

Our Lady of Lourdes Church and School

A Catholic Tradition in the foothills of Los Angeles since 1920



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Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 pm (English)

Sunday Mass

7:00 am (English)
8:30 am (Spanish)
10:30 am (English)
12:30 pm (English)

Daily Mass

Monday through Thursday
7:45 am
Friday: 8:30 am

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday

8:30 am - 1:00 pm
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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Adoration and Benediction

First Fridays after 8:30 am Mass

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

Rosary

After Daily Mass

Baptism and Marriages

Please call the Parish Office
☎818-352-3218

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13.16-19
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 86
– Lord, you are good and forgiving.
Second Reading: Romans 8:26-17
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Last Sunday, the Gospel focused on planting the seeds of the Kingdom. This Sunday, the focus shifts to growth. The parables remind us that doing God's work is not without challenges. As Jesus explains, there will always be those who try to sabotage what God is doing. The Church itself is a mixed body that includes both saints and sinners -- the wheat and the weeds growing side by side.

Yet the presence of weeds does not prevent the wheat from growing. No matter how small our efforts may seem, God's Kingdom continues to flourish. This is where the image of the yeast becomes important.

The First Reading from the Book of Wisdom helps us understand this more clearly. Addressing God, the sacred author writes: *"There is no god besides you who have care of all. . . For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. . . And you taught your people by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope."*

God's patient and loving presence is the leaven that allows the Kingdom to grow.

The Second Reading expands on this teaching. Saint Paul writes: *"The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. . . because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will."*

Several years ago, a popular bumper sticker was placed on cars and it read: *"Stop the world, I want to get off."* The slogan protested all the insanity going on in the world -- large-scale insanity like nuclear stockpiling and wars erupting around the globe. *Stop all these insanities*, the sticker seemed to say.

Many vexing questions are asked: Why is sin still so widespread more than 2,000 years after Jesus set up his kingdom of love? Has God's love and mercy dissolved into nothingness after several centuries? Where is God, so to speak, when there is widespread evil around us? What is our attitude towards the evil in the world today? What can we do about it?

These questions are not new. They are older than Christianity itself. The book of Wisdom, from which our first reading was taken, was written close to the time of the birth of Jesus. At that time, many Jews migrated to other places outside Israel and wherever they found themselves, they saw to it that they adhered to everything that was Jewish: worship, business, marrying only within their community of Jews. Many of them suffered humiliation and oppression, and so they asked: How is it that we, who have observed the law of God, are constantly humiliated and oppressed? Our fathers told us that God did great things for our people in the past. Has God now lost his power?

Jesus addresses these same questions in today's gospel through the parable of the good seed sown among the weeds. The good seeds represent the Kingdom of God which Jesus planted in a world where weeds or evil thrive.

The tenants take great interest in the field and want to eliminate the weeds immediately. But the owner of the field keeps calm; he shows no surprise and does not share their anxiety. He says, *"If you pull up the weeds, you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest time..."*

Good and evil in the fields of this world cannot be separated. They have to grow up together and it will be this way until the end of time. The line separating good from evil does not run between individuals or between groups or between nations. It passes within the heart of every person - good and evil can be found in every person. Even the most wicked person still carries some grain of goodness within. "Be patient," says the owner of the field. "Let the weeds grow with the good wheat."

While many of us would like to eliminate the weeds, to destroy all the evil in this world, this parable reveals to us the attitude of God towards the evil that exists in the world, in the Church and in every individual.

As Christians, we are NOT here just to curse the darkness.

We are here to become a beacon of light in today's world. ❖

Cast into the Deep My Journey to Tujunga Fr. Luther Dalang

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.” (Matthew 10:40)

Two Sundays ago, we heard Jesus speak these beautiful words in the Gospel. He reminded his disciples that hospitality is more than simple courtesy. To welcome another person, especially a stranger or a disciple sent in Christ’s name, is somehow to welcome Christ himself.

As I listened to that Gospel, I could not help but think of my own journey to Tujunga and the warm hospitality I have received here.

After completing another academic year of theological studies at KU Leuven in Belgium, I looked forward to spending part of my summer in California, sharing in the life and ministry of this parish community. For months, there were plans, emails, arrangements, and many instructions from Fr. Rolly. Everything seemed ready. I had my ticket, my luggage, and my carefully prepared itinerary.

But as I soon discovered, journeys do not always unfold according to our plan. I traveled from Belgium to Amsterdam to catch my connecting flight to Los Angeles. I was already at the airport, ready for the long journey across the Atlantic, when, only about thirty minutes before boarding, my flight was suddenly canceled.

Anyone who has experienced a canceled flight knows the feeling. Suddenly, the carefully prepared itinerary disappears, and uncertainty takes its place. What happens now? When will I arrive? And Why today? I began to wonder, maybe this is a sign, maybe God does not want me to go to California or USA?

Instead of flying as planned, I was rebooked through Frankfurt. Another airport. Another flight. More waiting and, of course, more delays. At several moments, I found myself checking departure boards, listening carefully to announcements, and since it was my first time to travel to USA, I had to look for companions that could lead me the way. I found one couple, and they were very kind to me from our departure to our arrival at LAX. They also accompanied me to report my missing luggage. They were good Samaritans for me.

During those uncertain moments, I prayed my Rosary. I realized once again that prayer does not always make the flight arrive on time. It does not always prevent cancellations or make the line at the airport move faster. But prayer changes the way we travel through such circumstances. It reminds us that even when we do not know what comes next, we are not traveling alone.

Eventually, after cancellations, rerouting, waiting, and delays, I arrived safely in Los Angeles. And at the end of that long and tiring journey, something beautiful was waiting for me: a welcome.

I was welcomed by Fr. Rolly and received with great kindness by the Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

In the first reading that Sunday, a woman of Shunem welcomed the prophet Elisha into her home. She did not do anything spectacular. She simply offered him food and prepared a small room where he could rest—a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp. Yet through these ordinary acts of hospitality, she welcomed a man of God, and her generosity became a source of blessing.

This is what Christian hospitality looks like. It is often found not in grand gestures but in small acts: offering someone a meal, opening a door, providing a place to rest, giving directions to a visitor, sharing a smile, remembering someone’s name, or simply saying, “You are welcome here.”

I have experienced many of these small acts since arriving in Tujunga. My journey reminded me that the Christian life itself is a journey filled with unexpected cancellations, delays, and detours. We make plans, but life does not always follow our itinerary. Yet even in uncertainty, God accompanies us. And very often, God reveals his presence through the people who accompany us along the way, like the two disciples walking to Emmaus, who were joined by Jesus, listening to their stories and disappointments but did not recognize him until the breaking of the bread.

Perhaps this is the invitation of that Sunday’s readings: to become a place of welcome for others. We may never know the journey someone has taken before arriving at our door. Behind every person is a story—perhaps of delays, disappointments, anxieties, struggle, or simply a long search for somewhere to belong. A welcoming heart can become a sign of God’s presence.

My journey to Tujunga began with cancellations and delays, but it ended with hospitality and gratitude. And so, to Fr. Rolly and to all of you, thank you for receiving me, for welcoming me, and for making me feel at home. ❖



Parish News



News Briefs



It's that time of year once again. We're busy preparing for vacations, backyard barbeques, summer camps and the like. Don't forget to pledge to Together in Mission *This is the hour of Love!*

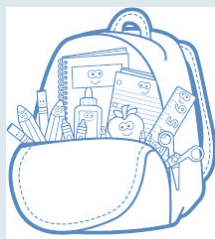
Note on page 4 of this bulletin that we are within striking range of attaining our goal of **\$44,772**—we're only **\$4,882** shy of that number in pledges. It's up to you to make up that difference!

If you haven't pledged to this most worthwhile cause—to help the parishes and schools in need of our help—do so today. If only 20 parishioners pledged \$245 total, we'd make and exceed our pledged goal. Be part of this valiant cause!



Backpacks of Love, sponsored by The Catholic Daughters, has supported our Local community schools and other organizations over the past several years. We donate schools supplies as well as backpacks for over 400 students. It is not too late to get your donations in.. Any amount donated will be greatly appreciated.

Cash and/or Check donations made payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas may be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office. Questions? Call Teresa at 818.648.9879 or Nancy at 818.279.5611. Thank you!



Around campus...

7/19 Confirmation and Youth Ministry
information after all Masses

7/20 Bingo—Doors open at 5:30

A look ahead...

8/24 O.L.L. school resumes

Magnifica Humanitas

Magnifica Humanitas ("Magnificent Humanity"), On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence, is Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, addressing human dignity and the ethical challenges posed by artificial intelligence. This encyclical invites us to consider the profound impacts that rapid technological advancement has on human work, social relations, and the common good of all people. It is a powerful reminder that no technology can replace a child of God, and all technology should be placed at the service of helping humanity thrive. (USCCB)

"They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun..."

Mt 13:42-43

From Scripture to life... The choice is yours: wailing and grinding of teeth or shine like the sun?



*We'll be dark in July and August.
We'll see you again come September!*

MASS INTENTIONS

July 18 to 24, 2026



Saturday July 18 5:00 PM

Benjamin Gomez †

Joseph Pham †

Carlos Marco — *Birthday Blessing*

Teresita Sepulveda — *Birthday Blessing*

Dayna Sepulveda — *Birthday Blessing*

Robbie Velasquez — *Birthday Blessing*

Veronica Kim — *Birthday Blessing*

Sunday July 19 7:00 AM

Lynn Nguyen—*Birthday Blessing*

Kaylynn & Mei—*God's Guidance*

Dr. Faye Snyder—*Conversion*

8:30 AM

Floriberta Rojas Gonzalez †

Carmen Rosa Paucarca †—*Birthday*

Remembrance

Blanca Palomino †—*Death Anniversary*

Gaudi Pinal—*Physical & Spiritual Healing*

Rikina Najar—*Physical & Spiritual Healing*

Oliva Suarez—*Healing*

Sepulveda Family—*Blessings*

10:30 AM

Randall A. Garcia †

Raul Requistas †

Maria Maldonado †

Victims & Families of the Disaster in

Venezuela—*God's Mercy*

12:30 PM

Michael Waters †—*Death Anniversary*

Dan & Rebecca—*Conversion*

Monday July 20 7:45 AM

Josette Ortiz-Luis †

Tuesday July 21 7:45 AM

Ady Yazon—*Recovery & Healing*

Wednesday July 22 7:45 AM

Eric Catipon †

Giovanny & Marily—*Wedding Anniversary Blessing*

Bryan & David—*Spiritual Awakening*

Thursday July 23 7:45 AM

All Souls in Purgatory †

Friday July 24 8:30 AM

Marcelito Salvatus †

Ana Barreno & Family—*Thanksgiving*

What is Generative Artificial Intelligence?



Generative Artificial Intelligence is technology that allows a user to create new or alter existing images, videos, or text, based on user prompts or requests. It can be misused to create AI-generated child sexual abuse material, including sexually explicit or exploitative images that depict real children. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, this technology is being used to exploit children, particularly in the creation of GAI Child Sexual Abuse Material, often generated from images that have already been posted or shared online. In many cases, the offenders were people who knew the child victims well. For more information, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/generative-ai>.

**Our Lady of Lourdes...
Pray for Us!**

Papal Prayer Intention for July

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Por el respeto a la vida humana

Oremos por el respeto y la protección de la vida humana en todas sus etapas, reconociéndola como un don de Dios.



Daily Meditations with Pope Francis

WORLDLINESS IN THE CHURCH

God save us from a worldly Church with superficial spiritual and pastoral trappings! This stifling worldliness can only be healed by breathing in the pure air of the Holy Spirit who frees us from self-centeredness cloaked in an outward religiosity bereft of God.

For today, pray for an end to worldliness in the Church. Pray that the Holy Spirit would open the Church to pastoral concern for the needy and free it from any superficial focus on appearances.

Meditaciones diarias con el Papa Francisco **LA MUNDANIDAD EN LA IGLESIA**

¡Que Dios nos libre de una Iglesia mundana, revestida de una apariencia espiritual y pastoral superficial! Esta mundanidad asfixiante solo puede sanarse respirando el aire puro del Espíritu Santo, que nos libera del egocentrismo disfrazado de una religiosidad externa vacía de Dios.

Hoy, oren para que cese la mundanidad en la Iglesia. Oren para que el Espíritu Santo abra la Iglesia a la atención pastoral hacia los necesitados y la libere de cualquier enfoque superficial centrado en las apariencias.

El programa "**Backpacks of Love**" (**Mochilas de Amor**), patrocinado por las **Catholic Daughters** (Hijas Católicas), ha apoyado a las escuelas de nuestra comunidad local y a otras organizaciones durante los últimos años. Donamos útiles escolares y mochilas para más de 400 estudiantes. Habrá mesas de donación en el patio de la iglesia después de todas las misas del sábado 27 y el domingo 28 de junio. Agradecemos profundamente cualquier donativo. Las donaciones en efectivo o con cheque (a nombre de **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**) pueden enviarse por correo o entregarse en la oficina parroquial. ¿Tiene preguntas? Llame a Teresa al 818-648-9879 o a Nancy al 818-279-5611. Gracias!

"Para los católicos, la inmigración no es una cuestión política. Es una cuestión de nuestras profundas creencias religiosas".

~ Declaración del arzobispo Gómez sobre cuestiones de inmigración. Véase la p. 20

"...y los arrojará al horno de fuego, donde habrá llanto y desesperación. Entonces los justos brillarán como el sol..." Mateo 13, 42-43

De las escrituras a la vida... La elección es tuya: ¿el llanto y el crujir de dientes o brillar como el sol?

Prayer to St. Francis

(in this Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi)

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers, unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen

Oración a San Francisco

(en este Año Jubilar de San Francisco de Asís)

San Francisco, hermano nuestro, tú que hace ochocientos años fuiste al encuentro de la Muerte como un hombre en paz, intercede por nosotros ante el Señor.

Reconociste la verdadera paz en el Crucifijo de San Damián, enséñanos a buscar en Él la fuente de toda reconciliación que derriba todo mur.

Tú que, desarmado, cruzaste las líneas de la guerra y la incomprensión, danos el valor para construir puentes donde el mundo levanta barreras.

En este tiempo afligido por el conflicto y la división, intercede por nosotros para que seamos pacificadores: testigos desarmados y que desarmen la paz que viene de Cristo. Amén.

**Nuestra Señora de Lourdes,
¡ORA POR NOSOTROS!**

a/o July 1, 2026

Goal: \$44,772.00

Pledged: \$39,889.91

Paid: \$34,723.91



This is the Hour of Love. Please pledge today and be sure to give to Together in Mission 2026. Thank you.

*Esta es la Hora del Amor. Por favor, haga su promesa hoy y asegúrese de contribuir a *Together in Mission 2026*. Gracias.*

Parish Stewardship:

Collections for the Month of June:

1st Week (6/7)	\$ 14,131
2nd Week (6/14)	\$ 7,605
3rd Week (6/21)	\$ 7,413
4th Week (6/28)	\$ 7,327
TOTAL	\$ 36,476

Incl Ordinary Sunday Collections and Holy Days.

¿Qué es la Inteligencia Artificial Generativa?



La Inteligencia Artificial Generativa (IAG) es una tecnología que permite al usuario crear o modificar imágenes, videos o textos nuevos, a partir de

indicaciones o peticiones del usuario. Se puede utilizar indebidamente para crear material de abuso sexual infantil generado por IA, incluidas imágenes sexualmente explícitas o de explotación en las que aparecen niños reales. Según el Centro Nacional para Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados, esta tecnología se está utilizando para explotar a los niños, especialmente en la creación de material de abuso sexual infantil generado por IAG, que son creadas a partir de imágenes que ya se han publicado o compartido en el Internet. Para obtener más información visita <https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/generative-ai>.

Magnifica Humanitas

Magnifica Humanitas, sobre la salvaguarda de la persona humana en la era de la inteligencia artificial, es la primera encíclica del Papa León XIV, la cual aborda la dignidad humana y los desafíos éticos que plantea la inteligencia artificial. Esta encíclica nos invita a reflexionar sobre los profundos impactos que el rápido avance tecnológico ejerce sobre el trabajo humano, las relaciones sociales y el bien común de todas las personas. (USCCB)

The Franciscan Jubilee Year



Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Franciscan Jubilee Year — from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027 — to mark the 800th anniversary of the passing of St. Francis of Assisi. The Holy Father invites all Christians to follow Francis' example of holiness, a life that was simple and essential, open to peace, fraternity, and respect for creation.

A plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions: sacramental confession,

reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, and detachment from sin, may be obtained for oneself or for the souls of the faithful departed.

This grace is open to all the faithful who make a pilgrimage to any Franciscan church or shrine dedicated to St. Francis. The faithful are encouraged to spend time in prayer and meditation at a pilgrimage site, and then concluding with the Our Father, the Creed, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Clare, and all the Saints of the Franciscan Family.

In the San Fernando Region, these are the designated public Pilgrimage sites:

- Poverello of Assisi Retreat Center
1519 Woodworth Street, San Fernando, California 91340
- Provincial House & Chapel (Glory to God) 13367
Borden Avenue, Sylmar, California 91342
- Mother Gertrude Balcazar Home
11320 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, San Fernando,
California 91340
- Poor Clare Missionary Sisters
13026 Angeles Trail Way, Kagel Canyon, California
91342

The elderly, the sick, and the homebound may also receive the indulgence by uniting themselves spiritually to the Jubilee and offering their prayers and sufferings to God.

May this Holy Year deepen our love for Jesus Christ, strengthen our care for creation, and renew our commitment to peace.

Prayer to St. Francis

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Fr. Francis Neissery from the Archdiocese of Verapoly in Kerala, India, presided at all the Masses last weekend to make a Mission Appeal. OLL did not disappoint in hospitality and welcomed him with our smiles, our attention, and our donations.

Thank you for your generosity in responding to this year's Mission Appeal and collecting \$3.7K for Verapoly needs.



Mission Appeal



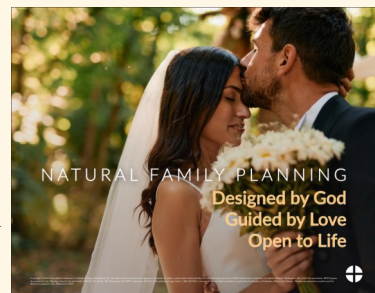
The Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of Verapoly

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week July 19 to July 25, 2026

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign to focus attention on Natural Family Planning methods and Church teachings that support their use in marriage.

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood.

For more information, See pages 10/ 11 (English) and pages 12/13 (Spanish)



Venezuela Disaster Relief

As per the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, we will be taking up a special emergency collection the weekend of **August 1 and 2**, to assist those affected by the disaster caused by the two powerful earthquakes that struck Venezuela. As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are suffering.

Along with our financial support, we ask that our parish community remember the people of Venezuela in your prayers.



Join the Seniors 55+ Group (for single, separated, divorced and widowed women) on Saturday, July 25 for the 5 p.m. Mass followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Meet at the hospitality patio at 4:50 p.m.

For more information, please call the Parish Office at (818) 352-3218.

XVI Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario
Primera Lectura: Sabiduría 12, 13. 16-19
Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 86
– Tú Señor, eres bueno y clemente.
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8, 26-27
Evangelio: Mateo 13, 24-43

El domingo pasado, el Evangelio se centró en sembrar las semillas del Reino. Este domingo, el enfoque está en el crecimiento. Las parábolas nos recuerdan que hacer la obra de Dios no está exenta de desafíos. Como explica Jesús, siempre habrá quienes intenten sabotear lo que Dios está haciendo. La Iglesia misma es un cuerpo mixto que incluye tanto santos como pecadores – el trigo y la cizaña crecen juntos.

Sin embargo, la presencia de la cizaña no impide que el trigo crezca. Por pequeños que parezcan nuestros esfuerzos, el Reino de Dios sigue floreciendo. Aquí es donde la imagen de la levadura cobra importancia.

La Primera Lectura del Libro de la Sabiduría nos ayuda a comprender esto con mayor claridad. Dirigiéndose a Dios, el autor sagrado escribe: “No hay más Dios que tú, Señor, que cuidas de todas las cosas ... Tu poder es el fundamento de tu justicia, y por ser el Señor de todos, eres misericordioso con todos ... Con todo esto has enseñado a tu pueblo que el justo debe ser humano, y has llenado a tus hijos de una dulce esperanza”.

La presencia paciente y amorosa de Dios es la levadura que permite que el Reino crezca.

La Segunda Lectura amplía esta enseñanza. San Pablo escribe: “El Espíritu nos ayuda en nuestra debilidad, porque nosotros no sabemos pedir lo que nos conviene; pero el Espíritu mismo intercede por nosotros con gemidos que no pueden expresarse con palabras ... porque el Espíritu ruega, conforme a la voluntad de Dios, por los que le pertenecen”.

Hace varios años, se colocó una popular calcomanía en los coches que decía: “Detengan el mundo, quiero bajarme”. El eslogan protestaba contra toda la locura que se vive en el mundo – una locura a gran escala como el almacenamiento de armas nucleares y las guerras que estallan por todo el planeta. ¡Basta de locuras! Parecía decir la calcomanía.

Surgen muchas preguntas inquietantes: ¿Por qué el pecado sigue tan extendido más de 2000 años después de que Jesús estableciera su reino de amor? ¿Se han desvanecido el amor y la misericordia de Dios tras varios siglos? ¿Dónde está Dios, por así decirlo, cuando el mal abunda a nuestro alrededor? ¿Cuál es nuestra actitud ante el mal en el mundo actual? ¿Qué podemos hacer al respecto?

Estas preguntas no son nuevas. Son anteriores al cristianismo mismo. El libro de la Sabiduría, del que se tomó nuestra primera lectura, fue escrito cerca del nacimiento de Jesús. En aquel entonces, muchos judíos emigraron a otros lugares fuera de Israel y, dondequiera que se encontraban, se aseguraban de adherirse a todo lo judío: culto, negocios, casarse solo dentro de su comunidad judía. Muchos de ellos sufrieron humillación y opresión, y por eso se preguntaban: ¿Cómo es posible que nosotros, que hemos observado la ley de Dios, seamos constantemente humillados y oprimidos? Nuestros padres nos contaron que Dios hizo grandes cosas por nuestro pueblo en el pasado. ¿Acaso Dios ha perdido ahora su poder?

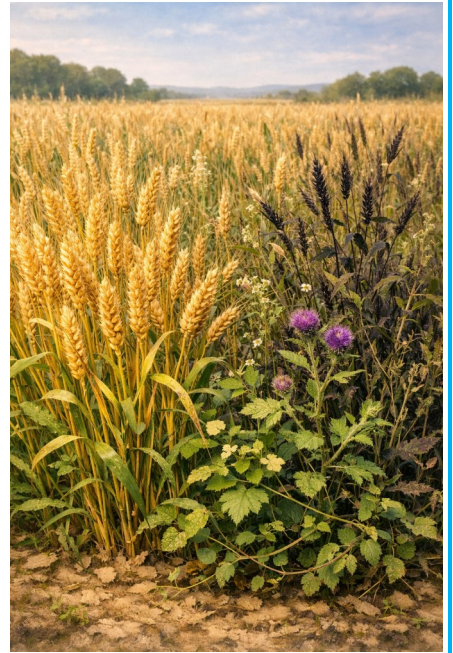
Jesús aborda estas mismas preguntas en el evangelio de hoy a través de la parábola de la buena semilla sembrada entre la cizaña. La buena semilla representa el Reino de Dios que Jesús plantó en un mundo donde la cizaña o el mal prosperan.

Los trabajadores se interesan mucho por el campo y quieren eliminar la cizaña de inmediato. Pero el dueño del campo mantiene la calma; no muestra sorpresa ni comparte su ansiedad. Dice: “No, no sea que al arrancar la cizaña, arranquen también el trigo. Dejen que crezcan juntos hasta el tiempo de la cosecha ...”

El bien y el mal en los campos de este mundo no pueden separarse. Tienen que crecer juntos y será así hasta el fin de los tiempos. La línea que separa el bien del mal no pasa entre individuos, ni entre grupos, ni entre naciones. Pasa por el corazón de cada persona – el bien y el mal se pueden encontrar en cada persona. Incluso la persona más malvada todavía lleva algún grano de bondad en su interior. “Tengan paciencia”, dice el dueño del campo. “Dejen que la cizaña crezca con el trigo”.

Si bien muchos de nosotros quisiéramos eliminar la cizaña, destruir todo el mal en este mundo, esta parábola nos revela la actitud de Dios hacia el mal que existe en el mundo, en la Iglesia y en cada individuo.

Como cristianos, NO estamos aquí solo para maldecir la oscuridad. Estamos aquí para convertirnos en un faro de luz en el mundo de hoy. ❖



Pescando en lo Profundo

Mi viaje a Tujunga

P. Luther Dalang



“El que los recibe a ustedes, me recibe a mí; y el que me recibe, recibe al que me envió” (Mateo 10,40).

Hace dos domingos, escuchamos a Jesús pronunciar estas hermosas palabras en el Evangelio. Les recordó a sus discípulos que la hospitalidad es más que una simple cortesía. Dar la bienvenida a otra persona, especialmente a un desconocido o a un discípulo enviado en nombre de Cristo, es de alguna manera dar la bienvenida al mismo Cristo.

Mientras escuchaba ese Evangelio, no pude evitar pensar en mi propio viaje a Tujunga y en la cálida hospitalidad que he recibido aquí.

Después de completar otro año académico de estudios teológicos en la KU Leuven en Bélgica, esperaba con ilusión pasar parte del verano en California, compartiendo la vida y el ministerio de esta comunidad parroquial. Durante meses, hubo planes, correos electrónicos, preparativos y muchas instrucciones del Padre Rolly. Todo parecía listo. Tenía mi boleto, mi equipaje y mi itinerario cuidadosamente preparado.

Pero, como pronto descubrí, los viajes no siempre se desarrollan según lo planeado. Viagé de Bélgica a Ámsterdam para tomar mi vuelo de conexión a Los Ángeles. Ya estaba en el aeropuerto, listo para el largo viaje a través del Atlántico, cuando, apenas treinta minutos antes de abordar, mi vuelo fue cancelado repentinamente.

Cualquiera que haya experimentado un vuelo cancelado conoce esa sensación. De repente, el itinerario cuidadosamente preparado desaparece y la incertidumbre toma su lugar. ¿Qué pasa ahora? ¿Cuándo llegaré? ¿Y por qué hoy? Empecé a preguntarme, tal vez esto sea una señal, tal vez Dios no quiere que vaya a California o a Estados Unidos.

En lugar de volar como estaba previsto, me reubicaron vía Frankfurt. Otro aeropuerto. Otro vuelo. Más esperas y, por supuesto, más retrasos. En varios momentos, me encontré revisando las pantallas de salidas, escuchando atentamente los anuncios, y como era mi primer viaje a Estados Unidos, tuve que buscar a alguien que me acompañara. Encontré a una pareja, y fueron muy amables conmigo desde nuestra salida hasta nuestra llegada a LAX. También me acompañaron a reportar mi equipaje extraviado. Fueron unos buenos samaritanos.

Durante esos momentos de incertidumbre, recé el Rosario. Me di cuenta una vez más de que la oración no siempre garantiza que el vuelo llegue a tiempo. No siempre evita las cancelaciones ni agiliza la fila en el aeropuerto. Pero la oración transforma nuestra manera de afrontar estas circunstancias. Nos recuerda que, incluso cuando no sabemos qué nos depara el futuro, no viajamos solos.

Finalmente, tras cancelaciones, cambios de ruta, esperas y retrasos, llegué sano y salvo a Los Ángeles. Y al final de aquel largo y agotador viaje, me esperaba algo hermoso: una cálida bienvenida.

El padre Rolly me dio la bienvenida y la iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes me recibió con gran amabilidad.

En la primera lectura de aquel domingo, una mujer de Sunem acogió al profeta Eliseo en su casa. No hizo nada espectacular. Simplemente le ofreció comida y le preparó una pequeña habitación donde pudiera descansar – una cama, una mesa, una silla y una lámpara. Sin embargo, a través de estos sencillos actos de hospitalidad, acogió a un hombre de Dios, y su generosidad se convirtió en una bendición.

Así es la hospitalidad cristiana. A menudo se encuentra no en grandes gestos, sino en pequeños actos: ofrecerle una comida a alguien, abrirle una puerta, brindarle un lugar para descansar, darle indicaciones a un visitante, compartir una sonrisa, recordar el nombre de alguien o simplemente decir, “Eres bienvenido aquí”.

He experimentado muchos de estos pequeños actos desde que llegué a Tujunga. Mi viaje me recordó que la vida cristiana misma es un viaje lleno de cancelaciones, retrasos y desvíos inesperados. Hacemos planes, pero la vida no siempre sigue nuestro itinerario. Sin embargo, incluso en la incertidumbre, Dios nos acompaña. Y muy a menudo, Dios revela su presencia a través de las personas que nos acompañan en el camino, como los dos discípulos que caminaban hacia Emaús, a quienes se unió Jesús, escuchando sus historias y decepciones, pero no lo reconocí hasta la fracción del pan.

Quizás esta sea la invitación de las lecturas de aquel domingo: convertirnos en un lugar de acogida para los demás. Puede que nunca sepamos el camino que alguien ha recorrido antes de llegar a nuestra puerta. Detrás de cada persona hay una historia – tal vez de retrasos, decepciones, ansiedades, luchas o simplemente una larga búsqueda de un lugar al que pertenecer. Un corazón acogedor puede ser un signo de la presencia de Dios.

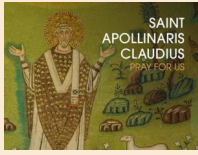
Mi viaje a Tujunga comenzó con cancelaciones y retrasos, pero terminó con hospitalidad y gratitud. Así que, al padre Rolly y a todos ustedes, gracias por recibirme, por darme la bienvenida y por hacerme sentir como en casa. ❖

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July 20

St Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

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July 21

St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

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July 22

St Mary Magdalene

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July 23

St Bridget, Religious

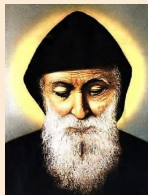
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July 24

St Sharbel Makluf, Priest

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aprfriO8YuE>



July 25

St James, Apostle, Feast

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2p1mrwvYUxc>



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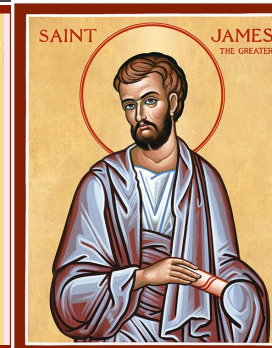
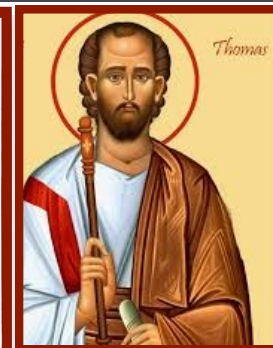
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5 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6 Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time	7 Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time	8 Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time	9 Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time	10 Friday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time	11 Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot
12 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	13 Monday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time	14 Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin [In the Dioceses of the United States]	15 Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	16 Thursday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time	17 Friday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time	18 Saturday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time
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Rev. Msgr. Robert R. Cannon

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The natural beauty of creation has the power to draw us into the mystery of God. We can see, feel, smell, and sense God's creative handiwork in so many ways. Consider when we pause to savor the burst of colors in a sunset or the rhythmic sound of waves rolling upon a beach. It might be in the playful antics of a kitten or a child's first step. Everything reflects and proclaims God's glory and love. The Church teaches that through natural revelation, "even before revealing Himself to man in words of truth, God reveals Himself ... in the universal language of creation, the work of His word, of His wisdom" (CCC, 2500).

The Church teaches that through "natural reason, man can know God...on the basis of His works" (CCC, 50). When we allow ourselves to be attentive to the wonder of creation, we begin to see that creation is not random or accidental, but ordered and purposeful. God has established laws within creation on which humanity can rely with confidence, laws that are to be respected by the stewardship of men and women (see CCC, 346).

Designed by God

In creating man and woman in His image and likeness, God enables us to share in His own life (see CCC, 225). Human dignity flows from this divine design. And, because God is love, divine love is inscribed in the human body itself. St. John Paul II taught that the body has a "spousal meaning" (see General Audience, April 14, 1982), as God has written into human nature the vocation and responsibility of love and communion (see FC, 14). It is found in every man and woman, expressed in sexuality and fertility, marriage, and procreation. And here is where the modern methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) stand ready to help. NFP supports the

Creator's sublime design for marriage, guided by love, and open to life.

God's creation of male and female is not incidental but intentional. Sexuality, therefore, is purposeful. It draws people out of isolation and toward communion. It affects "every aspect of the human person" and it allows man and woman to unite in the unique communion of persons called marriage (see CCC, 371–372; 2332–2335). Flowing from this reality of community, marriage reflects God's own inner life—a communion of love that is both life-giving and faithful.

Guided by Love

Guided by love means to be directed toward the good of the other. Love, by its nature, is relational. St. John Paul II powerfully expressed this truth when he wrote that man cannot live without love; without it, life becomes senseless and incomprehensible (see RH, 10).

Of all creatures, only human beings can know and love God and consciously participate in His life. St. Paul teaches, "we are created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance" (Ephesians 2:11). To be guided by love is to participate in God's creative plan and to help build a culture of life and love (see EV, 77).

Marriage is neither a social invention nor a product of chance. "It is ... the wise...institution of God the Creator, whose purpose was to effect in man His loving design" (HV, 8). Because of this divine origin, the Church teaches that married love is freely given, faithful, permanent, and fruitful (see HV, 9). Marital love reflects God's own love!

When a man and a woman freely exchange consent, they establish a covenant for "the whole of life" that is

“ordered by its very nature to the good of the spouses and to the procreation and education” of children (see Canon 1055). God Himself is present within this union. When the spouses are baptized Christians, marriage becomes a sacrament, receiving its strength and permanence from Christ Himself.

Open to Life

A unique gift and responsibility contained in the marital vocation is stewardship over the powers of life. God calls husband and wife to embrace their shared fertility as a gift. The Lord God created marriage to be the home of the family. Spouses give “themselves to one another” and at the same time give beyond themselves to the reality of “children, who are a living reflection of their love, a permanent sign of conjugal unity” (see FC, 14).

As stewards of the gift of fertility, married couples are invited to seek God’s will together in a spirit of trust and humility. It is in this spirit that God helps them make prudent decisions about welcoming children. It is within this discernment that NFP finds its proper place.

NFP methods are evidence-based approaches to fertility education that can assist couples in identifying when fertility is at its peak so that couples can attempt to achieve or postpone pregnancy. When avoiding pregnancy, no drugs or devices are used that can harm God’s gifts. NFP differs fundamentally from contraception. Rather than interfering with God’s design for married couples, NFP respects the integrity of married love and the gift of life.

When pregnancy has been attempted and a child is conceived, parents speak of the great joy and gratitude that they have. They also say that the time of childbirth is one of the most meaningful moments in their lives. Mothers will speak of God’s presence when first holding their newborn baby. Fathers proudly admit they finally understand the meaning of fatherhood when looking into their newborn’s eyes. This self-realization is due to the natural and “the fundamental task of family,” which is “to serve life, to actualize...the original blessing of the Creator ...of transmitting by procreation the divine image from person to person” (see FC, 28).

The fruitfulness of spousal love is not limited to the gift of children. Some couples, despite their desires, are unable to conceive. In this case, a married couple’s openness to life can be expressed in other ways through adoption, foster

care, or generous service to the Church and community. The vocation of marriage is wide—it calls all married couples to create homes where love is shared and others are nurtured. They are all called to mirror God’s love.

All of creation proclaims the glory of God and the handiwork of His love! Whether single or married, every person is created in God’s image and likeness, given the capacity to love, and invited to share in His life. Within the arms of God’s love, marriage stands as a unique gift to humanity—a sacred communion in which husband and wife live the fullness of human sexuality and become stewards of life. Marriage is not merely for the good of husband and wife, but for the good of the world. Truly, marriage is designed by God, guided by love, and open to life!

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To learn about the Church’s teaching about married love and the gift of life and the ethical methods of NFP, see www.usccb.org/nfp

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Plan de Dios Guiado por el amor Abierto a la vida

P. Mons. Robert R. Cannon

PLANIFICACIÓN FAMILIAR NATURAL

La belleza natural de la Creación tiene el poder de atraernos hacia el misterio de Dios. Podemos ver, sentir, oler y percibir la obra creadora de Dios de muchísimas maneras. Pensemos en esos momentos en los que nos detenemos a saborear la explosión de colores de un atardecer o el sonido rítmico de las olas que rompen en la playa. Puede ser en las travesuras de un gatito o en el primer paso de un niño. Todo refleja y proclama la gloria y el amor de Dios. La Iglesia enseña que, a través de la revelación natural, “antes de revelarse al hombre en palabras de verdad, Dios se revela ..., mediante el lenguaje universal de la Creación, obra de su Palabra, de su Sabiduría” (CIC, 2500).

La Iglesia enseña que, “mediante la razón natural, el hombre puede conocer a Dios ... a partir de sus obras” (CIC, 50). Cuando nos permitimos estar atentos a la maravilla de la Creación, comenzamos a ver que esta no es aleatoria ni fortuita, sino ordenada y con un propósito. Dios ha establecido leyes dentro de la Creación en las que la humanidad puede apoyarse con confianza; leyes que los hombres y mujeres deben respetar (ver CIC, 346).

En el diseño de Dios

Al crear al hombre y a la mujer a Su imagen y semejanza, Dios nos hace partícipes de Su propia vida (ver CIC, 225). La dignidad humana nace de este diseño divino. Y, porque Dios es amor, el amor divino está inscrito en el propio cuerpo humano. San Juan Pablo II enseñó que el cuerpo tiene un “significado esponsalicio” (ver Audiencia General, 14 de abril de 1982), ya que Dios ha inscrito en la naturaleza humana la vocación y la responsabilidad del amor y de la comunión (ver FC, 14). Esto se encuentra en cada hombre y mujer, y se expresa en la sexualidad y la fertilidad, el matrimonio y la procreación. Y es aquí donde los métodos modernos de Planificación Familiar Natural (PFN) están listos para ayudar. La PFN sostiene el

sublime diseño del Creador para el matrimonio, guiado por el amor y abierto a la vida.

La creación del hombre y la mujer por parte de Dios no es casual, sino intencional. Por lo tanto, la sexualidad tiene un propósito. Saca a las personas del aislamiento y las conduce hacia la comunión. Incluye “todos los aspectos de la persona humana” y permite que el hombre y la mujer se unan en la comunión única de personas llamada matrimonio (ver CIC, 371–372; 2332–2335). A partir de esta realidad de comunidad, el matrimonio refleja la propia vida íntima de Dios: una comunión de amor que es, a la vez, dadora de vida y fiel.

Guiado por el amor

Estar guiado por el amor significa estar dirigida hacia el bien del otro. Por su propia naturaleza, el amor es relacional. San Juan Pablo II expresó esta verdad de manera poderosa cuando escribió que el hombre no puede vivir sin amor; sin él, la vida carece de sentido y se torna incomprensible (ver RH, 10).

De todas las criaturas, solo los seres humanos pueden conocer y amar a Dios y participar de manera consciente en su vida. San Pablo enseña: “fuimos creados en Cristo Jesús, a fin de realizar aquellas buenas obras, que Dios preparó de antemano” (Efesios 2, 10). Estar guiado por el amor es participar en el plan creador de Dios y ayudar a construir una cultura de la vida y del amor (ver EV, 77).

El matrimonio no es una invención social ni un producto del azar. “Es una sabia institución del Creador para realizar en la humanidad su diseño de amor” (HV, 8). Debido a este origen divino, la Iglesia enseña que el amor conyugal se da libremente, es fiel, permanente y fecundo (ver HV, 9). ¡El amor matrimonial refleja el propio amor de Dios!

Cuando un hombre y una mujer intercambian libremente su consentimiento, establecen una alianza para “toda la vida”, que está “ordenad[a] por su misma índole natural al bien de los cónyuges y a la generación y educación de la prole” (ver Canon 1055). Dios mismo está presente en esta unión. Cuando los esposos son cristianos bautizados, el matrimonio se convierte en sacramento, y reciben su fortaleza y permanencia de Cristo mismo.

Abierto a la vida

Un don y una responsabilidad únicos dentro la vocación matrimonial es la administración de las facultades de la vida. Dios llama al esposo y a la esposa a acoger su fertilidad compartida como un don. El Señor Dios creó el matrimonio para ser el hogar de la familia. Los esposos “se dan entre sí” y, al mismo tiempo, se dan más allá de sí mismos a la realidad “del hijo, reflejo viviente de su amor, signo permanente de la unidad conyugal” (ver *FC*, 14).

Como administradores del don de la fertilidad, las parejas casadas están invitadas a buscar juntas la voluntad de Dios en un espíritu de confianza y humildad. Es en este espíritu que Dios los ayuda a tomar decisiones prudentes sobre la acogida de los hijos. Dentro de este discernimiento es donde la PFN encuentra su lugar adecuado.

Los métodos de la PFN son enfoques basados en la evidencia para la educación sobre fertilidad que pueden ayudar a las parejas a identificar cuándo la fertilidad está en su punto máximo, de modo que puedan intentar lograr o posponer un embarazo. Cuando se busca evitar el embarazo, no se utilizan fármacos ni dispositivos que puedan dañar los dones de Dios. La PFN difiere fundamentalmente de la anticoncepción. En lugar de interferir con el designio de Dios para las parejas casadas, la PFN respeta la integridad del amor conyugal y el don de la vida.

Cuando se ha buscado el embarazo y se concibe un hijo, los padres hablan de la gran alegría y gratitud que sienten. También dicen que el momento del nacimiento es uno de los más significativos de sus vidas. Las madres hablan de la presencia de Dios al sostener por primera vez a su recién nacido. Los padres admiten con orgullo que finalmente comprenden el significado de la paternidad al mirar los ojos de su bebé recién nacido. Esta autorrealización se debe a la tarea natural y “el cometido fundamental de la familia”, que es “el servicio a la vida, el realizar [...] la bendición original del Creador, transmitiendo en la generación la imagen divina de hombre a hombre” (ver *FC*, 28).

La fecundidad del amor conyugal no se limita al don de los hijos. Algunas parejas, a pesar de sus deseos, no pueden concebir. En este caso, la apertura a la vida de un matrimonio puede expresarse de otras maneras mediante la adopción, la acogida temporal o el servicio generoso a la Iglesia y a la comunidad. La vocación del matrimonio es amplia: llama a todas las parejas casadas a crear hogares donde se comparta el amor y se nutra a los demás. Todos están llamados a ser reflejo del amor de Dios.

¡Toda la creación proclama la gloria de Dios y la obra de Su amor! Ya sea soltera o casada, cada persona ha sido creada a imagen y semejanza de Dios, dotada de la capacidad de amar e invitada a participar en Su vida. En los brazos del amor de Dios, el matrimonio se erige como un don único para la humanidad: una comunión sagrada en la que el esposo y la esposa viven la plenitud de la sexualidad humana y se convierten en administradores de la vida. El matrimonio no es meramente para el bien de los esposos, sino para el bien del mundo. Verdaderamente, ¡el matrimonio es el plan de Dios, guiado por el amor y abierto a la vida!

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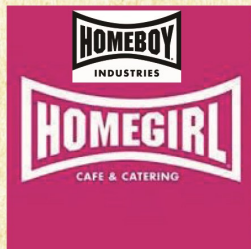
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STATEMENT ON IMMIGRATION ISSUES BY ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ H. GOMEZ

Statements and actions from the new administration in Washington have caused fear in our parishes, schools, and communities. That is not good for anybody. I pray that our leaders will proceed with restraint and compassion, with respect for the law, and with respect for the rights and dignity of all concerned.

No one wants violent criminals living in our communities. But any enforcement actions should be prudent, and should be matched by immediate action in Congress to fix our immigration system, which has been broken for decades now.

"For Catholics, immigration is not a political issue. It is a matter of our deeply held religious beliefs."

For Catholics, immigration is not a political issue. It is a matter of our deeply held religious beliefs. Jesus Christ commanded us to love God as our Father and to love our brothers and sisters, especially the most vulnerable, and regardless of what country they came from or how they got here. Our love for Jesus compels us to continue our works of love and service in our parishes, schools, and other ministries.

The Catholic Church has long been committed to working with our national leaders for immigration reform that is just and humane. My commitment also continues, and we look forward to working with the new administration and Congress.

In this current moment of uncertainty, the U.S. bishops have provided good practical guidance. We have gathered this guidance and other resources on our website. Please visit: lacatholics.org/immigration/.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Jesus and Mother of all the peoples of the Americas, keep us close to her Son in this moment. And may she help us to work together as neighbors, in a spirit of unity, to truly become one nation under God.

*Archbishop Jose H Gomez
January 23, 2025*

[Compendium of Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration with additional resources.](#)



DECLARACIÓN SOBRE TEMAS DE INMIGRACIÓN

POR ARZOBISPO JOSÉ H. GÓMEZ

Las declaraciones y acciones de la nueva administración en Washington han causado miedo en nuestras parroquias, escuelas y comunidades. Eso no es bueno para nadie. Rezo para que nuestros líderes procedan con moderación y compasión, con respeto por la ley y con respeto por los derechos y la dignidad de todos los involucrados.

Nadie quiere criminales violentos viviendo en nuestras comunidades. Pero cualquier acción coercitiva debe ser prudente y debe ir acompañada de una acción inmediata en el Congreso para arreglar nuestro sistema de inmigración, que ya no funciona desde hace décadas.

Para los católicos, la inmigración no es una cuestión política. Es una cuestión de nuestras creencias religiosas profundamente arraigadas. Jesucristo nos ordenó amar a Dios como nuestro Padre y amar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas, especialmente a los más vulnerables, sin importar de qué país vengan o cómo llegaron aquí. Nuestro amor por Jesús nos obliga a continuar nuestras obras de amor y servicio en nuestras parroquias, escuelas y otros ministerios.

La Iglesia Católica ha estado comprometida durante mucho tiempo a trabajar con nuestros líderes nacionales para una reforma migratoria que sea justa y humana. Mi compromiso también continúa y esperamos trabajar con la nueva administración y el Congreso.

En este momento actual de incertidumbre, los obispos estadounidenses han brindado una buena orientación práctica. Hemos recopilado esta guía y otros recursos en nuestro sitio web. Visite: lacatholics.org/immigration/.

Que la Virgen de Guadalupe, Madre de Jesús y Madre de todos los pueblos de América, nos mantenga cerca de su Hijo en este momento. Y que ella nos ayude a trabajar juntos como vecinos, en un espíritu de unidad, para convertirnos verdaderamente en una nación bajo Dios.

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