



# Our Lady of Grace Parish

*"Gathering in Faith ~ Striving in Hope ~ Serving in Love"*

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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Rev. Erwin Belgica

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## Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil**  
4:00 PM

**Sunday Masses**  
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
12:30 PM Spanish Mass

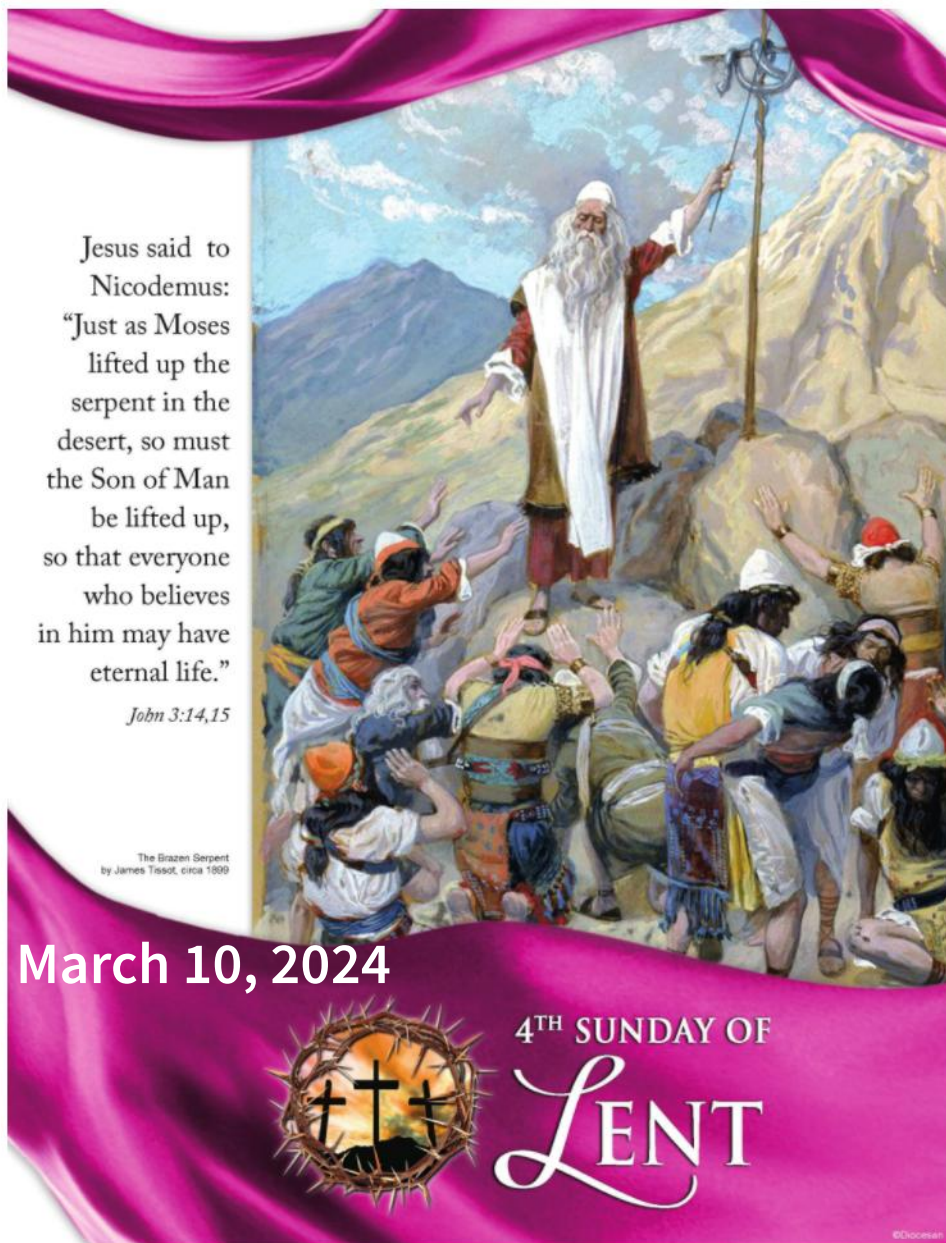
**Weekday Masses**  
9:00 AM Monday to Friday

## Eucharistic Adoration

First Fridays  
9:30 AM-12:00 PM

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays  
2:30 to 3:15 PM



Jesus said to Nicodemus:  
"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

*John 3:14,15*

The Brazen Serpent  
by James Tissot, circa 1899

**March 10, 2024**



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF

**LENT**

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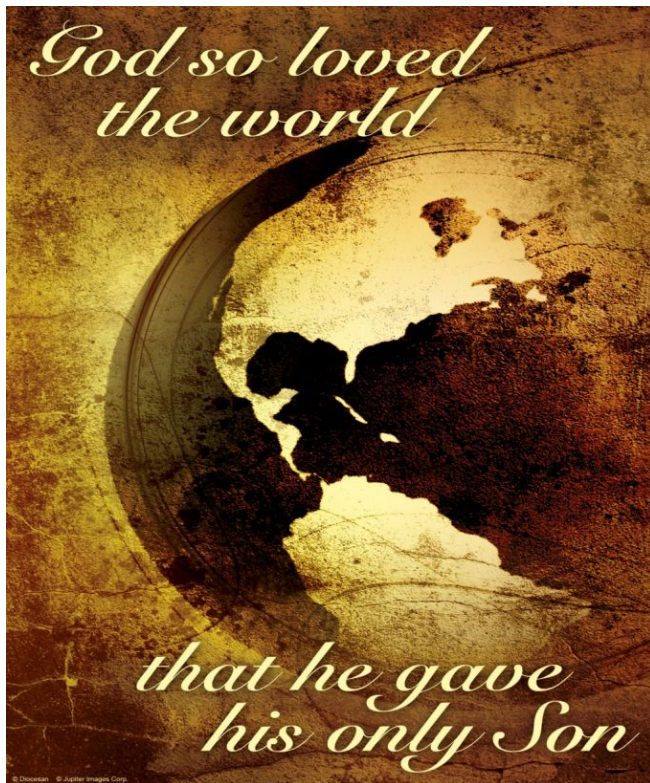
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## PRAYER

*"Father of peace, we are joyful in your Son Jesus Christ, who reconciles us to you. May we move toward Easter with the eagerness of faith and Love." Amen.*

## For God so Loved the World!

John 3:16 contains one of the most well-known Bible verses to mankind: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." The Christian theologian Charles Spurgeon said, "If we were asked to read to a dying man who did not know the gospel, we should probably select this chapter as the most suitable one for such an occasion; and what is good for dying men is good for us all, for that is what we are."

Another interesting point, found in the "Enduring Word" commentary states, "The Jews of that day rarely thought that God *loved the world* but that God only loved *Israel*. The *universal* offer of salvation and life in Jesus was revolutionary [and remains] a distinctively Christian idea that God's love is wide enough to embrace *all* mankind." This leads to the foundation of Catholicism as universal, the term first used by St. Ignatius about 100 years after Christ walked the Earth.

As Catholics, we believe that the love God offers is available to all and that there are no limits to His love. There is nothing we can do that would make him stop loving us, we just have to choose to accept His love for us in return. What wondrous love it is! God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, together, exist in an ongoing triangle of love. Simply put, Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, offering to any person who chooses to love Him infinite love in return. What greater news than this! How blessed we are to be the adopted sons and daughters of God!

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

## Scripture Readings—Week of March 10, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
<b>Monday</b>	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
<b>Friday</b>	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>Saturday</b>	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45



**Our Lady of Grace**  
Mar. 27th, Wed., 7:00PM

Other Lenten Penance  
Services in our area:

**March 12th,** 7:00PM - *Our Lady of Fatima*  
**March 14th,** 7:00PM - *St. Benedict*  
**March 19th,** 7:00PM - *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*  
**March 21st,** 7:00PM - *St. Scholastica*



**Holy Thursday, 3/28** 7:00PM Lord's Supper  
**Good Friday, 3/29** 12:00PM Stations of the Cross  
3:00PM Lord's Passion  
**Holy Saturday, 3/30** 8:00PM Easter Vigil  
**Easter Sunday, 3/31** Masses  
8:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM Spanish



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, March 11**

9:00AM

**COMMUNION SERVICE****TUESDAY, March 12**

9:00 AM

✠ ROBERT LLOYD

By Ileen &amp; Tom Jervis

**WEDNESDAY, March 13**

9:00 AM

✠ EUGENE COSTALES

By May &amp; Grace Costales

**THURSDAY, March 14**

9:00 AM

✠ BILLY FRANCIS

By Richard &amp; Sylvia Francis

**FRIDAY, March 15**

9:00 AM

♥ BIRTHDAY—LOLITA WIESEL

By Russell &amp; Vickie

**SATURDAY, March 16**

4:00 PM

♥ INTENTIONS—EDWARD HANSBURY

By wife, Mary

**SUNDAY, March 17**

8:00 AM

✠ JOSEF DEKARZ

By wife, Helen

10:30 AM

✠ DENNIS ARIEL NATIVIDAD

By mom, Remy

12:30 PM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Pray for our sick...**

Vince Wojteczko, Mary Gruss, Alma Eberle, Sasha Orbino, Bill Ward, Joanie Hayward, Alberto Sitchon, James Smith, Ileen Jervis, John Rodgers, Diego Bertagna, Gene Brizuela, Mary Iosso, Michael Alberts, Bonnie Johnson, Aline Castonguay, Enoc Moreno, Jr., Ed Matos, Remy Natividad, Johnny Rodriguez, Patricia Wescott, Odie Malave, Jaimie Farmer, Diane Citron, Richard Cangelosi, Robert Bland, Al LeBlanc, George Yantis, Tony Zarra, Liz Riordan, Nick Maselli, LeAnne Milian, Kathy Rush, Vic Stabile, Judy & Jim Britain, Joanne Sakal, Beverly Zadroga, Frank Howland.

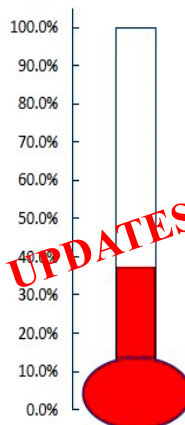


### Discipleship *through* Stewardship and Sacrificial Giving

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

**March 3, 2024**

Offertory	\$7,367.85
Online Giving	\$ 922.00
Catholic School Support	\$1,245.00



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**UPDATES AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK**

As of 02/26/2024  
Goal: \$61,082  
Pledged Amt: \$22,673  
Pct. Achieved: 37.1%  
No. of Families: 847  
No. of Pledges: 131

**MARCH 2024****ALTAR CANDLES**

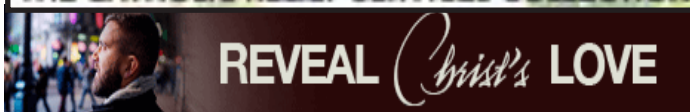
*In Memory of*  
**EUGENE COSTALES**

By May &amp; Grace Costales

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Memory of*  
**WAYNE JORGENSEN**

By Roger &amp; Barbara Michels

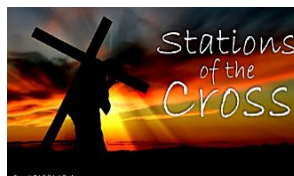
**SUPPORT****THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

The second collection is for The Catholic Relief Services to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

Learn more about the collection at  
[www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



Please keep in your prayer our  
Catechumens Gary, Hector,  
Natalisse and Sofia this Lent.



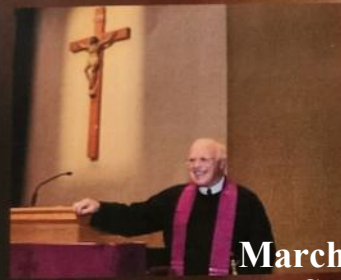
**FRIDAYS DURING LENT**  
@ 3:00 PM  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
@12:00 PM

## Our Lady of Grace Parish LENTEN PARISH MISSION

*They recognized Him  
in the breaking of  
the bread*

**THREE PRESENTATIONS  
ON THE EUCHARIST**

**FR EUGENE O'REILLY**  
Redemptorist



**March 25th to March 27th  
Starting at 7:00pm**



### Knights of Columbus Council 6168

#### Good Friday Baked Fish

**TAKE OUT ONLY** at the PLC of Our Lady of Grace Parish right after the Good Friday Service. Dinners will include baked fish, french fries, hush puppies and cole slaw. The cost is \$12 with all net proceeds donated to the church renovations. Dinners can be reserved and paid for in advance after all Masses on Palm Sunday weekend. They can also be paid for at the door.



Easter Books are now available for you to purchase. Please visit our parish gift shop. Thank you.



Join us in praying the rosary at 8:00 AM before the Mass starts, Monday-Friday.



### Ladies Auxiliary Knights of Columbus Abbot Francis Sadlier Council 6168



Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Route 486, Lecanto, FL at 11:00 am. Certified Dementia Practitioners Debbie Selsavage and Ed Youngblood will speak to us on "Coping with Dementia" starting at 11:30am. Please see the flyer attached. Members, family, friends and guests are welcome.

Please remember to bring a copy of your wedding photo. This will be fun to guess "who is who".

We are collecting nonperishable food items that will be used to feed the homeless in our community, so any donation you can bring will be appreciated.

Membership is open to all Catholic women in Citrus County. We hope to see you!

For more information, please call Denise Uva at (973) 896-7180 or Barbara Murtagh at (352) 601-1599.



### Knights of Columbus Council 6168 Ladies Auxiliary

**Is hosting:**

## DEMENTIA Q & A

Certified Dementia Practitioners Debbie Selsavage and Ed Youngblood, owners of Coping with Dementia LLC, will answer the following questions and more:



What are "Alzheimer's" & "dementia"?  
How can you get a diagnosis?  
How do you reduce your own stress?  
What are some resources?  
How you become a better care partner.  
How can you recognize dementia?  
How to build a better relationship.

**Location:** Knights of Columbus Hall

**Address:** 2389 Norvell Bryant Hwy

**Time:** 11:30 am

**Date:** Wednesday March 20, 2024

**RSVP-** Call Denise at 973-896-7180 or Debbie at 352-422-3663  
Or email Debbie at deb@coping.today



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DEMENTIA LLC

Each participant will receive a  
Handout packet



Pork & Beans, Soup,  
Canned Meat, Toilet Paper

**DROP OFF DAYS**  
**March 12th & 19th A.M. ONLY**

## Our Lady of Grace Parish *Financial Report Summary*

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

**October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023**

#### **OPERATING INCOME**

Offertory Revenues	\$ 132,102
Other Operating Revenue	3,890
Pastoral Leadership	2,000
Worship and Music	1,291
Faith Formation	115
Charity and Outreach	4,208
School Support	3,763
Other Ministries and Organizations	0
Supplemental Operations	5,919
<b>Income Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 153,288</u></b>

#### **OPERATING EXPENSE**

Pastoral Leadership (includes salaries)	\$ 29,119
Worship and Music (includes salary)	19,487
Faith Formation (includes salary)	6,844
Charity and Outreach	4,177
Diocesan Support (Cathedraticum)	2,121
School Support	3,180
Other Ministries and Organizations	369
Administration (includes salaries)	37,824
Facilities/PPE (includes salary)	53,049
Supplemental Operations	716
<b>Expense Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 156,886.</u></b>

**\$ ( 3,598)**

#### **OTHER INCOME:**

Parish Interest Income	13,967
Endowment Earnings	9,345
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$ 23,312</u></b>

**\$ 19,714**

#### ***Parish Financial Council***

Rev. Erwin Belgica  
*Pastor*

Ed Ryan  
*Chairperson*

*Our Lady of Grace Church, Beverly Hills, Florida 34465*



## Renovation Update 240228

- \* We are excited about the church renovation. It is moving quickly. Most of the structural work has been completed. We expect to see the contractor's work finished in 3 to 4 months.
- \* Electricians most recently were connecting light boxes, dimmers, outlets and switches.
- \* A redesigned sanctuary platform with ramp for handicapped people is structurally complete and awaits finishing.
- \* Most new drywall is in with taping and mudding seams and holes completed.
- \* White framework for new ceilings in the main church and east wing has been installed and awaits new white ceiling tiles. 2 by 2-foot LED lights have been installed within the framework.
- \* The east wing has taken on a streamlined, finished look. For example, the formerly bare steel beams are covered in drywall.
- \* Rooms with windows are structurally complete for the family room and religious articles store. Also complete in the east wing are a confessional, sound room, priest's vesting room and bathroom. They remain to be finished, painted, and furnished.
- \* From outside you can see the new window frames in the east wing which will contain stained glass. Father has seen and approved color sketches of the new stained glass. The glass will feature main events in the Life of Christ and Our Lady.
- \* When you drive past the front of the church, of course you can see the basics of the unfinished covering over the entrance.
- \* There's still much work to be done. Renovation will include laminate plank flooring in the congregation areas, tile in the sanctuary, new outside and inside doors, reinstalled and refinished pews, reinstalled organ, and new projectors for hymn lyrics.
- \* Total projected cost thus far: \$739,917.47
- \* Father is optimistic that renovation will be totally completed well before our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on October 13.



### Holy Hour Announcement

A Spanish Holy Hour including Exposition and Benediction will be hosted by the Hispanic Community on **Friday, March 15th at**

**7:00 pm** here in our worship space. Please plan to arrive no later than 6:45p.m. *All are invited to join us for this hour with Our Lord.* We will gather for communal prayer, song, and reflection. A handout with English translation will be provided for English community. Please join us.



It is now time to place your order in memory of a loved one or in Thanksgiving. Please call the office 746-2144 or stop in the office.

We have the following:  
 2 Easter Lilies at \$15.00 each  
 2 Hydrangeas at \$20.00 each



## ORACIÓN

*“Padre de paz, estamos gozosos en tu Hijo Jesucristo, que nos reconcilia contigo. Que avancemos hacia la Pascua con el afán de la fe y del Amor”. Amén.*



## Lecturas de las Escrituras

## Para la Semana del 10 de Marzo de 2024

<b>Domingo</b>	<b>Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma</b> 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
<b>Lunes</b>	Is 65, 17-21; Sal 29, 2 y 4. 5-6. 11-12a y 13b; Jn 4, 43-54
<b>Martes</b>	Ez 47, 1-9. 12; Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9; Jn 5, 1-16
<b>Miércoles</b>	Is 49, 8-15; Sal 144, 8-9. 13cd-14. 17-18; Jn 5, 17-30
<b>Jueves</b>	Ex 32, 7-14; Sal 105, 19-20. 21-22. 23; Jn 5, 31-47
<b>Viernes</b>	Sab 2, 1. 12-22; Sal 33, 17-18. 19-20. 21 y 23; Jn 7, 1-2. 10. 25-30
<b>Sábado</b>	Jer 11, 18-20; Sal 7, 2-3. 9bc-10. 11-12; Jn 7, 40-53
<b>Domingo</b>	<b>Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma</b> Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

## ¡Porque Tanto Amó Dios al Mundo!

Juan 3:16 contiene uno de los versículos bíblicos más conocidos por la humanidad: “Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo, que le entregó a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna.” El teólogo cristiano Charles Spurgeon dijo: “Si nos pidieran que le leyéramos a un moribundo que no conocía el evangelio, probablemente deberíamos seleccionar este capítulo como el más adecuado para tal ocasión; y lo que es bueno para los moribundos es bueno para todos nosotros, porque eso es lo que somos”.

Otro punto interesante, que se encuentra en el comentario de “Enduring Word”, dice: “Los judíos de esa época rara vez pensaban que Dios *amaba al mundo*, sino que Dios sólo amaba a *Israel*. La oferta *universal* de salvación y vida en Jesús fue revolucionaria [y sigue siendo] una idea distintivamente cristiana de que el amor de Dios es lo suficientemente amplio como para abarcar a *toda* la humanidad”. Esto lleva a la fundación del catolicismo como universal, término utilizado por primera vez por San Ignacio unos 100 años después de que Cristo caminara sobre la Tierra.

Como católicos, creemos que el amor que Dios ofrece está disponible para todos y que Su amor no tiene límites. No hay nada que podamos hacer para que deje de amarnos, solo tenemos que aceptar Su amor. ¡Qué amor tan maravilloso! Dios Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, juntos, existen en un triángulo continuo de amor. En pocas palabras, Jesucristo es la Luz del mundo y ofrece a cualquier persona que decida amarlo amor infinito a cambio. ¡No hay mejor noticia que ésta! ¡Cuán bendecidos somos de ser hijos e hijas adoptivos de Dios!

Por Alexis Dallara-Marsh



## Anuncio de la Hora Santa

La comunidad hispana organizará una Hora Santa en español que incluirá exposición y bendición el viernes 15 de marzo a las 7:00 pm aquí en nuestro espacio de adoración. Por favor planea llegar no más tarde de las 6:45 p.m. Todos están invitados a unirse a nosotros en esta hora con Nuestro Señor. Nos reuniremos para oración, canto y reflexión comunitarios. ¿No tomarías un tiempo del mes para pasar una hora extra con Nuestro Señor? Por favor únete a nosotros.



“La Eucaristía nos compromete sin reservas; es un paquete de amor, una alianza firmada en lo más profundo de nuestro ser. Todas nuestras potencialidades están llamadas a garantizar la protección y el cumplimiento de este pacto” (Del Jueves Santo: Un recuerdo íntimo, de François Mauriac).





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