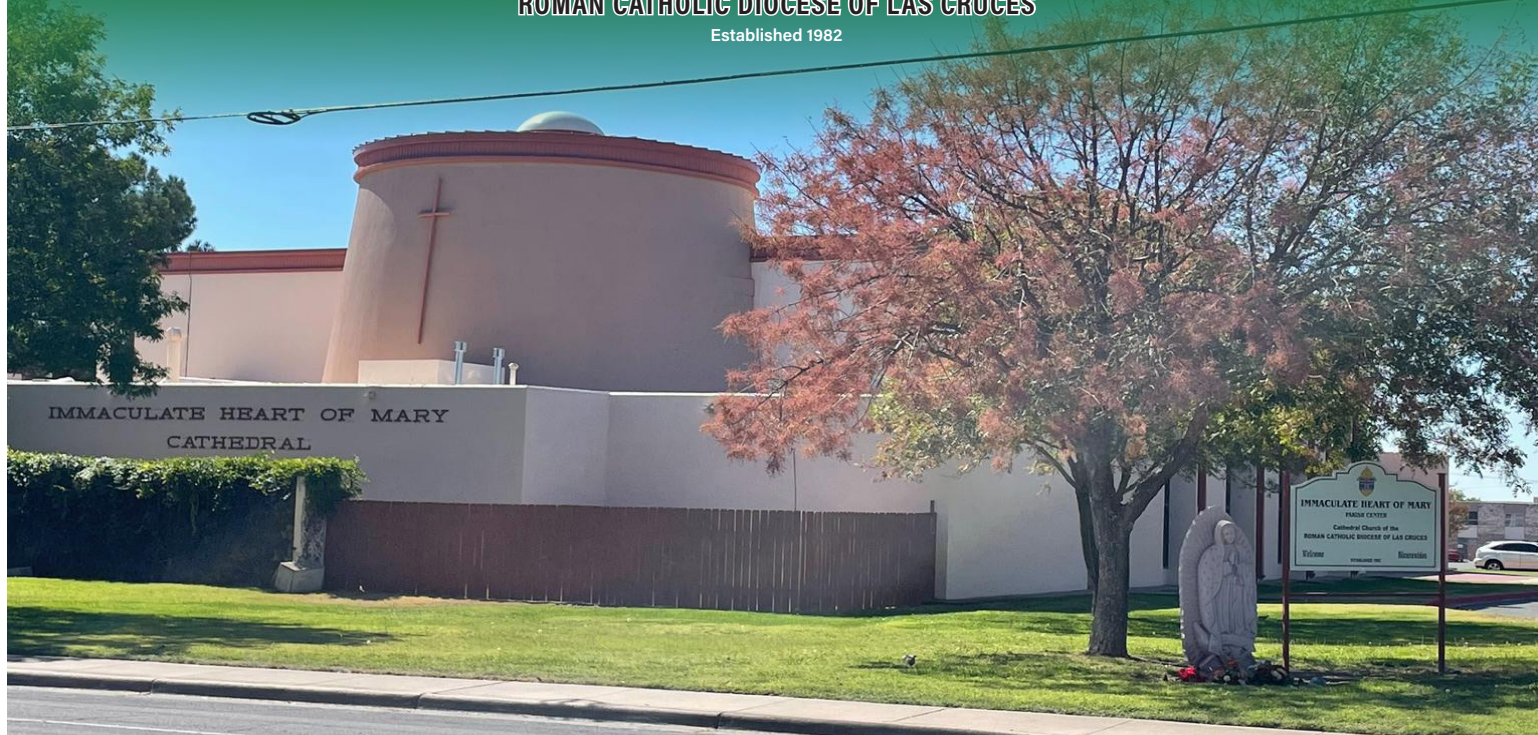


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OFFICE HOURS

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

**The sun will
be darkened,
and the moon
will not give
its light.
Mark 13:24**

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: Monday - Friday: 7am-8am

Sat.: 4pm-5pm

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, 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 EVENTS

1. Mass at the border between El Paso Texas and Juarez November 9, 2024. The annual Mass will be at 10 a.m. this Saturday at the Rio Grande Canal by the American Dam near the Smelertown Historical Park off of Paisano and Executive Center Boulevard.

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Council 17083

Is holding a campaign for

COATS
2024
for Kids

Three donation types are acceptable: monetary donation, new coats, or used coats in good, clean condition.
Note: Coat sizes should fit children between 1 & 17 years old
Donations go to the **Las Cruces Coats for Kids Foundation**
You can bring your money donation(s) to the IHM office.
Please make any checks payable to Las Cruces Coats for Kids. Any used/new coat(s) donations can be placed in the Coats for Kids donation box located in the church foyer or dropped off at the church office.

Donation Deadline:
January 12, 2025



Thank you for supporting this worth community program that is co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus organization.

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory” Mk 13:24-32

Dear brothers and sisters the Gospel passage of today’s liturgy begins with a statement by Jesus that leaves us astonished: “The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven” It sounds very apocalyptic meaning talks about the end of time and the second coming of the Lord Jesus whose coming we wait with great hope.

By contemplating the imagery, we can be filled with terror and despair which I don’t think that is the intention of Jesus. Which is true that he is not giving us neither a map of eternity nor a timetable to the future, but he is simply using the language and the pictures that many Jew knew and used for centuries before him. We may think but this is happening in our times: there are wars and so many natural disasters around us that it seems that he is coming soon!

Even during his time, it is extremely interesting that many things were fulfilled but the main point here is how prepared we are for his coming? are we on watch or we just living our lives thinking that we are going to be eternal? We are not God’s, don’t be prideful, be humble we are fragile and mortals, but our true life depends on God who has the power to save us.

Jesus tells us learn the lesson that the fig tree offers you. As soon as branches become tender and it puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So, you must know, when you see this thing happening, that the end is near the door.

Be on the watch! Watch how you live, watch how you treat others!

I always have heard that the Lord is coming, and people are concerned about that, even people talk about the three days of darkness, some will even save food in case this happens, some others say that there must be refugees. But the problem here is that we have a concern for the Lord’s coming but we don’t change our lives. Some people will take advantage to create an environment of fear. However, either the Lord comes today or in a thousand years we always must be prepared even for our personal encounter with him. And how we can be truly prepared for that? By doing his Holy will, by loving him with all our minds, souls and hearts and our neighbors as ourselves! By letting go of our attachments for temporal goods and thinking more about heaven. Having a more serious concern not just for ourselves but for others, by living a holy life dedicated to the service of the Lord and our brothers.

The Lord’s words will not pass away. He makes a distinction between the penultimate things, that will pass, and the ultimate things, that will remain.

It is a message for us, to guide us in our important decisions in life, to guide us in what is appropriate to invest our lives in. In something transitory, or in the words of the Lord which remain forever?

This world is going to pass away! Only love will remain because *deus caritas Est*, God is love! Therefore, we must love. We may always live in the shadow of eternity, we must live that it does not matter that day when he comes, because we have been faithful servants who await the masters’ returns, servants who will be found doing his will. (Matthew 24:46) I really get excited and think about the day I must see him face to face; our lives shall be a preparation to meet our redeemer. I really like to sing a song named one day at the time, I sing it during funerals as a reminder that I must live life to the fullest, not in the past nor in the future but in the present time and always the presence of the Lord.

Everything passes nothing remains forever, we are so ephemeral. Money, power, fame or prestige, honor. For the reason it is necessary that we make our choices based on love, based on God, aware that one day will be judged according to love, nothing else.

Happy Sunday!

Sincerely Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas

“Y entonces verán ‘al Hijo del Hombre viniendo en las nubes’ con gran poder y gloria” Marcos 13:24-32

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, el pasaje evangélico de la liturgia de hoy comienza con una afirmación de Jesús que nos deja asombrados: “El sol se oscurecerá, la luna no dará su luz y las estrellas caerán del cielo”. Suena muy apocalíptico significado habla del fin de los tiempos y de la segunda venida del Señor Jesús cuya venida esperamos con gran esperanza.

Al contemplar las imágenes, podemos llenarnos de terror y desesperación, lo cual no creo que sea la intención de Jesús. Lo cual es cierto que no nos está dando ni un mapa de la eternidad ni un cronograma para el futuro, sino que simplemente está usando el lenguaje y las imágenes que muchos judíos conocieron y usaron durante siglos antes que él. Podemos pensar, pero esto está sucediendo en nuestros tiempos: ¡hay guerras y tantos desastres naturales a nuestro alrededor que parece que viene pronto!

Incluso durante su tiempo, es sumamente interesante que muchas cosas se cumplieron, pero el punto principal aquí es ¿qué tan preparados estamos para su venida? ¿Estamos de guardia o simplemente vivimos nuestras vidas pensando que vamos a ser eternos? No somos de Dios, no seas orgulloso, sé humilde, somos frágiles y mortales, pero nuestra verdadera vida depende de Dios que tiene el poder de salvarnos.

Jesús nos dice aprende la lección que te ofrece la higuera. Tan pronto como las ramas se vuelven tiernas y brotan las hojas, sabéis que el verano está cerca. Por tanto, cuando veáis que sucede esto, debéis saber que el fin está cerca de la puerta.

¡Estén atentos! ¡Mira cómo vives, mira cómo tratas a los demás!

Siempre he escuchado que el Señor viene, y la gente está preocupada por eso, incluso la gente habla de los tres días de oscuridad, algunos incluso guardarán comida en caso de que esto suceda, algunos otros dicen que debe haber refugiados. Pero el problema aquí es que nos preocupa la venida del Señor pero no cambiamos nuestras vidas. Algunas personas aprovecharán para crear un ambiente de miedo. Sin embargo, o el Señor viene hoy o dentro de mil años siempre debemos estar preparados incluso para nuestro encuentro personal con él. ¿Y cómo podemos estar realmente preparados para eso? ¡Haciendo su Santa voluntad, amándolo con toda nuestra mente, alma y corazón y a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos! Dejando de lado nuestros apegos por los bienes temporales y pensando más en el cielo. Tener una preocupación más seria no sólo por nosotros mismos sino por los demás, viviendo una vida santa y dedicada al servicio del Señor y de nuestros hermanos.

Las palabras del Señor no pasarán. Hace una distinción entre las penúltimas cosas, que pasarán, y las últimas, que permanecerán.

Es un mensaje para nosotros, para guiarnos en nuestras decisiones importantes en la vida, para guiarnos en lo que es apropiado invertir nuestra vida. ¿En algo transitorio, o en las palabras del Señor que permanecen para siempre?

¡Este mundo va a pasar! Sólo quedará el amor porque *deus caritas Est*, ¡Dios es amor! Por tanto, debemos amar. Podemos vivir siempre a la sombra de la eternidad, debemos vivir que no importa ese día cuando él venga, porque hemos sido servidores fieles que esperan el regreso de los amos, servidores que serán encontrados haciendo su voluntad. (Mateo 24: 46) Realmente me emociono y pienso en el día en que debo verlo cara a cara; Nuestras vidas serán una preparación para encontrarnos con nuestro Redentor. Me gusta mucho cantar una canción nombrada un día a la vez, la canto durante los funerales como un recordatorio de que debo vivir la vida al máximo, no en el pasado ni en el futuro sino en el tiempo presente y siempre la presencia del Caballero.

Todo pasa nada queda para siempre, somos tan efímeros. Dinero, poder, fama o prestigio, honor. Por eso es necesario que hagamos nuestras elecciones basadas en el amor, basadas en Dios, conscientes de que un día seremos juzgados según el amor y nada más.

¡Feliz domingo!

Atentamente Padre Alejandro Reyes Cárdenas

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, November 16

5:30 PM Thanksgiving to Father & The Holy Family
(by Les Flores)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, November 17

Dn 12:1-3/ Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11/ Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32

7:30 AM For Family Unity (by Les Flores)
For Virgen de Guadalupe (by Albert Perez)

9:00 AM(Sp) † Ramon † Herminia † Gerardo
† Nora Holguin (por Familia Morales)
† Saul Burciaga † Manuel Burciaga (por Bertha Burciaga)
Almas del Purgatorio

11:00 AM † Memo Garcia † Will Garcia (by Martha Garcia)
† Luis Garcia

Monday/Lunes, November 18

RV 1:1-4; 2:1-5/ PS 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/ LK 18:35-43

8:15 AM For those who live alone

Tuesday/Martes, November 19

RV 3:1-6, 14-22/ PS 15:2-3A, 3BC-4AB, 5/ LK 19:1-10

8:15 AM † Natalia Nevarez (by Janet Alvarado)
† Adam Gose † Victor Diaz (by Avitia Family)
† Thomas Wotten (by Avitia Family)

6:00 PM (Sp) Por los Niños no nacidos

Wednesday/Miércoles, November 20

Rv 4:1-11/ 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 19:11-28

8:15 AM For Priests

Thursday/Jueves, November 21

RV 5:1-10/ PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B/ LK 19:41-44

8:15 AM Alex Velazco for Healing
(by Steve & Lisa Archuleta)

Friday/Viernes, November 22

RV 10:8-11/ PS 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/ LK 19:45-48

8:15 AM † N. T. † Librada Moreno (by Erlinda Moreno)
† Bennie Salazar (by Salazar Family)
Stephen & Dennis & Doni Lithqow (by Gloria Lithqow)

Saturday/Sabado, November 23

Rv 11:4-12/ Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10/ Lk 20:27-40

8:15 AM For Family Unity of the Knights of Columbus
& Loved Ones (by Les Flores)

WHAT IS HAPPENING

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Building Project Fund Raffle

Tickets:
\$25

GRAND PRIZE
\$10,000

Two Second Place Prizes
of \$500 each

Additional Prizes: Television, Ipad

Drawing will be held following the Christmas Midnight Mass on
Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Tickets on Sale in the Parish Office

Help Restore Plaques to Infant Graves

BSA Eagle Project

Who: Stefan Fountain, Life Scout of Troop 64
What: Eagle project for Restoration of infant graves
Where: Masonic Cemetery

Why: Some time ago the Infant graves at the Masonic Cemetery were vandalized, the brass name plaques were ripped off to presumably sell. Restoration is about halfway done but is being limited by funding and manpower. I want to help correct this.

How: By taking my Eagle Project to fundraise for the 10 plaques yet to be purchased and buy the materials for and bring the manpower to install all the plaques yet to be installed. The Plaques are **\$175 each** and 23 graves are left without markers but all but 10 plaques have been funded for and ordered.

Donations can be dropped off in the IHM Parish office

Address checks to
"Masonic Cemetery of Las Cruces"

Email Agriffith@IHM-Cathedral.org for more information



The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Gift Shop
Is Open!
Monday-Friday
8:30am – 4:30pm
Located in the IHM office



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.

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Daniel's Prophesy Word-Find

What was Daniel talking about? Find all the words from the reading that are in CAPITALS. The leftover letters will give you the answer.

In those DAYS, I, DANIEL, HEARD this word of the LORD:
 "At that time there shall ARISE MICHAEL, the GREAT PRINCE, guardian of your people;

Daniel 12:1-3

it shall be a time unsurpassed in DISTRESS since NATIONS BEGAN until that time. At that time your people shall ESCAPE, EVERYONE WHO is found WRITTEN in the book.

"MANY of those who SLEEP in the dust of the EARTH shall awake; some shall LIVE FOREVER, others shall be an everlasting HORROR and disgrace.

"But the WISE shall SHINE brightly like the SPLENDOR of the firmament, and those who lead the many to JUSTICE shall be like the STARS forever.

PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL

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| Hortencia Butler | Fatima Aguilar Ortiz | Daniel Jasso |
| Juanita Mendoza | Donna & Jimmy Graham | Isaiah Jimenez |
| Pat King | Yolanda Salas | Nayhem Jimenez |
| Ernestina Rodriguez | Marko Artem | Jesus Friezze |
| Freddy Castaneda, Jr. | Virginia Mike Ortega | Samuel Gutierrez |
| Benjamin Mendoza | Deacon Ed Misquez | Martha Legarreta |
| Dylan Wilson | Sylvia Briseño | Rena Carson |
| Daniel Telles | Ralph Cadena | Tammy Martinez |
| Merlinda Moreno | Liz Garcia | Linda Salaiz |
| Pat Villines | Alicia Romero | Vicki/Peter Alvarez |
| Tim Thomas | Jimmy & Josh | Sandra Lucero |
| Alice & Carlos Castro | Mary Mayers | Marissa Madrid |
| Emanuel & Micaela | Oscar Rico | Mary Benavidez |
| Friezze and Family | Mary Moyers | Melissa Benavidez |
| Edward Frias | Arcadio Garcia | Jacob Villa |
| Nellie Rigales Vigil | Jimmy Martinez | Christopher Villa |
| Mike & Inez Friezze | Josh Willhite | Terri Villa |
| Leo Alirez | Ethel Vigil Ebner | Bertha Lucero |
| Michael Rodriguez | Caesar Lopez | Sandra Ramirez |
| Roni Trevillo | Sally Lozano | Danny Rivera |
| Gabriel Granillo | Raymond Telles | Toni Friezze |
| Ed Fragoso, | Richard Duran | Mary & Tony Gallegos |
| Mother Maria & Family | Lewie Chavez | Cassie Hamilton & Melinda Moreno |
| Raymond Matlak | Gabriel Rodriguez | Cassi Hamilton |
| Matilda Evaro | Gabriel Gomez | Melinda Moreno |
| Briana Telles | Albert Medina | Josh A Lucero |
| Arturo Serna | Silas & Bea Garcia | Jim Hirschy |
| Angel Baker | Jeannie Lucero | Manuel Garcia |
| Danny Gamboa | Priscilla Serna | Mr. and Mrs. Gino Delvillar |
| Frank Jimenez | Lorraine D Matteo | Bill Chubb |
| Felicia Krynitz | Les Flores Jr. | |
| Everardo Meza | Albert Chavez Sr. | |
| Blanca Echevarria | Angel Varela | |
| Jose Ignacio Garcia | Msr. Juan Moreno | |
| Amparo Espinosa | | |

Collections: 11-10-2024

Sunday Collection:	\$6096
Second Collection:	\$1470
Front Office:	\$5743
Gift Shop:	\$223
Mail In:	\$1503

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

Up Coming Second Collection:
 Ongoing: Christmas Flower Offering

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

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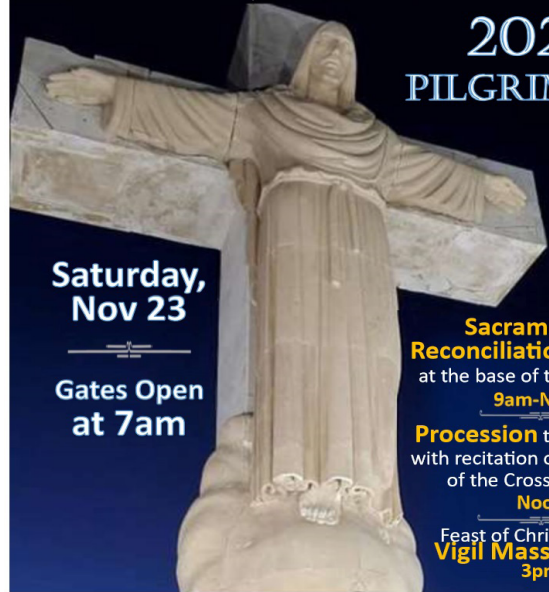


**"Pray, Hope and Don't Worry!
 Worry is useless,
 God is merciful
 and will hear your prayer"
 ~Saint Padre Pio~**

**To add a name to the parish prayer list
 in the bulletin,
 simply call the IHM office at (575)524-8563
 or email frontdesk@ihmcathedral.org**

**If your loved one has recovered or found healing, please
 contact the office so that their name can be removed from
 the list. Thank you!**

MOUNT CRISTO REY 2024 PILGRIMAGE



**Saturday,
 Nov 23**

**Gates Open
 at 7am**

**Sacrament of
 Reconciliation** (Confession)
 at the base of the mountain
9am-Noon

Procession to the summit
 with recitation of the Stations
 of the Cross begins at
Noon

Feast of Christ the King
Vigil Mass at Summit
3pm

"Surviving the Holidays"



Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Whether it was very recent or many years ago, the Christmas Holidays can be one of the most difficult times for people in grief. This special session, "Surviving the Holidays," offers strategies and perspectives to help the bereaved manage their emotions.

Program Session:

Saturday, December 7th from 2:30 to 4pm
 at Holy Cross parish at 1327 N Miranda.
 Please call the parish office at (575) 523-0167 or
 call Marilyn Kerschen at (575) 642-0281 to register.



There is no cost for this 1½ hour program
 however you must register to attend.



Saint Matilda, Virgin

1241-1298 Patron Saint against blindness

Feast Day: November 19

A Saxon by birth, she belonged to one of the most noble and powerful families. When she was seven years old, she went with her mother to visit her sister Gertrude, then abbess of the Benedictine monastery of Rodersdorf in Switzerland. She fell so much in love with the cloister that her parents agreed to her request to remain there as an educator.

Her vocation grew. Mechtilde became a nun at there. In 1258, she moved to the monastery at Helfta, where she was known for her humility and kindness. She distinguished herself for piety, humility and fervor. She spent her time between prayer, reading and manual labor. She was a teacher of the schoolgirls and spiritual advisor to the nuns, as well as a teacher of music and singing. She was given the nickname "God's nightingale"

Mechtilde had frequent visions, which were collected in the "Book of Special Graces." In one of these visions, the virgin Mary proclaimed, "If you want true holiness, be close to my Son, He is holiness itself that sanctifies all things"



Santa Matilde, Virgen

1241-1298 Patrona contra la ceguera

Día festivo: 19 de noviembre



Sajona de nacimiento, pertenecía a una de las familias más nobles y poderosas. Cuando tenía siete años, fue con su madre a visitar a su hermana Gertrudis, entonces abadesa del monasterio benedictino de Rodersdorf en Suiza. Se enamoró tanto del claustro que sus padres accedieron a su petición de permanecer allí como educadora.

Su vocación creció. Matilde se hizo monja en el monasterio benedictino de Rodersdorf. En 1258 se trasladó al monasterio de Helfta, donde era conocida por su humildad y bondad. Se distinguió por la piedad, la humildad y el fervor. Pasó su tiempo entre la oración, la lectura y el trabajo manual. Fue maestra de las colegialas y consejera espiritual de las monjas, además de profesora de música y canto. Le pusieron el sobrenombre de "elruiseñor de Dios".

Matilde tuvo frecuentes visiones, que quedaron recogidas en el "Libro de las Gracias Especiales". En una de estas visiones, la virgen María proclamó: "Si queréis la verdadera santidad, estad cerca de mi Hijo, él es la santidad misma que santifica todas las cosas".

Devotion to Mary leads people to Jesus, to helping others, pope says



VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Mary is a model of the kind of openness to the Holy Spirit that all Christians should have, an openness that allowed her to say "yes" to God's plan for the salvation of the world, Pope Francis said.

"Let us learn from her to be docile to the inspirations of the Spirit, especially when he suggests to us to 'arise in haste' and go to help someone who needs us, just as she did immediately after the angel left her," setting out to visit her cousin Elizabeth, the pope said Nov. 13.

Continuing a series of audience talks on the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church, Pope Francis looked at how the Holy Spirit works through devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus.

"The true and only mediator between us and Christ, indicated as such by Jesus himself, is the Holy Spirit," the pope said. And "Mary is one of the means the Holy Spirit uses to bring us to Jesus."

"Our Lady helps us see Jesus. She opens doors," he said. "Our Lady is the mama who takes us by the hand and leads us to Jesus. Our Lady never points to herself; she points to Jesus, and that's what Marian piety is."

While some people think that Catholics worship Mary, Pope Francis said Catholic tradition is clear that Catholics seek her help in growing closer to Jesus, affirming the adage: "to Jesus by means of Mary."

Mary's words to the Angel Gabriel -- "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" -- show Christians simply and clearly what they must do and say to follow the Lord more closely: tell the Holy Spirit that they are available and accept God's plan, the pope said.

"Mary is the one who said 'yes' to God," he said, "and with her example and by her intercession urges us to say our 'yes' to him too, whenever we are faced with an obedience to perform or a trial to overcome."

As he usually does, Pope Francis ended his audience by telling visitors and pilgrims in St. Peter's Square, "Let's not forget the countries at war. Brothers and sisters, the beleaguered Ukraine is suffering; do not forget Ukraine."

He also urged prayers for peace in Palestine, Israel and Myanmar "and so many nations at war," he said. "Let's pray for peace. There is such a great need for peace."



Holy See to COP29: Indifference is an accomplice to injCardinal Parolin addresses the UN Climate Change Conference COP29justice

Addressing COP29 on behalf of Pope Francis and the Holy See, Cardinal Pietro Parolin urges urgent climate action, linking environmental protection to peace, justice, and global solidarity, and warning that indifference enables injustice.

By Francesca Merlo

Representing the Holy See at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, Cardinal Pietro Parolin stressed that "the scientific data available to us do not allow any further delay and make it clear that the preservation of creation is one of the most urgent issues of our time and we

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule



Thursday, November 28, 2024

English: 8:15am

and

Spanish: 10:00am



Not A Holy Day of Obligation

have to recognise that it is closely interrelated with the preservation of peace”

The selfishness of individuals and groups

Speaking on behalf of Pope Francis at the United Nations' 29th Climate Conference (COP29), the Cardinal Secretary of State emphasised that COP29 takes in a context conditioned by "growing disillusionment with multilateral institutions and dangerous tendencies to build walls". He described the selfishness, both individual and that of power groups, as feeding a climate of mistrust and division.

Cardinal Parolin warned that the globalisation that brings us closer to one another has not managed to make us feel like brothers and sisters. "Economic development has not reduced inequality", he stressed. "On the contrary, it has favored the prioritisation of profit and special interests at the expense of the protection of the weakest, and has contributed to the progressive worsening of environmental problems".

This trend, he continued, must be reversed, and in order to do so - so as to create a culture of respect for life and the dignity of the human person - "it is necessary to understand that the harmful consequences of lifestyles affect everyone".

Cardinal Parolin went on to stress that efforts should be made to find solutions that do not further undermine the development and adaptive capacity of many countries that are already burdened with crippling economic debt. "When discussing climate finance, it is important to remember that ecological debt and foreign debt are two sides of the same coin, mortgaging the future".

In light of this, the Cardinal reiterated Pope Francis' appeal, in which he asked more affluent nations to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them". He recalled the Pope's words when he said that "more than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice".

Cardinal Parolin then appealed for a new, human-focused global financial system that supports equitable, sustainable development, especially for vulnerable nations and called on COP29 to drive political will toward inclusive growth.

We cannot pass by and look the other way

In this endeavour, Cardinal Parolin reiterated the dedication of the Holy See, "especially in the field of integral ecology, education and in raising awareness of the environmental as a human and social problem on any number of levels." We cannot "pass by and look the other way", he said, before warning that "indifference is an accomplice to injustice".

Bringing his address to a close, the Cardinal Secretary of State appealed to all those present to ask themselves: what can I do? How can I contribute?

"There is no time for indifference today", he said, "we cannot wash our hands of it, with distance, with carelessness or with disinterest." And this, he concluded, "is the real challenge of our century."

U.S. Bishops Affirm Advancement of the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God Dr. Gertrude Barber

BALTIMORE - At their November Plenary Assembly, the bishops of the United States held a canonical consultation on the cause of beatification and canonization of the Servant of God Dr. Gertrude A. Barber.



for the advancement of the cause of beatification and canonization at the local level.

A brief biography of Dr. Gertrude Barber was provided by the Diocese of Erie: Dr. Gertrude Agnes Barber was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, on September 16, 1911. After the death of her father during the 1918 flu pandemic, her eldest brother left school to support the family, ensuring his siblings could continue their education - a sacrifice that had profound impact on Gertrude's lifelong advocacy of education.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University and began her career as a teacher in the Erie School District in 1931. While teaching, she continued her education, earning a master's and doctoral degree in education, becoming a school psychologist and administrator. Her work with children with special needs profoundly impacted her and in 1952 she opened her first class for children with intellectual disabilities. Dr. Barber's mission expanded throughout her career, opening the first home for children with disabilities in 1958. In 1971, she left the Erie School District to lead an organization serving individuals of all ages, providing care for children from 24 area school districts, adult training and job placement services, group homes and recreational programs, a retirement center for adults in their senior years, and mental health support services.

Dr. Barber passed away on April 29, 2000, but her legacy continues through the Barber National Institute, which provides services to thousands of children and adults with autism, intellectual, and physical disabilities and behavioral health challenges and their families across Pennsylvania.

The cause of beatification and canonization of the Servant of God Dr. Gertrude A. Barber was formally opened by Bishop Lawrence T. Persico of Erie in December 2019.



Francisco: La Iglesia como en los primeros tiempos, debe predicar el Evangelio

En la audiencia general de hoy, el Papa en su catequesis reflexionó sobre la piedad mariana y el vínculo "único y eternamente indestructible" entre la Virgen María y el Espíritu Santo. El Pontífice hizo un llamado a imitar el "sí" de María cada vez que nos encontremos ante una obediencia que cumplir o una prueba que superar.

Lorena Leonardi - Ciudad del Vaticano



En todos los tiempos, y particularmente ahora, la Iglesia se encuentra como «en las secuelas de la Ascensión de Jesús al cielo» y «debe predicar el Evangelio a todas las naciones, pero espera el "poder de lo alto" para poder hacerlo. Y no olvidemos que en ese momento, como leemos en los Hechos de los Apóstoles, los discípulos estaban reunidos en torno a 'María, la madre de Jesús'».

Continuando el ciclo de catequesis sobre el Espíritu Santo, el Papa Francisco introdujo así su reflexión sobre la relación entre la Virgen y el Espíritu Santo esta mañana en la audiencia general en la Plaza de San Pedro.

Un vínculo único e indestructible

Es verdad, prosigue refiriéndose al episodio de la Ascensión, «que había también otras mujeres con Ella en el cenáculo, pero su presencia es distinta y única entre todas», porque «entre Ella y el Espíritu Santo existe un vínculo único y eternamente indestructible que es la persona misma de Cristo».

Después de haber explorado cómo el Espíritu Santo lleva a cabo su obra de santificación en la Iglesia a través de la Palabra de Dios, los sacramentos y la oración, Francisco explora en la catequesis de hoy cómo esto sucede a través de la piedad mariana.

En la tradición católica existe este lema, este dicho: «Ad lesum per Mariam», es decir, «a Jesús por María». La Virgen nos hace ver a Jesús. Ella nos abre las puertas, ¡siempre! La Virgen es la madre que nos lleva de la mano a Jesús. La Virgen nunca se señala a sí misma, la Virgen señala a Jesús. Y ésta es la piedad mariana: a Jesús a través de las manos de la Virgen.

Una carta escrita con el Espíritu de Dios vivo

Si san Pablo define la comunidad cristiana como «una carta de Cristo compuesta por nosotros, escrita no con tinta, sino con el Espíritu de Dios vivo, no en tablas de piedra, sino en tablas de corazones humanos», entonces María, como primera discípula y figura de la Iglesia, -explica el Papa- es también una carta escrita con el Espíritu de Dios vivo.

Precisamente por esto, puede ser «conocida y leída por todos los hombres», incluso por aquellos que no saben leer libros de teología, por aquellos «pequeños» a los que Jesús dice que se revelan los misterios del Reino, ocultos a los sabios.

María, esposa y discípula del Espíritu Santo

A continuación, el Pontífice repite una oración que San Francisco dedicó a la Virgen y subraya los apelativos presentes: «¡Hija del Padre, Madre del Hijo, Esposa del Espíritu Santo! No se podría ilustrar con palabras más sencillas la relación única de María con la Trinidad».

Una expresión, «esposa del Espíritu Santo», que, según el Papa, «no debe absolutizarse, sino tomarse por la cantidad de verdad que contiene, y es una verdad muy hermosa.

Ella es la esposa, pero es, antes que eso, la discípula del Espíritu Santo. Esposa y discípula... Aprendemos de ella a ser dóciles a las inspiraciones del Espíritu, sobre todo cuando Él nos sugiere que «nos levantemos pronto» y vayamos a ayudar a alguien necesitado, como hizo ella inmediatamente después de que el ángel la dejara.

Como una página en blanco

Cuando María acepta y dice al ángel: 'sí, hágase la voluntad del Señor' y acepta ser la madre de Jesús, es como, subraya el Papa, 'si María dijera a Dios: 'Aquí estoy, soy una tabla de escribir: que el Escritor escriba lo que quiera, que el Señor de todas las cosas haga conmigo'».

Hoy, actualiza Francisco, «diríamos que María se ofrece como una página en blanco en la que el Señor puede escribir lo que quiera». Y así «la Madre de Dios es instrumento del Espíritu Santo en su obra de santificación»: en medio de la «interminable profusión» de palabras dichas y escritas sobre Dios, la Iglesia y la santidad «ella sugiere dos únicas palabras que todos, incluso los más sencillos, pueden pronunciar en cualquier ocasión: "Aquí estoy" y "fiat".

María es la que dijo «sí» al Señor y, con su ejemplo y su intercesión, nos exhorta a decir también nosotros nuestro «sí» a Él, cada vez que nos encontremos ante una obediencia que cumplir o una prueba que superar.

The Immaculate Conception
because December 8 falls on the
Second Sunday of Advent, it is observed
Monday, December 9th

English Mass:
8:15am, 12:10pm,
5:30pm

Spanish Mass:
7PM

Holy Day of Obligation

Important Dates at IHM

Mt. Cristo Rey Pilgrimage

Saturday, November 24, 2024
 Gates Open at 7am
 Reconciliation at Mountain Base
 9am - Noon
 Stations of the Cross
 Procession up the mountain
 Begins at Noon
 Christ the King Vigil Mass
 at the mountain top
 celebrated by Bishop Baldacchino
 3:00pm

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Not a Holy Day of Obligation
 Thursday, November 28, 2024
 English Masses: 8:15am
 Spanish Mass: 10:00am

Season of Advent

Sunday, December 1 –
 Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Immaculate Conception

Correction: Holy Day of Obligation
 Observed Monday, Dec. 9, 2024
 English Masses: 8:15am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm
 Spanish Mass: 7pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Not a Holy Day of Obligation
 Thursday, Dec. 13, 2024
 English Mass: 8:15am
 Bilingual Mass: 6PM
 Procession information
 coming soon

Christmas Tree Lighting

community event
 Saturday, December 21, 2024
 Following the 5:30 Mass

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