

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 24, 2024

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OFFICE HOURS

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



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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.



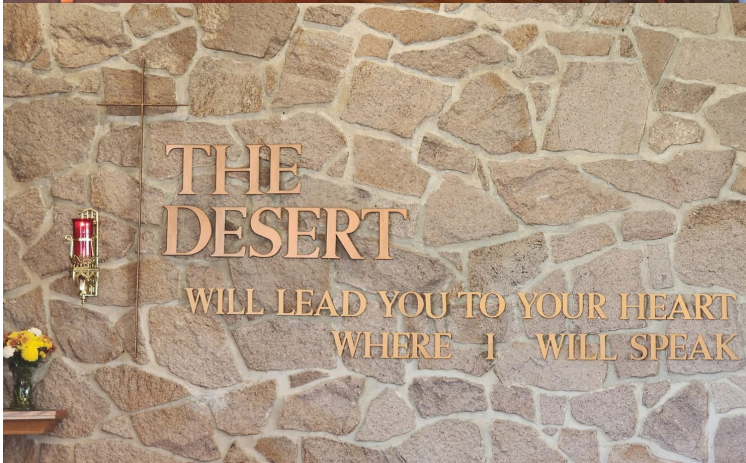
Registration: We welcome new parishioners, fall visitors and visiting friends to our parish. New members are encouraged to visit the IHM office to complete a registration form. We encourage you to use your envelope even if your donation is a modest one; this helps us to know that you are an active parishioner.



RECENT EVENTS

1. Diocesis of Las Cruces Hosted a Priest retreat that took place this past week

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Need a Place to go for Thanksgiving?

Come to IHM on
Nov. 28
Following
10AM



¿Necesita un lugar al que ir para el Día de Acción de Gracias? Ven a IHM el 28 de noviembre después de la misa de las 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

English: 8:15am
and
Spanish: 10:00am

Not A Holy Day of Obligation

Thanksgiving Bring and Share Dinner

Many members of the IHM congregation have no place to go for Thanksgiving.

IHM intends to provide that location

but needs your help in providing the food. **When preparing your family's dinner,**

Make Extra!

Bring it to the Thanksgiving Mass

And place it on the table in the Foyer

"Works of love directed to one's neighbor are the most perfect external manifestation of the interior grace of the Spirit"

~Pope Francis~



Christmas Tree Lighting Children's Choir

Rehearsals will take place on

Wednesday,

December 11 and 18

from 5:15-5:45pm

(before Catechism classes in the school)

Email:

AGriffith@IHM Cathedral.org

For more information or to join



Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?

Dear brothers and sisters as we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King, we are confronted with the truth, the Truth Himself asks us what we know about him, who he is for us, what is our understanding of him and his kingdom.

It is necessary that we may answer with sincerity of the heart, do I know him, listen to him, and accept him as my King or am I just satisfied with what I have heard from others? Do I testify on behalf of the Truth, or am I against the truth?

If you don't know enough about him listen attentively to today's second reading from the book of Rv 1:5-8 it tells us who he is:

He is a faithful witness, not just a witness but faithful! And you and I, are we faithful even to the point of death like Father Agustin Pro. Jose Sanches del Rio and the many martyrs of our present time who have made a powerful proclamation among the rulers of this world: Long live Christ the King!

The first born from the dead and ruler of all the kings of the earth. He is a mighty King. This is a truth that no dictatorship can digest because it is a reproach to their consciousness and a threat to their sick desire for power.

He is the one who loves us and frees us from our sins by his blood. Our King went to the ends of the universe to embrace and save every living being. He did not mislead us, nor conquer us, and never disregarded our freedom, but paved the way with a humble love that forgives all things, hopes all things, sustains all things. This is another statement and truth that should make us happy. We are but slaves in need of freedom, slaves of sin and our passions but there is great news. With his blood we are redeemed. This love alone overcame and continues to overcome our worst enemies: sin, death, and fear.

He is the one who has made us into a kingdom. How generous is our King that after he ransoms us from sins, he makes us partakers of his kingdom and lineage, and we are kings and queens through our baptism.

This reading reminds us that one day he will come amid the clouds, and every eye shall see him and all the peoples of the earth will lament him. It tells us that God is indeed coming, that he is present, guiding our history toward himself, toward all goodness. He comes to love us and give us his life. Why lament him? Because yes, we may know that he is our King, but we don't listen to him, we do not love him, we do not testify about him, we do not work for the establishment of his kingdom on earth.

Knowledge of him and love for him come from a relationship with him.

God always takes the initiative. How many times do we look for God? No, it is the opposite, he has come to us! This is the mystery of the incarnation!

How we relate to God makes a difference. God is in pursuit of every one of us. God's desire for us is to allow him to love us. Why did God make us: to love him, to serve him. He made us to be unselfish and spent eternity with him. In this Ignatian spirituality, love goes beyond any opinion. If you understand this, it will be easy to love others. You cannot love God and not be moved to love your neighbor.

We are created to be in a relationship with God and with others. But keep this in mind:

God embraces us, He is always in pursuit as an expression of His love.

He is patient with us; he waits your whole life to let that love penetrate you.

How much time do you spend with God in prayer, true prayer? Where do you go on the weekends? How do you do to respond to God's love? How many hours of your day, week, and life you dedicate to his service and the building of his kingdom. Today I pray that we may listen to Christ's cry for peace represented on earth by our Holy Father the Pope who asks believers to work for peace in a world threatened by nuclear war and habited by hatred and hostility.

I prayed that we may not become indifferent to the pain of the others, human indifference causes much pain and even worse is the indifference of Christians. Blood is still being shed, as are tears. Anger at every level is growing along with the desire for revenge. But it seems that only a few people care about the biggest necessity and more desired: "dialog and peace".

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Long live Christ the king!

Sincerely, in Christ, Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas Rector.

¿Dices esto por tu cuenta o te lo han contado otros sobre mí?

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, mientras celebramos la solemnidad de Cristo Rey como cortesía, nos enfrentamos a la verdad, la Verdad misma nos pregunta qué sabemos de él, quién es él para nosotros, cuál es nuestra comprensión de él y de su reino.

Es necesario que respondamos con sinceridad de corazón, ¿lo conozco, lo escucho y lo acepto como mi Rey o simplemente estoy satisfecho con lo que he oído de otros. ¿Estoy testificando a favor de la Verdad o estoy en contra de la verdad?

Si no sabes lo suficiente sobre Él, escucha atentamente la segunda lectura de hoy del libro de Ap 1:5-8 que nos dice quién es Él.

¡Él es el testigo fiel, no sólo un testigo sino fiel! Y tú y yo, somos fieles hasta la muerte como el Padre Agustín Pro, José Sánchez del Río y los tantos mártires de nuestro tiempo presente que han hecho una poderosa proclama entre los gobernantes de este mundo: ¡Viva Cristo Rey!

El primogénito de entre los muertos y gobernante de todos los reyes de la tierra. Es un Rey poderoso; esta es una verdad que ninguna dictadura puede digerir porque es un reproche a su conciencia y una amenaza a su enfermizo deseo de poder.

Él es quien nos ama y nos libró de nuestros pecados con su sangre. Nuestro Rey fue hasta los confines del universo para abrazar y salvar a todo ser viviente, no nos engañó, ni nos conquistó, y nunca nos despreció. nuestra libertad, pero allanó el camino con un amor humilde que todo lo perdona, todo lo espera, todo lo sostiene cf.13:7] Este es otro estatuto y verdad que nos hará felices. No somos más que esclavos necesitados de libertad, esclavos del pecado y de nuestras pasiones ganadas, pero hay una gran noticia: por su sangre somos redimidos. Sólo este amor venció y sigue venciendo a nuestros peores enemigos: el pecado, la muerte y el miedo.

Él es quien nos ha hecho un reino. Cuán generoso es nuestro Rey que después de rescatarnos del pecado nos hace partícipes de su reino y linaje, somos reyes y reinas a través de nuestro bautismo.

Esta lectura es muy escatológica nos recuerda que un día vendrá entre las nubes, y todo ojo lo verá y todos los pueblos de la tierra lo lamentarán. Nos dice que Dios efectivamente viene, que está presente y obra, guiando nuestra historia hacia sí mismo, hacia todo el bien que viene a amarnos y darnos su misma vida. ¿Por qué lamentarse de él? Porque sí podemos saber que él es nuestro Rey, pero no lo escuchamos, no lo amamos, no testificamos, no trabajamos por el establecimiento de su reino en la tierra.

El conocimiento de Él y el amor por Él provienen de una relación con Él.

Dios siempre toma la iniciativa, ¿cuántas veces pensamos que buscamos a Dios? No, es todo lo contrario, ¡ha venido a nosotros! ¡Este es el misterio de la encarnación!

La forma en que nos relacionamos con Dios hace la diferencia. Dios está cerca de cada uno de nosotros. El deseo de Dios para nosotros es permitirle amarnos. Por qué Dios nos hizo para: amarlo, para servirlo. Él no nos hizo para ser egoístas sino para que pasemos la eternidad con Él. En esta espiritualidad ignaciana el Amor va más allá de cualquier opinión. Si entiendes esto, será fácil amar a los demás. No se puede amar a Dios y no moverse a amar al prójimo.

Fuimos creados para tener una relación con Dios y con los demás, pero tenga esto en cuenta:

Dios nunca se aleja de nosotros, sino que nos abraza. Él siempre está muy cerca de nosotros como expresión de su amor.

Él es paciente con nosotros; espera toda la vida para dejar que ese amor nos penetre.

¿Cuánto tiempo pasas con Dios en oración, oración verdadera? ¿A dónde van los fines de semana? ¿Qué haces para responder al amor de Dios? Cuántas horas de tu día, semana y vida dedicas a su servicio y a la construcción de su reino. Hoy oro para que podamos escuchar

al grito de paz de Cristo que representó en la tierra nuestro Santo Padre el Papa que pide a los creyentes trabajar por la paz en un mundo amenazado por la guerra nuclear y desgarrado por el odio y la hostilidad.

Recé para que no nos volvamos indiferentes al dolor de los demás, la indiferencia humana causa mucho dolor y peor la indiferencia de los cristianos. La sangre sigue derramándose, al igual que las lágrimas, la ira a todos los niveles crece junto con el deseo de venganza, mientras parece que sólo unos pocos se preocupan por lo que más se necesita y se desea: el diálogo y la paz.

Que haya paz en la tierra y que comience conmigo. ¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Atentamente, en Cristo, Padre Alejandro Reyes Cárdenas Rector.

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, November 23

5:30 PM † Vicente Ismael Valenzuela (by Family)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, November 24

Dn 7:13-14/ Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5/ Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37

7:30 AM † Alfred † Betty Moreno (by Erlinda Moreno)
Our Lady of the Las Americas (by Debra Martinez)

9:00 AM(Sp) † George Ortiz y Familia (por Mannie Morales)
† Saul Burciaga † Manuel Burciaga (por Bertha Burciaga)
Almas del Purgatorio

11:00 AM † Jose R. Gallegos (by Jose A. Gallegos)
† Luis Garcia
† Cruz Amalia † Felipe Mendoza (by Magdalena Mendoza)

Monday/Lunes, November 25

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ LK 21:1-4

8:15 AM Prayers for Marriages

Tuesday/Martes, November 26

RV 14:14-19/ 96:10, 11-12, 13/ LK 21:5-11

8:15 AM † Anthonette M Alejandres (by JoAnn Marquez)
† Adela G. Martinez (by Diana Gardea)

6:00 PM (Sp) Por los Niños no nacidos

Wednesday/Miércoles, November 27

RV 15:1-4/ Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 7-8, 9/ LK 21:12-19

8:15 AM IHM Families

Thursday/Jueves, November 28

Sir 50:22-24/ Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/ Lk 17:11-19

8:15 AM † Margaret Deason (by Thomas Deason)

6:00 PM Prayers for Addicts

Friday/Viernes, November 29

RV 20:1-4, 11—21:2/ Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6A and 8A/ LK 21:29-33

8:15 AM Soul in Purgatory (by Gloria Lithgow)

Saturday/Sabado, November 23

Rom 10:9-18/ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/ Mt 4:18-22

8:15 AM For those who Live Alone

WHAT IS HAPPENING



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.*

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



Advent Penance Service

Friday,
December 6
6pm



"Surviving the Holidays"



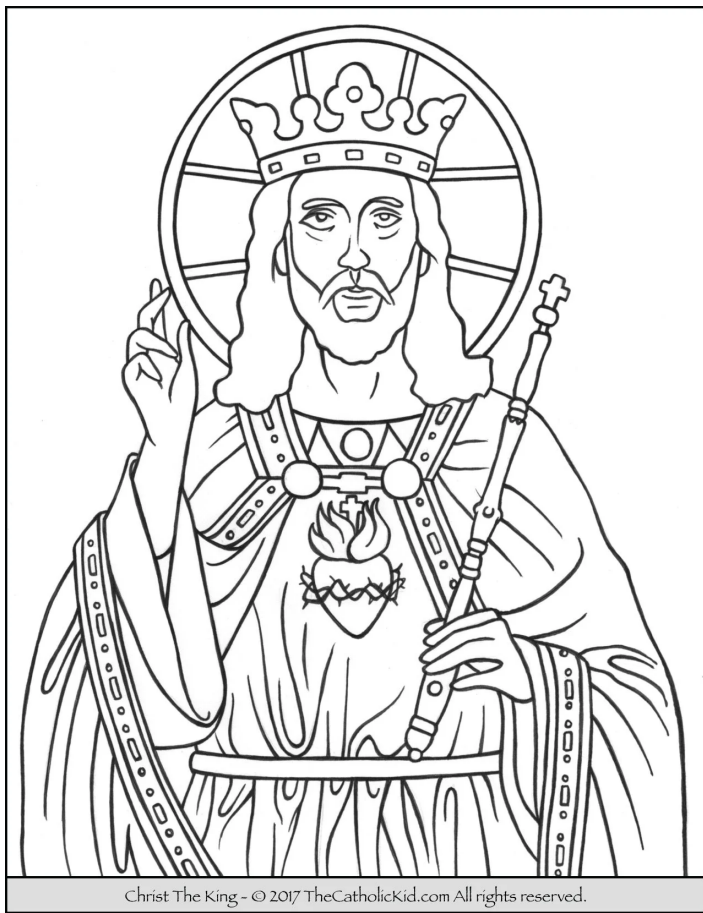
Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Whether it was very recent or many years ago, the Christmas Holidays can be one of the most difficult times for people in grief. This special session, "Surviving the Holidays," offers strategies and perspectives to help the bereaved manage their emotions.

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.



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Monday-Friday
8:30am – 4:30pm
 Located in the IHM office

prayer
Requests 

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

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**To add a name to the parish prayer list
 in the bulletin,
 simply call the IHM office at (575)523-2252
 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!**

PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL

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

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Collections: 11-17-2024

Sunday Collection:	\$4,816.00
Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development:	\$1,127.00
Front Office:	\$1299.00
Gift Shop:	\$126.00
Mail In:	\$636.00

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

December 1: Saint Mother Teresa Fund: Our Ministry that helps the needy with utility bills, food pantry and clothing

Ongoing for the Month of December: orders for Christmas Luminarias in memoriam of loved ones who have passed.

Mass Intentions Weekday: \$10.00 • Weekend: \$15.00 • Prayer Request: Free

**** Please request Mass Intentions at least 2 weeks in advance. ****



Saint Catherine of Alexandria

Patron Saint of: Students, teachers, librarians and Loyers

Feast Day: November 25

Catherine was of noble birth and was an avid scholar. At the age of 14, she experienced a vision of Mary and the infant Jesus, and she became Christian.

When the emperor Maxentius began persecuting Christians, instead of hiding, Catherine visited him to denounce his cruelty.

Rather than order her execution, Emperor Maxentius summoned Fifty pagan philosophers who are said to have debated her, hoping to convince her to abjure her faith. Instead, Catherine converted them to Christianity and they were immediately executed. Furious, the Emperor ordered her to be tortured and imprisoned. Despite being scourged, she did not abandon her faith which drew the attention of Valeria, Maximilla's wife. She visited Catherine in person and she too converted. He was forced to execute his own wife for this conversion.

Maxentius made a final attempt to persuade the beautiful Catherine to abandon her faith by proposing marriage to her. This would have made her a powerful empress. Catherine refused, saying she was married to Jesus Christ and that her virginity was dedicated to him. He ordered she be put to death on a spiked wheel; but the wheel broke. Eventually, she was martyred by beheading.



Santa Catalina de Alejandría

Patrona de: Estudiantes, profesores, bibliotecarios y loyers.

Día festivo: 25 de noviembre



Catalina era de noble cuna y era una ávida erudita. A la edad de 14 años, tuvo una visión de María y el niño Jesús y se hizo cristiana.

Cuando el emperador Majencio comenzó a perseguir a los cristianos, Catalina lo visitó para denunciar su crueldad.

En lugar de ordenar su ejecución, Majencio eligió un camino diferente. Se dice que cincuenta filósofos paganos debatieron sobre ella, con la esperanza de convencerla de que abjurara de su fe. En cambio, Catalina los

convirtió al cristianismo y fueron ejecutados inmediatamente. Furioso, el Emperador ordenó que la torturaran y la encarcelaran. A pesar de ser azotada, no abandonó su fe, lo que llamó la atención de Valeria, la esposa de Maximilla. Visitó personalmente a Catalina y ella también se convirtió. Se vio obligado a ejecutar a su propia esposa por esta conversión.

Majencio hizo un último intento de persuadir a la bella Catalina de que abandonara su fe proponiéndole matrimonio. Esto la habría convertido en una poderosa emperatriz. Catalina se negó, diciendo que estaba casada con Jesucristo y que su virginidad estaba dedicada a él. Ordenó que la mataran en una rueda con púas; pero la rueda se rompió. Finalmente, fue martirizada por decapitación.

Pope creates new Pontifical Committee for World Day of Children

Pope Francis establishes the Pontifical Committee for the World Day of Children, which will promote the World Day and the Church's mission of advocating respect for the rights and dignity of children.

By Devin Watkins

"A child's gaze is one of awe and openness to mystery, seeing what adults often fail to perceive."

Pope Francis upheld the importance of children in his Chirograph establishing the Pontifical Committee for the World Day of Children, which was released on Wednesday.

He entrusted the new Pontifical Committee with the mission of "promoting, organizing, and animating the World Day for Children."

The Pope appointed Fr. Enzo Fortunato, O.F.M. Conv., as the first President of the Pontifical Committee for the World Day of Children.

Christians called to become child-like in wonder

In his Chirograph, Pope Francis noted that the social status of children has changed greatly throughout human history.

"In Jesus' time, children were not highly regarded," he said. "They were considered 'not-yet-men' and were even seen as a nuisance by rabbis focused on explaining the mysteries of the Kingdom."

Jesus, added the Pope, overturns this mentality and urges His own disciples to imitate the wonder with which children approach life.

"Disciples," said the Holy Father, "are called to grow in trust, abandonment, wonder, and amazement—qualities that age and disillusionment often extinguish in humanity."

Since children have been redeemed by the Blood of Christ, they too have inherent value in their current stage in life, not only for what they will contribute to the Church and society in the future when they become adults," he said.

"Family, Church, and State exist for children, not the other way around," said the Pope. "From birth, every human being is the subject of inalienable, inviolable, and universal rights."

Care for children 'a duty and expression of charity'



Pope Francis then urged the Church to give voice to the rights of children as her duty and as an expression of charity.

Children, he said, have a need and a right "to be recognized, welcomed, and understood by their mothers, fathers, and families, in order to have trust;

to be surrounded by affection and experience emotional security, whether they live with their parents or not, to discover their identity; and, to have a name, a family, and a nationality, along with respect and a good reputation, to enjoy emotional stability in their living and educational conditions."

The World Day of Children, he said, offers an opportunity to put children at the center of the Church's pastoral action and unite dioceses across the world in recognition of the importance of children.

The Pope also said the World Day helps children to "know, love, and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ in His role as Friend and Good Shepherd and to root their faith in the tradition of the holy children whom the Church treasures as a spiritual heritage."

Priority of pastoral care for children

In conclusion, Pope Francis said the Pontifical Committee for the World Day of Children will keep the annual event from becoming an isolated event.

Rather, he said, the World Day of Children should become a sustained effort to ensure that "pastoral care for children increasingly becomes a qualified priority in evangelical and pedagogical terms."

El Papa: En un mundo bajo amenaza nuclear, los creyentes trabajen por la paz

Esta mañana, antes de la audiencia general, Francisco se reunió con los participantes en el XII Coloquio del Dicasterio para el Diálogo Interreligioso con el «Centro para el Diálogo Interreligioso e Intercultural» de Teherán, sobre el

tema «La educación de los jóvenes en particular en la familia: un desafío para cristianos y musulmanes» y subrayó que el compromiso por la paz de quienes creen en el «Dios del amor omnipotente», nos hace «creíbles a los ojos del mundo y de las nuevas generaciones».

Alessandro Di Bussolo – Ciudad del Vaticano

El compromiso que juntos, «los creyentes en el Dios de la paz», «el Dios del amor omnipotente», podemos «demostrar por la paz nos hace creíbles a los ojos del mundo y en particular de las nuevas generaciones». Y la actualidad de un mundo «dividido y desgarrado por el odio, las tensiones, las guerras y las amenazas de conflicto nuclear» nos impulsa a «rezar y trabajar por el diálogo, la reconciliación, la paz, la seguridad y el desarrollo integral de toda la humanidad». Así lo subrayó el Papa Francisco en el encuentro de esta mañana, antes de la audiencia general en el aula del Aula Pablo VI, con los participantes en el XII Coloquio del Dicasterio para el Diálogo Interreligioso con el «Centro para el Diálogo Interreligioso e Intercultural» de Teherán, que se celebra en el Vaticano.

La contribución educativa de los abuelos, un elemento común

Tras alegrarse de la larga colaboración entre los dos organismos, «a favor de la cultura del diálogo, un tema fundamental y muy querido para mí», el Papa felicitó a los presentes por la elección del tema «muy bello» del Coloquio: «La educación de los jóvenes en particular en la familia: un desafío para cristianos y musulmanes». Reiteró que la familia, «cuna de la vida, es el lugar primordial de la educación», es en ella «donde se dan los primeros pasos y se aprende a escuchar, a reconocer al otro, a respetarlo, a ayudarlo y a vivir con él».

Un elemento común de nuestras diferentes tradiciones religiosas se encuentra en la contribución educativa que los ancianos aportan a los jóvenes. Los abuelos, con su sabiduría, imparten educación religiosa a sus nietos, actuando como un vínculo decisivo en la relación familiar entre generaciones.

El diálogo entre creyentes abre al encuentro en la familia humana

Una religiosidad que, transmitida sin formalismos y con el testimonio de la vida, debe considerarse, para Francisco, «de gran valor para el crecimiento de los jóvenes». Y es también «un desafío educativo común» para cristianos y musulmanes, en las nuevas situaciones complejas de los matrimonios «mixtos», en los que, como escribió en la Exhortación postsinodal *Amoris laetitia*, «se puede reconocer un lugar privilegiado para el diálogo interreligioso». La familia, afectada por el debilitamiento «de la fe y de la práctica religiosa en algunas sociedades», está llamada hoy a afrontar muchos desafíos, y para cumplir mejor su misión educativa, según el Pontífice, «necesita el apoyo de todos, incluidos el Estado, la escuela, la propia comunidad religiosa y otras instituciones».

Entre las diversas tareas de la familia está la de educar a «habitar» más allá de los confines de la propia casa. El diálogo entre creyentes de diversas religiones hace precisamente eso, permite salir de los esquemas estructurados para abrirse al encuentro en la gran familia humana universal.

Cooperazione fraterna e dignità di ogni persona

Un diálogo que, para ser fructífero, «debe ser abierto, debe ser sincero, debe ser respetuoso, debe ser amistoso, debe ser concreto», de modo que «sea creíble a los ojos de la propia comunidad, así como ante los interlocutores y sus comunidades, sin olvidar nunca que a Dios daremos cuenta de todo lo que pensamos, decimos o hacemos». Por último, para el Papa, la educación de los jóvenes «se realiza mediante la cooperación fraterna en la búsqueda de Dios».

En esta búsqueda, no debemos cansarnos nunca de hablar y trabajar por la dignidad y los derechos de cada persona, de cada comunidad y de cada pueblo. La libertad de conciencia y la libertad religiosa son, de hecho, la piedra angular del edificio de los derechos humanos.

Porque la libertad religiosa, y aquí Francisco cita al Concilio Vaticano II, «no se limita al ejercicio del propio culto, sino que permite ser totalmente libres para decidir en el ámbito de la propia creencia y práctica religiosa».

Cerca del pequeño rebaño de católicos en Irán

Al comienzo de su discurso, el Pontífice recordó que en el consistorio del 7 de diciembre creará cardenal al arzobispo de Teherán-Ispahan,

Dominique Joseph Mathieu.

Esta elección, que expresa cercanía y solicitud por la Iglesia en Irán, se refleja también en todo el país. Es un honor para todo el país.

Y al saludar cordialmente al arzobispo caldeo de Teherán, monseñor Imad Khoshaba Gargees, presente en la audiencia, subrayó que la suerte del «pequeño rebaño» de la Iglesia católica en Irán «está muy cerca de su corazón». A continuación, confirmó que era consciente de «su situación y de los retos que está llamada a afrontar» para dar testimonio de Cristo y «aportar su discreta pero significativa contribución al bien de la sociedad en su conjunto, libre de discriminaciones religiosas, étnicas o políticas».

THAT HE WOULD RING IN OUR HEARTS

In 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in his encyclical letter *Quas Primas*, in response to growing nationalism and secularism around the world. He had the foresight to realize that secularism could soon wage awful wars against the Church.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and in many parts of Europe, atheistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments of men around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Pope Pius XI said that Christ "reign[s] 'in the hearts of men,' both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind."

While we hope and pray that the dark times of almost a century ago remain in the past, a troubling recent Pew Forum report shows that religious intolerance is on the rise worldwide, including in the United States. Therefore, we must remain vigilant when our first American freedom protected under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is threatened.

Religious liberty gives us the ability not just to worship at Mass but the freedom to feed the hungry, serve the needy, and tend to the sick. During this time when we come together as a nation in thanksgiving for our many blessings, let us thank God for the gift of religious liberty and ask that it not be taken for granted.

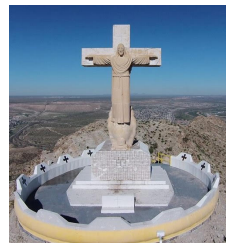
Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator,
from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as
your people and given us
the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,
and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out
our faith in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of
society.

We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.
Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your
Church

in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us—
this great land will always be "one nation, under
God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Important Dates at IHM

Thanksgiving Day Mass

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

Thanksgiving

Bring and Share Dinner
 Thursday, November 28, 2024
 Following the 10:00am Mass
Food donations accepted after all Thanksgiving Day Masses

Season of Advent

Sunday, December 1 –
 Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Advent Penance Service

Friday, Dec. 6, 2024
 6:00pm

Immaculate Conception

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. 12, 2024
 English Masses: 8:15am
 Bilingual Mass: 6PM
 Procession: 4PM

Christmas Tree Lighting and Posada

Saturday, December 21, 2024
 Following the 5:30 Mass
 Join us for a community event which includes an IHM children's choir Performance

Christmas Masses

Holy Day of Obligation
 Tuesday, December 24
 Children's Mass – 5:30pm
 Midnight Mass
 Wednesday, December 25
 English Mass*: 11am
 Spanish Mass: 9am
 *Other Masses May be Added

IHM Catechism Announcements:

Nativity Play Rehearsal Nov. 26 – 6pm-7pm
No Class November 27 – Thanksgiving Break
Next Parent Meeting December 11 – Holy Hour
Tree Lighting Choir Performance Dec. 21–6:40pm
 Rehearsals Dec. 11 and 18 – 5:15pm-5:45pm

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