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## CLERGY

**Bishop:** Most Rev. Peter Baldacchino, J.C.L.  
**Rector:** Rev. Alejandro Reyes Cardenas  
**Vicar:** Rev. Emmanuel Ezenneh  
**Deacons:** Deacon Ed Fierro  
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., 11:00a.m. (English)  
9:00a.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 in Church:** 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

### SCRUTINIES

During the lent season, during some masses, we will celebrate the scrutinies for those in our catechumenal process who are preparing to become full members of our Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Vigil.

#### **Scrutiny: What is it?**

Another name that can describe the scrutiny is "major exorcisms." As such, they are among the most ancient prayers in the Christian liturgical tradition. As early as the second century, Christian communities would help those who had been chosen for Baptism to prepare for their initiation by laying on hands and by prayers for protection and deliverance from evil. Today we continue to celebrate these powerful rituals, convinced that those about to enter a covenant with God in Christ stand in need of our prayers for deliverance and protection.

#### **What can you do?**

Just as our entire community is called to journey with the catechumens throughout the Lenten season, we recognize the need we all share for freedom from evil and its effects. We urge you to prepare for the celebration of the scrutinies in a personal way by discerning what is in your own life that needs to be free from sin's bondage. Join in spirit with all our community who turn to Jesus for freedom from sin and protection from all evil.

*Please continue to hold in your Lenten prayers the elect who count on you for their spiritual support in making their faith journey.*



Christina Castaneda



Mathew Bowen



Susan Hall



Sophia Reyes



Samuel Morales



Manuel Morales



Zaylynn Morales



Jesus Morales



Placido Morales

**“Zeal for your house will consume me.”**

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today, as Easter approaches, an unusual event has occurred in the temple. Jesus has driven out the merchants' cattle, overturned the tables of the money changers, and said to the dove sellers, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace.” (John 2:16). And while the oxen and sheep scattered through the courtyard, the disciples discovered a new aspect of Jesus's personality: The zeal for His Father's house—the zeal for the temple of God.

As Catholics we should also have zeal for God's temple. But when I say temple, I don't mean the structure, but our bodies which are God's temple, also. I totally agree that we should have respect for the church—the house of God. (i.e. We should dress with modesty, not converse in the church, and be aware of God's presence.) I hope we can take this seriously.

I, too, am a temple of God. If I do not watch out for the little foxes—pride, laziness, gluttony, envy, stinginess, so many disguises of selfishness—they sneak in and spoil everything. Therefore, the Lord warns us, “What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’” (Mk 13:37)

“Jesus, do you trust me? I want you to trust me. Thus, I open the door to you, and you cleanse my soul.” Ask the Lord this question. As He went to cleanse the temple, He may come to cleanse your soul.

Concerning his zeal for the house of the Lord, the Jews said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. (Gospel text John 2:13-25)

Dear Brethren: I pray that the Lord will help us as his true disciples to remember everything he has taught us and spoken, so that we may believe in Scripture and every word that has come forth from the Lord. I constantly see the challenges of a society that does not listen or understand. It seems that we have become spiritually deaf and indifferent to the words of Jesus. Although sometimes we listen, it seems that often it does not affect us. This Sunday, let us ask the Lord to make us more attentive to his voice.

Sincerely, Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas-Rector

**“El Celo por tu Casa Me Consumirá”**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas: Hoy, cuando se acerca la Pascua, ha ocurrido un acontecimiento insólito en el templo. Jesús ha expulsado el ganado de los mercaderes, ha volcado las mesas de los cambistas y ha dicho a los vendedores de palomas: «Quitad a éstos de aquí, y dejad de hacer de la casa de mi Padre una plaza». (Juan 2:16). Y mientras los bueyes y las ovejas se dispersaban por el patio, los discípulos descubrieron un nuevo aspecto de la personalidad de Jesús: el celo por la casa de su Padre, el celo por el templo de Dios.

Como católicos, también debemos tener celo por el templo de Dios. Pero cuando digo templo, no me refiero a la estructura, sino a nuestros cuerpos, que también son el templo de Dios. Estoy totalmente de acuerdo en que debemos tener respeto por la iglesia, la casa de Dios. (es decir, debemos vestarnos con modestia, no conversar en la iglesia y ser conscientes de la presencia de Dios). Espero que podamos tomarnos esto en serio.

Yo también soy templo de Dios. Si no me cuido de los pequeños zorros, el orgullo, la pereza, la gula, la envidia, la tacañería, tantos disfraces de egoísmo, se cuelan y lo estropean todo. Por lo tanto, el Señor nos advierte: “Lo que os digo a vosotros, a todos: ‘¡Velad!’”. (Mc 13:37)

“Jesús, ¿confías en mí? Quiero que confíes en mí. Por lo tanto, te abro la puerta y limpias mi alma”. Hazle esta pregunta al Señor. Así como Él fue a limpiar el templo, Él puede venir a limpiar tu alma.

En cuanto a su celo por la casa del Señor, los judíos le dijeron: «¿Qué señal nos puedes mostrar para hacer esto?» Respondió Jesús y les dijo: “Destruid este templo, y en tres días lo levantaré”. Los judíos dijeron: “Este templo está en construcción desde hace cuarenta y seis años, ¿y tú lo levantarás en tres días?” Pero él estaba hablando del templo de su cuerpo. Por eso, cuando resucitó de entre los muertos, sus discípulos se acordaron de que había dicho esto, y creyeron en la Escritura y en la palabra que Jesús había hablado. (Texto del Evangelio Juan 2:13-25)

Queridos hermanos: Ruego que el Señor nos ayude como sus verdaderos discípulos a recordar todo lo que nos ha enseñado y hablado, para que podamos creer en las Escrituras y en cada palabra que ha salido del Señor. Constantemente veo los desafíos de una sociedad que no escucha ni entiende. Parece que nos hemos vuelto espiritualmente sordos e indiferentes a las palabras de Jesús. Aunque a veces escuchamos, parece que muchas veces no nos afecta. Este domingo, pidamos al Señor que nos haga estar más atentos a su voz.

Atentamente, Padre Alejandro Reyes Cárdenas, Rector

## MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

### VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, March 2

Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

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

†Luis Garcia (by Family)

### SUNDAY/DOMINGO, March 3

7:30 AM †Christine Jean Lopez

9:00 AM Héctor y Leticia Vargas – Bendiciones

(por Leticia Vargas)

†Reposo de Margarita Rey

Por las Almas del Purgatorio

11:00 AM †Bertha Gallegos & †Natalia Villa

(by Gallegos Family)

†Caroline Ondelacy (by Family)

Santa Eduwiges In Thanksgiving (by Lupe Fino)

### Monday/Lunes, March 4

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Pss 42:2-3/43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30

8:15 AM †Ulpiano Santa Aponete (by Mayra Santa)

†Eloy Flores (by Gloria Flores)

### Tuesday/Martes, March 5

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

8:15 AM †Don & †Daryl Lithgow (by Gloria Lithgow)

†Pete Romero (by Family)

6:00 pm †Jesús Velazco (por Mom)

†Eloy Flores (por Gloria Flores)

### Wednesday/Miércoles, March 6

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

8:15 AM †Joe & †Leroy Ulibarri

(by Padilla & Marquez Families)

†Eloy Flores (by Gloria Flores)

### Thursday/Jueves, March 7

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23

8:15 AM Alex Velazco – Healing & Thanksgiving

(by Steve & Liza Archuleta)

†Eloy Flores (by Gloria Flores)

†Antonio & Helen Martinez (by Harry & Alice Lujan)

### Friday/Viernes March 8

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11b, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34

8:15 AM †Eloy Flores (by Gloria Flores)

### Saturday/Sabado, March 9

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b/Lk 18:9-14

8:15 AM †Eloy Flores (by Gloria Flores)

## WHAT IS HAPPENING



### Good Friday Service



Friday, March 29, 2024

*Holy Day of Obligation*

English: 3:00PM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)



*Have returned to the back of the church*

and Can Be Received:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 7:30AM – 8AM

Tuesday and Thursday: 8AM – 8:15AM

Saturday: 4PM – 5PM

Or any time by appointment with  
one of the priests

## Easter Vigil 2024

Saturday, March 30

The bilingual Mass  
will begin outside  
with the blessing of the  
Easter Candle

at

8:00PM

**\$15** Ministry Sponsored **\$15**  
**Meatless Meal Friday**  
Friday, March 8, 2024

11am – 6pm

### Fish Taco Fry-Day



#### Includes:

3 Fish Tacos,  
White Rice,  
and  
Salad

*Lent Us Eat!*

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## Freedom to Meet Migrants’ Basic Human Needs Must be Preserved, says Bishop Rhoades

*“It is hard to imagine what our country would look like without the good works that people of faith carry out in the public square.”*

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee for Religious Liberty, expressed solidarity with faith-driven ministries to migrants and noted the special need to protect religious liberty. His remarks commended the February 23 statement issued by the Catholic bishops of the State of Texas.

“It is hard to imagine what our country would look like without the good works that people of faith carry out in the public square. For this, we can thank our strong tradition of religious liberty, which allows us to live out our faith in full.

“As the tragic situation along our border with Mexico increasingly poses challenges for American communities and vulnerable persons alike, we must especially preserve the freedom of Catholics and other people of faith to assist their communities and meet migrants’ basic human needs. I join my brother bishops in the State of Texas in expressing solidarity with those seeking simply to fulfill the fundamental biblical call: ‘whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’”



*Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent  
*(February 16, and 23, & March 1, 8, 15, and 22)*

Spanish: 5:00pm  
English: 6:00pm



## SAINT OF THE WEEK



## STS. PERPETUA AND FELICITAS, MARTYRS

### Saints Perpetua and Felicity’s Story

“When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, ‘Do you see this vessel—water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?’ ‘No,’ he replied. ‘So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.’”

So writes Perpetua: young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus.



Perpetua’s mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22.

In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: “What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else.”

Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity—a slave-woman and expectant mother—and three companions, Revocatus, Secundulus and Saturninus, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater. There Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts.

Felicity gave birth to a daughter a few days before the games commenced.

Perpetua’s record of her trial and imprisonment ends the day before the games. “Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will.” The diary was finished by an eyewitness.



The Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary's Annual

# Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

Sunday, March 17, 2023  
Starting at 5:00PM  
In Finley Hall

## The Event is Free

### Corn Beef Dinner

to be served  
Adult Plate: \$15  
Children's Portion: \$5



# Palm Sunday Procession

Mass will Beginning at  
**10:15 am**  
at Valley View Park

And will then process to  
**The Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral**

*The Mass will continue around 11:00am in the church*

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**Meatless Meal Friday**  
Friday, March 15, 2024

11am - 6pm  
**Soup Supper**

*Lent Us Eat!*

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Choice of  
Vegetarian Soup,  
Bread, Salad,  
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
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# Holy Thursday Mass 2024

Thursday, March 28  
*Not a Holy Day of Obligation*

## 7:00PM

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



## Padre Velásquez: La Cuaresma es el tiempo para redescubrir el rostro bello de Dios

Este viernes 23 de febrero, al inicio de la Cuaresma, en nuestro programa Estudio 9 dialogamos con el padre Samuel Velásquez Serrano, sacerdote de la Arquidiócesis de San Juan de Puerto Rico sobre la importancia de la oración en la vida del cristiano y cómo a través de la oración podemos redescubrir el rostro bello de Dios que inspira nuestras decisiones y nuestra vida.





## Pope condemns bloodshed in Burkina Faso and calls for peace

Pope Francis mourns those killed in terrorist attacks on a Church and on a Mosque in Burkina Faso and calls for respect for places of worship and the promotion of the values of peace.



Pope Francis expressed grief for a “tragic terrorist attack” on Sunday during Holy Mass at a Catholic church and for an attack perpetrated against a Mosque in Burkina Faso as Muslim worshippers gathered for morning prayers.

In a telegram sent on his behalf by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, the Pope reiterated his firm belief that “hatred is not the solution to conflicts.”

The Pope’s words of closeness come as the Christian community in the West African nation was shattered by the violent massacre of 15 worshippers in a Catholic church in Essakane, in the far north of the country, last Sunday.

A second attack took place at a Mosque in Natiaboani in eastern Burkina Faso in which dozens were killed on the same day.

In a telegram addressed to Bishop Laurent Dabiré, President of the Bishops’ Conference of Burkina Faso and Niger, the Pope said he was deeply for the loss of human life caused by the attacks and joins in the mourning of the families.

He said he prays for the repose of the deceased, “entrusting them to God’s mercy, and for the healing of the injured.”

And recalling that “hatred is not the solution to conflicts,” the Pope asked for respect for sacred places and called for “the fight against violence in order to promote the values of peace.”

The Holy Father’s telegram concluded with the invocation of divine blessings for the sons and daughters of Burkina Faso, and the nation as a whole.


### PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL

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Merlinda Moreno	Arturo Serna	Jimmy & Josh
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Paul Harrington	Danny Gamboa	Mary Moyers
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Esther Holguin	Maria Elena Moreno	Sally Lozano
Mike & Inez Frietze	Fatima Aguilar Ortiz	Alex Telles
Bea and Silas Garcia	Donna & Jimmy Graham	Raymond Telles
Leo Alirez	Yolanda Salas	Robert Fulton

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Sunday Collection: \$5673.00	Upcoming 2nd Collections:
Mail Donation: \$1451.00	March 10 Catholic Relief Services
Front Office: \$3205.00	March 17 Building Fund
Online Donations: \$ 195.00	March 31 Easter
	March 2024 Easter Flower Offering
	During Lent, CRS Rice Bowl Program

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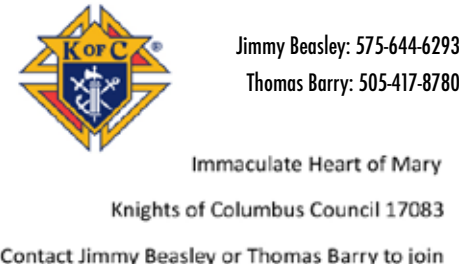


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### Season of Lent

Wednesday, Feb. 14 -  
 Sunday, Mar. 31

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

### Meatless Meal Fridays

Every Friday During Lent  
 11AM-6PM

Friday, March 8

Fish Taco Plates for \$15  
 Sponsored by: the MDS Marriage group

Friday, March 15

Soup and Salad Plate for \$10  
 Sponsored by:  
 The Sacred Heart Society

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday During Lent

Spanish: 5:00PM  
 English: 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

Saturday: 5:30PM vigil

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM\*

### \*Procession:

Begins at 10:15AM

at Valley View Park

and will process to IHM to continue the 11:00AM Mass

### 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

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