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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
 ST MONICA • ST MARTIN OF TOURS
 LYFORD, TX



JULY IS DEDICATED TO THE
PRECIOUS BLOOD
 OF JESUS CHRIST

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 20, 2025 AD - LITURGICAL YEAR C



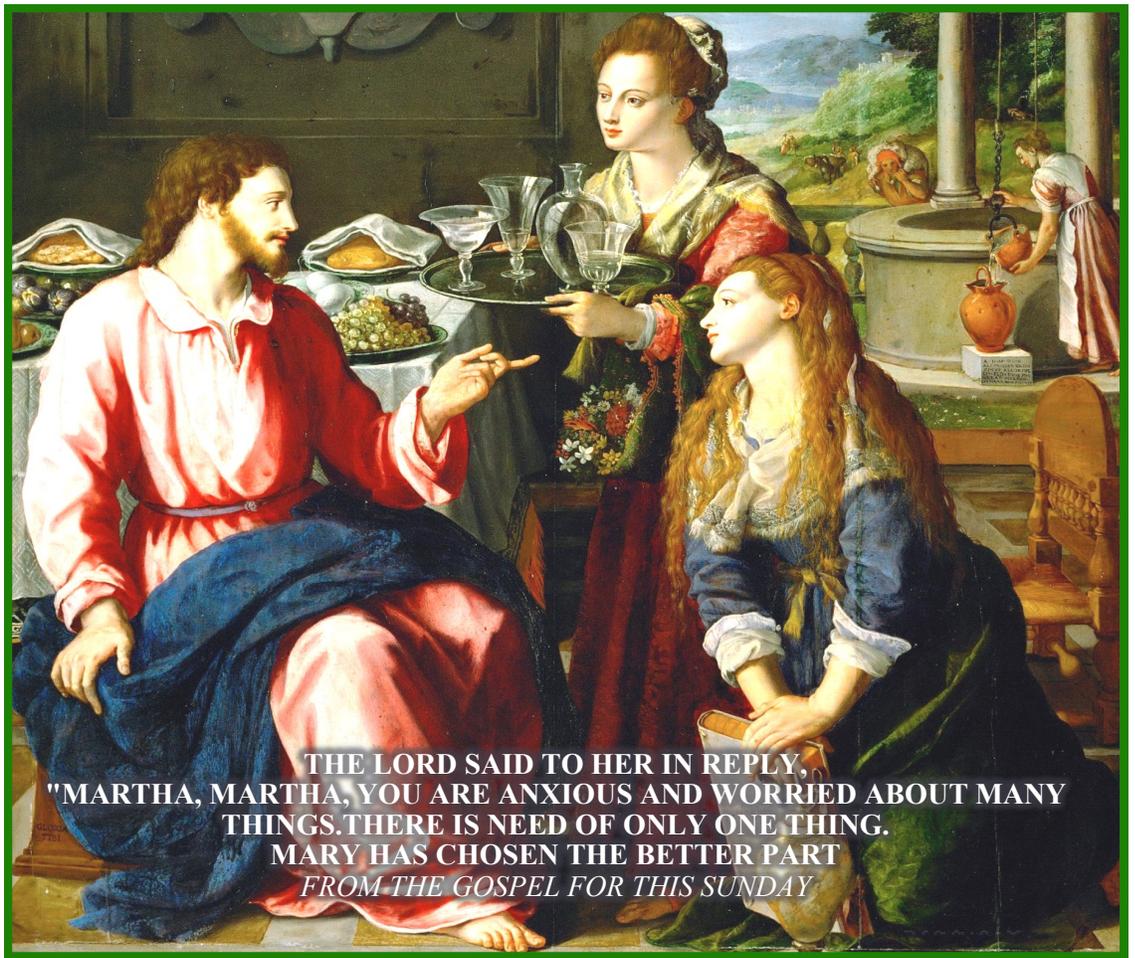
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 8413 PARK AVE.
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ST. MONICA
 FM 1018 & 1420
 SANTA MONICA, TX



THE LORD SAID TO HER IN REPLY,
 "MARTHA, MARTHA, YOU ARE ANXIOUS AND WORRIED ABOUT MANY
 THINGS. THERE IS NEED OF ONLY ONE THING.
 MARY HAS CHOSEN THE BETTER PART
 FROM THE GOSPEL FOR THIS SUNDAY



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
 OF
BROWNSVILLE

REV. JOSHUA A. CARLOS—PASTOR

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MASS TIMES * HORARIO DE MISAS

Saturday 8:00am Saint Martin (Bilingual)
 4:30pm Santa Monica (English)
 6:30pm Prince of Peace (Spanish)
Sunday 8:30am Saint Martin (Bilingual)
 10:30am Prince of Peace (English)
Monday 8:00am Prince of Peace (Bilingual)
Tuesday 6:00pm Saint Martin (English)
Wednesday 4:00pm Santa Monica (English)
Thursday 6:00pm Prince of Peace (Bilingual)
Friday 8:00am Prince of Peace (Bilingual)

CONFESSIONS * CONFESIONES

Saturday 10:00am Prince of Peace
 4:00pm Santa Monica
Sunday 8:00am Saint Martin
Tuesday 7:00pm Saint Martin
Wednesday 3:30pm Santa Monica
Thursday 7:00pm Prince of Peace

ADORATION * ADORACIÓN

Tuesday 6:30pm Saint Martin
Thursday 6:30pm Prince of Peace

CARE FOR THE SICK

If you know someone who is sick and homebound who would like a visit from a priest or in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick please call the office to schedule a visit.

WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS

a part of
 our Flock!



Keep in touch with us via
 email and text!



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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| SATURDAY/SABADO Santa Monica For the People of the Parish Prince of Peace +Deacon Cruz Carlos by Parishioners | July/Julio 19, 2025 4:00pm 6:30pm |
| SUNDAY/DOMINGO St. Martin of Tours In Thanksgiving for Catalina and Juanita Guerrero Prince of Peace +Sylvia V. Flores by Family +Enelie Garcia by Libby Trujillo +Janie G. Solis by Family +Michael D. Solis by Family +Gabriella Marina "Gaby" Rivera by Family | July/Julio 20, 2025 8:30am 10:30am |
| MONDAY/LUNES Prince of Peace | July/Julio 21, 2025 8:00am |
| TUESDAY/MARTES St. Martin of Tours | July/Julio 22, 2025 6:00pm |
| WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES Santa Monica | July/Julio 23, 2025 4:00pm |
| THURSDAY/JUEVES Prince of Peace | July/Julio 24, 2025 6:00pm |
| FRIDAY/VIERNES Prince of Peace | July/Julio 25, 2025 8:00am |
| SATURDAY/SABADO San Martin For the Wellbeing of Thomas, Jannifer and Lisa Quintero by their Parents | July/Julio 26, 2025 8:00am |

Important Reminder: For inclusion in the weekly bulletin all announcements, including Mass Intentions should be made by Wednesday at Noon.

MASS OFFERING/OFRENDAS

PRINCE OF PEACE

Saturday, 7/12 Reg. Offering:\$439.00 2nd Collect:\$95.56
Sunday 7/13/ Reg. Offering:\$323.00 2nd Collect:\$211.00
Expenses:\$5,389.48

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Sunday 7/13/ Reg. Offering:\$495.21 2nd Collect:\$122.00
Expenses:\$122.00

ST. MONICA

Saturday, 7/12 Reg. Offering:\$167.00 2nd Collect:\$87.00
Expenses:\$440.26



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Thank you, your offering counts!

NO ONE HEALS HIMSELF BY WOUNDING ANOTHER

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

| DAY | DATE | ACTIVITY OR LITURGICAL CELEBRATION |
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| SUNDAY | 07/20 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| MONDAY | 07/21 | Monday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time |
| LYFORD | 07/21 | 8:00am Daily Mass |
| TUESDAY | 07/22 | Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene |
| SEBASTIAN | 07/22 | 6:00pm Daily Mass |
| WEDNESDAY | 07/23 | Wednesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time |
| SANTA MONICA | 07/23 | 4:00pm Daily Mass |
| THURSDAY | 07/24 | Thursday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time |
| LYFORD | 07/24 | 6:00pm Daily Mass |
| FRIDAY | 07/25 | Feast of Saint James, Apostle |
| LYFORD | 07/25 | 8:00am Daily Mass |
| SATURDAY | 07/26 | Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| SEBASTIAN | 07/26 | 8:00am Daily Mass |
| LYFORD | 07/26 | Confessions 10:00am |

SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a
2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42
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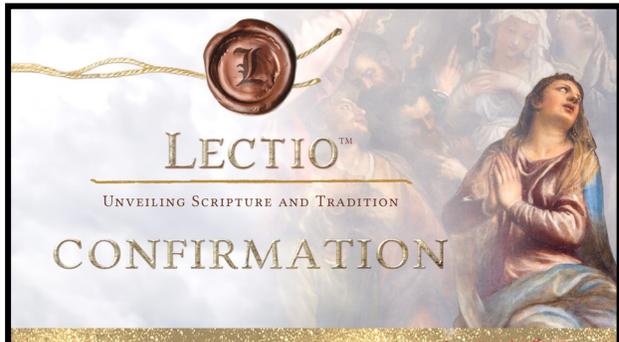
DAILY MASS READINGS



Liturgical Color for next Sunday July 27: Green
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CCD REGISTRATIONS FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS

Registrations for CCD classes have begun. Please pick up a registration packet and return it to the office during office hours.



Summer Series

Join us for Faith Formation Summer Classes and discover the relevant truth of Scripture and the tradition of the Catholic Church in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Come join us next class:

23 JULY, 2025 | 6:30 PM

PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH HALL
8413 N PARK AVE LYFORD, TX

HOMILY OF POPE LEO XIV FOR LAST SUNDAY, 13 JULY 2025

Brothers and sisters,

I have the joy of celebrating this Eucharist with you. I greet all those present, the parish community, the priests, and His Eminence, the Bishop of the Diocese, and the civil and military authorities.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we have heard one of Jesus' most beautiful and moving parables. We all know the parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37). That parable constantly challenges us to think about our own lives. It troubles our dormant or distracted consciences, and warns us about the risk of a complacent faith that is satisfied with the outward observance of the law but incapable of feeling and acting with the same merciful compassion as God. The parable is really about compassion. True, the Gospel story speaks of the compassion that moved the Samaritan to act, but it first speaks of how others regarded the wounded man lying on the roadside after being attacked by robbers. We are told that a priest and a Levite "saw him and passed by" (v. 32). Of the Samaritan, however, the Gospel says, "he saw him and had compassion on him" (v. 33).

Dear brothers and sisters, how we look at others is what counts, because it shows what is in our hearts. We can look and walk by, or we can look and be moved with compassion. There is a kind of seeing that is superficial, distracted and hasty, a way of seeing while pretending not to see. We can see without being touched or challenged by the sight. Then too, there is seeing with the eyes of the heart, looking more closely, empathizing with the other, sharing his or her experience, letting ourselves be touched and challenged. This way of seeing calls into question the way we live our life and the responsibility we feel towards others. The parable speaks to us first about God's way of seeing us, so that we in turn can learn how to see situations and people with his eyes, so full of love and compassion. The Good Samaritan is really a figure of Jesus, the eternal Son whom the Father sent into our history precisely because he regarded humanity with compassion and did not walk by. Like the man in the Gospel who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, humanity was descending to the depths of death; in our own day too, we have to confront the darkness of evil, suffering, poverty and the riddle of death. Yet God has looked upon us with compassion; he wanted to walk our same path and come down among us. In Jesus, the Good Samaritan, he came to heal our wounds and to pour out upon us the balm of his love and mercy.

Pope Francis, who often reminded us that God is mercy and compassion, once referred to Jesus as "the compassion of the Father toward us" (Angelus, 14 July 2029). Saint Augustine tells us that, as the Good Samaritan who came to our aid, Jesus "wanted to be known as our neighbor. Indeed, the Lord Jesus Christ makes us realize that he is the one who cared for the half-dead man beaten by robbers and left on the side of the road (De Doctrina Christiana, I, 30.33).

We can understand, then, why this parable is so challenging for each of us. If Christ shows us the face of a compassionate God, then to believe in him and to be his disciples means allowing ourselves to be changed and to take on his same feelings. It means learning to have a heart that is moved, eyes that see and do not look away, hands that help others and soothe their wounds, shoulders that bear the burden of those in need. In today's first reading, we hear the words of Moses, who tells us that obeying the Lord's commandments and turning our minds and hearts to him does not involve multiplying outward acts, but rather looking to our own hearts and discovering that there God has written his law of love. If we realize deep down that Christ, the Good Samaritan, loves us and cares for us, we too will be moved to love in the same way and to become compassionate as he is. Once we are healed and loved by Christ, we too can become witnesses of his love and compassion in our world. Brothers and sisters, today we need this "revolution of love." Today, the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Jericho is the road travelled by all those who descend into sin, suffering and poverty. It is the road travelled by all those weighed down by troubles or hurt by life. The road travelled by all who fall down, lose their bearings and hit rock bottom. The road travelled by all those peoples that are stripped, robbed and pillaged, victims of tyrannical political systems, of an economy that forces them into poverty, and of wars that kill their dreams and their very lives.

What do we do? Do we look and walk by, or do we open our hearts to others, like the Samaritan? Are we content at times merely to do our duty, or to regard as our neighbor only those who are part of our group, who think like us, who share our same nationality or religion? Jesus overturns this way of thinking by presenting us with a Samaritan, a foreigner or heretic, who acts as a neighbor to that wounded man. And he asks us to do the same.

The Samaritan, wrote Benedict XVI, "does not ask how far his obligations of solidarity extend. Nor does he ask about the merits required for eternal life. Something else happens: his heart is wrenched open... If the question had been 'Is the Samaritan my neighbor, too?' the answer would have been a pretty clear-cut no, given the situation at the time. But Jesus now turns the whole matter on its head: the Samaritan, the foreigner, makes himself the neighbor and shows me that I have to learn to be a neighbor deep within and that I already have the answer in myself. I have to become like someone in love, someone whose heart is open to being shaken up by another's need" (Jesus of Nazareth, 197).

Looking without walking by, halting the frantic pace of our lives, allowing the lives of others, whoever they may be, with their needs and troubles, to touch our heart. That is what makes us neighbors to one another, what generates true fraternity and breaks down walls and barriers. In the end, love prevails, and proves more powerful than evil and death. Dear friends, let us look to Christ, the Good Samaritan. Let us listen again today to his voice. For he says to each of us, "Go and do likewise" (v. 37).

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OFFICE HOURS

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE HAVING NEW OPENING HOURS EFFECTIVE JULY 21.

**NEW HOURS WILL BE:
MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:00AM-1:00PM**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**



LET'S PLAY

LOTERIA

SPONSORED BY THE
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS ALTAR SOCIETY

**SUNDAY, JULY 20TH, 2025
FROM 2-4PM**

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH HALL

**DONATION OF \$20 FOR 4 CARDS
PAY AT THE DOOR**

HOMILIA DEL SANTO PADRE LEÓN XIV DEL DOMINGO PASADO 13 DE JULIO

Hermandades y hermandades:

Comparto con ustedes la alegría de celebrar esta Eucaristía y deseo saludar a todos los presentes, a la comunidad parroquial, a los sacerdotes, al Obispo de la diócesis, a Su Eminencia, a las autoridades civiles y militares.

El Evangelio de este domingo, que hemos escuchado, es una de las más hermosas y sugestivas parábolas narradas por Jesús. Todos conocemos la parábola del buen samaritano (Lc 10,25-37).

Este relato sigue desafiándonos también hoy, interpela nuestra vida, sacude la tranquilidad de nuestras conciencias adormecidas o distraídas y nos provoca contra el riesgo de una fe acomodada, ordenada en la observancia exterior de la ley, pero incapaz de sentir y actuar con las mismas entrañas compasivas de Dios.

La compasión, en efecto, está en el centro de la parábola. Y si consideramos que en el relato evangélico esta compasión se describe por medio de las acciones del samaritano, lo primero que el pasaje subraya es la mirada. De hecho, frente a un hombre herido que está al borde del camino después de haber sido despojado por unos bandidos, del sacerdote y del levita se dice: «lo vio y siguió su camino» (v. 32); del samaritano, en cambio, el Evangelio afirma: «lo vio y se conmovió» (v. 33). Queridos hermandades y hermandades, la mirada hace la diferencia, porque expresa lo que tenemos en el corazón: se puede *ver* y *pasar de largo* o bien *ver* y *sentir compasión*. Hay un modo de ver exterior, distraído y apresurado, un modo de mirar fingiendo que no se ve, es decir, sin dejarnos afectar ni interpelar por la situación; y hay un modo de ver, en cambio, con los ojos del corazón, con una mirada más profunda, con una empatía que nos hace entrar en la situación del otro, nos hace participar interiormente, nos toca, nos sacude, interroga nuestra vida y nuestra responsabilidad. La primera mirada de la que quiere hablarnos la parábola es de aquella que Dios ha tenido hacia nosotros, para que también nosotros aprendamos a tener sus mismos ojos, llenos de amor y compasión hacia los demás. El buen samaritano, en efecto, es sobre todo imagen de Jesús, el Hijo eterno que el Padre envió en la historia precisamente porque ha mirado a la humanidad sin pasar de largo; con ojos, con corazón, con entrañas de conación y compasión. Así como aquel hombre del Evangelio bajaba de Jerusalén a Jericó, la humanidad descendía a los abismos de la muerte y, aún hoy, a menudo debe lidiar con la oscuridad del mal, con el sufrimiento, con la pobreza y con la absurdidad de la muerte. Pero Dios nos ha mirado con compasión. El mismo ha querido recorrer nuestro camino, descendió en medio de nosotros y, en Jesús, buen samaritano, ha venido a sanar nuestras heridas, derramando sobre nosotros el aceite de su amor y de su misericordia. El Papa Francisco muchas veces nos ha recordado que Dios es misericordia y compasión, y ha afirmado que Jesús «es la compasión del Padre hacia nosotros» (*Angelus*, 14 julio 2019). El es el buen samaritano que vino a nuestro encuentro. Dice san Agustín que «el mismo Señor y Dios nuestro quiso llamarse nuestro prójimo, pues Jesucristo nuestro Señor se simbolizó en el que socorrió al hombre tendido en el camino, herido, semivivo y abandonado por los ladrones» (*La Doctrina cristiana*, I, 33). Comprendemos, entonces, por qué la parábola nos desafía

también a cada uno de nosotros, por el hecho de que Cristo es manifestación de un Dios compasivo. Creer en Él y seguirlo como sus discípulos significa dejarse transformar para que también nosotros podamos tener sus mismos sentimientos; un corazón que se conmueve, una mirada que ve y no pasa de largo, dos manos que socorren y alivian las heridas, los hombros fuertes que se hacen cargo de quien tiene necesidad.

La primera lectura de hoy, haciéndonos escuchar las palabras de Moisés, nos dice que obedecer a los mandamientos del Señor y convertirse a Él no significa multiplicar actos exteriores, sino, al contrario, se trata de volver al propio corazón para descubrir que precisamente allí Dios ha escrito su ley del amor. Si en lo íntimo de nuestra vida descubrimos que Cristo, como buen samaritano, nos ama y se hace cargo de nosotros, también nosotros somos impulsados a amar del mismo modo y seremos compasivos como Él. Sanados y amados por Cristo, nos convertimos también nosotros en signos de su amor y de su compasión en el mundo.

Hermandades y hermandades, hoy se necesita esta revolución del amor. Hoy, ese camino que desciende de Jerusalén a Jericó —una ciudad que se encuentra bajo el nivel del mar— es el camino que recorren todos aquellos que se hunden en el mal, en el sufrimiento y en la pobreza; es el camino de tantas personas agobiadas por las dificultades o heridas por las circunstancias de la vida; es el camino de todos aquellos que “se derrumban” hasta perderse y tocar fondo; es el camino de tantos pueblos despojados, estafados y arrasados, víctimas de sistemas políticos opresivos, de una economía que los obliga a la pobreza, de la guerra que mata sus sueños y sus vidas.

¿Y qué hacemos nosotros? ¿Vemos y pasamos de largo, o nos dejamos traspasar el corazón como el samaritano? A veces nos contentamos solamente con hacer nuestro deber o consideramos como nuestro prójimo sólo a quien es de nuestro círculo, a quien piensa como nosotros, a quien tiene la misma nacionalidad o religión; pero Jesús invierte la perspectiva presentándonos un samaritano, un extranjero y herético que se hace prójimo de aquel hombre herido. Y nos pide que hagamos lo mismo.

El samaritano —escribía Benedicto XVI— «no se pregunta hasta dónde llega su obligación de solidaridad ni tampoco cuáles son los méritos necesarios para alcanzar la vida eterna. Ocorre algo muy diferente: se le rompe el corazón [...]. Si la pregunta hubiera sido: “¿Es también el samaritano mi prójimo?”, dada la situación, la respuesta habría sido un “no” más bien rotundo. Pero Jesús da la vuelta a la pregunta: el samaritano, el forastero, se hace él mismo prójimo y me muestra que yo, en lo íntimo de mí mismo, debo aprender desde dentro a ser prójimo y que la respuesta se encuentra ya dentro de mí. Tengo que llegar a ser una persona que ama, una persona de corazón abierto que se conmueve ante la necesidad del otro» (*Jesús de Nazaret*, 237-238).

Ver sin pasar de largo, detener nuestras carreras ajetreadas, dejar que la vida del otro, sea quien sea, con sus necesidades y sufrimientos, me rompan el corazón. Esto nos hace prójimos los unos de los otros, genera una auténtica fraternidad, derriba muros y vallas. Y finalmente el amor se abre camino, volviéndose más fuerte que el mal y que la muerte.

Queridos amigos, contemplemos a Cristo buen Samaritano y sigamos escuchando hoy su voz que nos dice a cada uno de nosotros: «Ve y haz tú lo mismo» (v. 37).

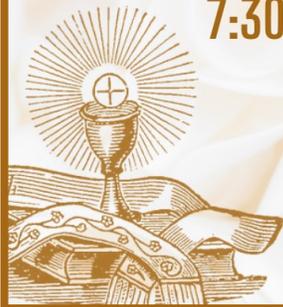
SPECIAL MEETING FOR OUR MINISTRY FOR

THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND



**7:30PM JULY 22 (SAN MARTIN)
JULY 24 (PRINCE OF PEACE)**

THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN VISITING THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND AND GIVING COMMUNION TO THEM ON A REGULAR BASIS. YOU ONLY NEED TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE MEETINGS. ALL THOSE WHO CURRENTLY GIVE COMMUNION TO SICK SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHOIR, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE. YOU MAY ALSO SPEAK WITH BRIAN OR JEANNIE AFTER 10:30AM MASS, ANNETTE AFTER 8:30AM MASS, AND ROSARIO & LUPITA AFTER 6:30PM MASS.