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NOVEMBER | NOVIEMBRE 23, 2025 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO, REY DEL UNIVERSO



NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO, REY DEL UNIVERSO
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
- Lk 23:43

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES / HORARIO DE MISAS

Weekday Masses/ Misas Entre Semana

Monday—Saturday 8:00 AM (Ingles /English)

Lunes —Viernes 5:00 PM (Spanish/ Español)

Saturday Vigil Masses /Sabado Misas de Vigilia

5:00 PM (English/ Ingles)

7:00 PM (Spanish/ Español)

Sunday Masses /Misa Dominicales

7:00 AM (Spanish/Español)

9:00 AM (English/ Ingles)

11:00 AM (English/ Ingles)

1:00 PM (Spanish/Español)

Reconciliation / Reconciliación

Saturday/ Sábado 3:30 PM

Livestream Masses

Sunday/ Domingo

11:00 AM (English/ Ingles) & 1:00 PM (Spanish/Español)

Stewardship | Mayordomía

CONTRIBUTIONS | CONTRIBUCIONES 11/09/25

Offering (Envelopes) / Ofertorio (Sobres)	\$7, 740.00
Offering (Loose) /Ofertorio (Suelto)	\$6, 924.00
Electronic Giving/ Contribuciones Electrónicas	\$1, 892.00
TOTAL	\$16, 556.00
Amount Needed / Cantidad Necesitada Parish Budget / Presupuesto Parroquial	\$22, 371.16
Shortfall/ Defecit	- \$ 5, 815.16
Building Fund	\$135.00

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¡Gracias por su generosidad a Sta. Francisca Romana!**

"Saint Frances of Rome, be our guiding light so we may see and discern God's plan that we may truly be 'Doers of God's will' Amen."

MASS INTENTIONS

Intenciones de Misa

Sat/ Sab	November / Noviembre 22
5:00 PM	Joseph, Catalina, Daniel & Gregorio Park (Liv) Leticia Hernandez (Liv) Mary Munoz †
7:00 PM	Carmen Salazar † Rosalynn Garcia (B-day) Juan Garcia (B-day) Jorge Bugarin (Liv)
Sun/ Dom	November / Noviembre 23
7:00 AM	MISA PRO POPULO
9:00 AM	Emmanuel & Emma Park † Lorenzo O. Felix † Ruben Blair † Florencio Uy †
11:00 AM	Lorena Olague † Carl Veneracion † Regina Jesusa Dizon del Rosario †
1:00 PM	Alfonso Uribe † Maria de la Luz Ambrosio † Martina Jimenez †
Mon/ Lun	November/ Noviembre 24
8:00 AM	Emmanuel & Emma Park † Antoinette Blair †
5:00 PM	Isidro Huante † Jesus Cordova † Joel Leon Raya †
Tue/ Mar	November / Noviembre 25
8:00 AM	Carlos Guzman † Emmanuel & Emma Park † Rosario Hernandez †
5:00 PM	Susana Raya † Elisa Raya † Maria Guadalupe †
Wed/ Mier	November / Noviembre 26
8:00 AM	Lupe Moronez †
5:00 PM	Elena Huante † Elisa Huante † Guadalupe Leon Flores †
Thurs/ Juev	November / Noviembre 27
11:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving Misa de Accion de Gracias
Fri/ Vier	November / Noviembre 28
8:00 AM	Emmanuel & Emma Park † Antoinette Blair †
5:00 PM	No Evening Mass No Habra Misa en la Tarde
Sat/ Sab	November / Noviembre 29
8:00 AM	Emmanuel & Emma Park † Rosario Hernandez †



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

November 26th & 27th

Our Parish Offices will be closed for Thanksgiving. We will be back Monday, December 1st. We hope you have a blessed holiday!

OFICINA PARROQUIAL CERRADA

26 y 27 de Noviembre

Nuestras oficinas parroquiales permanecerán cerradas por Acción de Gracias. Volveremos el lunes 1 de diciembre. ¡Les deseamos unas felices fiestas!

Please pray for the sick & deceased

Oremos por los enfermos y por los que han fallecido

Recently deceased :

Sergio Sanchez Santillan
Rosalia Vicente
Frank Duran
Stella Lopez
Manuel Perez Jr.
Marcial Flores Garcia
Aurelia Saucedo Rojas
Ed Miller
Angel Lopez
Mario Jimenez Perez
Jim Bucher
Natalia Garcia Avalos

For the Sick:

Jaime Figueroa
Georgia Figueroa
Josefa Sanchez
Maria de Jesus Cardona
Gilbert Carlos
Modesta Lujan
Eddie Barlow
Christopher Garcia
Linda Rocha
Alba Dominguez
Andrea Ceballos
Henry Dominguez
Alva Dominguez

Please help us keep our prayer list updated by calling the parish office (626)969-1829 ext 112. Please note: names will remain on the list for 3 weeks and are not mentioned at mass.

Por favor ayúdenos a mantener actualizada nuestra lista de oración llamando a la oficina parroquial (626) 969-1829 ext 112. Tenga en cuenta: los nombres permanecerán en la lista durante 3

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 Monday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest,
 and Companions, Martyrs
 Tuesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria,
 Virgin and Martyr
 Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
 Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



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PRACTICING CATHOLIC

The King Who Hangs Beside Us

We love to hate the bad thief.

Ancient Christian tradition has called him by the name “Gestas.” In contrast to Dismas, “the good thief” who recognized and repented of his own sins, Gestas goes down bitter and swinging. With his last breaths he taunts Jesus, poking fun at the absurdity of a deity who allows himself to be crucified by mortals. “Are you not the Christ?” he sneers.

But his final words betray an undercurrent of desperation. Of terror. In the end, Gestas just wants Jesus to save him.

It’s taken me a few hundred read-throughs of this Gospel passage to finally understand a painful truth: I am Gestas. I hang from my own cross — we all do, in this life. But I’m lucky enough that my cross is right beside Jesus, because the sacraments bring him as close to me as he was to Gestas — closer, even. How unfathomable is the mercy of God.

And yet, I am not grateful. I don’t rejoice at my proximity to my Lord, to the flesh and blood that have bought my salvation. I don’t do what I should do, and what Dismas does. I don’t say, “Wherever you are King, please, let me be your subject. Wherever you are going, please, take me with you.”

“Are you not the Christ?” I say instead. And what I mean is exactly what Gestas meant: “Get me down. Take this cross away. I don’t want it. I can’t take it.”

What a tragedy it would be, if all Christ had to offer us was an easier life.

None of this looks like anyone thought it would. The long-foretold Messiah, whose majesty and might would eradicate violence and establish peace. The guy who was going to make everything okay again. The King of the Jews. And here he hangs: bleeding and dying and doing what looks like nothing. Staring at Gestas. Staring at me. Staring at you.

What will you say to him?

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LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Our king wears a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold. His glory is not in riches but in suffering. His law is written in his own blood, shed for the love of us. Do we understand the gift that it is, to be subject to such a king?

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Reflect and Respond

1st Reading Question:

The people of Israel recognized that David was a natural leader, and with the Lord’s blessing anointed him king of Israel. What do you think makes someone a good leader?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul offers to the Colossians a beautiful piece of poetry reflecting on how Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth. Can you share a time when you were reconciled with a family member or friend?

Gospel Question:

Jesus assured the repentant criminal crucified next to him that he would be with him in paradise. Who might you offer words of comfort to this week?

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CHRIST THE KING



YOU'RE INVITED A NIGHT WITH JESUS EVERY FRIDAY

Join us for worship, testimony, prayer—
—and the presence of Christ



Every Friday • 7:45 PM to 9:30 PM

We begin with praise & worship, followed by personal testimonies, the Word of the Lord, and prayer. This gathering is a precious treasure in our church, creating a welcoming space where hearts are touched and faith renewed



Doors open at 7:45 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

☆ SPECIAL FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

On the first Friday of each month, you're also invited to Eucharistic Adoration from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM

We meet in the chapel



Dear young people,
Jesus' freedom
draws us in. Let us
allow it to resonate
within us, to challenge
us, to awaken in
us the courage born
of truth.

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ST. FRANCES OF ROME CATHOLIC CHURCH
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

STEAK DINNER SATURDAY DECEMBER 1ST

5PM PARISH AUDITORIUM

Our dinner plates include;
steak, shrimp, cole slaw, a baked
potato, bread roll, corn on the cob, and
a beverage.

\$20

ADULT STEAK DINNER PLATE \$20.00
CHILDREN DINNER PLATE \$10.00



Protecting God's Children Keeping Kids Safe Did You Know?

Facts about psychological grooming



A few weeks ago, we looked at physical grooming and how predators use it to lure victims. Another type of grooming is *psychological*, in which a predator spends a great deal of time with his or her victim, showering them with attention and making the victim feel a shared connection. When the predator becomes a peer to the child, then he has control. He can then offer special treatment — or threaten to take away that treatment, and even make threats against the child's family, pets, and other friends. For more information about psychological grooming, read the VIRTUS® article “The Grooming Process” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

MISA DE ACCION DE GRACIAS
Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday, November 27th at 10am
Jueves, 27 de Noviembre a las 10am
bilingual / bilingüe

No habra misa a las 5pm el 28 de Noviembre



Pastorela NAVIDEÑA

Invitamos a todos los feligreses a participar en la Pastorela de este año, la alegre obra de teatro navideña que narra el viaje de los pastores para ver al Cristo recién nacido ¡Necesitamos voluntarios de todas las edades para dar vida a esta querida tradición!

Los ensayos se llevan a cabo todos los martes a las 7:00 p. m. en el auditorio y la pastorela será el 21 de Diciembre del 2025.

¡¡Ven a compartir tu talento, tu fe y tu alegría navideña, y ayuda a que la Pastorela de este año sea inolvidable!

Para mas informacion comuniquese con:

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Conmemoraciones de la Semana

Domingo: Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo
 Lunes: San Andrés Du Dŭng-Lạc, sacerdote, y compañeros, mártires
 Martes: Santa Catalina de Alejandría, virgen y mártir
 Jueves: Día de acción de gracias (EEUU)
 Domingo siguiente: 1^{er} Domingo de Adviento



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CATOLICO PRACTICANTE *EL Rey que Cuelga a Nuestro Lado*

Nos encanta odiar al ladrón malo.

La antigua tradición cristiana lo ha llamado con el nombre de "Gestas". A diferencia de Dimas, "el buen ladrón" que reconoció y se arrepintió de sus propios pecados, Gestas cae amargado y oscilante. Con sus últimos alientos se burla de Jesús, burlándose de lo absurdo de una deidad que se deja crucificar por los mortales. "¿No eres tú el Cristo?", se burla.

Pero sus últimas palabras delatan un trasfondo de desesperación. De terror. Al final, Gestas solo quiere que Jesús lo salve.

Me han llevado unos cientos de lecturas de este pasaje del Evangelio para entender finalmente una verdad dolorosa: soy Gestas. Me cuelgo de mi propia cruz, todos lo hacemos, en esta vida. Pero tengo la suerte de que mi cruz está justo al lado de Jesús, porque los sacramentos lo acercan tanto a mí como lo estuvo a Gestas, incluso más cerca. ¡Cuán insondable es la misericordia de Dios!

Y, sin embargo, no estoy agradecida. No me regocijo por mi proximidad a mi Señor, a la carne y la sangre que han comprado mi salvación. No hago lo que debería hacer, y lo que hace Dimas. Yo no digo: "Dondequiera que seas rey, por favor, permíteme ser tu súbdito. A donde quiera que vayas, por favor, llévame contigo".

"¿No eres tú el Cristo?" Digo en cambio. Y lo que quiero decir es exactamente lo que Gestas quiso decir: "Bájame. Quitá esta cruz. No la quiero. No puedo soportarla".

¡Qué tragedia sería, si todo lo que Cristo tuviera para ofrecernos fuera una vida más fácil!

Nada de esto parece como alguien pensó que lo sería. El Mesías largamente predicho, cuya majestad y poderío erradicarían la violencia y establecerían la paz. El tipo que iba a hacer que todo volviera a estar bien. El Rey de los Judíos. Y aquí está: sangrando y muriendo y haciendo lo que parece no ser nada. Mirando a Gestas. Mirándome fijamente. Mirándote fijamente.

¿Qué le dirás?

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VIVIR LA LITURGIA

Inspiración para la semana

Nuestro rey lleva una corona de espinas, no una corona de oro. Su gloria no está en las riquezas, sino en el sufrimiento. Su ley está escrita en su propia sangre, derramada por amor a nosotros. ¿Comprendemos el don que es estar sujetos a tal rey?

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PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Reflexionar y Responder

Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura:

El pueblo de Israel reconoció que David era un líder natural y, con la bendición del Señor, lo ungió rey de Israel. ¿Qué crees que hace que alguien sea un buen líder?

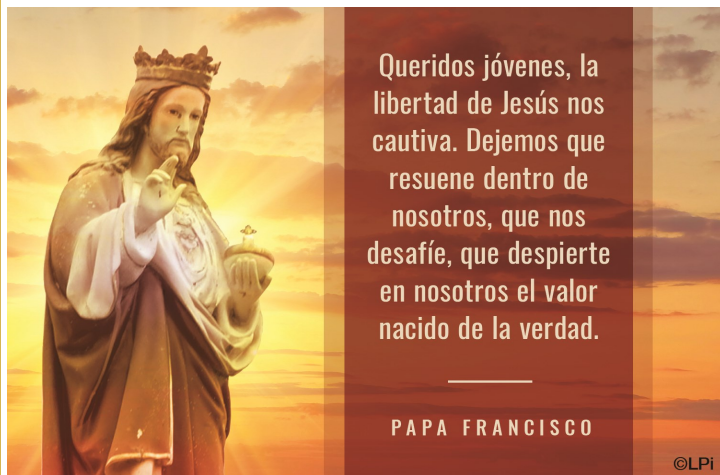
Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura:

Pablo ofrece a los colosenses una hermosa poesía que reflexiona sobre cómo Jesús reconcilió todas las cosas en el cielo y en la tierra. ¿Puedes compartir un momento en el que te hayas reconciliado con un familiar o amigo?

Pregunta del Evangelio:

Jesús le aseguró al criminal arrepentido crucificado a su lado que estaría con él en el paraíso. ¿A quién podrías darle palabras de consuelo esta semana?

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FAMILIAS EN Fe

El ministerio Familias en Fe los invita todos los Lunes a una noche de oración, predica y alabanza.

Grupo de Oración Resucitó

Invita a todos, los Jueves en el **Centro Parroquial Salon #1 en el 506. N. Soldano Ave. de 10:30AM a 12:30PM**

Como familia de **Fe**, compartimos la **Palabra de Dios**, rezamos el **Rosario** y **Oramos** por nuestras necesidades.

¡Vengan, los esperamos!



Consoladores de Jesucristo

Los invitamos los Jueves de 5:30pm a 6:00pm para rezar por los sacerdotes y la vida consagrada. Meditaremos la coronilla de la Preciosa Sangre de Jesucristo.

¡Los esperamos en la capilla de la iglesia!



Se les invita a participar en el **Movimiento de Cursillos de Cristiandad**, para conocerse, compartir, convivir, crecer en la fe y ayudarse unos a otros.

En el Auditorio Parroquial el ultimo Viernes de cada mes a las 7 p.m.

¡Cristo cuenta contigo!



Protegiendo Los Niños de Dios Seguridad Para los Niños ¿SABIAS QUE?

Sobre los comportamientos de engaño psicológico

Hace unas semanas, vimos los comportamientos de engaño (conocido en inglés como, grooming) físicos y cómo los depredadores lo utilizan para atraer a sus víctimas. Otro tipo de manipulación es la psicológica, en la que el depredador pasa mucho tiempo con su víctima, prestándole mucha atención y haciéndole sentir que existe una conexión entre ambos. Entonces puede ofrecer un trato especial, o amenazar con quitar ese trato, e incluso amenazar a la familia, las mascotas y otros amigos del niño. Para mayores informes sobre los comportamientos de engaño lea el artículo de VIRTUS® "The Grooming Process" (El proceso de engañar hacia el abuso) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.





Food Bank Donations



As a parish family, we're committed to caring for one another and supporting our neighbors in need. Our church food bank is one way we live out that mission—helping ensure that everyone in our community has access to good, nourishing food.

If you'd like to take part, we're collecting some of the food bank's most-needed items. You'll find the list below. Thank you for helping us share care, compassion, and community with those around us.

Rice

Beans

Pastas

Lentils

Canned Corn

Canned Vegetables

Instant Noodles

Canned Soups

Canned Tuna

Canned Chicken

Salt (Small bags)

Sugar (Small bags)

Vegetable Oil

Peanut Butter

Oatmeal

Cereal

Granola Bars

Crackers

To drop off Food Bank donations, visit our Parish Office open Monday- Thursday from 10 AM to 4 PM or on Sunday mornings from 9 AM to 11 AM at our Food Bank located next to the Parish Auditorium near the N. Pasadena Ave. church parking entrance.

CALLING ALL ADULT VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOU FOR YOUTH DAY 2026

We are looking for Adult Volunteers to join us for LA Youth Day on February 19th, 2026

Some roles for Adults are the following:

- ☒ People moving (outside, welcoming, near workshop spaces, in the general sessions)
- ☒ Security / Safety (making sure our participants stay safe throughout the experience)
- ☒ Sacred Space / Confessions (Helping guide participants into prayer and confessionals)

Requirements to Volunteer:

- Adults above the age of 21
- Must be fingerprinted and VIRTUS trained
- Must be in compliance with the Safe Environment Policies of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Volunteering Benefits:

- Free registration for Youth Day
- A stylish T-Shirt
- Complimentary lunch on the day of the event
- You get to share your gifts with our young people from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles!

Interested? Sign-up
using the QR Code



For the Cause

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Verse 1

For the cause of Christ the King
We give our lives an offering
‘Til all the earth resounds
With ceaseless praise
To the Son

For the cause of Christ we go
With joy to reap with faith to sow
As many see
And many put their trust in the Son

Chorus

Christ we proclaim
The Name above every name
For all creation
Ev’ry nation
God’s salvation
Through the Son

Verse 2

For the King once lifted high
To cries of rage of crucify
Endured the cross
As every sin was laid
On the Son

To the King who conquered death
To free the poor and the oppressed
For lasting peace
For life and liberty
In the Son

Verse 3

Let it be my life’s refrain
To live is Christ to die is gain
Deny myself take up my cross
And follow the Son



Refiner

Maverick City Music

Verse 1

If the altar’s where You meet us
Take me there take me there
If what You need is just an offering
It’s right here my life is here
And I’ll be a living sacrifice for You

Pre-Chorus

You’re a fire the refiner
I wanna be consumed

Chorus

I wanna be tried by fire
Purified
You take whatever You desire
Lord here’s my life

Verse 2

If Your glory wants to come here
Let it fall we want it all
Your fire is consuming
Fill this place set it ablaze
And I’ll be a living sacrifice for You

Bridge

Clean my hands purify my heart
I wanna burn for You only for You
Take my life as a sacrifice
I wanna burn for You only for You

My Testimony

Elevation Worship

Verse 1

I saw Satan fall like lightning
I saw darkness run for cover
But the miracle that I just can’t get over
My name is registered in heaven

Verse 2

I believe in signs and wonders
I have resurrection power
Still the miracle that I just can’t get over
My name is registered in heaven
My praise belongs to You forever

Chorus

This is my testimony from death to life
‘Cause grace rewrote my story I’ll testify
By Jesus Christ the Righteous I’m justified
This is my testimony (oh I’m alive)
(This is my testimony)

Verse 3

Come together sons and daughters
Bought with blood and washed in water
Sing the praises of the Spirit Son and Father
Our God will finish what He started
Our God will finish what He started

No One Beside

Elevation Worship

Verse 1

Within my heart
Is a melody that was not taught
In the darkest night it still goes on
The anthem of my God
Within my heart
Is a treasure that cannot be bought
When all else is faded it will not
The presence of my God

Chorus

Oh magnify the Lord
Let us exalt His name together
No one beside You Lord
Honor and praise are Yours forever

Verse 2

Before Your throne
In the mystery that can be known
Lives the majesty that’s Yours alone
How glorious You are
You are the one
Who redeems the wrongs that I have done
Reigning over all the days to come
How glorious You are

Bridge

Holy Holy is the Lord God almighty
Holy Holy is the Lord God almighty

Gratitude

Brandon Lake

Verse 1

All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude

Verse 2

I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

Chorus

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
‘Cause all that I have is a hallelujah
hallelujah
And I know it’s not much
But I’ve nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

Verse 3

I’ve got one response
I’ve got just one move
With my arms stretched wide
I will worship You

Bridge

Come on my soul
Oh don’t you get shy on me
Lift up your song
‘Cause you’ve got a lion inside of those
lungs
Get up and praise the Lord