

CLERGY

Bishop: Most Rev. Peter Baldacchino, J.C.L.Rector: Rev. Alejandro Reyes CardenasVicar: Rev. Emmanuel Ezenneh

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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:** 7:30a.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

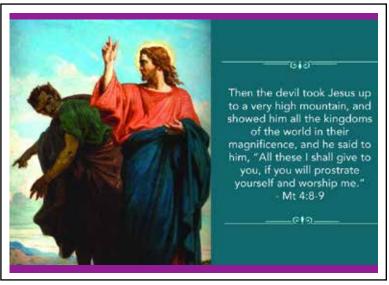
OR ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF THE PRIESTS

Anointing of the Sick: Upon Request

Marriage: Call Parish Office for Preparation at least 6 months

in advance and before setting a firm date.







- 1. Life in the Spirit Prayer and Worship. Every Monday at 7 pm in the IHM school building.
- 2. Anniversary Mass & Reception at Finley Hall on February 10, 2024.





From the **Pastor**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan." Mark 1:12-15

I don't know how many times you have felt that you are being put to the test, and maybe you are wondering why God allows that happen to you.

Remember even the Lord was tempted. The very Spirit who came upon him at his baptism now drove him out for his test. In this life, it is impossible to escape the assault of temptation. Please do not be discouraged but instead learn the meaning of this.

Willliam Barclay in his commentary on the Gospel of Mark reminds us that temptations are not sent to us to make us fall; they are sent to strengthen the nerve and the sinew of our minds, hearts, and souls. They are not meant for our ruin, but for our own good. They are meant to be tests from which we emerge better warriors and athletes of God.

The problem here is that we humans tend to give up in temptation simply because we have lost the sense of sin. We have become accustomed to sin because in the eyes of the world it is seen as normal. As a result, we have often put ourselves in danger by the occasion of sin.

Forty days is a phrase which is not to be taken literally. It is the regular Hebrew phrase for a considerable time. Moses was to be on the mountain with God for forty days (Exodus 24:18); It was for forty days that Elijah received the strength of the meal the angel gave him (1 King 19:8). Just as we use the phrase ten days or so, so the Hebrews used the phrase forty days. The word Satan in Hebrew simply means an adversary: One who pleads a case against a person. He is the accuser of men before God. The word devil comes from the Greek diabolos, which literally means a slanderer. In the Old Testament Satan is still an emissary of God and not yet the malignant, supreme enemy of God. He is the adversary of man. In the New Testament, the devil—or Satan—is behind human disease and suffering and is the one who seduces Judas. It is the devil who we must fight; it is the devil whose power is being broken by the work of Christ (Luke 10: 1-19); it is the devil who is destined for final destruction (Matthew 25;41). Satan is the power which is against God. My intention here is not to give you a class on demonology or to give power to Satan. His power has been destroyed by Christ in his passion, death and resurrection (the power of love). But yes, I want you to be aware of his presence in our time, how he operates, and how we shall overcome temptation and sin!

Every time we come to Mass and pray the Our Father, we ask God to deliver us from evil. However, we must mean it. Do you really acknowledge that we need to be delivered, and even more challenging do you really want to be delivered?

Look at this list of some of the enemies of spiritual liberation: Gluttony, unchastity, lust, sexual sins, pornography, substance abuse (drugs and alcohol) greed, envy and worldly sadness (sadness for the absence of food, drink, sex, and wealth in one's life).

Other enemies include anger and hatred, vain glory, pride, unforgiveness, resentment, occult new age practices, unrepentance, bad confessions, lack of trust and faith in the power, love and mercy of God, and lack of loving surrender to the Divine wisdom and will. But courage, there

are ever the divine reinforcements in the hour of trial. When Elisha and his servant were shut up in Dothan with their enemies pressing in upon them and no apparent way of escape, Elisha opened the young man's eyes and all around he saw the horses and the chariots fire which belong to God (2 Kings 6:17). Even Jesus was not left to fight his battle alone—and neither are we. Yes, there are angels helping us, but also aids to spiritual liberation. There is a loving relationship with Jesus that is manifested through perfect contrition from sins and past sinful life, good integral confession regularly, devout and regular attendance of Holy Mass with Holy communion, devotion to Our Lady and the saints, abstaining from all vices, fasting and abstinence from food and drinks, corporal acts of mercy, daily spiritual reading, holy books, reading of Holy Scripture, teachings of the Church, writings of the saints, abstaining from idols, Holy Hour at least once a week, proper and devout use of sacramentals, daily prayer life, practice of virtues, forgiveness, and charitable works.

During this Lenten season I ask you to pray for me. I promise to pray for you, that together we may do the will of God for his greatest glory!

Sincerely, Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas Rector

Del **Párroco**

El Espíritu expulsó a Jesús al desierto, y permaneció en el desierto durante cuarenta días, tentado por Satanás". Marcos 1:12-15

No sé cuántas veces has sentido que estás siendo puesto a prueba, y tal vez te estés preguntando por qué Dios permite que eso te suceda.

Recuerde que incluso el Señor fue tentado. El mismo Espíritu que vino sobre él en su bautismo ahora lo expulsó para su prueba. En esta vida, es imposible escapar del asalto de la tentación. Por favor, no se desanimen, sino aprendan el significado de esto.

Willliam Barclay en su comentario al Evangelio de Marcos nos recuerda que las tentaciones no nos son enviadas para hacernos caer; Son enviados para fortalecer el nervio y los tendones de nuestras mentes, corazones y almas. No son para nuestra ruina, sino para nuestro propio bien. Están destinadas a ser pruebas de las que salgamos mejores guerreros y atletas de Dios.

El problema aquí es que los seres humanos tendemos a rendirnos en la tentación simplemente porque hemos perdido el sentido del pecado. Nos hemos acostumbrado al pecado porque a los ojos del mundo es visto como algo normal. Como resultado, a menudo nos hemos puesto en peligro por la ocasión del pecado.

Cuarenta días es una frase que no debe tomarse literalmente. Es la frase hebrea regular durante un tiempo considerable. Moisés debía estar en la montaña con Dios durante cuarenta días (Éxodo 24:18); Fue durante cuarenta días que Elías recibió la fuerza de la comida que el ángel le dio (1 Reyes 19:8). Así como nosotros usamos la frase diez días más o menos, así los hebreos usaron la frase cuarenta días. La palabra Satanás en hebreo simplemente significa un adversario: uno que defiende un caso contra una persona. Él es el acusador de los hombres ante Dios. La palabra diablo proviene del griego diábolos, que literalmente significa calumniador. En el Antiguo Testamento, Satanás sigue siendo un emisario de Dios y todavía no es el enemigo supremo y maligno de Dios. Él es el adversario del hombre. En el Nuevo Testamento, el diablo, o Satanás, está detrás de la enfermedad y el sufrimiento humano y es el que seduce a Judas. Es contra el diablo contra quien debemos luchar; es el diablo cuyo poder está siendo quebrantado por la obra de Cristo (Lucas 10:1-19); es el diablo quien está destinado a la destrucción final (Mateo 25; 41). Satanás es el poder que está en contra de Dios. Mi intención aquí no es darles una clase de demonología o darle poder a Satanás. Su poder ha sido destruido por Cristo en su pasión, muerte y resurrección (el poder del amor). Pero sí, quiero que seas consciente de su presencia en nuestro tiempo, de cómo opera y de cómo venceremos la tentación y el pecado.

Cada vez que venimos a Misa y rezamos el Padre Nuestro, le pedimos a Dios que nos libre del mal. Sin embargo, debemos decirlo en serio. ¿Realmente reconoces que necesitamos ser liberados, y aún más desafiante realmente quieres ser liberado?

Mira esta lista de algunos de los enemigos de la liberación espiritual: la gula, la falta de castidad, la lujuria, los pecados sexuales, la pornografía, el abuso de sustancias (drogas y alcohol), la codicia, la envidia y la tristeza mundana (tristeza por la ausencia de comida, bebida, sexo y riqueza en la vida de uno). Otros enemigos incluyen la ira y el odio, la vana gloria, el orgullo, la falta de perdón, el resentimiento, las prácticas ocultas de la nueva era, la falta de arrepentimiento, las malas confesiones, la falta de confianza y fe en el poder, el amor y la misericordia de Dios, y la falta de rendición amorosa a la sabiduría y la voluntad divinas. Pero el coraje, siempre hay refuerzos divinos en la hora de la prueba. Cuando Eliseo y su siervo estaban encerrados en Dotán con sus enemigos presionándolos y sin forma aparente de escapar, Eliseo abrió los ojos del joven y vio a su alrededor el fuego de los caballos y los carros que pertenecen a Dios (2 Reyes 6:17). Ni siquiera a Jesús se le dejó pelear su batalla solo, y nosotros tampoco. Sí, hay ángeles que nos ayudan, pero también ayudan a la liberación espiritual. Hay una relación amorosa con Jesús que se manifiesta a través de la contrición perfecta de los pecados y de la vida pecaminosa pasada, la buena confesión integral regularmente, la asistencia devota y regular a la Santa Misa con la Sagrada Comunión, la devoción a Nuestra Señora y a los santos, la abstención de todos los vicios, el ayuno y la abstinencia de alimentos y bebidas, los actos corporales de misericordia, la lectura espiritual diaria, libros sagrados, lectura de las Sagradas Escrituras, enseñanzas de la Iglesia, escritos de los santos, abstenerse de ídolos, Hora Santa al menos una vez a la semana, uso adecuado y devoto de los sacramentales, vida diaria de oración, práctica de las virtudes, perdón y obras de caridad.

Durante este tiempo de Cuaresma les pido que recen por mí. Prometo orar por ti, para que juntos hagamos la voluntad de Dios para su mayor gloria.

Atentamente, Padre Alejandro Reves Cárdenas Rector

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, February 17

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-9/1Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

5:30 PM †Joseph Medina (by Medina Family)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, February 18

7:30 AM IHM Parish Families

9:00 AM †Donald, †Jennifer, †Guadalupe M. Morales

(por Mannie Morales y Familia)

†Jesús Manuel Loya

Bendiciones para Hijos e Hijas Vargas

(por Leticia Vargas

11:00 AM †Caroline Ondelacy (by Family)

Monday/Lunes, February 19

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10,15/Mt 25:31-46

8:15 AM Marissa Contreras – Happy Birthday

(by Grandma Nena)

Tuesday/Martes, February 20

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

8:15 AM Stephen, Dennis & Doni Lithgow (by Gloria Lithgow)

6:00 pm †Dolores Nieto (by Cecilia Monje)

Wednesday/Miércoles, February 21

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

8:15 AM Kris Berry - Happy Birthday

(by Grandma Nena)

Thursday/Jueves, February 22

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16: 13-19

8:15 AM †Russell Payne (by Mayra & William Quintana)

Friday/Viernes February 23

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

8:15 AM †Arturo Garcia (by Daughter & Son)

Saturday/Sabado, February 24

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

8:15 AM †Maria & †George Dominguez (by Erlinda Moreno)

Catholics in the United States Have an Opportunity to Make a Positive, Global Impact on Lives of the Impoverished and Marginalized

At Masses on the weekend of March 9-10, Catholics across the United States will have an opportunity to help the most impoverished and marginalized by giving to The Catholic Relief Services Collection of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).



WHAT IS HAPPENING









Prayer and Life Workshop

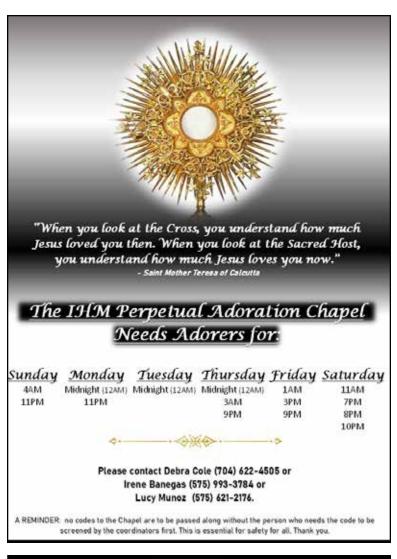
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO FEEL CLOSER TO 'GOD'.
AND HAVE MORE PEACE AND JOY IN YOUR LIFE?

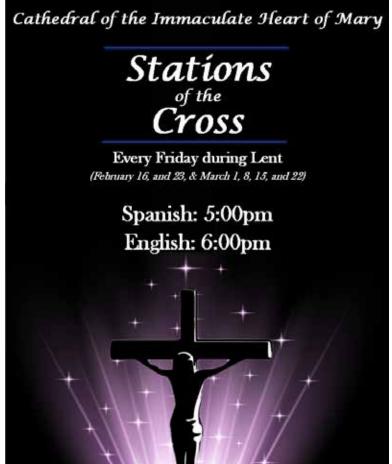
In the 'Prayer & Life Workshop' you will learn to walk step by step into a personal relationship with our 'Lord'. By using different Prayer Methods you will be freed from sadness, anxiety, fear, and anguish.

You're invited to come to the 'Prayer & Life Workshop.'

Introduction: Monday February 26th - 6:00 p.m. 1st Session Monday March 4th - 6:00-8:00p.m. 15 Weekly Sessions, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Mondays Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Rooms 9 &10 For more information call

Judy & William Cornelius: 575: 635-1781





SAINT OF THE WEEK 🔝



ST PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP OF OSTIA AND CARDINAL, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, CAMALDOLESE

A difficult childhood

Born in Ravenna in 1007, he was the last of seven children. His mother felt she couldn't cope with yet another child and refused to breastfeed him, effectively condemning him to certain death. A friend intervened, taking the child in her arms and scolding the mother who repented of her rash behavior and took care of him like the others. When she died, Peter was raised first by his sister Rodelinda and then by a brother who treated him and forced him to do the most menial tasks. Finally, he was entrusted to his eldest brother, Damiano, who was Archpriest in a parish near Ravenna and who took care of young Peter and his education. As a sign of gratitude, Peter added the name Damian to his own.

The vocation to monastic life

His first biographer, St John of Lodi, recounts two significant episodes of Peter Damian's youth. One day the boy found a coin: delighted, he thought he would buy a cake or a toy. Then, suddenly, he realized that anything he bought would give him only momentary joy, so he decided to take the money to a priest and have a Mass said for his deceased parents. On another occasion, when he was having lunch with a poor blind man, he chose the better quality white bread for himself, and offered the guest the darker bread. At that moment he felt like a bone had stuck in his throat. He repented of his selfishness and the moment he exchanged his own bread with that of the blind man, the bone disappeared. It was this episode that convinced him to consecrate himself to God alone, and to embrace the monastic life.

The Monastery of Fonte Avellana

Driven by a need for solitude, meditation and prayer, Peter Damian retired to the Camaldolese monastery of Fonte Avellana, in the year 1035. He quickly became the spiritual guide of the monks and his fame spread so rapidly that he was invited to teach in other monasteries as well. Returning to Fonte Avellana, he was elected Prior. He reorganized the hermitage and inspired the establishment of new houses in neighboring regions. His fervent activity was noticed by the Bishop of Ravenna who asked for his assistance, obliging him to leave the quiet and recollection of his monastery.

The evils of the Church

The Church at this time was afflicted by two evils: Simony, the buying and selling of ecclesiastical offices; and Nicolaism, or the non-fulfillment of celibacy. Pope Stephen IX called Peter Damian to Rome in 1057 to help him reform the clergy. The Pope quickly made him a Cardinal and Bishop of Ostia. Over the next six years he was sent on missions to Milan to quell an uprising, and later to Cluny, to defend the rights of the Benedictine abbots against the Archbishop of Macon. He worked with Pope Gregory VII in fighting against investiture, after the Emperor, Henry IV, abrogated the right to appoint bishops and abbots, incurring excommunication by the Pope. A few years after the death of Peter Damian, the Emperor begged for pardon and, dressed as a penitent, threw himself at the feet of the Pope at the Castle of Canossa, in 1077.

Saint and Doctor of the Church

Returning to his monastery from a peace mission in his hometown of Ravenna, Peter Damian was overtaken by death while visiting the Benedictine monastery in Faenza. He was immediately acclaimed as a saint by the people, and Pope Leo XII proclaimed him a Doctor of the Church in 1828.

Pope to IFAD: Our food waste could feed all the hungry

In a message to the International Fund for Agricultural Development, Pope Francis warns of the dangers of food waste, highlighting that it damages the climate whilst it could feed the world's hungry.



Pope Francis sent a message Wednesday to participants in the 47th session of the Governing Council of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

He expressed his gratitude for the commitment, time, and energy devoted to "striving for a better world where no one's dignity is violated and where fraternity becomes a reality, a source of joy and hope for all."

The Holy Father noted that our world today faces a heartbreaking dichotomy related to food.

"On the one hand, millions of people are plagued by hunger, while on the other hand, great insensitivity is seen in the waste of food," he said.

This foodwaste, the Pope noted, each year produces masses of greenhouse gases, while proper rationing would be enough to feed all the hungry.

"We are pushing the world to dangerous limits," warned the Pope, describing the change in the climate, the plundering of resources, and the countless conflicts threatening the livelihood of millions of people.

Pope Francis noted that in the face of crises, whatever they may be, it is always rural communities that suffer first."

"Indigenous peoples are also victims of hardship, deprivation and abuse", he continued, stressing that "their knowledge of natural resource management and their connection to the environment can help conserve biodiversity."

Pope Francis then spoke of another neglected group of people: women, whom he said are the mainstay of more than half of the food insecure households in rural areas, where many young people lack training, resources, and opportunities.

"This reality moves us to confront existing problems, in particular hunger and poverty, not by settling for abstract strategies or unattainable commitments, but by cultivating the hope that springs from collective action," said the Pope, before inviting all those present to "work together to build a more inclusive agricultural and food system."

Finally, Pope Francis prayed that a spirit of loyal cooperation and service "may guide your deliberations so that the causes of exclusion, poverty, and mismanagement of resources, as well as the effects of climate crises, can be eliminated."

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 REGISTRAINT
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

Fast & Abstinence

'Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence, For members of the Latin Catholic Church,

the norms on fasting are
obligatory from age 18 until age 59.
When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two
smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the national rate of their own sol larie Church

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil lon Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection."

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From Ash Wednesday, February 14th through Palm Sunday, March 24th, the Southwest Coalition for Life is inviting each and every one of the IHM Parish to join 40 days for Life in Las Cruces and Santa Teresa, to respond to the influx of abortion businesses targeting New Mexico where abortion remains unregulated for any reason up until the moment of delivery.

This campaign of Prayer, and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil, and Community Outreach will be taking place at 3 locations in Las Cruces and one in Santa Teresa, NM.

For more information go to: https://southwest.life/40daysforlife or call 915-800-2580.



PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL

Hortencia Butler Juanita Mendoza Pat King Ernesto Salas Ernestina Rodriguez lesus Cordova Serna Freddy Castaneda, Jr. Benjamin Mendoza Dylan Wilson **Daniel Telles** Merlinda Moreno Keith Bird Pat Villines Paul Harrington Tim Thomas Alice & Carlos Castro Emanuel & Micaela Frietze and Family Angel Varela **Edward Frias** Sam Tomé Nellie Rigales Vigil Esther Holguin

Mike & Inez Frietze

Bea and Silas Garcia

Leo Alirez

Manuel (Manny) Rodriguez Michael Rodriguez Roni Trevillo Gabriel Granillo Ed Fragoso, Mother Maria & Family

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The Cathedral of the Jmmaculate Heart of Mary Would like to extend the upmost thanks and appreciation to The IHM Rosery Makers For their 2 years of service to the IHM community and beyond with the creation of over 6000 Rosarys They meet the 3rd Saturday of every month At 9:30am in Room 8 of the school

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Collections: 2-11-2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,308.00 2nd Collection – Building Fund: \$1,217.00 Mail Donation: \$1,282.00

Front Office: \$556.00 Online Donations: \$1,588.75 Upcoming 2nd Collections: February 18 UIM March 3 St. Mother Teresa March 10 Catholic Relief Services March 2024 Easter Flower Offering During Lent, CRS Rice Bowl Program

*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.**



All Are Welcome!

For more information call

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Important Dates at IHM

Season of Lent

Wednesday, Feb. 14 – Sunday, Mar. 31 No Meat on Ash Wed. or any Fridays during this season

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday During Lent Spanish: 5:00PM English: 6:00PM

Meatless Meal Fridays

Every Friday During Lent 11AM -6PM

Sponsored by: the IHM Ministries

This Week: Enchilada Plates for \$10

Sponsored by: Pascuales and the IHM office Staff

Lenten Penance Service

Thursday, February 22 6:00PM

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

Sunday, March 17
Starting at 5:00PM
Come enjoy the music and dancing
for Free!
Dinner Plates are \$15 for adults
and \$5 for children.

2 game plays for \$1 Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 19 5:30PM

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

Sunday, March 24

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Procession: starts at 10:15AM at Valley
View Park and Processes to the IHM
Cathedral

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: 3:00PM

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30, 2024 Bilingual: 8:00PM

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule