Life: If you are considering serving God as a Priest, Deacon or Religious, you may contact your Parish Priest or Deacon; or phone the Office of Vocations at 732-562-2457 for additional information.

MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 PM (Saturday evening Vigil Mass) Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM 12:30 PM - Spanish Mass

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM; Saturday: 8:30 AM Thursday: 7:00 PM - Spanish Mass St. Peregrine Mass for the Sick Second Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM

Recitation of Rosary before 8am Daily Mass

CONFESSIONS Saturday: 11:00 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Weekdays: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

MAILING ADDRESS

Parish School
7 Locust Street 865 Roosevelt Avenue
Carteret, NJ 07008 Carteret, NJ 07008

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

 Parish Office
 732-541-8946

 Parish Office Fax
 732-541-0500

 Religious Education
 732-969-8767

 School
 732-541-7111

 St. Vincent de Paul Society
 732-541-8946 x108

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Registration: New parishioners are welcome. Please call the parish office to register. Please inform us if you move.

R.C.I.A.: Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the parish office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Parish Organizations: Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Ministry to the Sick & Elderly, RCIA Team, Food Pantry, Hispanic Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Home School Association, Athletic Association, and Catechetical Instruction.

Sponsorship: To act as a Godparent for Baptism or sponsor for Confirmation, the sponsor must be a baptized Catholic, Confirmed, received Communion, and live a morally good life; if married, done so within church law. Ordinarily the sponsor must be at least 14 years old.

WEBSITE: sjps.net

EMAIL:

stjosephparishcarteret@sjps.net



Zumba is coming to St Joseph Parish.
Starting January 3rd, 2024 we will have
Zumba Classes on Wednesdays from
7pm to 8pm at the Church hall.
Cost: \$10 per person
Ages: 12 and over

Please note: Minors must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please contact Johanna at:

joperez1575@yaĥoo.com or (201) 282 - 9023





Bus Trip to See Daniel at Sight and Sound Theater

St. Joseph parish is scheduling a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre to see the play Daniel. The bus will leave from St. Joseph church and stop for lunch before the play. After the show, the bus will stop at a Gift Shop and a Department store.

Additional information will be coming soon. If i00n-terested please call the parish office to be put on list of interest.

Update your Contact Information

St Joseph Parish office is currently in the process of updating our parishioner files. If you have not done so already, please update your family information. Complete information below and return to parish office.

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Holy Year Holy Doors Italy Pilgrimage
Msgr. John Gordon
December (5 Days)
\$2,499.00 from Newark
For more information contract
the Parish office at (732) 541-8946
or email: pjuanla@aol.com

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?

The Diocese is looking for Spanish-speaking or bilingual men who are interested in becoming Deacons. A new diaconate formation class is about to begin. Applications for that class will be accepted this Spring; prior to applying, interested men must attend an Information Meeting.

Information Meetings will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 7:00 PM and again on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife and your pastor are cordially invited to attend one of these meetings. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office at:

(732) 562-2457 or diaconate@diometuchen.org

¿ESTÁ SIENDO LLAMADO AL DIACONADO?

La Diócesis está buscando hombres de habla hispana o bilingües que estén interesados en convertirse en diáconos. Una nueva clase de formación diaconal está a punto de comenzar. Las solicitudes para esa clase se aceptarán esta primavera; antes de presentar la solicitud, los hombres interesados deben asistir a una reunión informativa.

Las reuniones informativas se llevarán a cabo en el Centro Pastoral St. John Neumann en Piscataway el miércoles 31 de enero de 2024 a las 7:00 p.m. y nuevamente el sábado 3 de febrero de 2024 a las 10:00 a.m. Si usted tiene entre 35 y 60 años, y cree que está siendo llamado a este ministerio, usted, su esposa y su pastor están cordialmente invitados a asistir a una de estas reuniones. Si tiene alguna pregunta o desea avisar que asistirá, comuníquese con la Oficina del Diaconado Diocesano al:

(732) 562-2457 o diaconate@diometuchen.org.



Saint Joseph School

PreK-3 and PreK-4 through 8th Grade

A Place to Believe, Achieve, Serve & Succeed

hat Makes Saint Joseph School Stand Out





- ✓ Catholic Faith Based Education
- ✓ Robotics & Coding **Program**
- ✓ Enriched Student Life ✓ Fine Arts
- ✓ Student Collaboration
- ✓ IXL & STREAM

- ✓ Rigorous Academic Program
- ✓ Eagles Before and After Care program
- ✓ Athletic Program
- ✓ FLEX Program

Become A Part Of Our School Family Please Visit the following link to register:

Https://saintjosephschoolcarteret.net/2023-2024registration

Forme en parte de nuestra familia Escolar Por favor visite el siguiente enlace para registrarse:

https://saintjosephschoolcarteret.net/2023-2024registration Registrarse ahora 2023-2024 Llama al (732) 541-7111 y Programa un Visita

Saint Joseph Pre-School

3 & 4 Year Old Program Full and Half –Day sessions are available Where Faith, Learning, and Fun go hand in hand!

For more information or to register, Please call the School Office at (732) 541-7111.

In our Eagles Preschool Program, children ages three (3) and four (4) experience the same learning environment as the older students. Not only do the children believe, achieve, serve, and succeed, but they are provided with a rich STREAM program that encourages them to reach their full potential.

Calendar Raffle Tickets

Saint Joseph Parish School is selling tickets for its Annual Calendar Raffle. Each ticket costs \$20.00 and you get up to 10 chances of winning \$400.00. Don't miss your chance to be a winner. Each family has a chance to purchase tickets after Mass or contact the parish office at 732 541 8946. Thanks in advance for your support. All proceeds go to fund Saint Joseph School Improvements.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at:

https://online.factsmgt.com/aid

Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2024. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

ESCUELA CATÓLICA 2024 - 2025 ASISTENCIA **DE MATRÍCULA** PROCESO DE APLICACIÓN EN LÍNEA ESTA ABIERTO

Las familias interesadas en solicitar asistencia con la matrícula para acudir a una escuela primaria o secundaria elegible de la Diócesis de Metuchen, pueden presentar su solicitud en línea ahora a través FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment en la dirección electrónica:

https://online.factsmgt.com/aid

Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluida toda la documentación requerida) antes del 31 de Marzo de 2024. Las solicitudes están disponibles en Enroll now for inglés y en español. Las familias que necesiten ayuda para completar la solicitud en línea o necesiten acceso a una computadora para postularse deben comunicarse directamente con su escuela.



865 Roosevelt Ave, Carteret, NJ (732) 541-7111 HSA@sjps.net



St. Joseph Church Parish Religious Education Program

PREP Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Wednesday 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

2023 - 2024

PREP Classes Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Grades 5, 6, 7, 8

Wednesdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Grades 1, 2, 3, 4

The St. Joseph Parish Religion Education Program (PREP) Office is located in the St. Joseph School.

Please give us a call or send an email to mndoherty@sjps.net for additional information. Phone: 732-969-8767 or 732-969-6677 732-541-0712 Fax:

AVAILABLE NOW!

PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Donna Delgrosso from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising

is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!

Donna Delgrosso

609-339-1112





"Lamb of God"



Read John 1:35-42 as a family and complete the word search below. Think of how you might have felt when John the Baptist saw Jesus walking by, what would you say to Jesus?

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our Father.

Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it was in Heaven. give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Rosary for Life - January 19, 2024

Come Pray a Rosary for Life (in solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country). Bishop Checchio is scheduled to attend! Friday, January 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm on Main Street in Woodbridge. Park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm (369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ) There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those wish to attend. For more information, contact amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar - January 25, 2024 All are welcome to join our Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:30 PM. Our four speakers will be: Dr. Gregory Popcak (Catholic HOM), Damon Owens (Communio), Enza Cerami (Living Stones, Inc.) and Patrick Metts, LPC (RESTORE Catholic Marriage Resource). This event presents a chance to learn and grow parish outreach to

information and/or to RSVP for the Zoom link please contact cdaverso@diometuchen.org

Choices Matter - A Critical Life Issues Conference -Saturday, March 16, 2024

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity presents "Choices Matter – A Critical Life Issues Conference which will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Saturday, March 16, 2024. An Opening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James Checchio at 9:00 AM and the conference will begin at 10:00 AM and end at 3:30 pm. This year's topics/expert speakers are:

- Jim Towey Author and advisor and personal friend of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
- Kevin Dunn An award-winning filmmaker and prolife speaker
- Evie West Ex-gang member, Teen Mom & Author "Revolving Choices: Playing Roulette with Life"

General registration is \$35 and student registration is \$15. The conference features Eucharistic Adoration, exhibits and more. The fee includes lunch and handouts. To register visit: https://www.diometuchen.org/ choicesmatter. Everyone is welcome! For questions or for more information please

email <u>amarshall@diometuchen.org</u>. Seating is limited.

Diocesan Youth Day

April 20th, 2024 Check-In Begins at 10am. The day will run from 10:30-5pm.

St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Edison

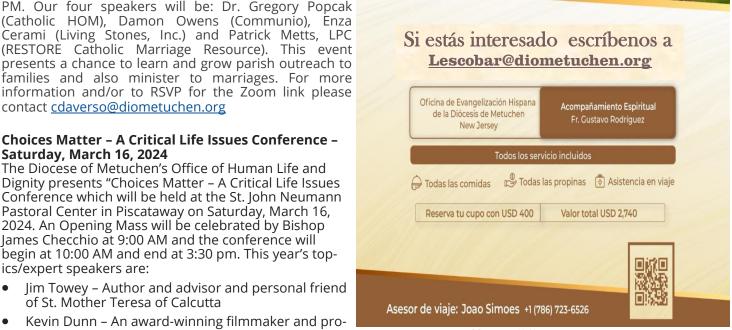
The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will run our Diocesan Youth Day at St. Thomas Aguinas High School in Edison, NJ on Saturday, April 20th, 2024.

Throughout the course of this day, 8th-12th grade teens will come together to enter into the sacrament of the Mass, have fun with one another, hear talks from Chika Anyanwu, have the opportunity

for Adoration and Confession, enjoy live music, good food, and more! Please register at:

https://www.diometuchen.org/diocesan-youth-day







marriage encounter **Thanksgiving**

In this season of Thanksgiving, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 16 - 18.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

Visit us at: **www.wwme.org** for more information.

Acción de gracias

En esta temporada de Acción de Gracias, ¿por qué no celebrar su matrimonio y sus muchas bendiciones asistiendo a un Fin de Semana de Encuentro Matrimonial?

Un Fin de Semana Mundial de Encuentro Matrimonial le brinda el tiempo y las herramientas para revitalizar el romance, profundizar la comunicación y nutrir la espiritualidad en su matrimonio.

El próximo Fin de Semana Mundial de Encuentro Matrimonial se llevará a cabo del 16 al 18 de febrero.

Por favor, aplique lo antes posible ya que el espacio es limitado. Llame al 1-732-904-9636 para solicitar e información (Tom y Ruth DeFalco).

Visítenos en: www.wwme.org para obtener más información.

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY January 13th

Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

5:00 PM + Giuseppantonio DiMartino

SUNDAY January 14th

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM People of the Parish 10:30 AM + Alma Yavorsky 12:00 PM + Julio Rolffo

MONDAY January 15th

Weekday

8:00 AM + Bill Lenahan Sr.

TUESDAY January 16th

Weekday

8:00AM + Antonio Quimpo

WEDNESDAY January 17th

Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:00AM +Christine Baviello

THURSDAY January 18th

Weekday

8:00 AM + Giuseppantonio DiMartino

11:30 AM Adoration 6:00 PM Holy Hour 7:00 PM +Jose Sandoval

FRIDAY January 19th

Weekday

Perpetual Mass Guild 8:00 AM +

SATURDAY January 20th

Saint Fabian, People and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

8:30 AM + For the Deceased members of the Packiam Family

5:00 PM + Lisa A. Vidal

SUNDAY January 21st

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM *People of the Parish* 10:30 AM Aleudia Family

Divino Nino Jesus por favores recibudos y la fe 12:30 PM

de la familia

Recitation of Rosary before 8am Daily Mass

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS
If you have requested a Mass to be celebrated for your Intention and would like to present the gifts that will become the Body and Blood of Christ at that Mass, please be sure to inform one of the ushers before Mass; otherwise, they will ask someone from the congregation to present the gifts. Thank you.

INTENTIONS ~ January 14– January 20

The St Joseph Santuary Lamp burns in loving memory of *John Roberts* requested by *his loving family*.

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For January 2024

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Intencion del Papa Francisco Para Enero 2024

Por el don de la diversidad en la Iglesia

Oremos para que el Espíritu Santo nos ayude a reconocer el don de los diferentes carismas dentro de la comunidad cristiana, y a descubrir la riqueza de las diferentes tradiciones rituales en el corazón de la Iglesia Católica.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursdays in the Church Chapel 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM



Restoration, sanctification, transformation, reparation, and salvation are the graces being poured out graciously upon us with each Holy Hour we make. -Excerpt from Letter To A Brother

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word,

"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven...

a time to heal... for those in our Parish who are ill and for *Alice* especially Benson, Anthony Anthony Reveillac, Angelina Virola, Ashley Thatcher, Constance Sewing, Elsa Pacheco, Josie Gibbs, Kelley Nelson, Kirsten Kisselman, Mary Warren, Ray Sewing, Raymond Sewing, Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Puleo.

Recently Departed but never will be forgotten...

Arthur Fiore, Christine Baviello, Rose M. Borbone, Maryann Pletterer, Robert George Sulo, Carmen Peralta, Genevieve Elko, Jose Espinal, Julio Rolffot



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 31, 2023 \$\$10,401.00 January 1, 2024

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22 Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 1 Sm 3, 3-10. 19; 1 Cor 6, 13-15. 17-20; Jn 1, 35-42

1 Sm 15, 16-23; Mc 2, 18-22 Lunes: 1 Sm 16, 1-13; Mc 2, 23-28 Martes:

Miércoles: 1 Sm 17, 32-33. 37. 40-51; Mc 3, 1-6 Jueves: 1 Sm 18, 6-9; 19, 1-7; Mc 3, 7-12

1 Sm 24, 3-2; Mc 3, 13-19 Viernes:

2 Sm 1, 1-4. 11-12. 17. 19. 23-27; Mc 3, 20-21 Sábado:

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024

"You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself." —Luke 10:27

We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ.

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirt are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.