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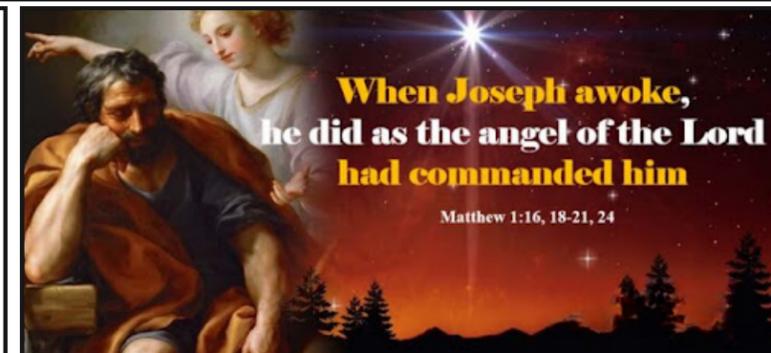
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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:30 - 4:30p.m.



SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES / MISAS

WEEKDAYS / FINES DE SEMANA
Saturday Vigil/Vigilia del sábado: 5:30p.m. (English)
Sunday/domingo: 7:30 / 11:00a.m. (English)
9:00a.m. (Español)

WEEKDAYS / DIAS DE LA SEMANA
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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Anointing of the Sick: Upon Request
Reconciliation:
Monday - Friday 7:00-8:00a.m.
Saturday: 4:00p.m.



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- Virgen de guadalupe Periginacion
- Some of our posadas come and joind us in



*Christmas
Mass*

December 24, 2025
Children Mass 5:30p.m.
Midnight Mass 12a.m

December 25, 2025
English Mass 11:00a.m.
Spanish Mass 9:00a.m.



*Mass on
New Year's Eve*

SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, 1 January 2026
English Mass
at 8:15a.m., 12:10a.m. &
5:30p.m.

Jueves, 1 de enero 2026
Español: 7:30p.m.

The Christmas Posadas Begin!

¡Inician las Posadas Navideñas!

Join us December 16–23 at 6:00p.m. as we celebrate this beautiful tradition filled with faith, joy, and Christmas carols.

Acompáñanos del 16 al 23 de diciembre 6:00p.m. para celebrar esta hermosa tradición llena de fe, alegría y cantos navideños.

- December 16 A los Pies de Jesus
- December 17 Catechism
- December 18..... MDS
- December 19 Mother Teresa
- December 20 Hombres de Valor
 - After mass of 5:30p.m.
- December 21..... Sacred Heart of Mary
 - At 1:00p.m
- December 22 IHM Office Staff
- December 23 Youth Group

Bring your family and friends as we prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus with hope and joy.
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Pope Leo to the sick: May the joy of Christmas accompany you all

Pope Leo to the sick: May the joy of Christmas accompany you all At a “small, slightly more personal” encounter inside the Paul VI Hall, Pope Leo XIV greets people with various illnesses and disabilities, offering a special blessing and the wish that “the joy of the Christmas season may accompany” them, their families, and their loved ones.



Pope Leo met with people with various illnesses and disabilities in the Paul VI Hall on Wednesday, ahead of the weekly General Audience in St Peter’s Square.

While a section close to the Pope is normally reserved at the Audience for those who are sick, the Holy Father explained that this week they were offered a smaller, “slightly more personal meeting” due to the possibility of inclement weather.

“We wanted to protect you a little from the elements: from the cold especially,” Pope Leo said. “It’s not raining,” he noted, “but perhaps this way you’ll be a little more comfortable.”

While offering those present the opportunity to go outside for the Audience, the Pope said he wanted to take advantage of the encounter to greet them, bless them, and offer a special wish for the holidays, asking the Lord “that the joy of this holiday season may accompany all of you, your families, and your loved ones.”

He added, “May you always be in the hands of the Lord, with confidence, with this love that only God can give us.” The Holy Father proceeded to greet personally those present, before moving to the Square for the General Audience. By Christopher Wells



Día Internacional del migrante. Una canción que cruza fronteras

Cada 18 de diciembre, el Día Internacional del Migrante invita al mundo a detenerse y mirar más allá de cifras, fronteras y discursos políticos. Es una fecha para reconocer que la migración es, ante todo, una experiencia humana compartida. En este contexto, desde Centroamérica surge una propuesta artística que dialoga con esta realidad global: Mandá Tu Corazón, de la cantautora hondureña Jackie Espinal.

El migrante como ser humano, no como cifra

Mandá Tu Corazón presenta al migrante como una persona valiente, resiliente y profundamente ligada a sus afectos. La canción invita a reflexionar sobre la unidad familiar y sobre las consecuencias emocionales y sociales que genera la separación prolongada, una realidad que atraviesa culturas, continentes y generaciones.

“La migración no es un tema de un solo país o de una sola región. Es una realidad global que involucra a América Latina, Europa y al mundo entero. Esta canción no juzga ni adopta una posición política; simplemente invita a mirar al migrante como un ser humano y a reconocer el valor de la familia”, expresa Jackie Espinal.

El videoclip propone una narrativa sensible y empática, centrada en emociones universales: la despedida, la esperanza, el sacrificio y el amor que continúa uniendo a las familias pese a la distancia.

La mirada global: migración, desarrollo y cultura

El mensaje artístico de Mandá Tu Corazón dialoga de forma natural con el enfoque de las Naciones Unidas para este 2025, bajo el lema “Mi gran historia: culturas y desarrollo”. La ONU recuerda que la migración es uno de los motores que definen nuestro siglo y que, bien gestionada, puede ser una poderosa herramienta para el desarrollo.

Actualmente, los conflictos, las catástrofes climáticas y las presiones económicas empujan a millones de personas a abandonar sus hogares. A pesar de los récords de desplazamientos y de las alarmantes cifras de muertes en tránsito, también existen historias de resiliencia, progreso y esperanza. Los migrantes llenan vacíos en los mercados laborales, impulsan la innovación, fortalecen economías envejecidas y sostienen a sus familias y comunidades a través de las remesas, que se prevé alcancen cifras históricas en los próximos años. El mensaje es claro: cuando la migración es segura, ordenada y gestionada de forma responsable, beneficia tanto a los países de origen como a los de destino.

Fomentar la cultura del encuentro

En un contexto global marcado por el aumento del miedo, los prejuicios y la xenofobia, diversas instituciones sociales y religiosas insisten en la urgencia de fomentar una cultura del encuentro. Desde Europa, la Delegación de Pastoral de la Movilidad Humana de la Archidiócesis de Madrid ha subrayado la necesidad de modelos inclusivos, acogedores y hospitalarios que promuevan el enriquecimiento mutuo.

Tal como señaló el cardenal José Cobo, arzobispo de Madrid, es fundamental dar a conocer relatos positivos de integración y participación de las personas migrantes en la sociedad y en la Iglesia, frente a discursos de rechazo y al uso partidista del sufrimiento humano.

Una voz que conecta historias

Con Mandá Tu Corazón, Jackie Espinal aporta una voz artística que surge del contexto centroamericano pero conecta con una realidad compartida a nivel global. Su propuesta recuerda que detrás de cada proceso migratorio hay historias personales, familias que resisten la distancia y corazones que siguen buscando hogar, dignidad y futuro. El videoclip es presentado oficialmente este 18 de diciembre, Día Internacional del Migrante.

From the

Pastor

“Let the Lord enter; he is the King of Glory” Psalm 24:7-10.

Grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This is the fourth Sunday of Advent 2025, and I pray we will be ready for the upcoming celebrations of the Nativity of the Lord. We have had the opportunity to celebrate the Posadas, and I am very happy to see the participation of the members of our community including the youth and the catechetical program.

You may still be asking: what is a posada? Or; why do we have to do this? It is evangelization and an opportunity to reflect on the importance of letting Christ enter into our hearts, into history (Incarnation), into our personal history and into our families. The Catholic faith has many traditions that are beautiful and deep, full of teaching and evangelization. Las posadas is more than a celebration, it is a prayer, which brings us together!

Las Posadas is a celebration that has lots to teach us about the Catholic faith. The celebrations last nine days, starting on December 16 and running until Christmas Eve—this way a novena is prayed. During these nine days, there is often a procession from the town’s parish to a street where a manger is set up. A leader from each street organizes all the people that live on that street, and everyone works together to set up the manger, cook the food, decorate the street, make the piñatas, and buy candy for all the kids in town. The leader also chooses a boy and a girl to dress as Joseph and Mary, and another boy or girl to be an angel. Mary rides on a donkey led by Joseph from the parish to the manger, followed by all the town children dressed as shepherds. The parish priest leads the Rosary, songs, and rituals, with the whole town following. Las Posadas serves as spiritual exercises in preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The procession is then followed by celebration, as the kids break piñatas, sing songs, and play games. Each day of Las Posadas has a lesson to teach us because it is dedicated to a special virtue: generosity, humility, charity, courage, detachment, purity, justice, joy, and trust. Each one of them is a true feast. Mary and Joseph displayed all these virtues when they knew they were going to be the parents and the guardians of the Word of God Incarnate, the second Person of the Holy Trinity. They could have demanded anything from anyone. Instead, they went around begging for a place to stay.

Their example teaches us humility. To see the Queen of Heaven and her blessed spouse go knocking from door to door shows that they were humble enough to believe in God’s providence, and that God prefers the humble over the proud. It is an opportunity for us to examine our consciences and see how prideful we can be.

In this specific time, more than ever, we need to remember the importance of hospitality, Jesus has come, always comes and will come back again! Sometimes he can come in unimaginable ways. We have always heard him saying that whatever we do for others, especially for the little ones, we do for him. We call the small statue we carry during the posadas the pilgrims—in other words—immigrants. This offers us the opportunity to unite our prayers to the prayers of Pope Leo who constantly reminds us we shall care for those who are suffering the consequences of violence, war and poverty around the world. It is an opportunity to become less selfish and think about others. The Pope has asked us to treat others with dignity! At the day of judgment the Lord will say, “Come blessed of my Father because I was a stranger and you welcomed me” Matthew 25:35.

This year, the Lord is knocking on your door to let him enter! Please think about the many people you are going to encounter during this season and remember Jesus is the reason for this season. Don’t miss the opportunity to encounter him, to welcome Him. Pope Francis exhorted us, especially the young, to strengthen our roots in the pious traditions of our elders, “the spiritual and human riches inherited from past generations” that nourish and defend us from divisive and manipulative ideologies (Christus vivit, §181).

I encourage you that this year all of us—not just Hispanic Catholics—but everyone, and especially the young, be proud of this tradition of Las Posadas—to deepen their own understanding of it, invest in its celebration and invite more people to participate, especially those who have never experienced it. Read the Bible. Pray the rosary. Strive to understand and express the mystery of Christmas to those around you. The Incarnation is the anchor for everything true, beautiful and good; everything we long for. Consider it a proud moment if your home is ready to serve a celebration of Las Posadas. Especially when our secular culture threatens to transform Christmas into consumerism, we all ought to cherish – and in many cases renew—our authentically Christmas traditions; our Advent wreaths and Nativity scenes, our caroling and praying. We are blessed to belong to the Catholic Church, and to count as our brothers and sisters those who celebrate Las Posadas. May the custodians of this tradition cultivate it for the edification of us all!

Dear family of faith, as your priest I don’t just see the need for unity, but also for evangelization. This is how the Augustinians and Franciscans used to evangelize our lands; it is a very humble way to do it but at the same time very effective. Sometimes we really believe that nothing is happening in our communities because we do not participate. We not only become hopeless but bitter and isolated from our communities. And then we miss so many things, especially the opportunity to journey together and contemplate the coming of the Lord.

On behalf of Bishop Peter Baldachino and our parish staff I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Alejandro Reyes Cardena

MASS INTENTIONS



Vigil / vigilia Saturday / sábado December 20th
5:30p.m. †Maria (Chana) Fragoso (by Medina Family)
 † Jared Medina (by Family)

Sunday / domingo December 21st
7: 30a.m. For all Families
 Holy Souls in the purgatory

9:00a.m.
 (Sp) † Mary & Mary Fragoso (Mannie Morales)
 Benditas almas del purgatorio
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 Relatives Familia (by Mannie Morales)

11:00a.m. †Natalia Villa (by Jose y Marie Gallegos)

Monday / lunes December 22nd
8: 15a.m. †Victoria D. Lara (by Suzanna L. Mejia)
 Jesus, I trust in your divine mercy grace
 (by Denice Ingram & Family)

Tuesday / martes December 23rd
8:15a.m. † Rebeca Spires (by David Medina)
 † Jesus Velazco (by Mama Eva Elias)
 † Ruben Velazco (by Eva Elias)

6:00p.m. Thanksgiving for Bishop Baldacchino
 (sp)

Wednesday / miércoles December 24th
5:30p.m. † Mikayla Hope Perez (by Family)
 †Ernestine Olivas (by Family)

12:00a.m. Thanksgiving for all of our priests

Thursday / jueves December 25th
9:00a.m. Familia Gonzalez Lara
 (sp)
11:00a.m. †Mary Fragoso (by Ed Fragoso & Family)
 †Manuel & Beatriz Ramirez (by Children)
 †Sam & Enedina Tome (by Davis Family)

Friday / viernes December 26th
8:15a.m. †Antonette M. Alejandre (by JoAnn Marquez)

Saturday / sábado December 27th
8:15a.m. †Luis D. Lara (by Suzanna L. Mejia)

What is happening

Office will be **close**
 December 24,25 & 26 of 2025 for
 Christmas holidays.

Luminarias

After every mass with the
 youth group and at the
 Office

Raffle Tickets

After every mass & come
 by the Office to buy your
 tickets

Christmas Eve Mass

December 24, 2025
 Children's Mass at 5:30pm
 Midnight Mass at 12:00am

Christmas Posadas

December 16 - 23, 2025
 Here at the cathedral
 hosted by different
 Ministries

End of year Mass

December 31, 2025
 English Mass at 8:15a.m.
 Bilingual Mass at 11:00p.m.

Christmas Mass

December 25, 2025
 Spanish Mass at 9:00am
 English Mass at 11:00am

Pray for the members of our parish who are Ill

Mary y Tony Gallegos	Jennette & Jessie
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Raymond Matlak	Stella Armenta
Lupe Mirabel	Christina Arrieta
Deacon Ed Misquez	Mrs. Arvizu
Mr. & Mrs. Montoya	Daniel J. Castillo
Msgr. Juan Moreno	Alice & Carlos Castro
Lucy & Nacho	Alice Romero
Jackie Ontiveros	Bill & Raquel Chubb
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Martha Rivera	Narciso Dominguez
Julieta Rojas	Rick & Gerry Duran
Rose Sedillo	Harry A. Lujan
Daniel Telles	Alice Lujan
Sally Torres	Elizah & Zurayah
Ralph Trevizo	Benavidez family
Silvia Briseno	Olivia Marshall
Ceylon Mendenall	Valito Sanchez
Jamed Adaime	Pearl L. Whitcomb
Jose Luis Moncada	victor Arguello
Ignacio Romero	Ed Fragoso
Josephine Chavez Deoson	Linda Monroe
Luke Simmons	Lupe Saiz
Beverly Zubia	Ernie Garcia
Dr. David Valenzuela	Mannie & Barbara Morales
Caesar Lopez	
Lidia Arredondo	
Cruz Trejo Rojas	

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An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. He said, "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. She will have a Son, and you will name Him Jesus."

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- Altar Society
- Baptism Catechists
- Bereavement
- Choir Group
- Eucharistic Adoration Holy hour
- Extraordinary Minister of the holy Hour
- Extraordinary Minister of the holy Hour to homebound
- Fisher of men - Vocational formation
- Financial committee
- Flor del Carmelo - Carmelitas Seglares
- Knight of Columbus
- Lectors
- Los Hombres de Valor
- MDS Marriages Group
- MFCC
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- Mujeres a los pies de Jesus-Fe, Servicio y formación
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Saint of the week / Santo de la semana



s. Francisca Saverio Cabrini, virgen,
 fundadora de las Misioneras del S.
 Corazón de Jesús

Nacida en Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, en Lombardia, el 15 de julio de 1850. Huérfana de padre y de madre, Francisca habría querido retirarse a un convento, pero su pedido no fue aceptado por motivo de su frágil salud. Se dedicó entonces a cuidar un orfanato. Apenas diplomada como maestra, con algunas compañeras formó el primer núcleo del Instituto de las Hermanas Misioneras del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, bajo la protección del Santo misionero Francisco Javier: Cuando más tarde pronunció los votos religiosos, Francisca asumió ese nombre. La vocación misionera Entendió que la modernidad habría sido marcada por enormes flujos migratorios y por hombres, mujeres y niños en fuga hacia la paz y un futuro mejor. Esta es una de las características de Santa Francisca Javier Cabrini que emerge de las reflexiones del Papa Francisco. En una Carta a las misioneras del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, el Pontífice subraya cómo Santa Francisca haya "acogido de Dios una vocación misionera" particular: "formar y enviar por todo el mundo mujeres consagradas, con un horizonte misionero sin límites, no simplemente como auxiliares de institutos religiosos o misioneros varones, sino con un propio carisma de consagración femenina, en plena y total disponibilidad a la colaboración ya sea con las Iglesias locales que con las diversas congregaciones que se dedicaban al anuncio del Evangelio ad gentes".

St. Francesca Saverio Cabrini, Virgin, Foundress of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Born Maria Francesca Cabrini in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Lombardy, Italy, on 15 July 1850, she was soon left an orphan. She wanted to enter a convent, but was refused because of her poor health. So she dedicated herself to running an orphanage instead. Soon she graduated as a teacher and, together with some companions, formed the first nucleus of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, under the protection of Saint Francis Xavier. When she eventually pronounced her religious vows, she also took his name.

Her Missionary Vocation

She understood that the modern world would be marked by huge migratory flows and by men, women, and children fleeing their homes to find peace and a better future. This is one of the characteristics of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini that emerges from the reflections of Pope Francis. In a Letter to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Pope underlines how Saint Frances "welcomed a special missionary vocation from God: to train and send out consecrated women to the whole world, with a limitless missionary horizon, not simply as auxiliaries of religious institutes or male missionaries, but with their own charism of feminine consecration, in full and total availability for collaboration with both local Churches and the various congregations that were dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel ad gentes".