

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHEDRAL PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS

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



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. Speaker Teresa Avila presentation on her experiences with Mother Teresa of Calcutta
2. Priest gathering and Christmas celebration December 21, 2024



"Where is the newborn king?" Matthew 2:1-12

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we celebrate the three wise men, Melchior, Gasper and Balthazar. This tradition of the church celebrates their visitation to the newborn King, who continues growing through the years. As it has been said, the family is the school of tradition. We have the mission to pass our faith to our young generations, including this visitation by the 3 wise men.

I have great memories of this day, and I miss those times when innocence and joy were so present in our lives. I strongly believe that our lives as Catholics is a constant search for God and the meaning of suffering in life.

Do not give up on this endeavor to go and give him homage! Do not be surprised but this king constantly comes to meet us where we are! Look at him; he is found now on the cross and seen on the faces of others, the little ones, the smaller ones, the humble ones.

"The three kings were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother."

They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. I make a constant call for joy even amidst your sufferings that you also pay Him homage. This is a sincere desire of my heart that you may see him and let his face shine on you. Please be aware of this; The three kings teach us to discover God in poverty, humility, and silence. The Magi perhaps were expecting a powerful and prodigious Messiah, but instead they found a baby and met God in poverty.

Do not be afraid to meet him in the poverty of our hearts, even in the misery of our lives. We may not have gifts like the wise men offered, but still, He comes to enrich us with his love and divine life.

There is a story that I really like, and it is called "The Dream of Mary." It goes like this... I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our son. The people in my dream had been preparing for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought many elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right inside their homes! They'd decorated the tree with sparkling ornaments. There was a figure like an angel on the top of the tree. Everyone was laughing and happy. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our son. I don't think they even knew him. They never mentioned His name. I had the strangest feeling that, if our Jesus had gone to this celebration he would have been intruding. How sad for someone not to be wanted at his own birthday party! I'm glad it was only a dream. It would be terrible Joseph if it had been real!

Today I ask you where the newborn king is? Where do we put him? Do we put Him out of our systems, out of our families, out of society, or out of our lives? Where, where is he? Is He in the corner of our houses, in the garage, or where He belongs, in the center of our families?

The greatest gift you can offer him is your heart, it does not matter how broken or hurt it is because He can restore it with his powerful hands and make it new. This can be your gift this Christmas -- a new heart.

Happy Epiphany!

Sincerely,

Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas, Rector

"¿Dónde está el rey que acaba de nacer?" Mateo 2,1-12

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, hoy celebramos a los Reyes Magos, Melchor, Gaspar y Baltasar. Ruego que esta tradición celebre su visita al Rey recién nacido, que sigue creciendo a través de los años. Como se ha dicho, la familia es la escuela de la tradición. Tenemos la misión de transmitir nuestra fe a nuestras jóvenes generaciones.

Tengo grandes recuerdos de este día, y extraño esos momentos en los que la inocencia y la alegría estaban tan presentes en nuestras vidas. Creo firmemente que nuestra vida como católicos es una búsqueda constante de Dios y del sentido del sufrimiento en la vida.

No desistan de este empeño de ir a rendirle homenaje, no se sorprendan, ¡pero este Rey constantemente viene a nuestro encuentro donde estemos! Mírenlo, se encuentra ahora en la cruz y se ve en los rostros de los demás, los pequeños, los más pequeños, los humildes.

"Los tres Reyes Magos se llenaron de alegría al ver la estrella, y al entrar en la casa vieron al niño con María, su madre".

Se postraron y le rindieron homenaje. Hago un llamado constante a la alegría incluso en medio de vuestros sufrimientos, ¿por qué no por proselitismo sino porque es un deseo sincero de mi corazón que lo veáis y hagáis brillar su rostro sobre vosotros? Tened presente esto: los Reyes Magos nos enseñan a descubrir a Dios en la pobreza, en la humildad y en el silencio. Los Magos tal vez esperaban un Mesías poderoso y prodigioso, pero en cambio encontraron un niño y encontraron a Dios en la pobreza.

No tengáis miedo de encontrarlo en la pobreza de nuestro corazón, incluso en la miseria de nuestra vida probablemente no tenemos nada más que ofrecer, pero Él viene a enriquecernos con su amor y su vida divina.

Hay una historia que me gusta mucho, se llama "el sueño de María" y dice así: "Tuve un sueño, José. No lo entiendo, pero creo que se trataba de una celebración de cumpleaños para nuestro hijo. Las personas en mi sueño habían estado preparándose durante unas seis semanas, habían decorado la casa y comprado ropa nueva, habían ido de compras muchas veces y comprado muchos regalos elaborados, sin embargo, era peculiar, porque los regalos no eran para nuestro hijo, los envolvieron en un hermoso papel y los apilaron debajo de un árbol. ¡Sí, un árbol, José, justo dentro de sus casas! habían decorado el árbol con adornos brillantes había una figura como un ángel en la parte superior del árbol todos reían y estaban felices se dieron los regalos entre sí, a José, no a nuestro hijo no creo que ni siquiera lo conocieran nunca mencionaron su nombre. Tuve la sensación más extraña de que, si nuestro Jesús hubiera ido a esta celebración, habría sido un intruso. ¡Qué triste que alguien no sea bienvenido en su propia fiesta de cumpleaños! Me alegro de que solo haya sido un sueño. ¡Qué terrible José, si hubiera sido real!

Hoy les pregunto ¿dónde está el rey recién nacido? ¿Dónde lo ponemos? ¿Fuera de nuestros sistemas? ¿Fuera de las familias? ¿Fuera de la sociedad? ¿Fuera de nuestras vidas? ¿Dónde, dónde está? ¿En la esquina de nuestras casas, en el garaje? ¿O en el centro de nuestras familias?

El regalo más grande que le puedes ofrecer es tu corazón, no importa cuán roto o herido esté él puede restaurarlo con sus manos poderosas y hacerlo nuevo. Este puede ser tu regalo en esta Navidad con un corazón nuevo.

¡Feliz día de Epifanía!

Atentamente, Padre Alejandro Reyes Cárdenas Rector.

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, January 4

- 5:30 PM † Ernesto Fragoso (by Fragoso Family)
† Sonny Saiz (by Alica Saiz)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, January 5

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12

- 7:00 AM † Jesse Garcia (by Crystal Medina)
† Gabriel Morales † Natividad Morales
(by Elvira and Michael Saenz)
- 9:00 AM(Sp) † Joshua Gonzalez
(Happy Heavenly Birthday, by Medina Family)
† Maria Elena † Manuela Echaverria (by Family)
Almas del Purgatorio
- 11:00 AM Blanca Rasurat (by Edmundo Rodriguez)
† Felipe E. Gloria (by Diana Gloria)
† Cruz B. Gloria (by Diana Gloria)
† Samuel B. Gloria (by Diana Gloria)

Monday/Lunes, January 6

1 John 3:22-4:6 / Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a / Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

- 8:15 AM † Joshua Gonzalez
(Happy heavenly birthday, by Sandra Guerrero)
† Antonette Montella (by Victoria Leach)

Tuesday/Martes, January 7

1 John 4:7-10 / Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 / Mark 6:34-44

- 8:15 AM † Luis Garcia (by Family)
Alejandro Velazco
(For healing and thanksgiving by Eliza and Steve Archuleta)
Roman Gabriel
(For healing and thanksgiving by Eliza and Steve Archuleta)
- 6:00 PM(Sp) Por los Jóvenes de Nuestra Comunidad

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 8

1 John 4:11-18 / Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 / Mark 6:45-52

- 8:15 AM † Roman Archuleta (by Eliza and Steve Archuleta)
† Mildred Archuleta (by Eliza and Steve Archuleta)
† Lupe Gallegos † Monica Gallegos (by Olivia Gallegos)

Thursday/Jueves, January 9

1 John 4:19-5:4 / Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 / Luke 4:14-22

- 8:15 AM † Monserrat Saiz † Javier Cruz Torrez (by Ericka Grijalva)
6:00 PM Por los Niños no nacidos

Friday/Viernes, January 10

1 John 5:5-13 / Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 / Luke 5:12-16

- 8:15 AM Holy Family/ St. Anthony (by Lorenza Apodaca)

Saturday/Sabado, January 11

1 John 5:14-21 / Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b / John 3:22-30

- 8:15 AM † Saul Burciaga (by the Burciaga Family)
39th Wedding Anniversary for Margaret and Lalo Torres
(by Margaret Torres)

WHAT IS HAPPENING



Is a 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.

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

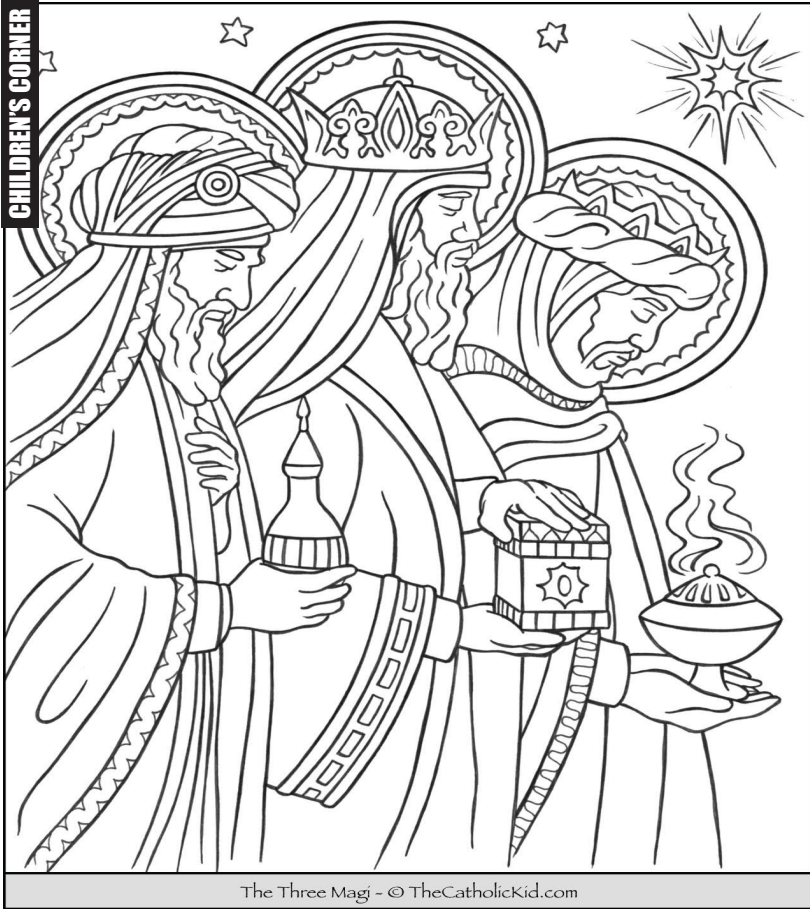


Mass Intentions

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.



The Three Magi - © TheCatholicKid.com

CHILDREN'S CORNER

prayer Requests



“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)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!



Baptism of Our Lord

Already in 300 AD, the Eastern Church celebrated the Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus on 6 January. In the Western Church, this feast was mentioned in the Liturgy of the Hours. With the reform of the liturgy in 1969, the

date for this Feast was set on the Sunday after the Epiphany. When the Feast of the Epiphany is not celebrated on 6 January, it is celebrated on the Sunday between 2 and 8 January, and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Monday following the Epiphany. The Christmas Season concludes with the celebration of this Feast, even though a “window” is left open until 2 February, the day on which the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple is celebrated. The latter feast is also known as Candlemas since Christ is proclaimed as the “light for the gentiles”.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/feast-of-the-baptism-of-the-lord.html>

PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL

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

Collections: 12-29-2024

1st Collection.....	\$6,289.00
Christmas Masses.....	\$4,342.00
Front Office.....	\$12,835.00
Gift Shop.....	\$1,287.00

2nd Collections:

January 12: IHM Building Fund

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

January 2025

POPE'S INTENTION
THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION



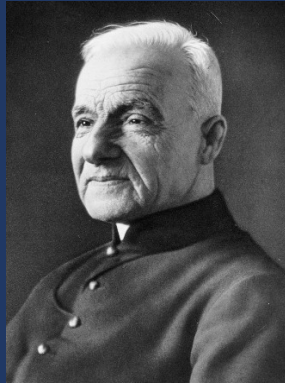


St. André Bessette

Patron Saint of the Sick, Marginalized, and family caregivers

Feast Day: January 6

25-year-old Alfred Bessette was an unlikely vocation. Orphaned at 12, he was desperately poor and couldn't even read. He had been an itinerant worker most of his life, in Quebec and in factories in the United States. But Alfred suffered poor health from birth and could not work as much as an ordinary laborer. "Brother André," he was called, taking on a new name for his new life. His community could not think of anything for him to do other than answer the door of their boarding school. "At the end of my novitiate," Brother André joked later, "my superiors showed me the door, and there I stayed for forty years."



Something happens when the same person answers the door for hundreds of people day in and day out, for years. They begin to tell him their sufferings. He prays with the sick, asks God to heal them, and commends them to St. Joseph, whom he loves. The word begins to spread quietly through the city: God has given him the gift of healing. People at the door no longer come to see those inside; they want the porter.

To everyone who came, Brother André's message was the same: "Go to Joseph. He will help you. Come, we'll pray together." In 1904 he wanted to build a chapel to honor St. Joseph and started by giving haircuts at 5 cents each. Eventually so many pilgrims came, the small roofless chapel became a basilica.

San Andrés Bessette

Patrona de: los enfermos, los marginados y los cuidadores familiares

Día festivo: 6 de enero

Alfred Bessette, de 25 años, era una vocación improbable. Huérfano a los 12 años, era desesperadamente pobre y ni siquiera sabía leer. Había sido un trabajador itinerante la mayor parte de su vida, en Quebec y en fábricas de Estados Unidos. Pero Alfred sufrió problemas de salud desde que nació y no podía trabajar tanto como un trabajador común y corriente. "Hermano André", lo llamaron, tomando un nuevo nombre para su nueva vida. A su comunidad no se le ocurrió otra cosa que hacer que abrir la puerta de su internado. "Al final de mi noviciado", bromeó más tarde el hermano André, "mis superiores me mostraron la puerta y allí permanecí cuarenta años".

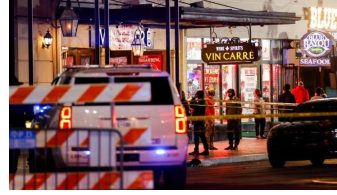
Algo sucede cuando la misma persona abre la puerta a cientos de personas día tras día, durante años. Comienzan a contarle sus sufrimientos. Ora con los enfermos, pide a Dios que los sane y los encomienda a San José, a quien ama. La noticia comienza a correr silenciosamente por la ciudad: Dios le ha dado el don de curar. La gente que está en la puerta ya no viene a ver a los que están dentro; Quieren al portero.

Para todos los que vinieron, el mensaje del hermano André fue el mismo: "Vayan con José. Él te ayudará. Ven, rezaremos juntos." En 1904 quiso construir una capilla en honor a San José y comenzó cortando el pelo a 5 centavos cada uno. Al final llegaron tantos peregrinos que la pequeña capilla sin techo se convirtió en una basílica.

Pope 'deeply saddened' by New Orleans terrorist attack

In a telegram sent to Gregory Aymond, the Archbishop of New Orleans, Pope Francis speaks of his 'spiritual closeness' to those affected by the recent terrorist attack there.

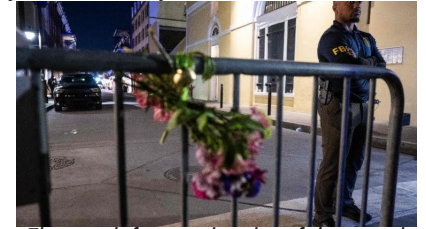
By Joseph Tulloch



Pope Francis has said he is "deeply saddened" to learn of the "loss of life and injury" caused by a recent terrorist attack in the US city of New Orleans.

On January 1st, 15 people were killed, and dozens wounded, after a 42-year old man drove a pick-up truck at high speed into a crowd. In his telegram, sent to Archbishop Gregory Aymons of New Orleans, the Pope assured the entire city of his "spiritual closeness", and commended the victims to "the loving mercy of Almighty God".

The message – signed by Holy See Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin – added that the Pope is praying for those affected, and that, "as a pledge of peace and strength in the Lord, the Holy Father sends his blessing".



Flowers left near the site of the attack

The attack

In the early hours of the 1st January, a man – now identified as Shamsud-Din Jabbar, a Texas resident and US Army veteran – drove a rented pickup truck at high speed into a crowd in New Orleans' bustling French Quarter.

He was subsequently shot in a standoff with police. However, authorities have said that they believe multiple people were involved in the attack.

According to the FBI, an Islamic State flag was found in the truck, and U.S. President Joe Biden has said that the attack was inspired by the group.

Pope Francis invites us to cherish life and entrust 2025 to Mary

Mary "immerses us once more in the mystery of Christmas" and leads us to Jesus, says Pope Francis, as he celebrates Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Mother of God.

By Christopher Wells

Pope Francis marked the beginning of 2025 with the celebration of Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God.



Pope Francis presides at Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God

In his homily, the Holy Father said that "like a Mother," Mary points us to her Son and leads us to Jesus.

The mystery of Christmas

Today's feast, he said, "immerses us once more in the mystery of Christmas" – a mystery summed up in the Second Reading, where St Paul

tells us that "God sent forth His Son, born of a woman." These words "echo in our hearts today" and "remind us that Jesus, our Saviour, became flesh and is revealed in the frailty of the flesh."

That Jesus was born of a woman reminds us "that God became truly man through a human womb" – showing us that God is not simply "some vague religious feeling or fleeting emotion," but "has a face and a Name, and calls us to have a relationship with Him."



Pope Francis with children dressed as the Wise Men

Jesus, the Pope said, "is one of us, and thus is able to save us."

Jesus shows us the face of God

St Paul's words also "speak to us about the humanity of Christ" who is "revealed in the frailty of flesh." Jesus' coming as a tiny baby, through the Virgin Mary, reveals how God chooses to act: "through littleness and hiddenness." Jesus, the Pope said, "revealed God's love in the beauty of His humanity, dwelling in our midst, sharing our daily life... by the frailty of His humanity and His concern for the weak and vulnerable, Jesus shows us the face of God."

Pope Francis invited us to "entrust this new year to Mary, the Mother of God," with the hope that we might learn, "like her" to protect "the precious gift of life."

Cherishing all human life

Today, the Pope continued, on this World Day of Peace, "all of us are invited to take up the summons that flow from the maternal heart of Mary: to cherish life, to care for life, to restore dignity to the lives of everyone 'born of woman,' for this is the basis for building a culture of peace."

This, he said, is the reason for his appeal "for a firm commitment to respect the dignity of human life from conception to natural death."

"Let us entrust to Mary this new Jubilee Year," the Holy Father concluded. "Let us entrust to her our questions, our worries, our sufferings, our joys and all the concerns that we bear in our hearts. Let us entrust to her the whole world, so that hope may be reborn and peace may finally spring up for all the peoples of the earth."

Jubileo 2025: abierta la Puerta Santa en Santa María la Mayor

Tras el rito, el Cardenal Rolandas Makrickas, arcipreste coadjutor de la Basílica liberiana, preside la santa misa en la solemnidad de Santa María Madre de Dios. En su homilía recuerda que estamos llamados a una esperanza gozosa. Reflexiona sobre el don del tiempo, "criatura de Dios", y advierte del impacto de las nuevas tecnologías que corren el riesgo de no valorarlo.

Sebastián Sansón Ferrari - Ciudad del Vaticano

"Todos, sin distinción, estamos llamados a esta misma esperanza. Todos podemos recorrer este camino de gozosa esperanza. Todos. Y María está al lado de todos, sin excluir a nadie". Así lo recordó el Cardenal Rolandas Makrickas, arcipreste coadjutor de la Basílica Papal de Santa María la Mayor, durante la santa misa tras la apertura de la cuarta Puerta Santa del Jubileo Ordinario de 2025. La última Puerta Santa se abrirá en la Basílica de San Pablo Extramuros el próximo domingo 5 de enero, conforme a la disposición del Santo Padre en la bula *Spes non confundit*.

En la solemnidad de Santa María Madre de Dios, este miércoles 1 de enero, la inauguración estuvo acompañada por el repique de la histórica campana conocida como "La Sperduta" (la Perdida), que regresó de los Museos Vaticanos al templo en marzo de 2024, después de 140 años. El nombre se debe a la peregrina que se perdió en la noche y que, gracias al tañido de la campana, encontró el camino de vuelta a la ciudad.

"La Sperduta", campana de la Basílica Papal de Santa María la Mayor.

El Cardenal Makrickas aseguró en su homilía que el sonido de esta campana marca las horas y el tiempo en la Ciudad Eterna. No solo el repique de la "Sperduta", sino también las palabras del apóstol Pablo: "Cuando llegó la plenitud de los tiempos, Dios envió a su Hijo, nacido de mujer".

El Cardenal Makrickas preside la santa misa tras la apertura de la Puerta Santa en la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor, el miércoles 1 de enero de 2025. (Vatican Media)

El purpurado lituano hizo hincapié en que el tiempo es una de las grandes criaturas de Dios y observó que, a lo largo de la historia, la humanidad ha intentado, de diversas formas, aumentar o perfeccionar el tiempo mediante nuevas tecnologías. Sin embargo, advirtió que esos intentos suelen culminar en su pérdida o, como él lo llamó, en lo que podría denominarse "la fatiga del tiempo".

Más aún, el cardenal alertó sobre los peligros que pueden representar los dispositivos electrónicos, como los ordenadores y teléfonos móviles. Aunque concebidos para ahorrar y enriquecer el tiempo, advirtió que con frecuencia estos dispositivos se convierten en los "peores enemigos" del mismo. En cambio, evidenció que una

persona nunca se sentirá perdida ni agotada por el tiempo vivido en comunión con Dios.

María, arca segura en medio del diluvio

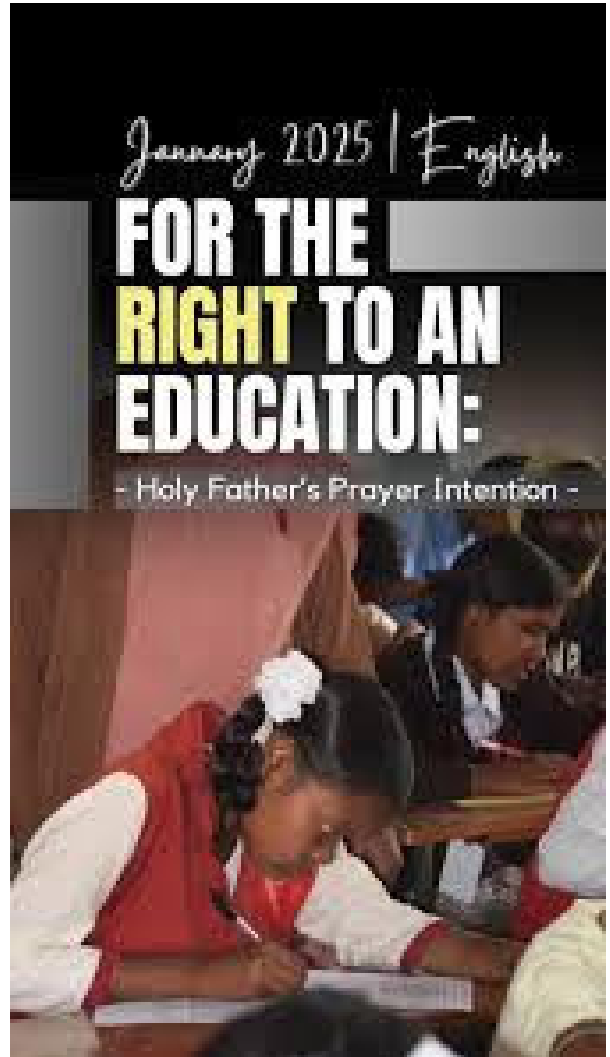
Desde el santuario mariano más antiguo de Occidente, tan querido por el Papa Francisco, quien lo visita antes y después de cada viaje apostólico, el Cardenal Makrickas meditó sobre el significado de la imagen de la *Salus Populi Romani*, venerado en la basílica. Este icono, remarcó, es un símbolo de la devoción de Roma y de todos los creyentes del mundo hacia la Virgen María.

Citando la homilía del Papa Francisco pronunciada el 28 de enero de 2018, con motivo de la fiesta de la traslación del icono, el cardenal recordó que María "custodia la fe, protege a sus hijos y aleja el mal". En aquella oportunidad, el Sucesor de Pedro apuntaba que María "es el arca segura en medio del diluvio". Asimismo, precisaba que es su rostro, y no las ideas ni la tecnología, lo que nos ofrece consuelo y esperanza.

En su prédica, resaltó la importancia de la devoción a María en este Año Jubilar, invitando a los peregrinos a acercarse a ella en oración, especialmente ante el icono de la *Salus Populi Romani* y la reliquia de la Santa Cuna de Jesús. La Basílica de Santa María la Mayor, conocida como "Belén de Occidente", simboliza la misión mariana de guiar a todos hacia Cristo, al igual que la Estrella de Belén condujo a los pastores hacia el Salvador.

Finalmente, Makrickas exhortó a vivir este Año Santo con una auténtica preocupación por los demás, en particular por los más necesitados. Instó a seguir el camino de esperanza y amor que María nos ofrece y encomendó nuestras vidas y tiempos a la Virgen, para que nos conduzca hacia Jesús, quien es la plenitud de todo tiempo.

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Important Dates at IHM

Youth Nativity Set

Competition

Due By Sunday, January 5
Open to Youth ages 1-21
Prizes will be Awarded!!!

Can Be a kit, completely original, or store-bought pieces in an original design.
Bring finished set to the Church office or leave on the table in the back of the church (be sure to fill out entry sheet!)

Religious Education

Classes Resume January 15
Beginning at 6pm



Ash Wednesday

Not a Holy Day of Obligation
Tentatively scheduled for
Wednesday, March 5
English Mass:

8:15am, 12:10pm, 3pm, 6pm
Spanish Mass: 7:30pm

Enchilada Fest

Tentatively scheduled for
March 8 & 9, 2025

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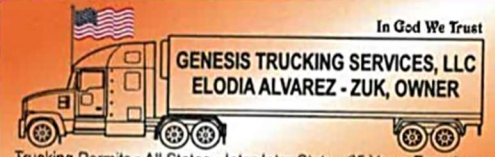
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