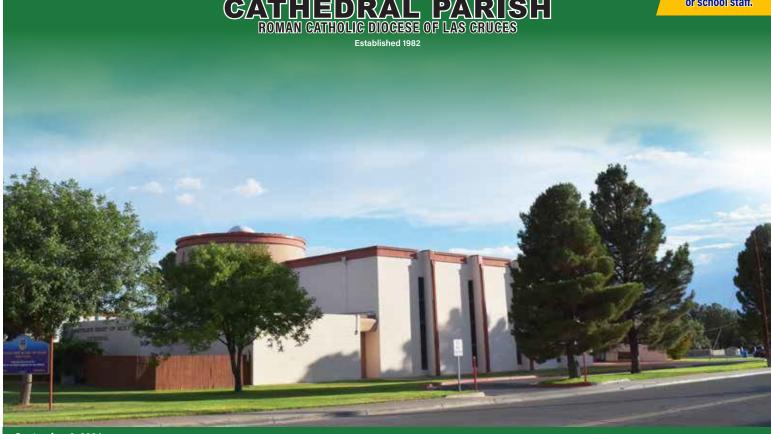
# IMMAGULATE HEART OF MARY CATHEDRAL PARISH ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESSE OF LAS CRUCES

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September 8, 2024

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### **CLERGY**

Bishop: Most Rev. Peter Baldacchino, J.C.L. Rev. Alejandro Reyes Cardenas Rector:

**Priest in Residence:** Rev. Melquisedec Salcedo Deacon Ed Fierro **Deacons:** 

Deacon Ruben Gutierrez



### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

# 23rd Sunday in **Ord. Time** Homily For Sep 08. 2024

### **SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES / MISAS**

### WEEKENDS / FINES DE LA SEMANA

Saturday Vigil/Vigilia los Sabados: 5:30 p.m. (English) 7:30a.m., 11:00a.m. (English) Sunday/Domingo:

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)

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

**Baptisms:** Call office for information

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

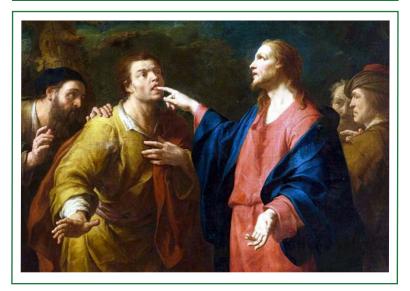
Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00am-8:15am

### OR ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF THE PRIESTS

Anointing of the Sick: Upon Request

Call Parish Office for Preparation at least 6 months Marriage:

in advance and before setting a firm date.



Registration: We welcome new parishioners, fall 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

  1. Fully engaged diocesan training for facilitators.
  2. Matrimonios, dialogo y seguimiento. (M D S) marrid couples retreat!

### "Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" Mark 7:34

Dear Brothers and Sisters: As we contemplate today's Gospel we need to give thanks to the Lord for the gift of the sacraments and today, in a particular way, for the sacrament of Baptism.

There are many graces we receive on the day of our baptism. Pope Francis stated, "At baptism, it is God who comes into us, purifies and heals our hearts, makes us forever His children, His people and family, heirs to Paradise. Let us ask ourselves: Am I aware of the immense gift I carry within me through baptism?"

I sincerely believe that we frequently take for granted the signs and symbols of God's saving power and presence. It is necessary for us to endeavor to appreciate them.

Baptism is the Sacrament on which our very faith is founded and which grafts us as a living member onto Christ and his Church. Together with the Eucharist and Confirmation it forms what is known as "Christian initiation", like one great sacramental event that configures us to the Lord and turns us into a living sign of his presence and of his love.

One of the signs and symbols that I really love is the signing of the ears and mouth while saying these powerful words: "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father, Amen." This 'ephphatha' prayer from the rite of baptism of infants reminds us that the Lord Jesus will deliver us from the sting of sin that so often makes us deaf and mute and prevents us from listening to his words and preaching the good news of the Gospel.

This miracle shows Jesus's way of treating people: "He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue". He treated him with such care and dignity. It may be a good point for our personal reflection on how we treat people!

According to William Barclay, in his commentary on the Gospel of Mark, in some ways it is more embarrassing to be deaf than it is to be blind. A deaf person knows he cannot hear; and when someone in a crowd shouts at him and tries to make him hear, in his excitement he becomes all the more helpless. Jesus shows the most tender consideration for the feelings of the man whose life was very difficult.

It touches my heart to contemplate how Jesus looked up to heaven as he prayed. It tells us of his strong relationship with God the Father and reminds us that our help is in the name of the Lord who made the heavens and earth. Our help comes from on high—from our God who has the power to heal us.

In our present times we have a serious challenge. We can come to daily Mass, be very religious, pray the rosary, participate in ministries, but still not listen to God. We blame people, priests and religious leaders for people leaving the church, but we don't take responsibility for the way we live, speak and act. What are the signs we are conveying as baptized Catholics? Are we taking our faith seriously? Is there someone we interact with who makes us deaf, blind or even mute?

Jesus often ended his teachings with the somewhat mysterious instruction, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear" (as in Luke 14:35). What did our Lord mean by implying some had "ears to hear" and some didn't? Obviously, he was not referring to their physical sense of hearing. It seems he meant some could hear spiritually—were open to spiritual truth—while others were closed to his words.

Let us humbly listen to the Word of the Lord—especially the Ephphatha—and believe this Sunday he will open our ears again to be able to be transformed and renewed. Let us have faith that he will touch our mouth that we may proclaim the greatness of his love.

Sincerely,

Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas, Rector

### MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

### VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, September 7

5:30 PM †Joshua Gonzales (by Catholic Daughters)

†Kaity Norman (Lora Norman)

### SUNDAY/DOMINGO, September 8

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

7:30 AM Healing of Addicts & Return Of the Faith

(by Les Flores)

†Guadalupe Vega (by María Vega)

9:00 AM (Sp) †Luz Elena Medina

Almas del Purgatorio

†Raul M. Rodríguez (by Rodríguez Family)

Monday/Lunes, September 9

1 COR 5:1-8/PS 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

8:15 AM †Greg McKinnley (by Family)

†Missy Walker (by Tianna Sevachko)

### Tuesday/Martes, September 10

1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19

8:15 AM All Souls in Purgatory

6:00 PM †Pablo Gutierrez (by Angeles Kennedy)

### Wednesday/Miércoles, September 11

1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26

8:15 AM †Victor Diaz, †Tammy Wooten & †Adam Gose

(by Avitia Family)

†Tomas Belanger (by Maggie Belanger)

### Thursday/Jueves, September 12

1 COR 8:1-7, 11-13/PS 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24/LK 6:27-38

8:15 AM †Tony & †Letha Trujillo (Gloria Lithgow)

6:00 PM Prayers for Father Alejandro

#### Friday/Viernes September 13

1 COR 9:16-19, 22B-27/PS 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

8:15 AM Prayers for IHM Staff

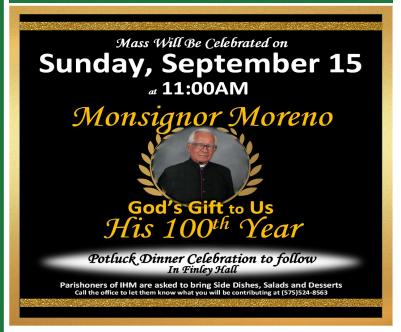
### Saturday/Sabado, September 14

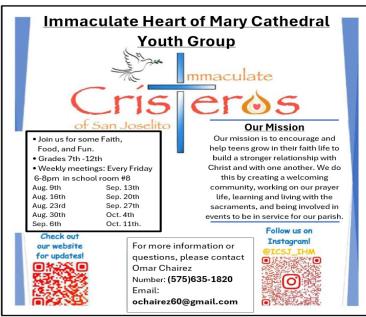
NM 21:4B-9/PS 78:1BC-2, 34-38/PHIL 2:6-11/JN 3:13-17

8:15 AM Prayers for Healing of the Sick



### WHAT IS HAPPENING







### What makes the world go round

Our editorial director, Andrea Tornielli, reflects on Pope Francis' remark that compassion "helps us to see things better".



#### By Andrea Tornielli

What makes the world go round? Some might say the economy, others class struggle, others still curiosity, or the desire to embark on new ventures and experiments. Some might say love. More than thirty years ago, an elderly woman in Argentina told then-Bishop Bergoglio

that divine mercy is the keystone that supports the world, ("if the Lord did not forgive everything, the world would not exist"). Today, Pope Francis pointed to what he believed is the "engine" that makes the world turn. Speaking from the Cathedral in Jakarta, the Pope explained that it is "charity expressed through compassion" that makes the world go round. He said that compassion is not about offering help or alms to the needy "while looking down on them," but instead means bending down to truly connect with those on the ground, lifting them up and giving them hope. It also means embracing the dreams and desires for justice and redemption of the needy, becoming promoters and collaborators in their cause.

Some people fear compassion, the Bishop of Rome noted, "because they see it as a weakness." Instead, they praise cunning as if it were a virtue, the cunning of those who pursue their own interests while keeping their distance from everyone, refusing to be "touched" by anything or anyone, believing that this will make them freerer to achieve their goals. But this, the Pope explained, is "a false way of viewing reality." Because "what drives the world forward is not calculations of self-interest—which generally end up destroying creation and dividing communities—but charity which gives itself." "Compassion does not cloud a real vision of life; rather, it helps us see things more clearly, in the light of love."

Compassion is what Jesus exemplifies on every page of the Gospel: He does not remain indifferent to reality, but is deeply moved, allowing Himself to be wounded by the stories and the needs of those He encounters. Indifference, on the other hand, which over time hardens into cynicism, leads us to believe we are freer. But in reality, it gradually makes us less human.

### Indonesia. Primera cita del Papa dedicada a los huérfanos y refugiados



Algunos de los niños presentes en la reunión en la Nunciatura

Apenas llegó el Papa a la
Nunciatura Apostólica, tuvo un
encuentro con un grupo de 40
hombres, mujeres, ancianos y niños
asistidos y acompañados por las
hermanas dominicas, el Servicio
Jesuita a Refugiados y la Comunidad de
Sant'Egidio. Escuchó sus testimonios,
entre ellos el de una familia de
refugiados de Sri Lanka y un refugiado
rohingya.

### Yakarta-Indonesia

El vuelo papal aterrizó esta mañana en el aeropuerto Soekarno-Hatta de la capital, Yakarta, primera escala de un largo viaje apostólico que le llevará también a peregrinar a Papúa Nueva Guinea, Timor Oriental y Singapur hasta el 13 de septiembre. Francisco se dirigió a la Nunciatura Apostólica, en la zona central de la capital. Desde las calles, hombres, mujeres y niños con camisetas blancas ondeaban banderas con los colores

de Indonesia y gritaban «Selamat datang», «bienvenido», al paso del coche papal.

### Una caricia para los huérfanos

Francisco dedicó un momento lleno de ternura para los numerosos niños presentes: tanto los huérfanos recogidos en pueblos y suburbios



Una mujer afgana saluda al Papa

### SAINT OF THE WEEK 🔣



### St. Peter Claver

Feast Day: September 9



Jesuit, Apostle of Slaves.

Patron Saint of those in slavery & African Americans

At the age of 20, Peter joined the Society of Jesus. "I must dedicate myself to the service of God until death."

While studying philosophy in Mallorca, he met Alphonsus Rodriguez, the elderly, uneducated lay brother who through a life of suffering had learned to listen to God. "How can I love the Lord?" he asked the old man. "He gives me a great desire to follow him, but I don't know how." Alphonsus prayed, and the answer came: Peter was destined for a suffering people far away. Peter told his superiors of his desire to go to the missions. In 1610, he left for Cartagena in present-day Colombia, a center of the Spanish slave trade, where ships sailing from West Africa brought 10,000 new slaves yearly.

He had found his calling. Before the slave ships entered port, Fr. Peter begged for bread, medicine, anything he could bring to captives chained for so long that a third of the "cargo" died. As soon as a ship docked, this "slave of the slaves" descended into the dark holds. He brought food, but more importantly, he brought kindness to these suffering men and women.

Using simple pictures, he taught them the Christian faith. In small groups, he baptized them – which not only made them members of Christ's body, but enabled Peter to call upon the slave masters to treat their fellow Christians more humanely. By the end of his life, he had baptized 300,000 slaves and heard over 5,000 slaves' confessions a year.

### San Pedro Claver

Día festivo: 9 de septiembre Jesuita, apóstol de los esclavos.



A la edad de 20 años, Pedro se unió a la Compañía de Jesús. "Debo dedicarme al servicio de Dios hasta la muerte".

Mientras estudiaba filosofía en Mallorca, conoció a Alfonso Rodríguez, el hermano laico anciano y sin educación que a través de una vida de sufrimiento había aprendido a escuchar a Dios: "¿Cómo puedo amar al Señor?" le preguntó al anciano. "Me dan muchas ganas de seguirlo, pero no sé cómo". Alfonso oró y recibió la respuesta: Pedro estaba destinado a un pueblo lejano y sufriente.

Peter comunicó a sus superiores su deseo de ir a las misiones. En 1610, partió hacia Cartagena, en la actual Colombia, un centro del comercio de esclavos español, donde los barcos que navegaban desde África occidental traían 10.000 nuevos esclavos al año.

Había encontrado su vocación. Antes de que los barcos de esclavos llegaran a puerto, el P. Pedro pidió pan, medicinas y cualquier cosa que pudiera llevar a los cautivos encadenados durante tanto tiempo que un tercio del "cargamento" murió. Tan pronto como atracaba un barco, este "esclavo de los esclavos" descendía a las oscuras bodegas. Trajo comida, pero más importante aún, trajo bondad a estos hombres y mujeres que sufrían.

Utilizando imágenes sencillas, les enseñó la fe cristiana. En pequeños grupos, los bautizó, lo que no solo los convirtió en miembros del cuerpo de Cristo, sino que también le permitió a Pedro pedir a los amos de esclavos que trataran a sus hermanos cristianos de manera más humana. Al final de su vida, había bautizado a 300.000 esclavos y escuchado más de 5.000 confesiones al año.

urbanos, alimentados y educados por las Hermanas Dominicas, como los niños de las Escuelas de la Paz (18 en todo el archipiélago, que reúnen a más de 3.000 niños. Estos últimos donaron el dibujo del «mundo que me gustaría», la imagen del globo terráqueo sostenido por dos brazos formados por todas las banderas, unidas y juntas en señal de fraternidad.

Por último, el papa se detuvo a hablar en privado con una mujer de Afganistán, por último impartió su bendición a todos los presentes, expresando su felicidad por haber comenzado el viaje más largo de su pontificado con este encuentro.

### Inició el Viaje Apostólico más largo del pontificado del Papa Francisco

A las 17.32 hora de Roma, de este lunes 2 de septiembre, partió el vuelo papal desde el aeropuerto internacional de Fiumicino con destino a Yakarta, donde llegará mañana martes, de este modo se dio inicio al Viaje Apostólico más largo del pontificado del Papa Francisco. Antes de partir, el Pontífice saludó a una quincena de personas sin hogar en la Casa Santa Marta.



#### **Vatican News**

Treinta y tres mil kilómetros sobre los cielos del Extremoo Oriente, entre cuatro estados, dos continentes y varios husos horarios. El 45° viaje apostólico del pontificado comenzó a las 17.32 cuando el vuelo papal despegó del

aeropuerto romano de Fiumicino con su proa rumbo a Indonesia para el primer "salto" de 11 mil kilómetros y unas 13 horas de vuelo estimadas, que llevará a bordo a Francisco, a su séquito y a más de 70 periodistas para llegar mañana hacia las 11.30 de la mañana hora local hacia el aeropuerto internacional "Soekarno-Hatta" de Yakarta, las 6.30 horas en Italia.

### MEDIA ADVISORY: Hispanic Affairs Subcommittee Releases Resource Kit on Hispanic/Latino Communities and Ministries

A resource has been developed by the USCCB's Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church to help illustrate the profound impact of the Hispanic/Latino community within the Catholic Church in the United States.

To help illustrate the profound impact of the Hispanic/Latino community within the Catholic Church in the United States, a resource has been developed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church. The document is part of the implementation of the National Pastoral Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry and underscores the ongoing commitment of the USCCB's Subcommittee on Hispanic Affairs to recognizing and celebrating the rich cultural heritage and contributions of Hispanic/Latino Catholics.



### 2024-2025 Catechism Registration for IHM Cathedral

for **children and adults** seeking their sacraments of initiation:

\*\*Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation.

Registration begins as of Monday June 3, 2024. Also available online format. Catechism classes will begin as of September 2024. We will call to give specific date.

Requirements for all children and their parents:

- All catechism classes for children will be held on Wednesdays from 6:00 7:00 pm.
- Parents also have formation at the same time of catechism (calendar will be provided at the beginning of the year)
- · Proof of attendance to Sunday mass is mandatory

**Newly registered children for** the program will be required to bring a copy of the child's

- Birth certificate
- Baptismal certificate
- First Holy Communion certificate

(according to the sacrament they are to receive,





# Mass Intentions

Weekday: \$10 Weekend: \$15

Please request Mass Intentions at least 2 weeks in advance

Please remember that you are not paying for the graces from God (which are of infinite value and cannot be paid for), but for the material things that are involved with celebrating that Mass.



#### Catechists Needed for 2024-25!

The religious education program is about to start a new catechism year and it needs volunteers!

We need Catechists: one who witnesses to the faith by sharing his/her faith commitment through word, experience, prayer, and liturgy with those who are on their journey towards a full communion with the Catholic faith

Catechist Assistants: those who help the catechist during the catechetical session helping the children in case they need extra assistance and other activities that might be needed.

Please call the parish office at 575-524-8563 and leave your information so we can contact you!



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

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#### Collections: 9-1-2024

Front office: \$1,808.00 Mail In: \$937.00

1st Collections: \$5, 326.00

2nd Collection for Ruidoso: \$857.00

Online: \$732.87

Upcoming 2nd Collections: Sept 8th: Catholic University of America





## **Religious Education 2024**

First day of Sacramental Preparation Classes: Wednesday, Sept. 18

6-7PM



Registration Forms can be found at: www.ihmcathedral.org/religious\_education or in the IHM office

Mass Intentions Weekday: \$10.00 • Weekend: \$15.00 • Prayer Request: Free \*\* Please request Mass Intentions at least 2 weeks in advance. \*\*

# Important Dates at IHM

### **IHM Ministry Fair**

Sunday, September 8, 2024 Following all Masses

Monsignor Moreno's Birthday Celebration Sunday, September 15

11:00 Mass - Potluck to follow

## Lector Training

Saturday, September 21 After the 8:15 am Mass

Religious Education

Registration Open For the 2024-2025 School Year.

Forms can be found at: www.ihmcathedral.org/religious education or in the IHM office

> Catechism classes will begin Wednesday, September 18 6pm-7pm

Harvest Fest 2024

October 19th and 20th

Save the Date:

Donations currently being accepted for the "White Elephant" rummage sale (no clothing please)

Sign up for booths and volunteering has begun!

Contact the office for more information





The Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces requires that all clergy, employees, and Volunteers undergo a background check, participate in a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Training Module,

and sign a code of conduct every 5 years.

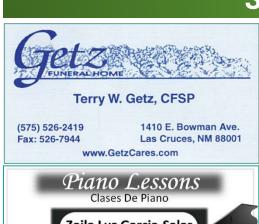
For questions in complying with these requirements please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator, Mary Frances Garcias for Assistance. mgarcia@rcdlc.org or 575-222-4235

### IHM Ministry Fair Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024

In Finley Hall Following All Masses



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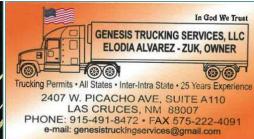








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