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January 28, 2024

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CLERGY

Bishop: Most Rev. Peter Baldacchino, J.C.L.
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Deacon Ruben Gutierrez



OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm



SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES / MISAS

WEEKENDS / FINES DE LA SEMANA

Saturday Vigil/Vigilia los Sabados: 5:30 p.m. (English)

Sunday/Domingo: 7:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)

9:00 a.m. (*Español*)

WEEKDAYS / DÍAS DE LA SEMANA

Mon. to Sat.: 8:15 a.m. (English)

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. (*Español*)

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (*Español*)

Friday: 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (English)

Baptisms: Call office for information

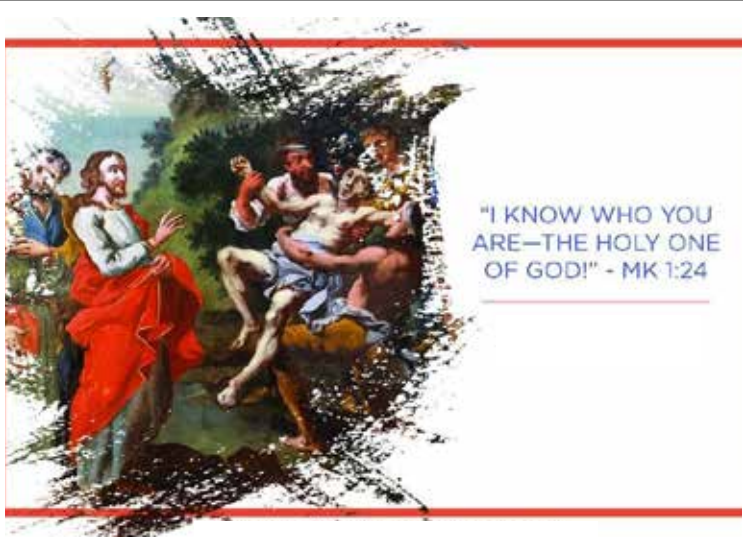
Confessions: Mon., Wed. & Fri.: 7:30am - 8am; Sat.: 4pm - 5pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00am - 8:15am

OR ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF THE PRIESTS

Anointing of the Sick: Upon Request

Marriage: Call Parish Office for Preparation at least 6 months in advance and before setting a firm date.



Registration: We welcome new parishioners, winter visitors and visiting friends to our parish.

New members are encouraged to visit the IHM office to complete a registration form. We encourage you to use your envelope even if your donation is a modest one; this helps us to know that you are an active parishioner.



RECENT EVENTS



Sanctity of Life Mass & Pro-Life Advocacy Trip from Las Cruces to Santa Fe



“Jesus taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.” Mark 1:21-28

Brothers and Sisters: Today’s Gospel reminds us that Jesus’ teaching is a teaching of authority, therefore it is necessary that we listen to him. Why do I always go to the historical context of the Scriptural passage? Because it really illustrates and helps us to understand His message better. Also, it is true that sometimes, we are wrong in the way we interpret Scripture.

As we all know, to the Jews the Torah is the most sacred thing in the world—the most supreme rule of faith and life. The Torah is expressed in great, wide principles, but it contains direction and guidance for all life. The great laws must become rules and regulations. To give guidance and to supply development, a class of scholars arose. These were the scribes, the experts in the law, and the title of the greatest of them was Rabbi. The scribes had three duties:

- (i) They set themselves, out of the great moral principles of the Torah, to extract rules and regulations from every possible situation in life.
- (ii) It was the task of the scribes to transmit and to teach this law and its developments.
- (iii) They had the duty of giving judgement in individual cases; and in things, practically every individual’s case must have produced a new law.

Wherein did Jesus’ teaching differ so much from the teaching of the scribes? He taught with personal authority. No scribe ever gave a decision on his own. He would always begin, “There is a teaching that...” and would then quote all his authorities and the next quotation from the great legal masters of the past. The last thing he ever gave was an independent judgement. How different was Jesus! When he spoke, he spoke as if he needed no authority beyond himself. He spoke with utter independence. He cited no authorities beyond himself and quoted no experts. To the experts, he spoke with the finality of the voice of God.

“To the minds of the people, it was like breeze from heaven to hear someone speak with the terrific, positive certainty of the scribes. The note of personal authority rang out—and that is a note which captures the ear of every man.” The Gospel of Mathew, William Barclay, pp. 29-30.

Dear fellow brothers and sisters: In days when we question everything—even authorities—it is necessary that we understand that Jesus’s authority is one of Lordship, with which he taught, healed, and heard the people. This Lordship, that came from within, reveals the consistency between his teaching and his actions.

We as Catholics need to be consistent with what we preach and our actions. How many times have we reflected on the importance of this? Sadly, there is a great discrepancy between these two important categories that must be intrinsically united. Jesus admonishes the people, “Do what they say but not what they do.”

As priests and servants of the Lord we have a great pastoral responsibility. Today I ask the Lord to grant us the grace to persevere in faithfulness to the teachings of Jesus. The hypocrisy of the scribes is not just a temptation for priests, but for all those who are in ministry and are given a little bit of responsibility! Authority does not consist in commanding and making oneself heard, but in being consistent between what we teach and the way we live and treat others.

Jesus commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him, What about you and me? Do we follow and obey Jesus? The Pharisees and Scribes wanted to remove Jesus’ authority and ridiculed him so many times because they felt threatened, challenged, and embarrassed. They were not consistent! Pope Francis once said that authority in preaching comes from loving as Jesus did.

In so far as the Authority of the Church, we need submission and intellectual humility to remember that the Church is guided by the Holy Spirit and that the powers of the netherworld will never prevail upon her. We are not the ones in control—it is God. It does not mean that we cannot dialogue or ask, but when we fall into the prideful attitude and believe that we are the experts there is a problem. We have a role in the protection of the teachings of our Lord Jesus but also the mission to imitate Him.

In Christ , Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas

“Jesús les enseñó como quien tiene autoridad y no como los escribas”. Marcos 1:21-28

Hermanos y hermanas: El Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda que la enseñanza de Jesús es una enseñanza de autoridad, por lo tanto, es necesario que lo escuchemos. ¿Por qué siempre voy al contexto histórico del pasaje de las Escrituras? Porque realmente ilustra y nos ayuda a entender mejor su mensaje. Además, es cierto que a veces nos equivocamos en la forma en que interpretamos las Escrituras.

Como todos sabemos, para los judíos la Torá es lo más sagrado del mundo, la regla suprema de la fe y la vida. La Torá se expresa en grandes y amplios principios, pero contiene dirección y guía para toda la vida. Las grandes leyes deben convertirse en reglas y reglamentos. Para orientar y proporcionar desarrollo, surgió una clase de eruditos. Estos eran los escribas, los expertos en la ley, y el título del más grande de ellos era Rabí. Los escribas tenían tres deberes:

- (i) Se proponen, a partir de los grandes principios morales de la Torá, extraer reglas y regulaciones de todas las situaciones posibles de la vida.
- (ii) Era tarea de los escribas transmitir y enseñar esta ley y sus desarrollos.
- (iii) Tenían el deber de juzgar en casos individuales; y en las cosas, prácticamente el caso de cada individuo debe haber producido una nueva ley.

¿En qué difería tanto la enseñanza de Jesús de la enseñanza de los escribas? Enseñaba con autoridad personal. Ningún escriba ha tomado nunca una decisión por su cuenta. Siempre comenzaba: “Hay una enseñanza que...” y luego citaba todas sus autoridades y la siguiente cita de los grandes maestros del derecho del pasado. Lo último que dio fue un juicio independiente. ¡Qué diferente era Jesús! Cuando hablaba, lo hacía como si no necesitara más autoridad que él mismo. Hablaba con total independencia. No citó a ninguna autoridad más allá de él y no citó a ningún experto. A los expertos, les habló con la firmeza de la voz de Dios. “Para la mente de la gente, era como una brisa del cielo oír a alguien hablar con la certeza terrible y positiva de los escribas. La nota de la autoridad personal resonó, y esa es una nota que capta el oído de todos los hombres. El Evangelio de Mateo, William Barclay, pp. 29-30.

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Como sacerdotes y siervos del Señor tenemos una gran responsabilidad pastoral. Hoy pido al Señor que nos conceda la gracia de perseverar en la fidelidad a las enseñanzas de Jesús. La hipocresía de los escribas no es solo una tentación para los sacerdotes, sino para todos aquellos que están en el ministerio y se les da un poco de responsabilidad. La autoridad no consiste en mandar y hacerse oír, sino en ser coherentes entre lo que enseñamos y la forma en que vivimos y tratamos a los demás.

Jesús manda incluso a los espíritus inmundos y ellos le obedecen: ¿Y tú y yo? ¿Seguimos y obedecemos a Jesús? Los fariseos y los escribas querían quitarle la autoridad a Jesús y lo ridiculizaron tantas veces porque se sentían amenazados, desafiados y avergonzados. ¡No fueron consistentes! El Papa Francisco dijo una vez que la autoridad en la predicación proviene de amar como lo hizo Jesús. En cuanto a la Autoridad de la Iglesia, necesitamos sumisión y humildad intelectual para recordar que la Iglesia es guiada por el Espíritu Santo y que los poderes del inframundo nunca prevalecerán sobre ella. No somos nosotros los que tenemos el control, es Dios, no significa que no podamos dialogar o preguntar, pero cuando caemos en la actitud orgullosa y creemos que somos los expertos hay un problema. Tenemos un papel en la protección de las enseñanzas de nuestro Señor Jesús, pero también en la misión de imitarlo.

En Cristo, Padre Alejandro Reyes Cárdena

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, January 27

Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2 6-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

5:30 PM †Jessie Lopez – 1st Anniversary/Birthday
(by Wife & Children)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, January 28

7:30 AM IHM Families

9:00 AM †Carlota Quintela Flores (by Lupe Flores)
†Saul Burciaga (by Family)
Almas del Purgatorio

11:00 AM Diocesan Priests

Monday/Lunes, January 29

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20

8:15 AM †Diego Carabajal (by Family)

Tuesday/Martes, January 30

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43

8:15 AM St. Benedict & St. Expeditus
(by Denise Muñoz Ingram)

6:00 pm †Elizabeth A. Rios (By Costigan Family)

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 31

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6

8:15 AM IHM Youth

Thursday/Jueves, February 1

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/(Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-11b/ 11d-12d/Mk 6:7-138

8:15 AM World Peace

Friday/Viernes February 2

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40

8:15 AM †Saul Burciaga (by Family)

†Marie Bosselait (by Paul Bosselait)

Marco, Maritza, Nancy & Raul Cotto – Healing
(by Mom)

Saturday/Sabado, February 3

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34

8:15 AM †Edmund Padilla (by Padilla & Marquez Families)

WHAT IS HAPPENING

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024



Spanish

Mass

7:30pm

English Masses

8:15am

12:10pm

3:00pm

6:00pm



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
REV. ROSCOE L. FINNEGAN
4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY 0684
ANNUAL RED ENCHILADA FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024



The Knights of Columbus Rev. Roscoe L. Finnegan 4th Degree Assembly 0684 is hosting their annual red enchilada fundraiser on Sunday, February 4, 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Shrine and Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall in Tortugas (Mesilla Park).

Proceeds from this annual fundraiser help support the Assembly's Catholic Charitable Fund and Las Cruces Catholic School.

Tickets are \$10 each and entitle the holder to either one plate of made-to-order red enchiladas or two made-to-order hamburgers (dine in or carry out). Tickets can be purchased from any member of Assembly 0684 or Council 1226. Tickets can also be purchased from LCCS parents or at the LCCS office.

Who: Rev. Roscoe L. Finnegan
KC 4th Degree Assembly 0684
What: Annual Red Enchilada Fundraiser
When: Sunday, February 4, 2024
10:00am to 4:00pm

Where: Shrine & Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall
3600 Paroquia, Las Cruces, NM

Why: To support the Assembly's Catholic Charitable Fund and Las Cruces Catholic School.

Donation: \$10 per plate

Drinks: Sodas, coffee and bottled water will be available for purchase.

Desserts: Will be available for purchase.

While it is encouraged to purchase tickets in advance, it is **not** required as tickets can be purchased at the door. We accept cash or check! For those who purchase tickets at the door, you can pay with your credit card.



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Pope Francis:

'Prayer is breath of faith in war-torn world'

In the preface of a book published on Tuesday, 23 January, Pope Francis emphasises the importance of praying insistently as wars are fought around the world.

The Pope's preface introduces Cardinal Angelo Comastri's "Praying Today. A Challenge to Be Overcome", which was published by the Vatican Publishing House (LEV) in connection with the Year of Prayer.

"Prayer is the breath of faith; it is its most proper expression," writes Pope Francis.

It is not easy to find words to express the mystery of prayer, continues the Pope, adding that despite the many definitions from saints and masters of spirituality, "it can only ever be described in the simplicity of those who live it."

Virtus Training:

To participate in **ANY** ministry
(no matter if it involves children or not),
the Diocese of Las Cruces **REQUIRES** you to have
completed the Virtus Training every 5 years.

Beginning March 1 2024

**Anyone who does not have an up-to-date Virtus
Certification will NOT be allowed to serve in a ministry.**

To complete the training go to:

Virtusonline.org/virtus

New users will click on: **FIRST-TIME REGISTRATION**


Those who are recertifying will **enter their user ID and Password**

Need help or don't have a computer?

Contact Elena in the IHM office at: **(575)524-8563**

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers
are hosting a**

HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION



**Thursday, February 1st
(on the eve of First Friday)
From 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the Church
All are welcome!**

If your ministry would like to host a Holy Hour of Reparation,
please contact Lynne Avitia at 575-640-8358 for more information.

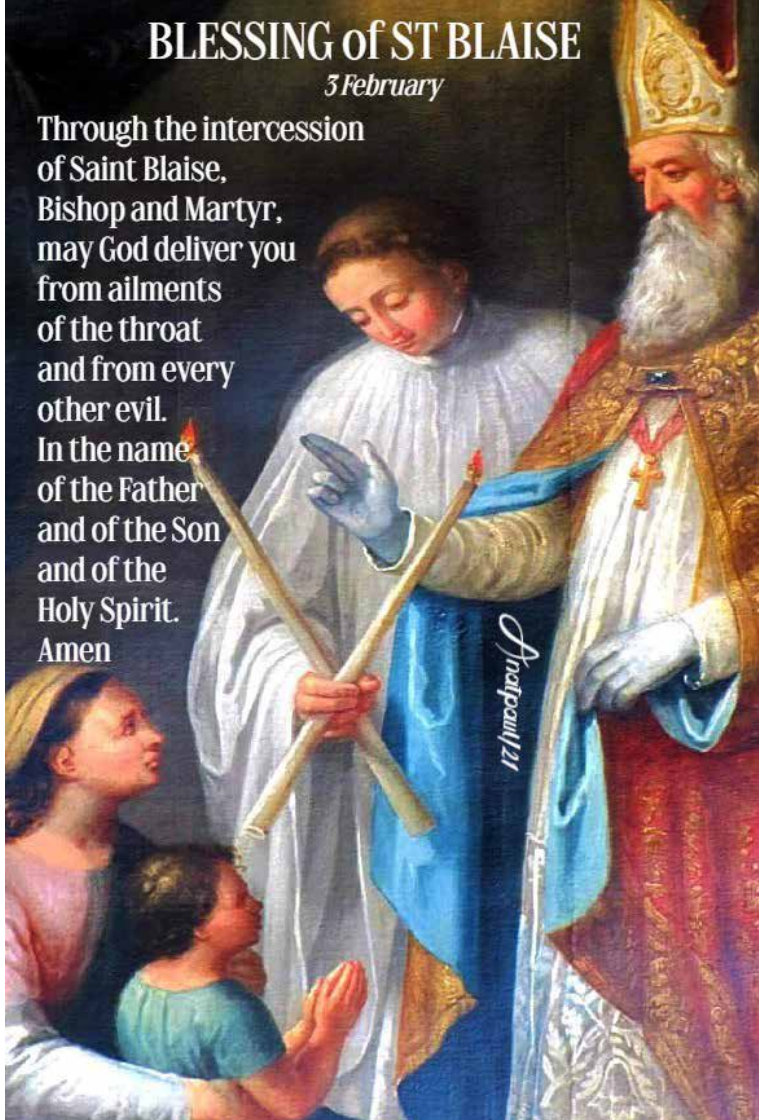
SAINT OF THE WEEK



A physician in Armenia who was made a bishop, he is attributed with many miracles. One of these involved the miraculous removal of a fish bone from a young boy's throat – which is why he is considered protector from throat diseases. After refusing to deny the Faith, he was beheaded in 316.

BLESSING of ST BLAISE
3 February

Through the intercession
of Saint Blaise,
Bishop and Martyr,
may God deliver you
from ailments
of the throat
and from every
other evil.
In the name
of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen



THEOLOGY of STYLE CONFERENCE
Endorsed by Bishop Peter Baldacchino

GIRLS 12-17 AND MOTHERS
Afternoon Session:
Personal Style and Understanding
Your Worth with Q & A
12:00 – 3:00 PM
A catered meal and beverages will be served.

**Sunday,
February 18,
2024**

"The things we wear are a tangible sign of the relationship between body and soul." -Lillian Fallon

WOMEN 18 +
Evening Session:
Personal Style and the Gift of Femininity
This session will delve deeper into self-worth and the theological truths of body and soul integration with Q&A.
4:30-7:30 PM
A catered meal and beverages will be served.

**Las Cruces Catholic
School Auditorium**
1331 N. Miranda St.
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Registrations close on February 8, 2024, and no tickets will be sold at the door. Complete your registration below QR online using the QR code!

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Theology of Style Registration

Cost: \$25 – 18 and older
\$15 – 12 to 17 Year-old girls
\$50 – Mother with 2 or more daughters (group price)



To receive a mail in registration form,
Contact the office or email
AGriffith@IHMcathedral.org

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 8, 2024 (Seating is limited)
For scholarship requests, if needed, please contact:
Mariana Woosley at (575) 430-6483, woosley0898@gmail.com or
Ana Noyola at (575) 414-0693, noyola.ana@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IHM Council #17083

will be continuing a **"Baby Bottle" Fundraising Drive**
each weekend of January 2024
and ending on the weekend of
February 3rd-4th
to support
Care Net of Las Cruces,
a local Pro-Life
Pregnancy Resource Center.

Pick up a baby bottle,
fill it with coins, cash, or a check,
and return it the following weekend.

Your support will reap eternal rewards!





TALLERES DE ORACION Y VIDA
Una Nueva Evangelización

Jesús te llama! Te invitamos!

"Se tiene tiempo para lo que se quiere"

Si en tus propósitos está mejorar tu vida espiritual...aprender a superar miedos, ansiedades y preocupaciones... perdonar, sanar heridas, en fin, ser una mejor versión de ti, **¡Este Taller es para Ti!**

Aprenderás a orar de una manera ordenada, variada y progresiva:

ORANDO SE APRENDE A ORAR

¡Encontrarás un Amigo que te Ama!

Sesiones de informacion /Apertura

Martes 30 de Enero 2024 de 6-8 PM Informes: Martha Rivera 575 635-3500

Miércoles 31 de Enero 2024 de 9-11AM Informes: Carmen Salmeron 575 640-3529

www.tovpil.org

Lugar: Salón Parroquial de Nuestra Catedral
1240 Espina St. Las Cruces NM



Diocese of Las Cruces

Wedding Anniversary Mass - 2024

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their Paper (1st), Silver (25th), Gold (50th), or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2024, are invited to attend a Mass

at the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Las Cruces** on **Saturday, February 10, 2024**

at **5:30 pm**

and receive a blessing from **Bishop Peter Baldacchino**.

Couples wishing to celebrate these milestone anniversaries only, must register with their Parish Priest no later than January 25, 2024, and provide them with a Certificate of Marriage from the Catholic parish where the Sacrament of Holy Marriage was celebrated, or a recent Baptism Certificate (within the last 6 months) with notations on the back of the Certificate indicating the marriage is recognized by the Church.

For questions, please call the Parish Office

IHM Lenten Penance Service

Will Be Held

on

Friday, February 23

at

6:00PM



Fr. Faltas: 'Women are weavers of peace'

The Vicar of Custody of Holy Land, Fr. Ibrahim Faltas, writes an article for L'Osservatore Romano, insisting that women are great witnesses and weavers of peace, as two women are killed every hour in Gaza.



"He who harms a woman profanes God." Pope Francis spoke these words during his homily at the Mass for the World Day of Peace, on 1 January.

I thought of these words as I read a recent UN report: since 7 October, two women have been killed every hour in Gaza, and women and children account for 70 percent of the deaths.

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On Saturday, a pregnant woman was seriously injured during a bombing; doctors managed to deliver the baby while the mother died.

I thought back to the words of the Pope: "...profane God, because He was born of a woman."

Mary Most Holy was the link between earth and heaven: she listened and accepted God's will; she accepted the consequences; she was an attentive, discreet and suffering mother. What an example and what a model for all women, believers and non-believers, mothers and consecrated!

The Holy Father often calls us to respect the role of women both in the Church and in civil society.

I am convinced that women with their inner strength and dedication to their neighbour are indispensable for building peace in the world.

I see in women the determination of those who know no selfishness, those who care for every aspect of common life, those who wisely choose the good to improve themselves and their neighbour.

We must allow ourselves to be guided by the hearts of mothers and women who look at humanity with attentive and silent eyes, who offer their suffering for the good of others, who sense needs and anticipate them with complete dedication.

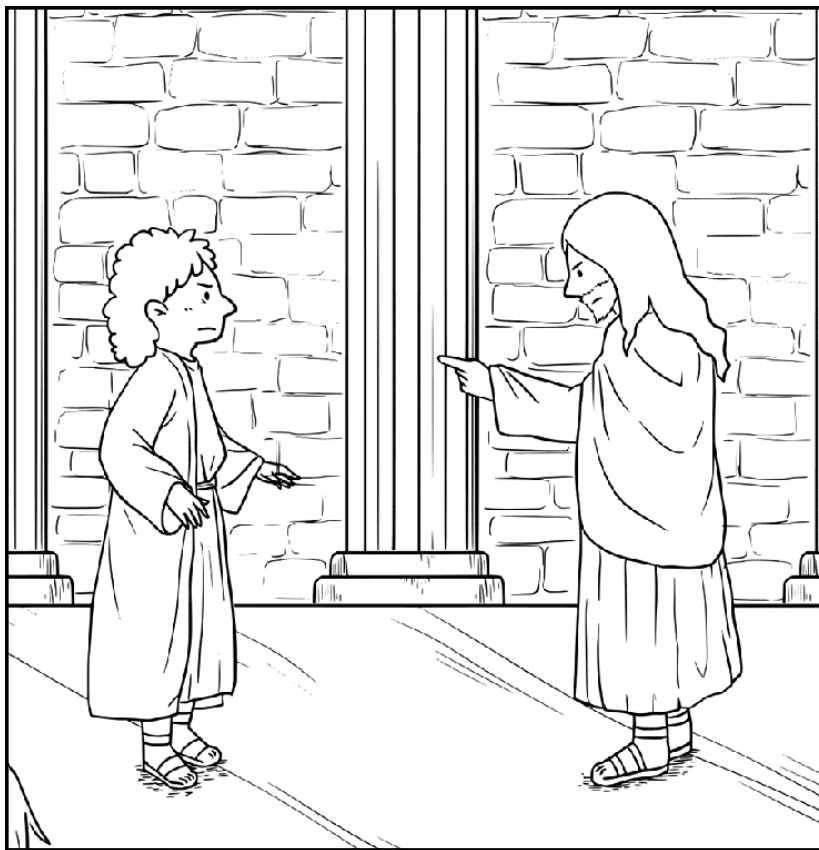
By the grace of God, I had my mother as an example of a woman of faith, who, in silence and sacrifice, dedicated her life to her children, her family, and the poor.

Women are capable of being weavers of peace; they do not resign themselves to evil; they seek to heal and protect; they know how to manage resources and relationships; they never let true love be lacking, the love that does not die of indifference or forgetfulness.

That love that the Lord will not fail that little girl in Gaza, born already an orphan, but with the strength drawn from her mother's womb, who had welcomed and loved her before seeing her and being able to hold her in her arms.

Let us not forget these innocent victims—the dead and the survivors—and let us not forget the love of mothers and the strength of women.

Let us respect, protect, and defend the dignity of women to make this humanity better and to defeat hatred and violence.



PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL

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| Hortencia Butler | Leo Alirez | Fatima Aguilar Ortiz |
| Juanita Mendoza | Manuel (Manny) Rodriguez | Donna & Jimmy Graham |
| Pat King | Michael Rodriguez | Yolanda Salas |
| Ernesto Salas | Roni Trevillo | Marko Artem |
| Ernestina Rodriguez | Gabriel Granillo | Emilia Ortiz |
| Jesus Cordova Serna | Ed Fragoso, | Virginia Mike Ortega |
| Freddy Castaneda, Jr. | Mother Maria & Family | Deacon Ed Misquez |
| Benjamin Mendoza | Demetryoas Griffith | Sylvia Briseño |
| Dylan Wilson | Raymond Matlak | Angela Varela |
| Daniel Telles | Matilda Evaro | Ralph Cadena |
| Merlinda Moreno | Briana Telles | Eloy Flores |
| Keith Bird | Arturo Serna | Liz Garcia |
| Pat Villines | Ramon Madrid | Alicia Romero |
| Paul Harrington | Angel Baker | Jimmy & Josh |
| Tim Thomas | Danny Gamboa | Mary Mayers |
| Alice & Carlos Castro | Frank Jimenez | Oscar Rico |
| Emanuel & Micaela | Robert R. Carrillo | Mary Moyers |
| Frietze and Family | Richard S. Serna | Arcadio Garcia |
| Angel Varela | Felicia Krynitz | Jimmy Martinez |
| Edward Frias | Everardo Meza | Josh Willhite |
| Sam Tomé | Blanca Echevarria | Mary |
| Nellie Rigales Vigil | Jose Ignacio Garcia | Sabrina Padilla |
| Esther Holguin | Amparo Espinosa | Ethel Vigil Ebner |
| Mike & Inez Frietze | Jose Moreno | Ralphie Salas |
| Bea and Silas Garcia | Maria Elena Moreno | Caesar Lopez |

If you would like to add a name to the list, please call the office (575) 524-8563.

Collections: 12-31-2024

Sunday Collection: \$5188.00
 Mail Donation: \$1127.00
 Front Office: \$1640.00
 Online Donations: \$2267.25

Upcoming 2nd Collections:
 February 4: Religious Education
 February 11: Rice Bowl
 February 14: Ash Wednesday

Did you know you can sponsor?

Mass Intentions Weekday: \$10.00 • Weekend: \$15.00

Prayer Request: Free

**** Please request Mass Intentions at least 2 weeks in advance.****
Mass Intentions for 2024 are now being accepted

**Important Dates
 at IHM**

St. Valentine Dinner and Dance

Friday, January 26
 6PM-10PM - \$25 a ticket

**Diocesan Wedding
 Anniversary Mass**

Saturday, February 10
 Mass: 5:30PM

Season of Lent

Wednesday, Feb. 14 –
 Sunday, Mar. 31

*No Meat on Ash Wed. or any Fridays
 during this season*

Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, February 14
 English: 8:15AM, 12:10PM, 3:00pm,
 6:00PM

Spanish: 7:30PM

Lenten Penance Service

Friday, February 23
 6:00PM

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

Sunday, March 17

Starting at 5:00PM

More information coming soon!

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 19
 5:30PM

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

Sunday, March 24

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday

Thursday, March 28, 2024

English: 7:00PM

The Altar of Repose – Adoration will begin
 after Mass in Finley Hall Until Midnight

Good Friday

Friday, March 29, 2024

No Meat

English: 6:00PM

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Bilingual: 8:00PM

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024

English: 7:30AM, 11:00AM

Spanish: 9:00AM

Haitians to pray for release of six nuns and all hostages

Church leaders in Haiti announce a day of prayer to be held on Wednesday to implore the unconditional release of six nuns abducted on January 19 and all hostages held by gangs.

Three days after the abduction of six nuns and two of their companions travelling with them in Port-au-Prince, the leaders of the Haitian bishops and religious have again appealed the kidnapers for their immediate release.

The Bishop also invited Haitians to join in a day of prayer for all hostages in Haiti on January 24.

The nuns from the Congregation of the Sisters of Sainte-Anne were abducted on a minibus in the Haitian capital on 19 January, along with the



driver and another passenger, the niece of one of the nuns, who was reportedly released late on Monday evening with no ransom paid

Firm condemnation of the kidnapping

In a strongly-worded press statement issued on Monday, Archbishop Max Leroy's Mesidor of Port-au-Prince, president of the Bishops' Conference of Haiti, and Father Morachel Bonhomme, president

of the Haitian Conference of religious, reiterated the Church's firm condemnation of the kidnapping.

The abduction is the latest in a long series of crimes committed by armed gangs that have virtually taken over the country.

None of the 300 gangs operating in Haiti so far has publicly claimed responsibility for the abduction, though local media alleged that a ransom of 3 million dollars has been demanded.

The Church leaders pleaded for the unconditional release of the nuns and of all the hostages held captive in the island.

"In the name of God, whom you should fear, stop these despicable and criminal practices which defile this sacred land that God has given us!" they said.

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