



# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE *Care of Creation*

"EACH OF US HAS A PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO CARE FOR CREATION,  
THIS PRECIOUS GIFT WHICH GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US." -POPE FRANCIS

## Mass Schedule and Intentions Horario de Misas e Intenciones

### **Saturday, August 30, de agosto, Sábado**

4:30 p.m. For the people of our parish / Por los feligreses de la parroquia

### **Sunday, August 31, de agosto, Domingo**

8:30 a.m. † Steve Czuhajewski Req Dave & Donna Barry

10:30 a.m. † Alejandra Juarico

1:00 p.m. Por Todos Los Alumnos Que Regresan a Clases Este Año

### **Monday, September 01, de septiembre, Lunes**

8:30 a.m. For all the migrant/farm workers who bring food to our table.

### **Tuesday, September 02, de septiembre, Martes**

6:00 p.m. † Jeramias Racine Req Idalia Lopez

### **Wednesday, September 03, de septiembre, Miércoles**

8:30 a.m. Eden Atkins Req Melanie Saliwanchik

### **Thursday, September 04, de septiembre, Jueves**

**No Mass**

### **Friday, September 05, de septiembre, Viernes**

8:30 a.m. For the people of our parish/Por los feligreses de la parroquia

### **Saturday, September 06, de septiembre, Sábado**

4:30 p.m. Fr. Leonel Cartagena Req Parish Office

### **Sunday, September 07, de septiembre, Domingo**

8:30 a.m. † Bill & Sally Barnes Req Son

10:30 a.m. † Carmen Frybarger Req Joe & Ellen Comiskey

1:00 p.m. † Jaime & † Jorge Lopez Req Nohemi Lopez

**St. Joseph Church**

**August 31, 2025**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Domingo 22 del Tiempo Ordinario**

## From the Desk of Fr. Leo ●

In this case, in today's gospel, we are asked not to read or ponder Luke 14:2-6. Next week we will jump ahead to Luke 14:25, skipping also verses 15-24. But like a child who knows what she's not supposed to look at, this only makes me all-the-more interested in those very verses and in what I am NOT supposed to see.

Luke 14:1-24 are clearly all cut out of a single piece of narrative cloth and anyway it all took place over the course of a single dinner party. Each flow into the next and only together do they present the real punch and meaning of this story. So, in what follows my ideas will also all flow together across all 24 verses. Those who wish to stay with the strict letter of the Lectionary law may happily cobble together from what follows only those parts that apply to the 9 verses that are technically this week's Year C Gospel lesson. But honestly, I think we need the whole thing.

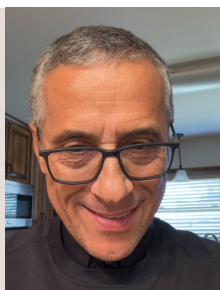
Too often we treat the parables of Jesus as though they float free of any original context. We collect the parables and treat them like chapters in a book—a parabolic anthology rather like a collection of nursery rhymes or fairy tales. The parables, we seem to think, don't need an original setting but can be pondered in isolation without losing any of their punch. And there is something to that: most of what we learn in the Parable of the Prodigal Son can be gleaned by looking at the story in isolation (though remembering that Jesus was telling also that parable as a counterpunch to a group of disapproving Pharisees is important, too). Most of the time reviewing the occasion that gave rise to Jesus' parables will deepen their poignancy. Certainly, that is true of Luke 14.

Luke 14:1 tells us that Jesus had been invited for a dinner party at the house of a "prominent Pharisee". The adjective refers to a lead Pharisee, someone who was very high up in the Pharisee leadership structure. So, it is likely that this man did not live in a modest row house in Jerusalem but probably occupied a ritzy and large home to which, on this Sabbath, a lot of people had been invited. In fact, it may well have been the case that a Sabbath noon invitation to this man's house was the hottest ticket in town.

But why was Jesus invited? He was not a real popular person among the Pharisees, after all. Based on the text, I suspect he was not invited out of love. But I cannot tell just what the motive really was, either. There are several possibilities. Perhaps it was borne out of social necessity—the host didn't really want to invite him but given his current popularity, etiquette demanded that they not snub this new rabbi. Or perhaps there was an element of vanity in the invitation—precisely because Jesus' star seemed to be rising just then, having him for dinner would be yet another feather in this Pharisee's social cap.

More darkly, however, it may also have been the case that they were setting Jesus up. Personally, I tilt this direction based on the fact that in verse 1 we are told that Jesus was being "very carefully watched."

I suspect that this dynamic was partly behind this Pharisee's having Jesus for dinner. As such, it is neither accidental nor coincidental that Jesus immediately encounters a man with dropsy. Dropsy was what today we would call edema, which likely meant his breathing was labored, his face, legs, feet, and hands were swollen because of a cardio-pulmonary problem that caused fluid to build up throughout his body



## Del Escritorio de Pd. Leo ●

En este caso, en el evangelio de hoy, se nos pide no leer ni reflexionar sobre Lucas 14:2-6. La semana que viene pasaremos directamente a Lucas 14:25, saltándose también los versículos 15-24. Pero como un niño que sabe lo que no debe ver, esto solo aumenta mi interés en esos mismos versículos y en lo que NO debo ver.

Lucas 14:1-24 está claramente recortado de una sola pieza narrativa y, de todos modos, todo ocurrió en el transcurso de una sola cena. Cada uno se entrelaza con el siguiente y solo juntos presentan la verdadera fuerza y el significado de esta historia. Así que, en lo que sigue, mis ideas también se integrarán en los 24 versículos. Quienes deseen ceñirse estrictamente a la letra de la ley del Leccionario pueden improvisar, a partir de lo que sigue, solo las partes que se aplican a los 9 versículos que técnicamente constituyen la lectura del Evangelio del Año C de esta semana. Pero, sinceramente, creo que necesitamos todo el texto.

Con demasiada frecuencia tratamos las parábolas de Jesús como si flotaran sin contexto original. Las recopilamos y las tratamos como capítulos de un libro: una antología parabólica, más parecida a una colección de rimas infantiles o cuentos de hadas. Parece que pensamos que las parábolas no necesitan un contexto original, sino que pueden reflexionar de forma aislada sin perder su fuerza. Y hay algo de cierto en ello: la mayor parte de lo que aprendemos de la Parábola del Hijo Pródigo se puede extraer al observar la historia de forma aislada (aunque es importante recordar que Jesús también contaba esa parábola como contraataque a un grupo de fariseos que la desaprobaba). La mayoría de las veces, repasar el momento que dio origen a las parábolas de Jesús profundizará su intensidad. Sin duda, esto es cierto en Lucas 14.

Lucas 14:1 nos dice que Jesús había sido invitado a una cena en casa de un "fariseo prominente". El adjetivo se refiere a un fariseo líder, alguien que ocupaba un puesto muy alto en la estructura de liderazgo farisea. Por lo tanto, es probable que este hombre no viviera en una modesta casa adosada en Jerusalén, sino que probablemente ocupara una casa grande y lujosa a la que, en ese sábado, se había invitado a mucha gente. De hecho, bien pudo haber sido que una invitación a mediodía de sábado a la casa de este hombre fuera la más solicitada de la ciudad.

Pero ¿por qué invitaron a Jesús? Después de todo, no era una persona muy popular entre los fariseos. Basándome en el texto, sospecho que no fue invitado por amor. Pero tampoco puedo determinar cuál fue el verdadero motivo. Hay varias posibilidades. Quizás surgió por necesidad social: el anfitrión no quería invitarlo, pero dada su popularidad, la etiqueta exigía no desdenar a este nuevo rabino. O quizás hubo un elemento de vanidad en la invitación; precisamente porque la estrella de Jesús parecía estar en ascenso en ese momento, invitarlo a cenar sería un logro más para este fariseo.

Sin embargo, más siniestramente, también pudo haber sido que le estuvieran tendiendo una trampa. Personalmente, me inclino por esta idea basándome en que en el versículo 1 se nos dice que Jesús estaba siendo "vigilado con mucha atención".

Sospecho que esta dinámica fue en parte la razón por la que este fariseo invitó a Jesús a cenar. Por lo tanto, no es casualidad ni coincidencia que Jesús se encontrara inmediatamente con un hombre hidropesía. La hidropesía era lo que hoy llamaríamos edema, lo que probablemente significaba que respiraba con dificultad, y que tenía la cara, las piernas, los pies y las manos hinchadas debido a un problema cardiopulmonar que le causaba la acumulación de líquido en todo el cuerpo.

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## Fr. Leo's Column Cont...

Likely he looked pathetic and whereas today a doctor would prescribe Lasix or some other such diuretic to make his renal system go full bore, back then there were probably few effective treatments

In any event, lo and behold this is the *first-person* Jesus meets up with at the pre-dinner punch bowl. **And the Pharisees watched Jesus carefully.** Could this Jesus, reputed to be a healer, resist the urge (considering it was the Sabbath) to help this fellow? Initially Jesus seems to be the epitome of a polite guest, asking his host and the others, "Would it be all right by you if I healed this man? Is that a lawful thing to do on the Sabbath?"

Did they all think this was such an obvious question it did not require an answer? Or did the way they all fixed Jesus in their collective glare as much as tell Jesus that of *course* they considered it unlawful. But their silence dared Jesus to do it anyway. So, he does. He then quotes some laws from Leviticus and Deuteronomy that allow exceptions to the Sabbath injunctions against not working in the cases of sick children or suffering animals. It was an "in your face" kind of thing for Jesus to say, shaming them for their disapproval of this poor man's healing and, as the text makes clear, leaving them with nothing to say. May our lady of Guadalupe, give us the strength to give the primacy to the little ones.

Fr. Leo

## Padre. Leo's Artículo Cont...

Probablemente tenía un aspecto patético, y mientras que hoy un médico recetará Lasix u otro diurético similar para que su sistema renal funcionara a pleno rendimiento, en aquel entonces probablemente había pocos tratamientos efectivos.

En cualquier caso, he aquí que esta es la primera persona con la que Jesús se encuentra en la ponchera antes de la cena. Y los fariseos observaban a Jesús atentamente. ¿Podría este Jesús, con fama de sanador, resistir la tentación (considerando que era sábado) de ayudar a este hombre? Al principio, Jesús parece ser el epítome del invitado educado, preguntando a su anfitrión y a los demás: "¿Les parecería bien que sane a este hombre? ¿Es lícito hacer eso en sábado?"

¿Pensaban todos que era una pregunta tan obvia que no requería respuesta? ¿O la forma en que todos fijaron sus miradas en Jesús fue como decirle que, por supuesto, lo consideraban ilegal? Pero su silencio lo desafió a hacerlo de todos modos. Y así lo hizo. Luego cita algunas leyes del Levítico y el Deuteronomio que permiten excepciones a las prohibiciones sabáticas de no trabajar en el caso de niños enfermos o animales que sufren. Fue algo así como algo "en su cara" lo que dijo Jesús, avergonzándolos por su desaprobación de la curación de este pobre hombre y, como lo deja claro el texto, dejándolos sin nada que decir. Que Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, nos dé la fuerza para dar el primado a los pequeños.

Padre. Leo

**FR. LEONEL CARTAGENA**

**40<sup>th</sup>**

You are invited to celebrate Fr. Leo's 40<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary!

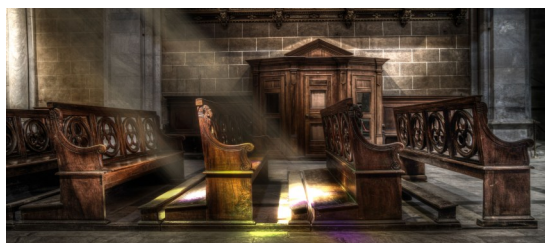
**Date: September 6, 2025**

**Mass Time: 4:30 pm**

**Reception Time: 6 pm**

**Place: St. Joseph Parrish**

**Food  
Music  
Dancing**



## Scripture Readings Lecturas Diarias

**For the Week of August 31, 2025**  
**Para la Semana de Agosto 31, 2025**

### Sunday • Domingo

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29 Ps 68:4-7,10-11  
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14

### Monday • Lunes

1Thessa 4:13-18 Ps 96:1,3-5, 11-13  
Lk 4:16-30

### Tuesday • Martes

1Thessa 5:1-6,9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  
Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday • Miércoles

Colossians 1:1-8 Ps 52:10-11  
Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday • Jueves

Colossians 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-6  
Lk 5:1-11

### Friday • Viernes

Colossians 1:15-20 Ps 100:1-5  
Lk 5:33-39

### Saturday • Sábado

Colossians 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6,8  
Lk 6:1-5

### Sunday • Domingo

Wisdom 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-6,12-14, 17  
Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33

## Prayers for the Sick Oraciones Por los Enfermos

Maria Ramsey  
Roxann Reisterer  
Yareli Velázquez  
Martínez  
Terry Wycoff  
Francisca Zepeda  
Luis Torres  
Harold Cronk  
Angela Cronk  
Dennis Nederhoed  
George Daleiden  
Bernadette Lawson  
Jon Rocha  
Maria Limon Smith

Martin Ledger  
Julia Avelar

**\*Names will be on the  
prayer list 30 days from the  
date requested.**

**\*Los Nombres estarán 30  
días en la lista de oración  
después de la fecha  
requerida**

## Activities in Our Parish Actividades en Nuestra Parroquia

### Sunday, August 31 • Domingo 31 de agosto

1:00pm—3:00pm Café y Más  
5:00pm-8:00pm Pilgrimage / Peregrinación

### Monday, September 01 • Lunes 01 septiembre

3:00pm—4:00pm Praying the Rosary / Rosario ENG

### Tuesday, September 02 • Martes 02 septiembre

4:00pm—6:00pm Adoration / Adoración

### Wednesday, September 03 • Miércoles 03 de septiembre

### Thursday, September 04 • Jueves 04 de septiembre

6:00pm—7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous / Narcóticos Anónimos  
7:00pm—8:30pm Youth Adult / Ministro de jóvenes & adultos  
5:30pm—8:30pm Camp Visitations / Visita a los campos

### Friday, September 05 • Viernes 05 de septiembre

7:00pm—8:00pm Rosary / Rosario ESP  
8:00pm—11:00pm Nocturnal Adoration / Adoración Nocturna

### Saturday, September 06 • Sábado 06 de septiembre

7:30am—9:00am Catholic Men / Hombres Católicos  
6:00pm—9:00pm Fr. Leo's Ordination Party

### Sunday, September 07 • Domingo 07 de septiembre

1:00pm—3:00pm Café y Más

## Happy Birthday!!! • ¡Feliz Cumpleaños!

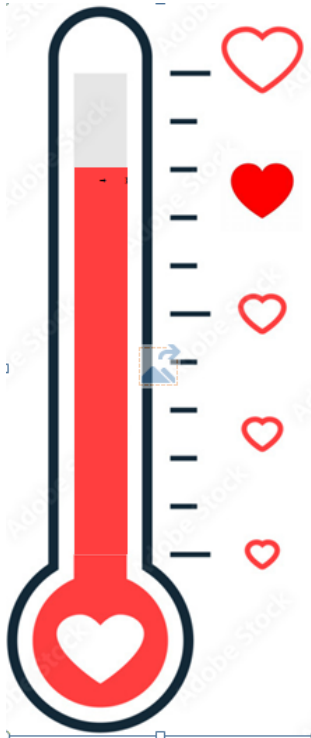
Molly Denny  
Gustavo Garza  
Diana Garza  
Paola Vargas  
Mario Asbeury  
Alexander Mares  
Lurdes Morales  
Dennis Nederhoed  
Moises Bello  
Edgar Cabera-  
Salvador  
Edward Cagney  
Cheryl Herrera  
Devon Jackson  
Gaudalupe Avila

Sonja Maybee  
Natalie McCauley  
Nick Mox  
Thomas Shultz  
Timothy Braun  
Janet Cady  
Jatziri Casarrubias  
Rice Jaemi  
Juan Morales  
Gabriel Salazar  
Sandra Viveros  
Elaine Whetham  
Edward Frybarger  
Obdulia Lopez  
Salma Lopez

Yaritza Morales  
Josmar Brincano-  
Yanez  
Alejandro Gonazalez  
Cesar Pacheco  
Gonzalo Sanchez  
Oscar Vazquez  
Rebecca Brancheau  
Margery Dusek  
Anahi Jackson

## Lector and Server Schedule

| <i>Date</i>        | <i>Server</i>        | <i>Lector</i>                    |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| August 30 4:30pm   | Anne Fish            | George Daleiden                  |
| August 31, 8:30am  | Tony / Jayden Thomas | Tracy Buck                       |
| August 31, 10:30am | Stephanie Thompson   | Janice Kistka                    |
| August 31, 1:00pm  | **                   | Luis Morales &<br>Graciela Lopez |
| Sept. 06, 4:30pm   | Darlene Smith        | Jan Collins                      |
| Sept. 07, 8:30am   | Katie Jones          | Matt Luckas                      |
| Sept. 07, 10:30am  | Dagoberto Castro Jr  | Anne Fish                        |
| Sept. 07, 1:00pm   | **                   | Luis Morales &<br>Graciela Lopez |



### Bishop's Annual Appeal

\$87,449.00 Assessment

**100% Participation Goal**

31 August 2025

\$81% of goal has been pledged

21% of Parish Families  
contributing

(NO change since last week!  
Have YOU helped to meet our  
goal? Pledge today!)

## Our Gifts for God

Week ending in.....08/24/25

Sunday Collection.....\$6,752.02

Online Collection.....\$1,990.60

Total Offertory  
received.....\$8,742.62

Offertory needed  
weekly.....\$9,740.39

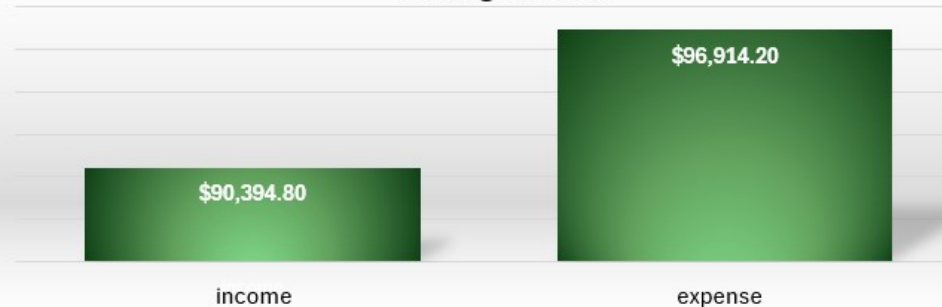
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### Online Giving

- If you are interested in setting up an account for online giving, visit our website and select online giving from the drop down menu on top of the page, or call 1-800-348-2886, ext 2 for help or questions.
- You can also arrange directly with your bank. Neither your or our bank info is exchanged, so this method is completely safe and automated.
- Here is our QR code for our online giving link.



## Year-to-Date Income vs Year-to-Date Expense 17 August 2025



Come on out and enjoy a fun day full of family friendly activities. There will be a live band, a kids' beauty pageant, a bouncy house, and delicious food of all backgrounds to enjoy. A kids beauty pageant. A bouncy house and delicious food of all backgrounds to enjoy.

If you would like to participate or help with anything please feel free to contact the front office, or Sister Maria Eugenia

Ven y disfruta de un día divertido lleno de actividades para toda la familia. Habrá música en vivo, concurso de belleza infantil, castillo inflable y deliciosa comida de todos los orígenes.

Si deseas participar o ayudar con algo, no dudes en contactar con la recepción o con la Hermana María Eugenia.



### Make a Difference That Lasts – Volunteer at The Ark Shelter! ☑

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve others and live out your faith? The Ark Shelter, a safe haven for youth in crisis, is seeking volunteers from our parish community to support their mission of healing, hope, and growth. This is a wonderful opportunity to use your time, talents, and passions to make a lasting impact in the lives of young people who need it most. Whether you enjoy organizing, gardening, or sharing a skill or hobby you love, there's a place for you at The Ark. Every act of service—large or small—helps create a space of peace, beauty, and possibility for youth at the shelter.

Current Needs:

- ☑ Donation Room Support: Help organize donated items (2 hours every other week, M–F, anytime before 5pm, done by 7pm).
- ☑ Flower Garden Beautification: Tend to the shelter's gardens and bring joy through beauty (2 hours every other week, M–F, before 5pm, done by 7pm).
- ☑ Creative Skill Sharing: Are you 18 or older and passionate about something creative—music, poetry, arts & crafts, cooking, or another hands-on skill? Share what you love with youth who are eager to learn and grow. Individuals or small groups are welcome! (Evenings after 3pm, Tues/Thurs/Fri).

Let your light shine!

For more information or to sign up, please contact Melissa Centofanti at [melissacentofanti@ccdok.org](mailto:melissacentofanti@ccdok.org) . Thank you!

Thank you!

Melissa Centofanti

Volunteer Needs Coordinator



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## **Mass Schedule and Sacraments**

### **Mass Times**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
8:30 a.m. (English)  
Tuesday  
6:00 p.m. (Spanish)

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesday  
4:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.

### **Confessions**

Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00-8:25 a.m.  
Or by appointment

### **Baptism**

Call the Parish Office at 269-343-6256

### **Marriage**

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance.  
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La Diócesis de Kalamazoo ha cooperado y seguirá cooperando con las investigaciones del Procurador General de Michigan y alienta a cualquier persona que tenga información relacionada con mala conducta a llamar al número de denuncia establecido por la oficina del Procurador General de Michigan al: (844) 324-3374.