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Monday-Saturday: 8:15a.m. (English)
Tuesday / martes: 6:00p.m. (Español)
Thursday / jueves: 6:00p.m. Hora Santa en (Español)
Friday / viernes: 3:00p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (English)

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English: 10:00-12:00p.m.
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for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Luke 12:32

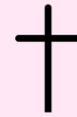
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Youth Group Every Fridays at 6:00pm



Registration Education Now Open Catechism 2025-2026



We are now accepting registration for Immaculate Heart of Mary catechism Program For the year 2025-2026.

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After Mass, Despues de cada misa Saturdays / sabados 5:30 pm Mass/ Misa Sundays / Domingos 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am Mass/ Misa

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"The one who prays is never alone. In fact, Jesus welcomes us in His prayer so that we might pray in Him and through Him. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel invites us to pray to the Father in Jesus's name." (Pope Francis)



2025 Gran Kermes IHM Cathedral

Save the Date!
Marcan su calendario!

 Friday, 8th

- 8:15am - Morning mass
- 5:30pm - Evening Mass
- 7:00pm - Dinner and dance featuring Chef Father Alejandro!
Enjoy Chiles en Nogada and Barbacoa.

 Saturday 9th

- Food and entertainment from 8:30 AM to 10:00 PM
- 8:15am - Morning Mass, for the sick members of our community
- 9:00am - 10:00am Mariachi Aguilas
- 7:00pm - Charla sobre el Inmaculado Corazón de María
- 7:00pm - 9pm Charro de New York
- Luci DJ - All day

 Sunday, 10th

- Food and entertainment from 8:30 AM to 10:00 PM
- Tempo - 10:00pm - 1:00pm
- Dignastia del Bravo 3:00pm-8:00pm
- Mata DJ - 10:00am to end of day



Santísima Virgen María del Carmelo 

La Memoria litúrgica de Nuestra Señora del Carmen fue instituida para conmemorar la aparición de la Virgen, el 16 de julio de 1251, a San Simón Stock.

En el Primer Libro de los Reyes se cuenta que el profeta Elías se reunió en el monte Carmelo con algunos hombres para defender la pureza de la fe de su pueblo, y ganó un desafío contra los sacerdotes del ídolo Baal. Además, según la tradición, la Sagrada Familia se detuvo en este monte a su regreso de Egipto.

Inspirándose en Elías, se establecieron en el monte Carmelo grupos de monjes que seguían la regla de San Basilio; se encuentran testimonios de ello en el s. XI, cuando los cruzados llegaron al lugar. Hacia 1154, el noble francés Berthold, que había llegado a Palestina con su primo Aimerius de Limoges, patriarca de Antioquía, se retiró al monte Carmelo, y decidió reunir a los ermitaños para que hicieran vida cenobítica. Los religiosos construyeron una pequeña iglesia en medio de sus celdas, dedicándola a la Virgen María, y tomaron el nombre de Hermanos de Santa María del Monte Carmelo. La orden del Carmelo adquirió así sus dos rasgos distintivos: la referencia a Elías y el vínculo con María Santísima.

Del Evangelio según San Mateo

Todavía estaba hablando a la multitud, cuando su madre y sus hermanos, que estaban afuera, trataban de hablar con Él. Alguien le dijo: «Tu madre y tus hermanos están ahí afuera y quieren hablarte». Jesús le respondió: «¿Quién es mi madre y quiénes son mis hermanos?».

Y señalando con la mano a sus discípulos, agregó: «Estos son mi madre y mis hermanos. Porque todo el que hace la voluntad de mi Padre que está en el cielo, ese es mi hermano, mi hermana y mi madre».

Lazos de amor, no de sangre

En el día de la Memoria (opcional) de Nuestra Señora del Carmen, la liturgia presenta el pasaje de Mateo relativo al grado de "familiaridad" con Jesús. Un grado que no es de sangre, sino de imitación: "Todo el que hace la voluntad de mi Padre que está en el cielo, ese es mi hermano, mi hermana y mi madre". Uno pasa a formar parte de "su familia" no por la sangre, sino por una elección libre y personal que se traduce en el compromiso de hacer la voluntad del Padre.

María, la primera discípula

Como confirmación de lo que se acaba de decir, fue el propio Jesús quien respondió a una mujer que ensalzaba a su Madre: "¡Bendito el vientre que te llevó y el pecho del que tomaste leche!". Jesús replicó: "Más bien, dichosos los que escuchan la palabra de Dios y la cumplen" (Lc 11,27-28). Pero hay que tener presente que María es la que sabe escuchar, la que sabe guardar, la que sabe remitirse a su Hijo: "Haced lo que Él os diga" (Jn 2,5). María es la que nunca abandona a su Hijo Jesús, ni siquiera en el camino hacia la Cruz, y se mantiene de pie junto a la Cruz. Es una discípula que nunca abandona al Señor Jesús.

María, modelo para los cristianos

Todo esto nos lleva a querer imitar a la Virgen María. En el Monte Carmelo, los monjes lo hicieron y lo hacen, pero todo cristiano está llamado a mirar a María para aprender de ella, y a encomendarse a su intercesión para guardar la pureza de la fe contra los ídolos baales de hoy.

El escapulario que libera de las penas del purgatorio

A San Simón Stock, que propagó la devoción de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo y compuso un bello himno para ella, el Flos Carmeli, la Virgen le aseguró que los que mueran llevando el escapulario se salvarán.

Oración

Flor del Carmelo, vida floreciente, splendor del cielo, sólo tú eres la Virgen Madre. Madre suave y sin miedo, a tus hijos sé propicia, estrella del mar. Raíz de Jesse, que produce la flor, concédenos quedarnos contigo para siempre. Lirio cultivado entre las altas espinas, conserva puras las mentes frágiles y da ayuda. Armadura fuerte de los combatientes, la guerra está en marcha: pon el escapulario como defensa. En la incertidumbre danos consejos, en la desgracia, desde el cielo imparte consuelo. Madre y Señora de tu Carmelo de esa alegría que te embriega sacia los corazones. Oh llave y puerta del Paraíso, haz que lleguemos adonde estás coronada de gloria. Amén.

Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel



This optional memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was established to commemorate her apparition to Saint Simon Stock on 16 July 1251. The Book of Kings recounts that on Mount Carmel the Prophet Elijah gathered a group of men to defend the purity of the Hebrew faith and won a challenge against the priests of the pagan god Baal. Inspired by this experience, a group of monks, following the Rule of Saint Basil, was established to imitate the prophet Elijah. There are traces going back to the 11th century with the arrival of the crusaders. Around 1154, the French nobleman Berthold retreated to this mountain when he arrived in Palestine with his cousin Aimery de Limoges, Patriarch of Antioch. He decided to gather the hermits to live a cenobitic life. These men religious built a small church that stood in the middle of their cells, dedicating it to the Blessed Virgin. They themselves took the name Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. The Carmelites would gradually acquire their two defining elements: a reference to Elijah and a strong connection with Mary Most Holy. In addition, according to tradition, it was there that the Holy Family stopped on their return from Egypt.

While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers appeared outside, wishing to speak with him. Someone told him, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak with you.” But he said in reply to the one who told him, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother.” (Mt. 12:46-50)

Bonds of love, not of blood

On the day on which we celebrate the optional memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the liturgy presents this passage from the Gospel according to Matthew concerning the degree of familial relationship with Jesus. This degree that is not based on blood, but on imitation: “Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother”. Those who belong to “his family” become a member not through bonds of blood, or by practicing a common religion, but by a free and individual choice that is translated into the commitment to do the Father’s will.

Mary, the first disciple

To confirm what has just been said, Jesus himself responded to a woman who exalted Jesus’s Mother: “Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed.” He replied, “Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it” (Lk. 11:27-28). Mary is the one who knows how to listen, how to keep things in her heart, how to direct everyone to her Son – “Do whatever he tells you” (Jn. 2:5). Mary is the one who never abandoned her Son Jesus, not even along the way of the Cross. She “stood” under the Cross. She is a disciple who never abandons the Lord Jesus, but who always “follows him.

Mary, model for Christians (and Carmelites)

All of this leads to imitate the Virgin Mary. Just as the monks have been doing and still do on Mount Carmel, every Christian is called to look to Mary to learn from her, to entrust themselves to her intercession to guard “the purity of faith” against the idols of today’s ‘Baals’.

The Scapular that frees from the pains of purgatory

Saint Simon Stock propagated the devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and composed a beautiful hymn to her called the Flos Carmeli. Our Lady assured Saint Simon Stock those who died wearing.

The scapular would be freed from the pains of purgatory.

Flower of Carmel, Tall vine blossom laden; Splendour of heaven, childbearing yet maiden. None equals thee. Mother so tender, Who no man didst know, On Carmel's children Thy favours bestow. Star of the Sea. Strong stem of Jesse, Who bore one bright flower, Be ever near us and guard us each hour, who serve thee here. Purest of lilies, That flowers among thorns, Bring help to the true heart That in weakness turns and trusts in thee. Strongest of armour, We trust in thy might: Under thy mantle, Hard press'd in the fight, we call to thee. Our way uncertain, Surrounded by foes, Unfailing counsel You give to those who turn to thee. O gentle Mother Who in Carmel reigns, Share with your servants That gladness you gained and now enjoy. Hail, Gate of Heaven, With glory now crowned, Bring us to safety Where thy Son is found, true joy to see. Amen. (Alleluia.)

Pope urges Knights of Columbus to be signs of hope



Pope Leo XIV sends a message to the Knights of Columbus thanking them for their service for the most needy, a service which he says stems from their founder Michael McGivney.

Pope Leo XIV has sent a message to the Knights of Columbus as they gather in Washington in the United States, for the 143rd Supreme Convention.

In his video address, the Pope greeted all those present, both in person and virtually, and acknowledged the significance of the gathering taking place during the Jubilee Year of Hope. Then, in quoting Pope Francis, he defined hope as “the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.”

“Jesus Christ is the source of our hope,” continued the Pope, reminding the Knights that every generation of Christians is called to proclaim the Gospel, both in word and in action. He then went on to emphasise the importance of being a sign of hope, especially to those facing hardship.

In the footsteps of their founder

Pope Leo XIV pointed to the example of Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, who responded to the needs of immigrant Catholics and the poor with practical help and spiritual support. This mission of fraternal charity, he noted, continues through the work of local Knights of Columbus councils around the world.

This year’s theme, “Heralds of Hope,” the Pope said, serves as a reminder of the role Knights are called to play in their parishes, communities, and families. The Pope expressed his gratitude for the Order’s efforts in gathering men for prayer, formation, and service, as well as its outreach to vulnerable people, including pregnant women, children, the poor, and those affected by war.

“With these brief words,” the Pope concluded, “I offer my good wishes for the work of the Supreme Convention,” entrusting their efforts to the intercession of the Blessed

Starvation deaths in Gaza rise to 197



The death toll from starvation in Gaza continues to rise. The UN and other aid organizations are warning of a catastrophic situation. WFP Chief, Cindy McCain, says airdrops are not the right solution in a famine situation such as the one unfolding in Gaza where 500,000 people are starving TODAY.

By Nathan Morley

The death toll from starvation in Gaza has climbed to 197, with four additional deaths reported in the past 24 hours, according to local health authorities.

Officials say half of the victims are children.

The figures come amid growing international concern over a worsening hunger crisis in the enclave.

The United Nations and the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) have warned of a catastrophic situation, with famine thresholds reportedly being met in parts of Gaza.

Humanitarian aid remains stalled at the border, where approximately 6,000 truckloads of supplies are awaiting entry. Last week, Israel authorized airdrops of food into Gaza, but aid organizations have criticized the move as inadequate and largely symbolic.

Earlier this week, UN Assistant Secretary-General Miroslav Jenca expressed alarm over reports that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu may expand military operations across the entire Gaza Strip.

Jenca urged Israel to allow the immediate and unimpeded passage of humanitarian relief to prevent further suffering and loss of life.



Congreso de Educación Católica en Chile: desafíos de la migración en Latinoamérica

Congreso de Educación Católica en Chile: desafíos de la migración en Latinoamérica Más de 300 docentes, autoridades y estudiantes se reunieron por primera vez en Arica, Chile, en el Congreso Nacional de Educación Católica, bajo el lema “Fui forastero y me recibieron”. En el Congreso de Educación Católica que se desarrolló en Arica, Chile, del 31 de julio al 1 de agosto, los entes vinculados a la formación en valores cristianos centraron su reflexión en la migración en Latinoamérica: “Fui Forastero y me recibieron: los desafíos de la migración para la educación religiosa”. El evento contó con una asistencia de alrededor de 300 personas provenientes desde Illapel hasta el extremo norte del país, como también docentes provenientes de la ciudad de Tacna, Perú.

Monseñor Moisés Atisha, Obispo de la Diócesis de San Marcos de Arica, invitó a reflexionar en torno al fenómeno de la migración y su profundo impacto en la educación católica. Con gran entusiasmo, vocación de servicio y compromiso con la educación católica, los participantes del encuentro abordaron diversas temáticas relacionadas con el fenómeno migratorio. Los diversos ponentes ofrecieron una mirada propositiva y aplicable a los entornos escolares, con especial énfasis en la perspectiva social, cultural, antropológica, y educacional. Durante sus exposiciones, coincidieron en que la migración no debe entenderse como un paradigma abstracto, sino como una realidad concreta que interpela y enriquece a las comunidades educativas. Subrayaron la necesidad de revisar y fortalecer tanto los contenidos curriculares como la dimensión sociocultural de los proyectos educativos institucionales.

La jornada culminó con la celebración de la Eucaristía, en la homilía Monseñor Alberto Lorenzelli, director del Área de Educación de la Conferencia Episcopal de Chile, hizo un llamado a adoptar una actitud nueva, al estilo de Jesús, con “ojos nuevos” y libres de prejuicios. Invitó a los docentes a educar en la fe, la hospitalidad y el reconocimiento de los milagros cotidianos que ocurren en la escuela, destacando la pedagogía del “fui forastero y me acogieron” como una experiencia profunda del Reino. “En este tiempo, ustedes son los profetas en su tierra. No tengan miedo de sembrar hospitalidad, justicia y fe”, concluyó.



Pope on Hiroshima anniversary: Let justice replace a false sense of security

Closing his General Audience, Pope Leo remembers the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, and calls for justice, dialogue, and fraternity in the world. On the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing of the Japanese city of Hiroshima, Pope Leo XIV dedicated some time to remembering the tens of thousands killed and injured on August 6, 1945. He also recalled that in just three days, the world will mark another sad anniversary: the bombing of Nagasaki. A line of floral wreaths is pictured after being placed there by officials during the Peace Memorial Ceremony to mark the 80th anniversary of the world's first atomic bomb attack (AFP or licensors) At the close of his General Audience, the Pope offered words of solidarity, “I wish to assure my prayers for all those who have suffered its physical, psychological, and social consequences.”

He highlighted that despite the eight decades which have passed since the bombings, “those tragic events remain a universal warning against the devastation caused by war—and particularly by nuclear weapons.” Pope Leo expressed his hope that the world today—plagued by intense divisions and deadly violence—will replace its false sense of security “based on the threat of mutual destruction” with justice, open dialogue, and trust in fraternity. Remembering the day This appeal comes after the Pope sent a message to the Bishop of Hiroshima during the celebration of Mass for Peace in the city. In Japan, the annual ceremony was held at the city's Peace Memorial Park to mark the anniversary. Representatives from a record 120 countries and regions participated in the memorial service with a moment of silence observed at 8:15 a.m., the exact time of the bombing. By Kielce Gussie

What is happening

- Catechism classes will start September 10, 2025
- Las clases de catecismo empezarán el 10 de septiembre de 2025.

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MASS INTENTIONS



Vigil / vigilia Saturday / sábado August 9th

5:30p.m. †Jose Ismael Chavez (by Loved ones)

Sunday / domingo August 10th

7: 30a.m. †Lorenzo & Lillie Marin (by Their Children)

9:00a.m. †Mica Loya Rodriguez (Por Josefina Vargas)
(Sp) † Blanca Rasura (por Ricardo Rasura)
Almas del purgatorio

11:00a.m. Holy souls in the purgatory

Monday / lunes August 11th

8: 15a.m. Holy souls in the purgatory

Tuesday / martes August 12

8:15a.m. †Lucy Pacheco (by Gloria Dorsett)
† Officer Jose Ismael Chavez (by Family)
Holy souls in the purgatory

6:00p.m. Almas del purgatorio
(Sp) †Leonel Meraz (por Lupe Gallardo)
Salud por Yicel Meraz (por Familia)
Salud por Uziel Fulton (por Lupe Gallardo)

Wednesday / miércoles August 13th

8:15a.m. † Leo Bosselait (by Paul Bosselait)
† Aileen Gose (by Medina Family)

Thursday / jueves August 14th

8:15a.m. Thanksgiving for Alice Velasco (by Lisa Archuleta)

Friday / viernes August 15th

8:15a.m. † Tonita & Cesario Lujan (by Alice & Harry Lujan)

Saturday / sábado August 16th

8:15a.m. † Angelina Cardenas

The Parable of The Faithful Servant



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- August / agosto 16, 2025
- September / septiembre, 20, 2025
- October / octubre 18, 2025

Spanish: 10:00-12:00p.m.
English: 10:00-12:00p.m.

Dias de los Bautizos (domingo)
7 de septiembre del 2025
5 de noviembre del 2025

Day's of Baptism English (Sunday)
August 31, 2025
September 28, 2025
November 26, 2025

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Saint of the week / Santo de la semana

St. Clare of Assisi, Virgin, Foundress of the Poor Ladies



Poor by choice: in the footsteps of St. Francis
Palm Sunday, 1211. The silence of the night in the countryside of Assisi is broken by the 18 year-old Clare's swift gait. She has decided to rebel against her wealthy - and much beloved - family, in pursuit of the desire for true freedom that God has put in her: She wants to be poor. Her escape from all security is the end of a journey begun seven years ago, when she witnessed a shocking incident: a wealthy young man stripped naked, returned his rich and elegant clothing to his father, and embraced Lady Poverty. He was Francis of Assisi. He is waiting for her that night at the Porziuncola: She cuts her hair, dons a tunic of coarse wool, and finds shelter in the Benedictine monastery of Saint Paul at Bastia Umbra. In vain, will her father attempt to convince her to return home..

"Poor Clares"
The divine light that shines through Clare draws many other women to her, including her mother and sisters: soon they will be fifty. Francis calls them "Poor Ladies" or "Poor Sisters" and makes the little monastery of San Damiano available to them, which he had just restored and where he, as a young man, received the invitation, "Go and repair my house." There is perfect communion between St. Francis and St. Clare there is full communion, and she defines herself "his seedling". With her sisters, Clare accompanies the mission of the friars in the world with unceasing prayer.

First woman to write a Rule
Strong and determined, Clare is the first woman to write a Rule and obtain approval for it - from Gregory IX - which was permanently enshrined by Innocent IV in his Bull of 1253, giving stable right to the "privilege of poverty" and to her longing desire to "observe the Gospel".

Tireless adoration of the Eucharist
Illness marked Clare's last 30 years on Earth, but the joyful intimacy she had with the Lord in prayer never subsided. "Nothing is so great," she wrote, "as the heart of man: there, in the depths, dwells God." A tireless worshiper of Our Eucharistic Lord, Clare's devotion was so great that once she even staved off an invasion of Saracens, armed only with a pyx.

Proclaimed a Saint two years after her death
On a Christmas night, sick in bed and immersed in prayer, contemplating the sacred action unfolding in the Porziuncola - the heart of the friars' community - Clare was given a vision of the rites as they unfolded. She saw the celebration in a vision that appeared on the wall of her cell. It was owing to this miraculous occurrence, that Pius XII made her patroness of television. Clare died on August 11, 1253, on the bare floor of San Damiano. On her lips, the last thanksgiving: "'Go securely and in peace, my blessed soul. The One who created you and made you holy has always loved you tenderly as a mother her dear child. And you, Lord, are blessed because You have created me.'" Unprecedented numbers of people took part in her funeral, and Alexander IV proclaimed her a Saint only two years later.

s. Clara de Asís, virgen, fundadora de las Clarisas

Pobre por elección, siguiendo los pasos de Francisco Domingo de Ramos 1211. El silencio e en la noche de la campaña en Asís se rompe con los pasos de Clara. Sabe que está a punto de contradecir a su amada y rica familia, pero

Dios ha puesto en ella el deseo de la verdadera libertad: quiere ser pobre. Esa fuga a la seguridad que le daba su familia, es el epílogo de un recorrido iniciado siete años antes cuando es testigo de un hecho emocionante: un joven rico se desnuda, se quita sus vestidos y los devuelve al padre y abraza la Virgen Pobreza. Es Francisco. Cuando escapa de su casa, Francisco espera a Clara en la Porciúncula: le corta sus cabellos, le pone una túnica de lana cruda y le encuentra un lugar donde quedarse en el monasterio benedictino de San Pablo en Bastia Umbra. Su padre tratará de convencerla inútilmente para que regrese a casa.

"Damas pobres"
La luz especial de Clara conquista a otras mujeres, entre ellas, su madre y las hermanas: muy pronto serán unas cincuenta. Francisco las llama "damas pobres" o "reclusas pobres" y dispone para ellas el pequeño monasterio de San Damián, que recién había restaurado y donde el joven recibió la invitación "Ve y repara mi casa ". Entre el pobrecito y Clara hay una comunión plena, ella se define "su planta de semillero" y acompaña en misión a los frailes por el mundo con la oración continua junto con las hermanas.

Primera mujer que escribe una Regla
Fuerte y determinada, es la primera mujer que escribe una Regla y que obtiene la aprobación del Papa Gregorio IX, sellada luego por la bula de Inocencio IV en 1253, la Regla habla del "privilegio de la pobreza" y del ardiente deseo de "observar el evangelio".

Incansable adoradora de la Eucaristía
La enfermedad marca sus últimos 30 años, pero no abandona jamás el contacto gozoso con el Señor de la oración: "No hay nada tan grande - escribe - como el corazón del hombre, allí en su intimidad, vive Dios". Incansable adoradora de la Eucaristía, provoca la fuga de los sarracenos de Asís con la píxide en sus manos.

Proclamada santa dos años después de su muerte
Una noche de Navidad, absorta en sus oraciones, contempla desde las paredes de su celda los ritos que se celebran en esos momentos en la Porciúncula, corazón de la comunidad de los frailes. Por este motivo fue declarada por Pío XII protectora de la televisión. Muere el 11 de agosto del 1253 sobre el frío pavimento de San Damián. Sus últimas palabras fueron una acción de gracias: "Señor, Tú que me has creado, bendito seas". En los funerales participa una muchedumbre jamás vista y sólo dos años más tarde fue proclamada santa por Alejandro IV.