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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)

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



RECENT EVENTS

- 2. Feast of Saint Blaise blessing of the throats 2025
- 3. Gathering following the procession

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MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, February 8

- 5:30 PM † Ernesto Fragoso (by the Fragoso family)
† Helen Hartman Blaister
† Mary McKinley (by her family)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, February 9

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 / Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 / 1 Corinthians 15:1-11/ Luke 5:1-11

- 7:30 AM † Ernesto Garcia and Gilberto Fierro (by Margarita Fierro)
† Victor C. Frias (By Wife and Family)
9:00 AM(Sp) † Guadalupe y Familia Moreno (por Manny Morales)
† Blanca Rasura (por Edmundo Rodriguez)
† Isamel Alejandro Rey (por su familia)
11:00 AM † Jennie Rowlison (by Avelina Montoya)
† Luis Garcia (by Amanda)

Monday/Lunes, February 10

Genesis 1:1-19 / Psalm 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c / Mark 6:53-56

- 8:15 AM † Maria de Jesus and Trinidad (by Manny Morales)
† Thomas Dean Davis (by Tessie Bencomo)

Tuesday/Martes, February 11

Genesis 1:20—2:4a / Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Mark 7:1-13

- 8:15 AM † Carmen Lucina Loya (by Josefina Vargas)
6:00 PM(Sp) † Isaac Santa Aponte (por Mayra I. Santa)

Wednesday/Miércoles, February 12

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17 / Psalm 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 / Mark 7:14-23

- 8:15 AM † Martin and Victoria (by Manny Morales)

Thursday/Jueves, February 13

Genesis 2:18-25 / Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 / Mark 7:24-30

- 8:15 AM For children with epilepsy
6:00 PM(Sp) Por las vocaciones

Friday/Viernes, February 14

Genesis 3:1-8 / Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 / Mark 7:31-37

- 8:15 AM † Mary Fragoso (by Edward Fragoso and Family)

Saturday/Sabado, February 15

Genesis 3:9-24 / Psalm 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 / Mark 8:1-10

- 8:15 AM For the souls in purgatory

WHAT IS HAPPENING

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13
2025

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CATHEDRAL

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St. Scholastica, Virgin, sister of St. Benedetto

Feast Day: February 10

Scholastica, first Benedictine nun, lived between 480 and 543. She was a very docile disciple of her brother, St. Benedict, with whom she vied for perfection of holiness, in learning the wisdom of the heart: so much so that she is said to have bested even her brother in charity.

Of God, Scholastica loved to speak above all with her brother, Benedict, whom she would meet once a year. The place of their spiritual talks was a little house halfway between the two monasteries and in the last of these meetings, Scholastica asked her brother to continue the interview until the following morning, but Benedict opposed her, saying it would break the Rule. Scholastica then implored the Lord not to let her brother depart, bursting into copious tears: immediately after, an unexpected and violent storm forced Benedict to stay, so that the two did talk all night. In response to the storm, Scholastica answered, "See, I have asked you, and He has answered me." Let us too turn in difficulties to the One to whom everything is possible.

Three days after this meeting, Benedict was informed of his sister's death by a divine sign: he saw his sister's soul ascend to Heaven in the form of a white dove.

Santa Escolástica

Virgen, hermana de San Benedetto

Día festivo:

10 de febrero



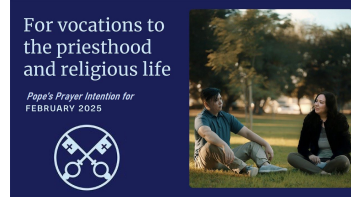
Escolástica, primera monja benedictina, vivió entre 480 y 543. Fue una discípula muy dócil de su hermano San Benito, con quien disputó la perfección de la santidad, en el aprendizaje de la sabiduría del corazón: tanto es así que se dice haber superado incluso a su hermano en caridad.

De Dios, a Escolástica le encantaba hablar sobre todo con su hermano Benito, con quien se encontraba una vez al año. El lugar de sus conversaciones espirituales era una casita a medio camino entre los dos monasterios y en el último de estos encuentros, Escolástica pidió a su hermano que continuara la entrevista hasta la mañana siguiente, pero Benito se opuso, diciendo que violaría la Regla. Escolástica imploró entonces al Señor que no dejara partir a su hermano, rompiendo a llorar abundantemente: inmediatamente después, una tormenta inesperada y violenta obligó a Benito a quedarse, de modo que los dos conversaron toda la noche. En respuesta a la tormenta, Escolástica respondió: "Mira, te he preguntado y Él me ha respondido". En las dificultades, recurramos también a Aquel para quien todo es posible.

Pope's February prayer intention: 'For vocations to priesthood, religious life'

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of February, and urges Catholics to pray for young men and women to welcome God's call to the priesthood or religious life.

By Devin Watkins



"Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel called to live Jesus's mission in life: either through the priestly life, or religious life."

Pope Francis made that appeal for prayers in The Pope Video, which was released on Tuesday to accompany his

prayer intention for February 2025.

Drawing on his own vocational experience, the Pope recalled that at 17 years old he had other plans for his life that didn't include becoming a priest.

"But one day, I went into the church...and God was there, waiting for me!" he said.

The Holy Father recalled that God calls many young people to serve His people through a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

"God still calls young people even today, sometimes in ways we can't imagine," he said. "Sometimes we don't hear because we're too busy with our own things, our own plans, even with our own things in the Church."

Yet, added Pope Francis, the Holy Spirit reveals God's plan for our lives by speaking to the heart of young people.

The task of Catholics, he added, is to accompany their spiritual journey, so that they will be willing and able to welcome the call to a religious vocation.

"Let's trust young people!" concluded Pope Francis. "And, above all, let's trust God for He calls everyone!"

ACCOMPANYING YOUNG PEOPLE ON THEIR VOCATIONAL JOURNEY

The Pope Video, released by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, depict scenes from the early life of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, now Pope Francis, along with images from the daily lives of young people today.

The effect, according to a press release, is to tie the youth of the future Pope to contemporary young people, whom God calls to a priestly or religious vocation in a similar way.

According to Archbishop José Gómez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, which helped produce the video, God takes the lives of young people seriously.

"The Church's mission," he said, "is to walk with young people to help them grow in their faith and to work to build this world into the Kingdom that God wants for His people."

Fr. Cristóbal Fones, SJ, International Director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, said God's vocational invitation always respects the full freedom of those whom He calls.

"This requires an approach to vocation ministry that truly values dialogue and accompaniment, while also welcoming and accepting the concrete concerns, questions and aspirations of young people as an important component in the vocational process," said Fr. Fones.

The press release concludes with a reminder that one of the conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence by passing through one of the Holy Doors in Rome is the "pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff."

Nothing is worth sacrificing the life of a child, pope tells world leaders

VATICAN CITY (CNS)

It is unacceptable that a child's right to life and a dignified childhood should be sacrificed to "the idols" of power, profit, ideology and nationalistic self-interest, Pope Francis told a group of world experts and leaders.



"A childhood denied is a silent scream condemning the wrongness of the economic system, the criminal nature of wars, the lack of adequate medical care and schooling," he said in his address opening a Feb. 3 summit at the Vatican on children's rights.

"We are here today to say that we do not want this to become the new normal," he said, and "we are all here together, to put

children, their rights, their dreams and their demand for a future at the center of our concern."

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, center, greets former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, right, alongside Franciscan Father Enzo Fortunato, president of the Pontifical Committee for the World Day of Children and one of the

main organizers of the summit, before the opening of a world leaders' summit on children's rights at the Vatican Feb. 2, 2025. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

About 50 guests from all over the world, including former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, attended the one-day world leaders' summit titled, "Love them and protect them." The invitees included Nobel Prize winners, government ministers and heads of state, leaders of international and nonprofit organizations, top Vatican officials and other experts.

Talks were divided into topics of concern including a child's right to food, health care, education, a family, free time, and the right to live free from violence and exploitation.

The pope opened the summit by urging everyone to listen to children -- their hopes, dreams and fears -- and "to build a better world for children, and consequently for everyone!"

"I am confident that, by pooling your experience and expertise, you can open new avenues to assist and protect the children whose rights are daily trampled upon and ignored," he said.

"Listening to those children who today live in violence, exploitation or injustice serves to strengthen our 'no' to war, to the throwaway culture of waste and profit, in which everything is bought and sold without respect or care for life, especially when that life is small and defenseless," the pope said.

"In the name of this throwaway mentality, in which the human being becomes all-powerful, unborn life is sacrificed through the murderous practice of abortion," he said. "Abortion suppresses the life of children and cuts off the source of hope for the whole of society."

Pope Francis addresses participants during the opening of a world leaders' summit on children's rights at the Vatican Feb. 3, 2025. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

The pope highlighted the plight of children living in "limbo" because they were not registered at birth and of "undocumented" children at the border of the United States, "those first victims of that exodus of despair and hope made by the thousands of people coming from the south toward the United States of America."

"What we have tragically seen almost every day in recent times, namely children dying beneath bombs, sacrificed to the idols of power, ideology and nationalistic interests, is unacceptable," he said. "In truth, nothing is worth the life of a child. To kill children is to deny the future."

Archbishop Paul Gallagher, Vatican foreign minister, followed up on the pope's condemnation of abortion in his talk.

"All children, even before birth, have the right to life and should be protected from discrimination on the grounds of sex or health," he said. "The choices that societies make regarding the protection of the child in its mother's womb have an impact on the way we see children, indicating the space and importance we are prepared to give them."

He also said, "Every child should have the right to a family, the right to be raised by a father and a mother," as "it is within the family that the rights and the well-being of children are best protected and promoted."

Parents also have the right to "educate their offspring according to their own religious beliefs," the archbishop added.

Pope Francis sits alongside Antonio Tajani, deputy prime minister of Italy, left, and Queen Rania of Jordan during the opening of a world leaders' summit on children's rights at the Vatican Feb. 3, 2025. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

Pope Francis attended the early morning panels and was scheduled to return for the closing session. He was present for the speech of Jordan's Queen Rania, who told the gathering that "the Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most widely ratified human rights treaty in history."

"In theory, the consensus is clear: Every right for every child. Yet so many children around the world are excluded from this promise, particularly in war zones," she said. "Worse yet, people have grown desensitized to their pain."

The media blur horrific scenes of war "for our protection," she said, adding that it is absurd that a child's "lived reality is deemed too graphic for even adults to watch."

Some children are even denied the promise and protections of childhood, she said, when "they are demonized, aged up, portrayed as threats or simply dismissed as human shields."

"From Palestine to Sudan, Yemen to Myanmar and beyond, this un-childing creates chasms in our compassion. It stifles urgency in favor of complacency. It allows politicians to sidestep blame," she said.

Today, Queen Rania said, there is "a status quo that deems some children's suffering acceptable based on their name, faith or the land of their birth, where every child's fate depends on where they fall on some artificial line between 'our' children and 'theirs.'"

"Without equal application, global commitments ring hollow. Because if a right can be willfully denied, then it is not a right at all. It is a privilege for the lucky few," she said. "Every child has an equal claim to our protection and care. No exceptions, no exclusions, no preconditions."

Goal of Catholic Education is the Flourishing of Each Individual and Their Ultimate Salvation, says Bishop O'Connell

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WASHINGTON



Catholic schools are an education model rooted in the recognition of the inherent dignity of every person, said Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catholic Education. He expressed gratitude to Senator Eric Schmitt of Missouri and Congressman Darin LaHood of Illinois for introducing bipartisan resolutions celebrating National Catholic Schools Week;

scan the QR code to read the full resolution.

"I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to Catholic educators for their steadfast dedication to forming students in the Catholic faith. It is through their dedicated service to the educational ministry of the Church that Catholic schools continue to provide the nation with an education model rooted in the recognition of the inherent dignity of every person. Our schools focus not only on academic excellence but also on the spiritual, moral, and intellectual growth of students, with the goal of not only the flourishing of each individual, but also their ultimate salvation," Bishop O'Connell stated. "Catholic schools nurture humility, wisdom, and virtue, guiding students to recognize and embrace what is true, good, and beautiful. This education empowers them to live lives of service to God and others, offering a freedom that only Christ can provide."

Bishop O'Connell also emphasized the critical role of families in Catholic education. "Our Church recognizes the primacy of parents as the first educators of their children, and Catholic schools are committed to working alongside them, deeply incorporating families into both the life of the school and the Church."

Catholic Schools Week is observed during the last week of January each year where parish and school communities celebrate the history and contributions of Catholic education in the United States in their local communities. Many schools host open houses, celebrate special Masses, and school events meant to showcase the community's spirit and enthusiasm for Catholic education. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2025 is "United in Faith and Community," which reflects how Catholic schools unite students, families and educators in the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, fostering communities rooted in faith love and service.



Dios camina con su pueblo: Mensaje del Papa Francisco

En este mensaje, el Santo Padre nos recuerda que todos nosotros, Pueblo de Dios, somos migrantes en esta tierra, en camino hacia la "verdadera Patria", el Reino de los Cielos. Los migrantes son un ícono contemporáneo de este pueblo en camino, de la Iglesia en camino y, al mismo tiempo, es en ellos y en todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas vulnerables donde podemos encontrar al Señor que camina con nosotros.

La Iglesia en México difunde un mapa de ayuda para migrantes y deportados: al menos 40 centros de apoyo disponibles

La Conferencia del Episcopado publicó un plano con todos los comedores, puntos de información y asesoría legal del país a los que poder acudir si fuera necesario.

En el mapa se pueden contabilizar al menos 40 centros de atención e información para migrantes, así como comedores, de los cuales nueve se encuentran en la frontera con los Estados Unidos.

Los obispos lamentaron que "en medio de un crudo invierno", muchas personas y familias en situación de movilidad estén viviendo "momentos de angustia, dolor, miedo e incertidumbre"

La CEM pide solidaridad

"Los que integramos la Pastoral de la Movilidad Humana, les reiteramos a todos nuestra solidaridad, nuestra oración y nuestra determinación de seguirles sirviendo", señala el texto firmado también por el secretario general del episcopado Mario Pérez Villarreal.

Y añade: "Continuaremos esforzándonos para que en nuestras casas, albergues y centros de acogida encuentren techo y alimento; apoyo en la atención a su salud física, emocional y espiritual; ayuda para contactar a sus familias y obtener la documentación que necesiten; asesoría y acompañamiento legal para los trámites que requieran realizar."

Los obispos hicieron un nuevo llamado a toda la sociedad a sumarse a este esfuerzo, particularmente a las arquidiócesis, diócesis, parroquias, institutos de vida consagrada, seminarios, casas de formación, universidades y colegios católicos, grupos laicales y comunidades.

Finalmente, expresaron de nueva cuenta su disposición a sumarse a los esfuerzos de las autoridades federales, estatales y municipales, así como de las organizaciones religiosas y civiles, convencidos que, unidos, podemos ofrecer a todos una esperanza.



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IHM Youth Group



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IHM Catechism Announcement

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Saint Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance

Friday, February 14
Tickets \$30 per Couple
Sponsored by the MDS Ministry

Ash Wednesday

Not a Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, March 5
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)

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Saturday, March 8, 2025
2pm

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Sunday, March 9 to
Saturday, March 15, 2025

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