

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHEDRAL PARISH

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES

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## CLERGY

**Bishop:** Most Rev. Peter Baldacchino, J.C.L.

**Rector:** Rev. Alejandro Reyes Cardenas

**Deacons:** Deacon Ed Fierro

Deacon Ruben Gutierrez



## 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)

**Baptism: Call Office to Register for Classes**

**Classes offered 3rd Saturday of every month**

**Spanish: 10AM-12PM and English: 12PM-2PM**

**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, winter 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. Diocese Anniversary Mass



**The Beatitudes and the Misfortunes!**

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours" Luke 6:20. The sermon on the mountain is one of my favorite scriptural passages because it reminds us that our reward will be great in heaven, and encourages us to remember that the sufferings of this life are nothing compared with the kingdom of God that is going to be revealed in us.

When I look at our world today, I see that there is so much suffering. How many times have we blamed God, when the many problems in the world now are the consequences of our own wrong choices? And our choices have considerably affected others, especially the most vulnerable and weak. We still repeat the same mistakes.

Global hunger rose sharply from 2019 to 2021 and persisted at the same level in 2023, affecting over 9 percent of the world's population. Over 582 million people are projected to be chronically undernourished by 2030, more than half of them in Africa. The rich have become wealthier and the poor poorer. The improper distribution of goods is a serious problem nowadays and a threat to those who do not have a voice.

It is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, that there are so many children without an education, and that there are so many poor people. The poverty in the world today is a crime. I think constantly about the children and their parents who are victims of war and violence around the world. I think about the immigrants and refugees who have died in their search for a better life. There is hope for them in the scripture, "Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh" Luke 6:21.

Since 2014, more than 4,000 fatalities have been recorded annually on migratory routes worldwide. 2023 marked the deadliest year with more than 8,000 deaths recorded, marking a decade of documenting migrant deaths. The number of deaths recorded, however, still represents only a minimum estimate because the majority of migrant deaths around the world go unrecorded. In 2024, more than 10,000 migrants died trying to reach Spain by sea, according to a Spanish aid group. This route is considered one of the deadliest in the world.

As Christians we are called in these troubling times to listen attentively to the voice of Jesus who challenges us to remember that we are citizens of heaven and that one day we will be judged according to love. Yes, there is going to be a judgement. How are we going to answer? We must stand up for the lives of the innocent—we must show them love.

It is necessary that we look at the lives of saints like Mother Cabrini and Mother Teresa of Calcutta. They became beacons of hope and a generous conduit of divine mercy which like salt gives flavor to everything and like light illumines the darkness.

This Gospel is not a message against the wealthy because there are a lot rich of people of good heart who do good and are just. But this is an invitation to repent to those who oppress and hurt the defenseless in our time.

If you are one of those who are suffering in Jesus' name, I highly encourage you keep being faithful to God and get rid of your desires for consumption, wealth and control. Let us ask God to grant us the grace to embrace the truth—whose name is Jesus.

Have a blessed Sunday!

Sincerely,

Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas, Rector

**¡Bienaventuranzas y desventuras!**

"Dichosos ustedes los pobres, porque de ustedes es el Reino de Dios" Lucas (6, 21). El Sermón de la Montaña es uno de mis pasajes bíblicos favoritos porque nos recuerda que nuestra recompensa será grande en el Cielo y nos anima a recordar que los sufrimientos de esta vida son nada, comparados con el Reino de Dios que se revelará en nosotros.

Cuando miro nuestro mundo de hoy, veo que hay tanto sufrimiento. ¿Cuántas veces hemos culpado a Dios, cuando los muchos problemas que existen ahora en el mundo son consecuencia de nuestras decisiones equivocadas? Y nuestras decisiones han afectado considerablemente a otros, especialmente a los más vulnerables y débiles. Seguimos repitiendo los mismos errores. El hambre mundial aumentó drásticamente de 2019 a 2021 y persistió al mismo nivel en 2023, afectando a más del 9 % de la población mundial. Se estima que más de 582 millones de personas estarán crónicamente desnutridas en 2030, más de la mitad de ellas en África. Los ricos se han vuelto más ricos y los pobres más pobres. La distribución inadecuada de los bienes es un problema grave hoy en día y una amenaza para quienes no tienen voz.

Es incomprensible que haya tantos niños hambrientos, que haya tantos niños sin educación y que haya tanta gente pobre. La pobreza en el mundo de hoy es un crimen. Pienso constantemente en los niños y sus padres que son víctimas de la guerra y la violencia en todo el mundo. Pienso en los inmigrantes y refugiados que han muerto en su búsqueda de una vida mejor. Hay esperanza para ellos en la Escritura: "Felices ustedes los que lloran, porque reirán" Lucas (6,21).

Desde 2014, se han registrado más de 4000 muertes anuales en las rutas migratorias en todo el mundo. 2023 fue el año más mortífero, con más de 8000 muertes registradas, lo que marca una década de documentación de muertes de migrantes. Sin embargo, el número de muertes registradas sigue representando solo un cálculo, porque la mayoría de las muertes de migrantes en todo el mundo no se registran. En 2024, más de 10.000 migrantes murieron tratando de llegar a España por mar, según un grupo español de ayuda. Esta ruta se considera una de las más mortales del mundo.

Como cristianos, estamos llamados en estos tiempos difíciles a escuchar atentamente la voz de Jesús que nos anima a recordar que somos ciudadanos del Cielo y que un día seremos juzgados según el amor. Sí, habrá un juicio. ¿Cómo vamos a responder? Debemos defender la vida de los inocentes, debemos mostrarles amor.

Es necesario que observemos las vidas de santas como la Madre Cabrini y la Madre Teresa de Calcuta. Ellas se convirtieron en faros de esperanza y en un generoso conducto de la misericordia divina que, como la sal, da sabor a todo; y como la luz, ilumina la oscuridad. Este Evangelio no es un mensaje contra los ricos, porque hay mucha gente rica de buen corazón que hace el bien y es justa, sino una invitación al arrepentimiento para aquellos que oprimen y hieren a los indefensos en nuestro tiempo.

Si usted es uno de los que está sufriendo en el nombre de Jesús, le animo de gran manera a que siga siendo fiel a Dios y se deshaga de sus deseos de consumo, riqueza y control. Pidamos a Dios que nos conceda la gracia de abrazar la verdad, cuyo nombre es Jesús.

¡Que tenga un bendecido domingo!

Atentamente,

Padre Alejandro Reyes Cárdenas, Rector

## MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

### VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, February 15

5:30 PM † Elvira Gallegos (By the Granados Family)  
† Celeste Marie Huber  
† Tina Salazar (by the Salazar Family)

### SUNDAY/DOMINGO, February 16

Jeremiah 17:5-8 / Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 / 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 / Luke 6:17, 20-26

7:30 AM † Salvador G. Martinez (by Diana and Brian Gardea)

9:00 AM(Sp) † Donald Larkin (by his daughters)  
† Maria Loera y Jose Trinidad Munoz (por su familia)  
† Jesus Rey (por la familia Rey)  
† Blanca Rasura (por Edmundo Rodriguez)  
11:00 AM † Luis Garcia (by Amanda)

### Monday/Lunes, February 17

Genesis 4:1-15, 25 / Psalm 50:1,8, 16bc-17, 20-21 / Mark 8:11-13

8:15 AM In thanksgiving for our farmers

### Tuesday/Martes, February 18

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 / Psalm 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10 / Mark 8:14-21

8:15 AM † Salvador G. Martinez (by Diana and Brian Gardea)  
6:00 PM(Sp) † Esperanza Rodriguez (por Olga G. Robles)

### Wednesday/Miércoles, February 19

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22 / Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 / Mark 8:22-26

8:15 AM † Joseph H. Medina (by the Medina family)  
† Jesus Manuel Loya (by Josefina Vargas)

### Thursday/Jueves, February 20

Genesis 9:1-13 / Psalm 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 / Mark 8:27-33

8:15 AM Souls in purgatory  
6:00 PM(Sp) Por nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes

### Friday/Viernes, February 21

Genesis 11:1-9 / Psalm 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 / Mark 8:34—9:1

8:15 AM † Francisco y Narcissa Murillo (por Erlinda Moreno)  
Happy Birthday Wyatt Rykiel (by Nana Otero)

### Saturday/Sabado, February 22

1 Peter 5:1-4 / Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 / Matthew 16:13-19

8:15 AM Prayer for Uziel and Breanna Fulton (by Guadalupe Gallardo)

## WHAT IS HAPPENING

### Ash Wednesday

*Not a Holy Day of Obligation*



**Wednesday,  
March 5**

English Mass:

8:15am, 12:10pm, 3pm, 6pm

Spanish Mass:

7:30pm



ENCHILADA  
FEST!  
FRIDAY,  
MARCH 7, 2025

The poster features a festive design with orange and yellow triangular banners at the top. Below the text, there are colorful illustrations of a sombrero, a sombrero with a feather, a cactus, and a guitar.



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

The image shows a painting of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, with a glowing heart on her chest. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

*Lent:*  
*March 5 - April 17, 2025*

### LENTEN FASTING

Fasting on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday

*Ages: 18-59*

### ABSTINENCE (No Meat)

*Ages: 14+*

On Ash Wednesday and every Friday  
during Lent

*When fasting, a person is permitted to eat  
one full meal, as well as two smaller meals  
that together are not equal to a full meal.*

### Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence  
outside the age limits include the physically or  
mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses  
such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.



**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

**THE BEATITUDES** MATTHEW 5:2-10

Blessed are...

...the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.	...those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
...the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.	...those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
...the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.	...the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
...the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.	...those who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

CALLING ALL YOUTH MINISTRIES! CALLING ALL YOUTH MINISTRIES! CALLING ALL YOUTH MINISTRIES!

**VOLLEYCATION CAFE**  
YOUTH OF ALL AGES!

COME WATCH AN INTENSE VOLLEYBALL MATCH  
**VOCATIONS VS VOCATIONS**

**FEB 21**  
6PM-8PM  
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHEDRAL 40 S ESPINA STREET, LAS CRUCES, NM

COFFEE AND SODAS AVAILABLE WHILE YOUTH GET INFO ON VOCATIONS  
COME MEET PEOPLE OF VARIOUS VOCATIONS!

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

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

In Order to Condense the **Bulletin Prayer List**

We respectfully request that all who wish to have a name remain on the list, please email [AGriffith@IHMcathedral.org](mailto:AGriffith@IHMcathedral.org) no later than **February 18**




**Mass Intentions**

Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer," and is said in communion with the **ENTIRE Universal Church.**

Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable.

**Please Request Mass Intentions in the office AT LEAST 2 weeks in Advance**



<b>Collections: 2-9-2025</b>	<b>2nd Collections:</b>
1st Collection.....\$4,938.50	Month of February: Religious Education
2nd: IHM Building Fund.....\$1,591.00	February 16: Rice Bowl
Mail-ins.....\$2,750.00	
Office.....\$2,825.00	
Gift Shop.....\$1,967.50	
Rice Bowl.....\$405.00	

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



## San Pedro Damián

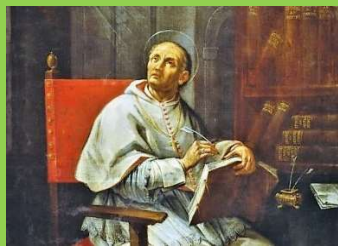
*Obispo de Ostia y cardenal, doctor de la iglesia*

**Día festivo: 21 de febrero**

Cuando Peter Damian era niño encontró una moneda: encantado, pensó en comprar una tarta o un juguete. Entonces, de repente, se dio cuenta de que cualquier cosa que comprara le daría sólo una alegría momentánea, por lo que decidió llevar el dinero a un sacerdote y celebrar una misa por sus padres fallecidos. En otra ocasión, mientras almorzaba con un pobre ciego, eligió para sí el pan blanco de mejor calidad y le ofreció al invitado el pan más oscuro. En ese momento sintió como si se le hubiera atascado un hueso en la garganta. Se arrepintió de su egoísmo y en el momento en que cambió su propio pan por el del ciego, el hueso desapareció. Fue este episodio el que le convenció a consagrarse sólo a Dios y a abrazar la vida monástica.

Durante este tiempo luchó contra los 2 grandes males que aquejaban a la iglesia: la simonía, la compra y venta de cargos eclesiásticos; y el nicolaísmo, o el incumplimiento del celibato, y tuvo gran éxito.

Tras su muerte, fue inmediatamente aclamado santo por el pueblo, y el Papa León XII lo proclamó Doctor de la Iglesia en 1828.



## St Peter Damian

*Bishop of Ostia and Cardinal,  
Doctor of the Church*

**Feast Day:  
February 21**

St Peter Damian is among the saints we meet in "Paradise" in Dante's "Divine Comedy".

When Peter Damian was a boy, he found a coin: delighted, he thought he would buy a cake or a toy. Then, suddenly, he realized that anything he bought would give him only momentary joy, so he decided to take the money to a priest and have a Mass said for his deceased parents. On another occasion, when he was having lunch with a poor blind man, he chose the better-quality white bread for himself, and offered the guest the darker bread. At that moment he felt like a bone had stuck in his throat. He repented of his selfishness and the moment he exchanged his own bread with that of the blind man, the bone disappeared. It was this episode that convinced him to consecrate himself to God alone, and to embrace the monastic life.

During this time, he fought against the 2 big evils afflicting the church: Simony, the buying and selling of ecclesiastical offices; and Nicolaiism, or the non-fulfillment of celibacy, and had great success.

After his death, he was immediately acclaimed as a saint by the people, and Pope Leo XII proclaimed him a Doctor of the Church in 1828.

## The humble and poor bear witness to Jesus' birth

*Continuing his catechetical series on "Jesus our Hope" at the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis reflects on the birth of Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem, saying it opens our hearts to wonder and joyful proclamation.*

By Christopher Wells



In his continuing catechetical series on "Jesus our Hope," Pope Francis turned to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, highlighting the humility of God, who chose to be born in a particular time and place, and in the most humble circumstances.

Even before His birth, the Pope said, Jesus made Himself our "companion on the journey," traveling in the womb of Mary, His mother, to visit Elizabeth; and later, with Mary and Joseph, traveling to Bethlehem to be enrolled in the census.

First witnesses of the Good News

In his catechesis, which he asked Fr. Pierluigi Girelli, IC, to read, Pope Francis explained that the manner of Christ's birth was "unheard of" for a king, Jesus, he noted, was not born in a royal palace but in the back of a house, in the place where the animals

were kept.

The first witnesses of the Messiah's birth were the shepherds: "men of little culture, malodorous from constant contact with the animals, living on the margins of society."

And yet, the Pope said, the shepherds practice the very occupation "by which God Himself makes Himself known to His people." And He chooses them as the first recipients of the greatest proclamation of all time: "A Saviour has been born for you, who is Messiah and Lord."

Here, too, Pope Francis focused on the humble circumstances of Jesus' appearance: the shepherds find Him lying in a manger, a feeding trough. The good news that their Saviour, the Messiah, is to be found in "a very humble place, reserved for animals... opens their hearts to wonder, praise, and joyful proclamation."

As the Pope noted in his Apostolic Letter, *Admirabile signum*, "It is the humble and the poor who greet the event of the Incarnation."

Capable of wonder and praise before God

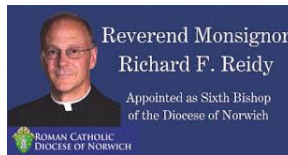
The Holy Father invited the faithful to seek the grace of being capable of "wonder and praise before God," as the shepherds were, "and to be capable of cherishing what He has entrusted to us: talents, charisms, our vocation, and the people He places beside us."

Finally, he said, "Let us ask the Lord to be able to discern in weakness the extraordinary strength of the Child God, who comes to renew the world and transform our lives with His plan full of hope for all humanity."

## Pope Francis appoints Tucson Bishop Weisenburger as new archbishop of Detroit



## Pope Francis Appoints Monsignor Richard Reidy as Bishop of Norwich



Reverend Monsignor  
Richard F. Reidy

Appointed as Sixth Bishop  
of the Diocese of Norwich

Pope Francis has appointed Monsignor Richard F. Reidy, as Bishop of Norwich. Bishop-elect Reidy is a priest of the Diocese of Worcester and currently serves as the diocese's Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.

## Pope Francis Accepts Resignation of Bishop Walker Nickless of the Diocese of Sioux City; Appoints Rev. John Keehner as Successor



## Pope Francis Accepts Resignation of Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati; Appoints Bishop Robert Casey as Successor



### Papa Francisco: Dios sigue llamando a los jóvenes hoy

En el vídeo que ilustra su intención de oración para el mes de febrero, el Pontífice recuerda su vocación de joven y afirma que, escuchando a los jóvenes, se podrá acoger la llamada de Dios "en modos que sirvan mejor a la Iglesia y al mundo de hoy".

"Por las vocaciones a la vida sacerdotal y religiosa" es el tema de la intención de oración del Papa para el mes de febrero de 2025: una cuestión que le lleva a hablar de los jóvenes y de la necesidad de acompañarlos en sus sueños e inquietudes, pero que al mismo tiempo le recuerda un momento crucial de su vida.

#### EL JOVEN JORGE Y LOS JÓVENES DE HOY

"Cuando tenía 17 años -confía el Papa Francisco en el videomensaje realizado por la Red Mundial de Oración del Papa en colaboración con la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles- era estudiante y trabajaba, tenía mis proyectos. No pensaba para nada en ser sacerdote. Pero un día entré en la parroquia... ¡y allí estaba Dios, esperándome!". Abren El Video del Papa precisamente sus fotos de joven -en la escuela, en familia, en la iglesia- para luego ceder el paso a escenas de la vida cotidiana de los jóvenes de hoy: cambian los tiempos, pero no cambia la capacidad del Señor de hablar al corazón de quien lo busca.

En efecto, el Pontífice afirma que "Dios sigue llamando a los jóvenes también hoy, en ocasiones de maneras que no imaginamos", y hace "cosas nuevas con ellos". De ahí la importancia de crear un ambiente de escucha en el que puedan manifestar sus inquietudes y sentirse "amados como son y por lo que son", un ambiente en el que puedan oír y responder libremente a la llamada del Señor, acompañados por una comunidad acogedora. En palabras del Papa Francisco, "es necesario caminar con ellos, escucharlos... llevarlos a Jesús, y siempre favoreciendo la libertad".

El Papa Francisco invita, por tanto, a escuchar al Espíritu Santo cuando "habla a través de las inquietudes que los jóvenes sienten"; así será posible acoger la llamada de Dios "en modos que sirvan mejor a la Iglesia y al mundo de hoy". Por ello, nos exhorta a rezar para que "la comunidad eclesial acoga los deseos y las dudas de los jóvenes que sienten la llamada a servir la misión de Cristo en la vida sacerdotal y religiosa".

#### EL DESAFÍO DE LA CONFIANZA

El desafío es, entonces, el de la confianza en los jóvenes, en su capacidad para contribuir significativamente a la Iglesia y al mundo. De hecho, en el vídeo de febrero, el Papa Francisco invita a esperar en los jóvenes y, principalmente, en Dios, "porque Él llama a cada uno".

"Nuestro Dios es un Dios que se toma en serio las vidas y los dones de los jóvenes", comenta mons. José H. Gómez, arzobispo de Los Angeles. "La misión de la Iglesia -prosigue el obispo de la mayor diócesis estadounidense, que ha contribuido a la producción de este vídeo con los profesionales de su equipo digital - es caminar con los jóvenes para ayudarlos a crecer en su fe y trabajar para transformar este mundo en el Reino que Dios quiere para su pueblo".

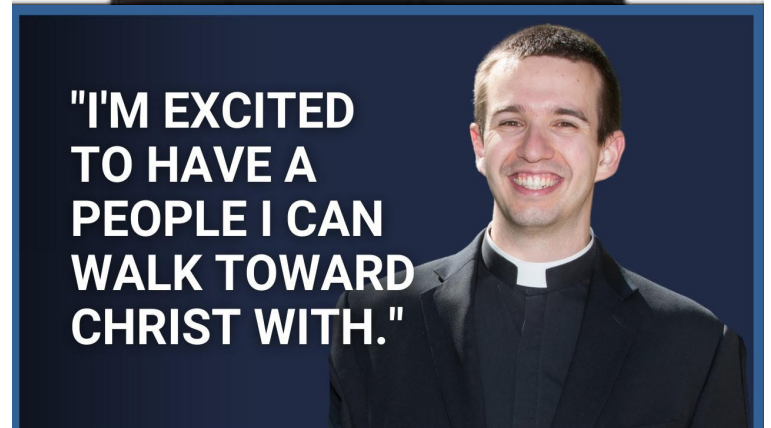
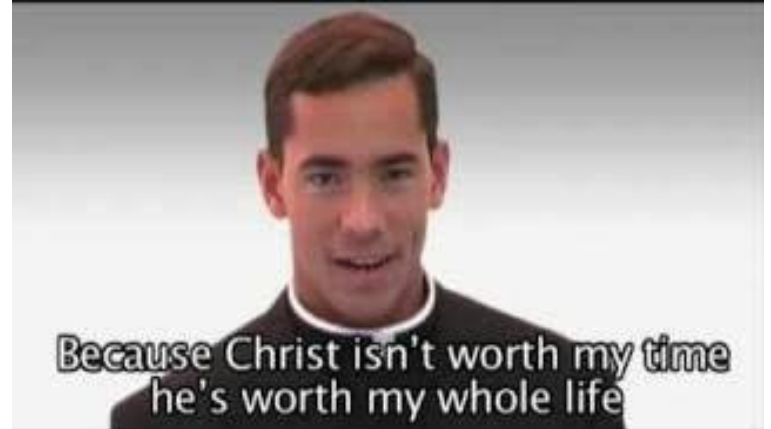
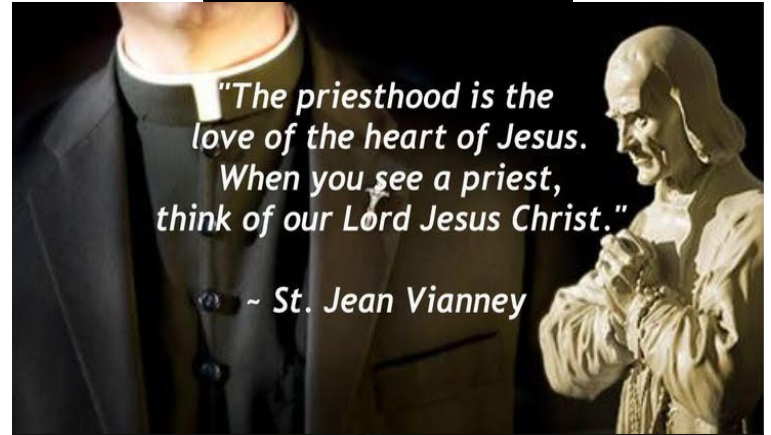
El Director Internacional de la Red Mundial de Oración del Papa, P. Cristóbal Fones, S.J., recuerda que "la confianza en los jóvenes es esencial para animarlos a examinar con libertad su propia vocación y a responder a ella con valentía. Un enfoque en la pastoral vocacional que realmente valora el diálogo y el acompañamiento también acepta y acoge las inquietudes, interrogantes y aspiraciones concretas del joven como un componente importante del proceso vocacional. Además, el Papa nos dice que, mediante la palabra de los jóvenes -a veces hasta desafiante o cuestionadora-, Dios también puede indicar caminos nuevos para la Iglesia de hoy, e incluso ofrecernos una ocasión para nuestra propia conversión".

"En la vida cotidiana -continúa el P. Fones- todos podemos acompañar el discernimiento con cuatro actitudes fundamentales: la apertura, la escucha gratuita, la cercanía y el interés. En primer lugar, hemos de abrirnos a la misión de animar las vocaciones, y no cerrar los caminos que el mismo Dios abre. Esto es particularmente importante en el interior de las familias. Después, es importante crear en la comunidad un ambiente de escucha de la voz de Dios, de acogida, de respeto a quienes sienten deseos de seguir a Cristo en la vida consagrada o sacerdotal. Asimismo, hemos de estar cerca, con discreción y coherencia, aportando nuestro testimonio. Por último, interesarse sinceramente por cada uno ayuda a abrir el corazón. En definitiva, nuestras actitudes pueden ser decisivas para los jóvenes que quieren responder al Señor en este camino y no saben cómo hacerlo".

Finalmente, cabe recordar que una de las condiciones necesarias para ganar las indulgencias concedidas con motivo del Jubileo del 2025 es orar por las intenciones del Sumo Pontífice; el Vídeo del Papa ofrece a todos una ocasión para ello, así como la plataforma digital de oración ClickToPray.



OREMOS POR LAS VOCACIONES



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Wednesday, Feb. 19

# IHM Catechism Announcement

## Next Parent Meeting

February 19, 2025

## Vocations Day

February 26, 2025  
In Finley Hall



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

**Season of Lent**  
March 5- April 17, 2025

**IHM Office Raffle**  
Drawing to be held March 7, 2025  
\$10 Tickets on sale in the office

**Enchilada Fest**  
Friday, March 7, 2025  
(first Friday of Lent)

**IHM Rite of Election**  
Saturday, March 8, 2025  
2pm

**IHM Pilgrimage To Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
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