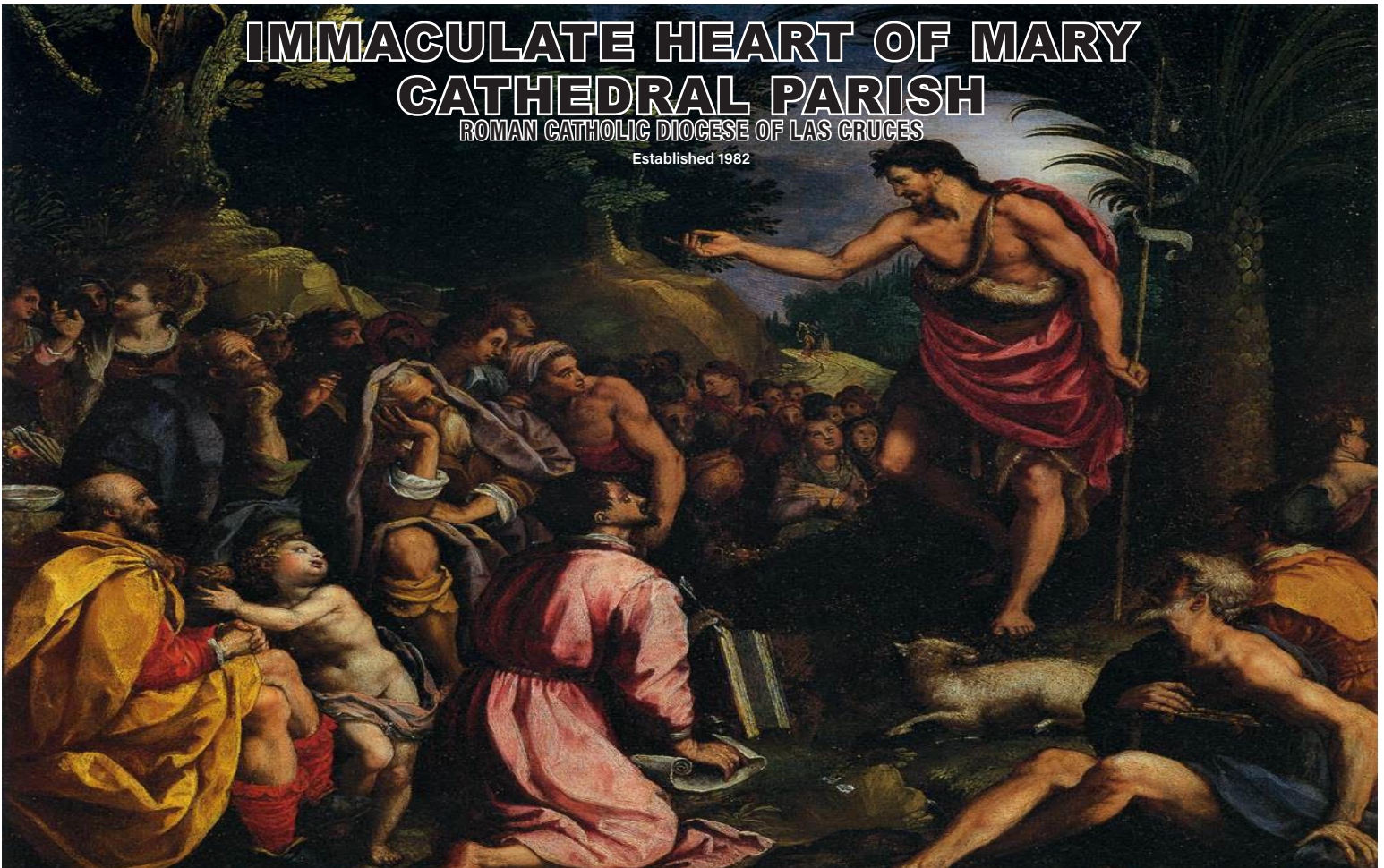


IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHEDRAL PARISH

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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



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)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!

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

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



"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus". Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Dear brothers and sister this second Sunday of advent is an invitation to prepare the way of the Lord, it is the voice of John the Baptist who makes this pivotal invitation, to repent, change our lives, to make straight his paths!

"Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men." (Saint Gregory of Nazianzus)

Sometimes I am very disappointed with people who think that everything is bad around the world, even around our community, that there is no good! It almost seems that they have lost hope. This week took the time to look around, to contemplate the good in others. God is at work he does not waist time to show us his saving power and his love.

I even invite you to think about the good that is in you even dough you may believe that you are so broken or possess so many imperfections. See the good in you!

Be part of the upcoming celebrations, come with us and prepare your heart for this personal encounter with him. Come closer and see, see that God already took the initiative to come to you. Don't ignore him!

Jesus is not a distant God, and He cannot be. Incarnation revealed Him in a complete and humanly unthinkable way. Thus, inaugurating His mission, Jesus places Himself at the forefront of a people of penitents, as if He were responsible for opening a breach through which all of us, after Him, must have the courage to pass. But the road, the journey, is difficult; but He goes ahead, opening the way.

Jesus this same God needs our poor effort: that we fill the valleys of our distrust towards His Love; that we level the mountains and hills of our pride, which prevents us from seeing Him and receiving His help; that we straighten and smooth the crooked paths that make the path to our heart a labyrinth.

This year let God meet you on the path of your life, if you allow this happen your love for him will increase more and more because you will be able to prove the greatness of his love. Please do not be indifferent, do not be stubborn, discern what is of value. As you pastor or priest I want to make you part of this joy: We are remembered by God; the Lord has done great things for us.

Happy Sunday of advent

Sincerely Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas.

"Estoy seguro de esto, que el que comenzó en vosotros la buena obra continuará completándolo hasta el día de Cristo Jesús". Fil 1:4-6, 8-11

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, este segundo domingo de Adviento es una invitación a preparar el camino del Señor, es la voz de Juan Bautista quien hace esta invitación fundamental, a arrepentirnos, a cambiar nuestras vidas, a enderezar sus caminos.

"Nada agrada tanto a Dios como la conversión y salvación de los hombres". (San Gregorio Nacianceno)

A veces estoy muy decepcionado con la gente que piensa que todo es malo en el mundo, incluso en nuestra comunidad, ¡que no hay nada bueno! Casi parece que han perdido la esperanza. Esta semana me tomé el tiempo para mirar a nuestro alrededor, para contemplar lo bueno de los demás. Dios está obrando, no pierde el tiempo para mostrarnos su poder salvador y su amor.

Incluso te invito a pensar en el bien que hay en ti aunque creas que estás tan roto o posees tantas imperfecciones. ¡Mira lo bueno que hay en ti!

Sé parte de las próximas celebraciones, ven con nosotros y prepara tu corazón para este encuentro personal con él. Acércate y mira, mira que Dios ya tomó la iniciativa de venir a ti. ¡No lo ignores!

Jesús no es un Dios distante y no puede serlo. La Encarnación lo reveló de una manera completa y humanamente impensable. Así, al inaugurar su misión, Jesús se pone al frente de un pueblo de penitentes, como si fuera responsable de abrir una brecha por la que todos nosotros, después de Él, debemos tener el valor de pasar. Pero el camino, el viaje, es difícil; pero Él sigue adelante, abriendo el camino.

Jesús este mismo Dios necesita de nuestro pobre esfuerzo: que llenemos los valles de nuestra desconfianza hacia Su Amor; que nivelemos las montañas y colinas de nuestro orgullo, que nos impide verlo y recibir Su ayuda; que enderecemos y alisemos los caminos torcidos que hacen del camino a nuestro corazón un laberinto.

Este año deja que Dios te encuentre en el camino de tu vida, si permites que esto suceda tu amor por él aumentará cada vez más porque podrás comprobar la grandeza de su amor. Por favor, no seáis indiferentes, no seáis testarudos, disciernen lo que es de valor. Como pastor o sacerdote quiero hacerte partícipe de esta alegría: Somos recordados por Dios; El Señor ha hecho grandes cosas con nosotros.

Feliz domingo de adviento

Atentamente Padre Alejandro Reyes Cárdenas.

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, December 7

5:30 PM † Jimmy Nevarez

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, December 8

Bar 5:1-9 / Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

7:30 AM † Margarito (by Bertha Burciaga)

Almas del Purgatorio (By Lucia Gutierrez)

9:00 AM(Sp) † Pedro † Josefa † Joaquin † JoAnn † Aurora Samaniego
(por Familia Morales)

† Ascencion Acosta (Por Martha Alvarez)

† Saul Burciaga † Manuel Burciaga (Por Bertha Burciaga)

11:00 AM † Luis Garcia

† Benito Briones (by Bertha Burciaga)

Monday/Lunes, December 9

Gn 3:9-15, 20 / PS 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

8:15 AM † Richard † Betty Moreno (by Erlinda Moreno)

12:10 PM Healing of Sharon Sevachko (Griffith Family)

5:30 PM † Vira Jane and Richard Morris (Griffith Family)

7:00 PM IHM Parishioners

Tuesday/Martes, December 10

Is 40:1-11 / Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 / Mt 18:12-14

8:15 AM † Frank Pino (By Virginia Pino)

6:00 PM (Sp) † Dolores Nieto † Tillie Nevarez (By Cecilia Monje)

Wednesday/Miércoles, December 11

Is 40:25-31 / Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 / Mt 11:28-30

8:15 AM † Leonarda † Virginia † Eloiza (by Padilla & Marquez Family)

Thursday/Jueves, December 12

Zec 2:14-17 / Judith 13:18BCDE, 19 / Lk 1:26-38

8:15 AM Father Ricardo for Blessing (by Elodia & Abraham)

Father Alejandro for Blessing (by Elodia & Abraham)

Alejandro Velazco for Healing and Thanksgiving
(by Steve & Lisa Archuleta)

6:00 PM Por los No Nacidos

Friday/Viernes, December 13

Is 48:17-19 / Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 / Mt 11:16-19

8:15 AM † Sabina † Luisa Quezada (By Velia Sanchez)

† Jesus (Chuy) Rodriguez (By Elvia)

† Tony † Letha Trujillo (By Gloria Lithqow)

Saturday/Sabado, December 14

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

8:15 AM † Gabriel Gonzalez (By Monica Soto)

WHAT IS HAPPENING

Please Join us for our annual

Christmas Tree Lighting and Posada

On Saturday,
December 21

Following the 5:30 Mass

Immaculate Heart
of Mary Cathedral



Contact IHM Office for more information or to apply

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

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.



John the Baptist

Lived in the _____.

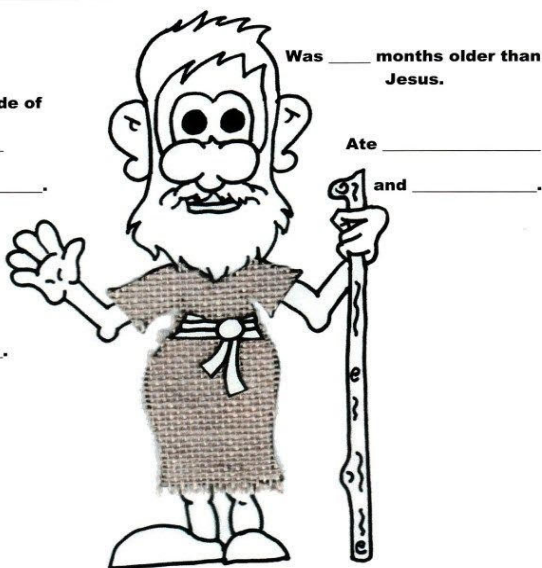
Was _____ months older than Jesus.

Wore clothing made of _____

Ate _____

and _____.

Prepared the way for _____.



If you do not know the answer read **Luke 1:26-27, 35-36, 76** and **Matthew 3:1, 4** to fill in the blanks.

PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL

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

Collections: 12-1-2024

Sunday Collection: \$4,477.00
 Second Collection: \$545.00 UIM

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

December 15: Cross Catholic Outreach - A Charity that delivers food, shelter and hope to the poorest of the poor
 Ongoing through December: Orders are being accepted 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. **

Is a holding a campaign for



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.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Not a Holy Day of Obligation

Schedule:

Sun, Dec. 8
 3PM – Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter

Thursday, December 12

Wed, Dec. 11
 7PM: Mananitas to the Patroness of the Americas with singers from all around Las Cruces
 11PM: Misa de Gallo with food and fellowship as well as a live transmission of the Mananitas from our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica in Mexico City

8:15AM – English Mass
6:00PM – Spanish Mass

4:00PM
 Procession with the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe from St. Genevieve Parish to the Cathedral

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



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Feast Day: December 12

In 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego, an Aztec who converted to Christianity. At that time Mexico was shaken by violence and continuous violations of human rights and dignity. Indigenous people, in particular, suffered serious discrimination.

The Marian apparitions consolidated the encounter between the indigenous peoples and Christ. Mary presented herself as the "Mother of the true God" and she chose Juan Diego to be her messenger. In fact, he reported that Our Lady told him to build a sanctuary at the place he had seen her. The bishop refused to believe him. Then, on December 12th, 1531, in midwinter, Our Lady caused fragrant roses to grow on that spot. Juan Diego collected the flowers in his cloak. When he opened the cloak, the image of Mary appeared before the bishop.



In the image imprinted on the mantle, she is portrayed as a young indigenous woman and wears a pink tunic. She is surrounded by rays of the sun and stands on the moon and an angle at her feet. Mary's eyes reflect all the characteristics of the human eye. Extraordinary details are reflected in her eyes, images that are so small they have to be magnified up to two thousand times in order to identify them. An indigenous family group appears in the right eye. In the left eye appears an elderly man identified as the bishop. It is as though this is what Mary would have seen through her eyes at the moment Juan Diego opened his cloak in front of the bishop.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Día festivo: 12 de diciembre

En 1531, la Santísima Virgen María se apareció a Juan Diego, un azteca que se convirtió al cristianismo. En ese momento México estaba sacudido por la violencia y continuas violaciones a los derechos humanos y a la dignidad. Los pueblos indígenas, en particular, sufrieron una grave discriminación.

Las apariciones marianas consolidaron el encuentro entre los pueblos indígenas y Cristo. María se presentó como la "Madre del Dios verdadero" y eligió a Juan Diego para que fuera su mensajero. De hecho, informó que Nuestra Señora le dijo que construyera un santuario en el lugar donde la había visto. El obispo se negó a creerle. Luego, el 12 de diciembre de 1531, en pleno invierno, Nuestra Señora hizo crecer rosas fragantes en ese lugar. Juan Diego recogió las flores en su manto. Cuando abrió el manto, la imagen de María apareció ante el obispo.

En la imagen impresa en el manto, se la retrata como una joven indígena y viste una túnica rosa. Está rodeada de rayos de sol y se encuentra sobre la luna y un ángulo a sus pies. Los ojos de María reflejan todas las características del ojo humano. En sus ojos se reflejan detalles extraordinarios, imágenes tan pequeñas que hay que ampliarlas hasta dos mil veces para poder identificarlas. En el ojo derecho aparece un grupo familiar indígena. En el ojo izquierdo aparece un anciano identificado como el obispo. Es como si esto fuera lo que María habría visto a través de sus ojos en el momento en que Juan Diego abrió su manto frente al obispo.

Pope: 'War does not solve problems'

Pope Francis renews his appeal for peace in the world, at the first General Audience of the 2024 Advent season.

By Kielce Gussie



At his first General Audience of the 2024 Advent season, Pope Francis again stressed the need to pray for peace.

"War is a human defeat," he reiterated. "War does not solve problems."

Amid ongoing conflicts around the world, the Pope specifically prayed for "martyred Ukraine," Palestine, Israel, and Myanmar. He lamented how in each of these countries, there are "many children dead, many innocent people dead."

"War is evil; war destroys," warned Pope Francis.

He renewed his call for peace, encouraging everyone to pray always. "Let us pray," the Pope said, "so that the Lord may bring us to peace."

A forgotten conflict

Three years after a coup overthrew the elected government, Myanmar was thrown into conflict, which continues to rage. The UN Human Rights Council has called for a "course correction" from the international community as the civilian death toll rises.

"There are now 6,000 reminders that the international community is failing the people of Myanmar," according to experts appointed by the Council.

The Human Rights Council experts stressed the importance of the impact of the international community.

"We know that international action makes a difference," they said. "We have documented that it has reduced the junta's access to weapons that it uses to attack civilians."

Pope: Religious life is a total gift of self to God through others

Pope Francis praises the vow of poverty in religious life as a bond that builds communion, as he greets the Canoness Sisters of the Holy Spirit in Saxony.

By Devin Watkins

Pope Francis met Thursday with the Canoness Sisters of the Holy Spirit in Saxony, which were founded in Rome by Blessed Guy de Montpellier.

The audience comes after the Pope extended the title "Blessed" to the 12th century French religious on May 18, 2024, calling him a "humble and modest servant" of the poor.

Speaking to the Canoness Sisters on Thursday, the Pope recalled their mission to "devote themselves primarily to the care and service of the poor."

Blessed Guy de Montpellier, he said, began his Rule for the community in the name of the Holy Trinity and sought to respond to the reform of religious life called for by Pope Innocent III.

"It is fascinating to see how God's plan matures in the 'kitchen' of the heart," said the Pope, "and how the flavors and colors gradually permeate the rules of life, eventually spreading their fragrance throughout the Church."

Evangelical poverty that creates communion

Pope Francis highlighted the importance of communion, poverty, and service, as well as the connection between them.

The Canoness Sisters make a vow of poverty that requires them to live without anything of their own.

This vow, noted the Pope, goes beyond the modern understanding of a rigorously sober and detached life.

"It means recognizing that we are guests in the house of the Trinity, which welcomes us and shares its dwelling with the poor we are called to serve."



The vow of poverty connects closely with communion, he said, adding that it involves a "total gift of ourselves to God through our brothers and sisters, without reservation."

"Without holding back anything 'of our own' in the hidden chambers of worldly securities—whether tucked away in our cells, pockets, or, worse, in our hearts," said the Pope. "Only in this freedom can we embark on a shared project that becomes an eschatological sign of the journey toward the eternal dwelling places to which God calls us."

Servants who welcome the poor in charity

In conclusion, Pope Francis invited the Canoness Sisters of the Holy Spirit in Saxony to work to make their hearts and communities living temples of the Trinity.

Religious life, he said, "is a journey toward God, moved by the Holy Spirit, in which we become followers of Christ the Redeemer—who 'came not to be served but to serve'—and teachers of life, if we can make ourselves small and servants of all, welcoming the poor and offering them the comfort of our charity."

El Papa: Que el próximo Jubileo nos transforme en peregrinos de la esperanza

Este martes, 3 de diciembre, fue publicado el Video del Papa con la intención de oración del Santo Padre para el mes de diciembre, en el cual nos invita a rezar para que "el próximo Jubileo nos fortalezca en la fe, nos ayude a reconocer a Cristo resucitado en medio de nuestras vidas, y nos transforme en peregrinos de la esperanza cristiana."

Vatican News



"Por los peregrinos de la esperanza" es la intención de oración elegida por el Papa Francisco para el mes de diciembre, un llamado especial en el contexto del próximo Jubileo 2025. Por este motivo, el Santo Padre nos pide que "oremos para que este Jubileo nos fortalezca en la fe, nos ayude a reconocer a Cristo resucitado en medio de nuestras vidas, y nos transforme en peregrinos de la esperanza cristiana."

Ser testigos de la "esperanza cristiana"

El tema de El Video del Papa de diciembre, peregrinos y esperanza, refleja uno de los pilares fundamentales de este pontificado. Por ese motivo, Francisco invita a los fieles a ser testigos de la "esperanza cristiana" en un mundo donde predominan la desesperación y la desconfianza. "La esperanza cristiana es un regalo de Dios que llena de alegría nuestra vida. Y hoy la necesitamos tanto. ¡El mundo la necesita tanto!", señala en su videomensaje confiado a través de la Red Mundial de Oración del Papa y producido en colaboración con la Fondazione Pro Rete Mondiale di Preghiera del Papa y el Dicasterio para la Evangelización.

La barca y el ancla

Durante el tiempo de la pandemia, durante la Statio Orbis en una plaza de San Pedro desierta, el Papa Francisco había utilizado la metáfora evangélica de la barca en medio de la tormenta, para recordar la fragilidad y el desconcierto de la humanidad frente a las grandes pruebas. En cierto sentido, en la intención de oración de este mes, el Santo Padre nos vuelve a poner en esa barca, pero para subrayar la importancia del ancla: "La esperanza -dice, de hecho, acompañando sus palabras con gestos muy elocuentes- es un ancla que vos la tirás con la cuerda y arraiga en la playa. Y nosotros tenemos que estar aferrados a la cuerda de la esperanza."

Siguiendo los pasos de Abraham

"La virtud de la esperanza nos da tanta fuerza para caminar en la vida," dijo el Papa Francisco en la Audiencia General del 28 de diciembre de 2016 dedicada a la figura de Abraham, que, por un lado, no tiene "miedo de ver

la realidad por lo que es" y, por otro lado, es capaz de "ir más allá de los razonamientos humanos, de la sabiduría y de la prudencia del mundo, más allá de lo que normalmente es considerado de sentido común, para creer en lo imposible". Al igual que Abraham, también los protagonistas del Video del Papa de este mes se ponen en camino, partiendo de sus propias dificultades: las preocupaciones de una mujer frente a su despensa vacía, las dudas de una estudiante respecto a su futuro.

El Jubileo 2025, un llamado a caminar con esperanza

Precisamente el Jubileo 2025, cuyo tema es "Peregrinos de la esperanza", será un tiempo de celebración y reflexión profunda. El también llamado "Año Santo" no es solo una etapa en el camino de la fe, sino también un llamado a reconocer a Cristo en lo cotidiano. En su carta al prefecto del Dicasterio para la Evangelización, monseñor Rino Fisichella, Francisco subrayó que la pandemia debilitó la esperanza en la sociedad y que "debemos mantener encendida la llama de la esperanza que nos ha sido dada". En ese sentido, el Jubileo se presenta como una oportunidad para fortalecer esta esperanza y compartirla en un mundo que la necesita urgentemente.

El mundo necesita esperanza

"Esperando contra toda esperanza," como hizo Abraham no es racionalmente posible. "Pero la razón no tiene todas las soluciones, mucho más en la sociedad actual, tan llena de contradicciones, y la esperanza es un desafío inevitable", subraya Stefano Simontacchi, miembro fundador y del consejo de administración de la Fundación PRO Rete Mondiale di Preghiera del Papa, que ha contribuido a la realización de este video: "Por mucho tiempo, los jóvenes han vivido el futuro como una amenaza que causa infelicidad. La entrega al miedo corre el riesgo de hacer perder el sentido mismo de la existencia. Y como nos enseña Jesús en los Evangelios, la fe es el antídoto contra el miedo. La esperanza es la manifestación en nuestras vidas de la dimensión de la fe. Creo que la espiral positiva que desencadena una vida vivida con conciencia y con un propósito está compuesta por un estado de inicio, de esperanza (confianza), por una disposición de gratitud y por una energía que mueve todo y que traduce todo en acción, que es el amor. Entonces, aceptemos la invitación del Papa Francisco y dispongámonos a vivir como peregrinos de la esperanza."

Un llamado a caminar juntos

El Padre Cristóbal Fones S.J., Director Internacional interino de la Red Mundial de Oración del Papa, reflexiona: "Con la apertura de la Puerta Santa al inicio del Jubileo 2025, el Papa nos muestra simbólicamente las muchas puertas que es necesario abrir, puertas para salir al encuentro de los demás y para dejar entrar a otros en nuestras vidas; puertas de libertad que se fundan en nuestra esperanza cristiana. Como discípulos de Jesús Resucitado, no vamos a la deriva en nuestro viaje de peregrinos, sino firmemente anclados a Él. Este Jubileo es una gran oportunidad para abrirnos con audacia a compartir la luz de la esperanza que nos trae la fe, especialmente con todos aquellos que, en medio de la inmediatez e incertidumbre en que vivimos, han perdido la capacidad de soñar."

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Important Dates at IHM

Season of Advent

Sunday, December 1 –
Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces requires that all clergy, employees, and volunteers undergo a **background check**, participate in a **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Training Module**, and **sign a code of conduct** every 5 years.

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

IHM Catechism Announcements:

Next Parent Meeting December 11 – Holy Hour
Tree Lighting Choir Performance Dec. 21–6:40pm
Rehearsals Dec. 11 and 18 – 5:15pm–5:45pm
No Class December 25, January 1, and January 8

IHM Youth Group

Next Meeting December 13, 2024
Luminaria Sales all Sun. in Dec. After Masses

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