

# 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds'  
with great power and glory...

Mk 13:26



Entonces verán venir al Hijo del hombre sobre las nubes  
con gran poder y majestad.

Mc 13, 26

## 33° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

# NOVEMBER 17, 2024

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## **OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD...**

Last Monday, the priests of the diocese took part in a “formation day” devoted to the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, which is the updated version of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The most obvious update may be in the name, and therefore the abbreviation. (Now, “RCIA” is “OCIA.”)

One of the suggestions made by the presenter was to avoid using either “official” title or abbreviation in our parishes. He referred to one of the pastorates in our diocese which uses “Why Be Catholic?” as the title for their process of preparing adults for initiation into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. That’s a topic to discuss here in the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate.

The updated translation of the original Latin term is not all that important, and there are no dramatic changes to the process itself, although there are some changes. These will be implemented in a gradual way in the months (and possibly years) to come.

Meanwhile, I want to emphasize one particular element of the updated process is this statement, regarding the Church’s expectations of adults who are preparing for baptism, or “catechumens.” Those who become catechumens are responsible to participate in the Liturgy of the Word with the community, and to “continually purify their motivation for baptism, live an upright life, and be ready to witness to their conversion to Christ....”

The presenter made the point that those preparing for baptism, who have the responsibility to share their personal experience of faith in Christ, should therefore be formed, or “trained” to become evangelists.

And if those preparing for baptism have the responsibility to evangelize, all the more do we who are baptized share in that responsibility. And if catechumens should be formed as evangelists, we baptized Catholics should certainly be equipped to evangelize, or share the good news of Jesus Christ.

You may remember our three-year Pastorate Vision Plan, now in its second year. We accomplished many of the Year One strategies, but others not been addressed. One of the latter is to adopt a program in the Pastorate to equip our parishioners to share the good news of Jesus Christ. I hope we do not lose this strategy as we move forward.

Even without this strategy in the Plan, the Rite (or Order) of Christian Initiation of Adults calls all of us to be evangelists. How are we doing?

Fr. Tom Metzger  
November 17, 2024

## **PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE TOM...**

El lunes pasado, los sacerdotes de la diócesis participaron en un “día de formación” dedicado al Ritual de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos, que es la versión actualizada del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos. La actualización más obvia puede estar en el nombre, aunque la abreviatura (en español), RICA, sigue siendo la misma,

Una de las sugerencias hechas por el presentador fue evitar el uso de títulos o abreviaturas “oficiales” en nuestras parroquias. Se refirió a uno de los pastorados de nuestra diócesis que usa “¿Por qué ser católico?” como título para su proceso de preparación de adultos para la iniciación en la Iglesia Católica a través del Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Primera Eucaristía. Ese es un tema para conversar aquí en el Pastorado Anderson-Alexandria.

La traducción actualizada del término original en latín no es tan importante, y no hay cambios dramáticos en el proceso en sí, aunque hay algunos cambios. Estos se implementarán de manera gradual en los próximos meses (y posiblemente años).

Mientras tanto, quiero enfatizar un elemento particular del proceso actualizado: esta declaración sobre las expectativas de la Iglesia respecto de los adultos que se están preparando para el bautismo, o “catecúmenos”. Aquellos que se convierten en catecúmenos son responsables de participar en la Liturgia de la Palabra con la comunidad y de “purificar continuamente su motivación para el bautismo, vivir una vida recta y estar listos para dar testimonio de su conversión a Cristo...”.

El presentador señaló que quienes se preparan para el bautismo, quienes tienen la responsabilidad de compartir su experiencia personal de fe en Cristo, deben por lo tanto ser formados o “entrenados” para convertirse en evangelistas.

Y si quienes se preparan para el bautismo tienen la responsabilidad de evangelizar, con mayor razón nosotros, los bautizados, compartimos esa responsabilidad. Y si los catecúmenos deben ser formados como evangelistas, nosotros, los católicos bautizados, ciertamente debemos estar equipados para evangelizar, o compartir la buena noticia de Jesucristo.

Tal vez recuerden nuestro Plan de Visión Pastoral de tres años, ahora en su segundo año. Logramos muchas de las estrategias del Año Uno, pero otras no se han abordado. Una de estas últimas es adoptar un programa en el Pastorado para equipar a nuestros feligreses para compartir la buena noticia de Jesucristo. Espero que no perdamos esta estrategia a medida que avancemos.

Incluso sin esta estrategia en el Plan, el Rito (o Ritual) de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos nos llama a todos a ser evangelizadores. ¿Cómo nos está yendo con eso?

Padre Tom Metzger  
17 de noviembre de 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### INTENCIONES Y LECTURAS DE LAS MISAS

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 / LUNES, 18 DE NOVIEMBRE

Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Memorial of Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Luke 18:35-43

8:00 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Betty Ann Myer

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 / MARTES, 19 DE NOVIEMBRE

Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 / Luke 19:1-10

8:00 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson Int. of Virginia Spicer Williams

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 / MIÉRCOLES, 20 DE NOVIEMBRE

Revelation 4:1-11 / Luke 19:11-28

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria +Mike Murray

11:30 AM St. Vincent Hospital, Anderson +All Souls' Day intentions

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 / JUEVES, 21 DE NOVIEMBRE

Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelation 5:1-10 / Luke 19:41-44

8:15 AM St. Mary, Anderson +All Souls' Day intentions

7:00 PM St. Mary, Anderson (Spanish) +Armando Cruz

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 / VIERNES, 22 DE NOVIEMBRE

Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Revelation 10:8-11 / Luke 19:45-48

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria Intentions of Sandra Bellim, M.D.

8:10 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson Intentions of Matt Hsu

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 / SÁBADO, 23 DE NOVIEMBRE

Memorial of Saints Clement I, Pope and Martyr, and Saint Columban, Abbott

Memorial of Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr

Revelation 11:4-12 / Luke 20:27-40

4:00 PM St. Mary, Anderson + Elaine Hawkins

4:30 PM St. Mary, Alexandria +Al Duffy

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 / DOMINGO, 24 DE NOVIEMBRE

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Daniel 7:13-14 / Revelation 1:5-8 / John 18:33b-37

7:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson People of the Pastorate

8:30 AM St. Mary, Alexandria +Dave Libler

9:30 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +David L. Boys, sr.

11:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson (Spanish) +Otoniel Mercado &

Atanacia Reyes



**"It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass." -St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**

**"Sería más fácil que el mundo sobreviviera sin el sol que sin la Santa Misa". -San Pio de Pietrelcina (el Padre Pio)**

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## CONFESSION TIMES / HORARIO DE CONFESIÓN

✠ Thursdays/Jueves 6:00-6:45 PM — St. Mary, Anderson

✠ Saturdays/Sábados 2:30-3:30 PM — St. Mary, Anderson

✠ Saturdays/Sábados 3:30-4:00 PM — St. Mary, Alexandria



# November 2, 2024

## Pastorate All Souls' Day Mass

### Misa del Pastorado de los Fieles Difuntos



Many thanks to Kimberly Lyle-Ippolito and Kristin Hahn for photographs.



Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, car-pooling the kids, and trying to keep up with your house, pool and yard? Tell him or her they're still Number 1 in your life . . . share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend with each other. Our first Weekend in 2025 will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from 25-27 April. Visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: "Having had over twenty years of marriage behind us, we thought we could learn little and improve little. We learned much, and are still improving."

#### May we pray for you?

There are people in our pastorate who are happy to pray for your special intentions. Contact your parish secretary to learn how to connect with the Prayer Line.

#### ¿Nos permite orar por usted?

En nuestro pastorado hay personas que se dedican a orar por las intenciones de sus hermanos. Llame a la secretaria de su parroquia para conectarse con la Línea de oración.

Prayer Line +++ Línea de oración



## ST. AMBROSE AND ST. MARY, ANDERSON

### Food Pantry

In 1967, a St. Vincent de Paul Society soup kitchen volunteer watched a single mother rummage for food in a dumpster behind a grocery store to feed her children. That year, St. Mary's Basilica in Phoenix, AZ lent him \$3000 to open a place for unwanted food to be distributed instead of thrown into dumpsters. The nation's first Food Bank was born. Today there are over 61,000 food pantries and meal programs; about half are faith-based organizations.

The need is still great. We serve a variety of people here at St. Mary - some are newly unemployed for the first time in their lives. Some are trying to stretch social security or disability checks. Some are homeless and cook over open fires. Many are single mothers. They're struggling with rent, food and often medicine. As of the end of October, this year we have served 4,443 people from the pantry, and 5,385 people from our twice-a-month drive through.



**FOOD MINISTRIES**

It can seem overwhelming and we might look around and echo the disciples - send these people away to get some food! The miracle of feeding the five thousand is the only of Jesus' miracles recorded in all four Gospels.

We are probably supposed to pay attention! A child shared his lunch and, somehow, there was abundance. Our God calls us to mighty deeds! YOU have answered that call, and miracles continue to happen. We are open more hours than any other food pantry in Madison County.

It's time to prepare our Thanksgiving baskets to give away. \$50 enables us to get supplies for a family to have a nice meal. We try to meet the needs of people who are cooking in crock pots or don't have much, if any, freezer space. Thank you for your help! Whatever you can do directly helps our neighbors here in Anderson. It makes a difference. YOU make a difference! Thank you, and God bless us all!

Lawson  
Food Ministries Coordinator

### Despensa de Alimentos

En 1967, un voluntario del comedor de beneficencia de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl observó a una madre soltera buscar comida en un contenedor de basura detrás de una tienda de comestibles para alimentar a sus hijos. Ese año, la Basílica de Santa María en Phoenix, Arizona, le prestó \$3000 para abrir un lugar donde distribuir alimentos no deseados en lugar de tirarlos a los contenedores de basura. Nació el primer Banco de Alimentos del país. Hoy en día existen más de 61,000 despensas de alimentos y programas de alimentación; aproximadamente la mitad son organizaciones religiosas.

La necesidad sigue siendo grande. Atendemos a una variedad de personas aquí en St. Mary; algunos están desempleados por primera vez en sus vidas. Algunos están tratando de estirar los cheques de seguridad social o de discapacidad. Algunos no tienen hogar y cocinan al aire libre. Muchas son madres solteras. Están luchando con el alquiler, la comida y, a menudo, con las medicinas. Hasta finales de octubre, este año hemos atendido a 4,443 personas desde la despensa y a 5,385 personas desde nuestro evento "drive through" que se lleva a cabo dos veces al mes.

Puede parecer abrumador y podríamos mirar a nuestro alrededor y hacernos eco de lo que dijeron los discípulos: ¡envía a estas personas a buscar algo de comida! El milagro de alimentar a los cinco mil es el único de los milagros de Jesús registrado en los cuatro evangelios. ¡Probablemente significa que debemos prestar atención! Un niño compartió su almuerzo y, de alguna manera, hubo abundancia. ¡Nuestro Dios nos llama a obras poderosas! USTED ha respondido a ese llamado y los milagros continúan ocurriendo. Estamos abiertos más horas que cualquier otra despensa de alimentos en el Condado de Madison.



**MINISTERIOS DE  
ALIMENTOS**

Es momento de preparar nuestras canastas de Acción de Gracias para regalar. \$50 nos permiten conseguir suministros para que una familia tenga una buena comida. Tratamos de satisfacer las necesidades de las personas que cocinan en ollas de cocción lenta o que no tienen mucho espacio en el congelador, si es que tienen congelador. ¡Gracias por su ayuda! Cualquier auxilio que nos pueda brindar ayuda directamente a nuestros vecinos aquí en Anderson. Hace la diferencia. ¡USTED hace la diferencia! Gracias y ¡que Dios nos bendiga a todos!

Lawson  
Coordinadora de los Ministerios de Alimentos

## ANDERSON YOUTH MINISTRY / MINISTERIO DE JÓVENES



**All Saints Festival  
Festival de Santos  
Nov. 3, 2024  
St. Mary, Anderson**



*Many thanks to Kristin Hahn  
for these great photos!*



## ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER, TIPTON

For more information, visit the website: [stjosephretreat.org](http://stjosephretreat.org)



Saturday, November 23, 2024  
\$35, includes lunch

*The Mass Explained  
Day of Reflection*

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[STJOSEPHRETREAT.ORG](http://STJOSEPHRETREAT.ORG)

SAINT JOSEPH  
RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER  
A MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS



Tuesday, December 10, 2024  
\$35, includes lunch

*Advent Day of  
Reflection*

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[STJOSEPHRETREAT.ORG](http://STJOSEPHRETREAT.ORG)

SAINT JOSEPH  
RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER  
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November 19 or December 17  
\$25, includes lunch

*Get Away  
for a Day*

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
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# Thanksgiving Day Masses & Food Blessing

## Misas y Bendición de los alimentos en Acción de Gracias



### Thanksgiving Day Masses — *Misas el Día de Acción de Gracias*

St. Mary, Anderson 9:00 am & St. Mary, Alexandria 9:00 am

**Bring (some of) your holiday food, as there will be a food blessing**

*Traiga un poco de su comida porque ¡habrá bendición de los alimentos!*

Note: There will be **no** adoration, confessions or 7 pm Spanish

Mass at St. Mary, Anderson on Thanksgiving Day.

Atención: **No habrá** adoración, confesiones ni misa de las 7 pm en

St. Mary, Anderson el Día de Acción de Gracias

### Masses on Black Friday — *Misas de viernes negro*

St. Ambrose, Anderson 9:00 am & St. Mary, Alexandria 9:00 am

This Christmas season let's spread joy and love to children in need! We are collecting new, unwrapped gift items to benefit the Children of Gibault who might not otherwise receive gifts this Christmas. Your generous donations will make a meaningful difference in their lives. We will be conducting the drive from Nov. 16 through Dec. 12, and **there will be collection boxes present at each church in the pastorate.** The Knights thank you for your kindness and support.

*Gibault Children's services, based in Terre Haute, provides support to at risk children through programs like residential treatment, foster care, and counseling. Their mission is to help children heal from trauma and build brighter, more helpful futures.*



Knights of  
Columbus



Christmas at Gibault

2024



The following items are on our kids' wish lists and make great gifts!

#### Electronics

Portable DVD players (without Wi-Fi access)  
FM Radios – "boom boxes"  
Nintendo Switches (used as DORM presents – not individual gifts)

#### Arts and Crafts

Diamond Paintings (found at Hobby Lobby or Amazon)  
Coloring books for all ages  
Slime and Play Doh kits

#### Games

Magic the Gathering Cards  
Pokémon Cards  
Board games  
Card games

#### Clothing

Nike, Adidas, or Under Armor Shirts (t-shirts, crew sweatshirts, shorts, please no hoodies)  
Nike "Slides" (sandals) (variety of adult sizes)

#### Hygiene

Bodywash gift sets (Old Spice, Axe)

#### Toys

Lego kits (Minecraft, Marvel, etc.)  
Remote Control cars  
Squishmallows  
Magnetic tiles  
Transformers  
K'nex building sets

#### Books

Goosebumps Series  
Hunger Game Series  
"I Survived" Series  
Warriors Series  
The Lunar Chronicles by Marissa Meyer  
Magle Tree House Series  
Pokémon Books  
The Shadow and Bone Trilogy by Leigh Bardugo  
Twilight Series  
Harry Potter Series

#### Girl Specific Gifts

Spa related stuff (Nail Polish, Face Masks)  
Make up kits  
Scrunchies  
Hairbrushes  
Body mist  
Fuzzy slippers  
Journals

#### Recreation Supplies

Sports equipment (basketballs, kickballs, soccer, volleyball)  
Fishing poles  
Tackle boxes

\*Please Note: this list is for children on both of our campuses. Most of our youth are ages 12-17, there are no more than 32 girls on our campuses\*

The above is the most asked for things from our kids for Christmas. We always accept new puzzles, board games, sports balls, new sweatshirts with tags still attached in adult sizes without hoods, and art supplies.

## GIBAULT CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE: 11/9 – 12/12

Esta temporada navideña ¡llevemos alegría y amor a los niños necesitados! Estamos recolectando artículos de regalo nuevos y sin envolver para beneficiar a los Niños de Gibault quienes de otro modo no recibirían regalos esta Navidad. Sus generosas donaciones marcarán una diferencia significativa en sus vidas. Realizaremos la campaña del 16 de nov. al 12 de dic. y **habrá una caja de recolección en cada iglesia del pastorado.** Los Caballeros les agradecen su amabilidad y apoyo.

*Gibault Children's Services, con sede en Terre Haute, brinda apoyo a menores en riesgo a través de programas como tratamiento residencial, cuidado de crianza y asesoramiento. Su misión es ayudar a los niños a recuperarse del trauma y construir futuros más brillantes y útiles.*

# DEADLINE

Due to the upcoming holidays, some deadlines for sending in items to appear in this bulletin during the next couple of months have been moved up.

*Debido a las próximas vacaciones, se han adelantado algunas de las fechas límites para enviar cualquier información para que aparezca en este boletín.*

To appear in the bulletin for ... Send your info in by 10 a.m. on ...  
Para que aparezca en el boletín del ... Envíe su info antes de las 10 a.m. del ...

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| November 16/17..... | November 8  |
| November 23/24..... | November 15 |
| Nov. 30/Dec. 1..... | November 18 |
| December 7/8.....   | November 26 |
| December 14/15..... | December 6  |
| December 21/22..... | December 13 |
| December 28/29..... | December 16 |
| January 4/5.....    | December 20 |



Email all info to [rgrose@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:rgrose@parish.dol-in.org)  
General rule of thumb: The sooner, the better!



**Remember:** All of our parish offices will remain **closed** on Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after.

**Recuerde:** Todas nuestras oficinas parroquiales permanecerán **cerradas** el Día de Acción de Gracias y el viernes siguiente.



Volunteers are needed at St. Ambrose for the annual washing of the church pews and deep cleaning of the church for Christmas. We'll do this on Tuesday, December 10, starting immediately after the 8:10am Mass. All supplies will be furnished; just bring a small bucket, if you can. If you can spare an hour or two, you'll help make the job go much quicker! Any questions? Call your parish secretary to get connected with Marilyn or Dan Sager.

All during the month of November, we continue pray for our deceased loved ones.

*Durante todo el mes de noviembre seguimos orando por nuestros seres queridos difuntos.*

Our Lord promised St. Gertrude 1,000 souls would be released from purgatory each time this prayer is said devoutly:

"Eternal Father,  
I offer You the most precious blood  
of thy Divine Son, Jesus,  
in union with the Masses said  
throughout the world today,  
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
for sinners everywhere,  
for sinners in the universal Church,  
for those in my own home,  
and in my family. Amen."

EWTN.com

## ST. MARY SCHOOL (ALEXANDRIA)



St. Mary School kindergarten through 4th Grade students participated in their annual noodle-making event on November 5 & 6. The noodles will be used for this year's Thanksgiving Community Dinner.



Los alumnos de St. Mary School, desde los de jardín de niños hasta los del cuarto grado, participaron en su evento anual de elaboración de tallarines los días 5 y 6 de noviembre. Los tallarines formarán parte de la comida comunitaria del Día de Acción de Gracias.



## ST. MARY, ALEXANDRIA

# Volunteers Needed!!

Wednesday Nov. 27 and/or Thursday Nov. 28

## St. Mary's Thanksgiving Community Dinner

Can you help?

Contact: 765-233-0878

[st.mary.alex.in@gmail.com](mailto:st.mary.alex.in@gmail.com)

Turkeys are available after Mass for volunteers to take home and cook in preparation for our Thanksgiving Community Dinner. Please stop by Zimmer Hall for a turkey and instructions! Thanks to all who help with this ministry of love! Also, please sign up in the narthex if you can help with Thanksgiving preparations or serving on Thanksgiving Day; we need volunteers for that Wednesday and Thanksgiving Day itself.

*Ya están disponibles los pavos para que después de la misa los voluntarios los lleven a casa y los cocinen en preparación para nuestra Comida Comunitaria de Acción de Gracias. ¡Pase por Zimmer Hall para recibir un pavo e instrucciones! ¡Gracias a todos los que ayudan con este ministerio de amor! Además, regístrese en el nártex si usted puede ayudar con los preparativos de esta comida y/o servir el mismo día; necesitamos voluntarios para el miércoles 27 de noviembre y el mismo jueves Día de Acción de Gracias.*



ST. MARY, ALEXANDRIA

### FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION



Parents and guardians of second-grade students interested in the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion for their children are invited to the first meeting of a three-part series of sessions on First Reconciliation. The meetings will be held on Sundays, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, and Dec. 8, from 4 to 5 p.m. Grandparents and godparents are invited to the December sessions.



After parents or guardians complete the enrollment, students attend their First Reconciliation sessions from 3-4pm on Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 12, and 17 at St. Mary School.

Please contact Rachel Duckworth by Nov. 15 to enroll.

#### Initial Adult Meeting

##### Date

Sunday, November 17

##### Time

4:00pm

##### Location

St. Mary Alexandria, Zimmer Hall

##### Contact Information

Rachel Duckworth  
[rduckworth@stmaryalex.net](mailto:rduckworth@stmaryalex.net) or  
phone the school office



## Coming Soon!

## Angel Tree DONATIONS

1. Pick one or more ornaments.
2. Pray for the person receiving the gift!
3. Purchase the requested item(s).
4. Attach tag to the UNWRAPPED gift.
5. Place tagged item(s) near the Angel Tree in the church Narthex.

Items needed by Dec. 15!

St. Mary, Alexandria



St. Joseph's Helpers is the men's group of our parish. They will meet this Thursday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. in Zimmer Hall. All men 18 years old and up are invited to join!

**¡Viva  
Cristo  
Rey!**

**Bl. Fr. Miguel Agustín Pro,  
priest and martyr**

**November 23**

**Beato Miguel Agustín Pro,  
sacerdote y mártir**

**All you holy men and  
women of God, pray for us!**



Painting of Bl. Fr. Pro by Raúl Berzosa, displayed in the Holy Cross Chapel of Jesuit High School in Tampa, Florida. Photo  
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Blessed Father Miguel Agustín Pro, born in Mexico in 1891, became a Jesuit priest at time when the Catholic Church was under great persecution in his country. Because churches were closed due to harsh anti-clerical laws, he and many other priests were forced to carry out their ministries underground, celebrating Mass clandestinely and visiting the faithful in disguise. On **November 23, 1927**, Fr. Pro was executed without a trial on trumped-up charges related to a presidential assassination attempt. As he was put before a firing squad, he forgave his captors. As his executioners raised their guns to fire, Fr. Pro outstretched his arms in an imitation of Jesus on the cross and uttered the cry that soon became indelibly linked to the story of his life and death: “**¡Viva Cristo Rey!**”—that is, “**Long live Christ the King!**” Pope John Paul II beatified Fr. Pro in 1988 as a Catholic martyr killed “in hatred of the faith.” (*Beatification* is the last step in the process before someone is formally canonized, or declared a saint of the universal Church.)

*El Beato Padre Miguel Agustín Pro, nacido en México en 1891, se hizo sacerdote jesuita en un momento en que la Iglesia católica sufría una gran persecución en su país. Iglesias se encontraban cerradas debido a las duras leyes anticlericales, así que el P. Pro y muchos otros sacerdotes se vieron obligados a llevar a cabo su ministerio en secreto; celebraban la misa clandestinamente y se disfrazaban para visitar a los fieles. El 23 de noviembre de 1927, el P. Pro fue ejecutado sin juicio por cargos falsos relacionados con un intento de asesinato presidencial. Cuando fue llevado ante un pelotón de fusilamiento, perdonó a sus captores. Mientras sus verdugos levantaban sus armas para disparar, el P. Pro extendió los brazos, imitando a Jesús en la cruz, y pronunció el grito que pronto quedó indeleblemente ligado a la historia de su vida y muerte: “**¡Viva Cristo Rey!**” El Papa Juan Pablo II beatificó al P. Pro en 1988 como mártir católico asesinado “por odio a la fe”. (La beatificación es el último paso en el proceso antes de que alguien sea canonizado formalmente, es decir, declarado santo de la Iglesia universal).*

**Todos los santos y santas de Dios, rueguen por nosotros!**



## Where's Sister?

Can you identify the location of Sr. Mary-Mary Ambrose in this snapshot? Hint: it's somewhere in our pastorate, which is made up of 3 parishes, 3 school campuses, and numerous meeting spaces, offices, rectories, and outdoor installations—in two different cities! Look for the answer in next week's bulletin.

¿Logra usted identificar en qué lugar aparece la Hna. Mary-Mary Ambrose en esta foto? Una pista: se trata de algún lugar de nuestro pastorado, mismo que está conformado por 3 parroquias, 3 campus de escuela, y muchos espacios para reuniones, oficinas, rectorías e instalaciones al aire libre—en dos ciudades diferentes! Busque la respuesta en el boletín de la próxima semana.

## Where was Sister?

Last week's picture showed Sr. Mary-Mary Ambrose visiting the **rectory** (formerly convent) at St. Mary Alexandria.



**¿Dónde se  
encontraba?**

La foto de la semana pasada mostró a Sor Mary-Mary Ambrose visitando la **rectoría** (antes convento) de St. Mary Alexandria.

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

(Fiscal Year July 1 – June 30)

|                         |                                 | NOVEMBER<br>10, 2024 | YEAR-TO-<br>DATE / EL<br>AÑO HASTA LA<br>FECHA |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| St. Mary,<br>Alexandria | BUDGETED /<br>PRESUPUESTADO     | \$4,808              | \$91,352                                       |
|                         | RECEIVED /<br>RECIBIDO          | \$4,565              | \$89,028                                       |
|                         | OVER/(SHORT)<br>SOBRE / (CORTO) | (\$243)              | (\$2,324)                                      |
| St. Mary,<br>Anderson   | BUDGETED /<br>PRESUPUESTADO     | \$11,110             | \$211,090                                      |
|                         | RECEIVED /<br>RECIBIDO          | \$9,499              | \$163,310                                      |
|                         | OVER/(SHORT)<br>SOBRE / (CORTO) | (\$1,611)            | (\$47,780)                                     |
| St. Ambrose             | BUDGETED /<br>PRESUPUESTADO     | \$8,805              | \$167,295                                      |
|                         | RECEIVED /<br>RECIBIDO          | \$7,181              | \$161,669                                      |
|                         | OVER/(SHORT)<br>SOBRE / (CORTO) | (\$1,624)            | (\$5,626)                                      |



## OUR GRATEFUL WITNESS

"For you will be His witness before all to what  
you have seen and heard." – Acts 22:15



### St. Mary, Alexandria

Pledged/Prometida = \$38,557

Received/Recibido = \$32,838

Balance = **\$5,719**



### St. Ambrose

2024 Parish Goal/Meta = \$72,000

Pledged/Prometida = \$68,880 (96% of Goal)

Balance Owed = **(\$3,120)**



### St. Mary, Anderson

2024 Parish Goal/Meta = \$82,000

Pledged/Prometida = \$81,099 (99% of Goal)

Balance Owed = **(\$901)**

**If we do not reach our pledge goal by year end, the parish will have to make up the difference from our operating account. Please prayerfully consider your support of the Catholic Ministry Appeal.**

<https://storybook.link/2024AnnualAppeal/>

### Prayer for the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate

Almighty and all-loving God,  
hear our prayers for our Anderson-Alexandria Catholic Pastorate.

As we address our challenges, strengthen our faith  
and give us courage, perseverance, and vision.

Help us to overcome our financial challenges  
so that we may fully support the mission  
of our parishes and our schools.

Bless Kathy Tardy in her new role as Director of Operations  
and guide us in our hiring of a Director of Evangelization.

Most of all, Lord, let our eyes be fixed  
not on the challenges but on you.

Keep us attentive to your calling to us  
as a community of communities of faith,  
and instill in us the desire not to survive, but to thrive.

Your Son Jesus withstood the testing in the desert  
and emerged strengthened and ready for his ministry.

We ask you to give us what we need to move forward in faith,  
and we pray in the strength of the Holy Spirit and in his name,  
for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

### Oración por el Pastorado Anderson-Alexandria

Dios todopoderoso y amoroso,  
escucha nuestras oraciones  
por nuestro Pastorado católico Anderson-Alexandria.

A medida que afrontemos nuestros desafíos,  
fortalece nuestra fe y danos valor, perseverancia y visión.  
Ayúdanos a superar nuestros desafíos financieros  
para que podamos apoyar plenamente la misión  
de nuestras parroquias y escuelas.

Bendice a Kathy Tardy  
en su nuevo papel como Directora de Operaciones  
y guíanos en la contratación de un Director de Evangelización.

Sobre todo, Señor, que nuestros ojos no estén fijados en los  
desafíos, sino en ti.

Mantennos atentos a tu llamado hacia nosotros  
como comunidad de comunidades de fe,  
e inculca en nosotros el deseo no sólo de sobrevivir,  
sino de prosperar.

Tu Hijo Jesús resistió la prueba en el desierto  
y salió fortalecido y listo para su ministerio.

Te pedimos que nos des lo que necesitamos para avanzar en la  
fe,  
y oremos en la fuerza del Espíritu Santo y en su nombre,  
porque él es el Señor por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.



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