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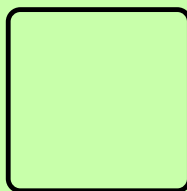
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Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 - 4:30p.m.



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Tuesday / martes: 6:00p.m. (Español)
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With Whom I Am Well Pleased
Matthew 3:13-17

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15 semanas / Sesión por semana / 2 horas
INICIO: jueves, 5 de febrero 2026, 6:00 p.m.
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Pope raises alarm over human rights and a spreading “zeal for war”

Meeting members of the Diplomatic Corps, Pope Leo XIV warns that human rights and freedoms are under strain as diplomacy gives way to the logic of power and war.

Vatican News

Warning that “war is back in vogue” and that peace is increasingly sought through force rather than justice, Pope Leo XIV issued a strong appeal for humility, dialogue, and a renewed commitment to multilateralism in his address to the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See.

Speaking on Friday, 9 January, during the traditional exchange of New Year greetings, the Pope cautioned that the foundations of international coexistence are being steadily undermined, as diplomacy based on dialogue gives way to the logic of power and deterrence. “The principle established after the Second World War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined,” he said, warning that such a mindset gravely threatens the rule of law itself.

A defining moment in the Vatican’s diplomatic year

The annual meeting between the Pope and Ambassadors accredited to the Holy See is considered one of the most significant moments in the Vatican’s diplomatic calendar. Often dubbed the “State of the World” Address, the Pope’s discourses in these occasions tend to offer a moral reading of international life - an appeal not to interests, but to conscience - offered at the beginning of a new year as a call to responsibility, restraint, and renewal. For Pope Leo XIV, who said the occasion is “a new experience,” having been called only months ago to “shepherd Christ’s flock,” the address also served to articulate the moral horizon within which the Holy See understands diplomacy: a patient work of encounter, a defence of the vulnerable, and a commitment to peace rooted in truth.

The right to life

Pope Leo XIV reaffirmed that the right to life is the foundation of every other right and warned that the contemporary human rights framework risks losing its vitality when rights become detached from reality and truth.

“In the current context, we are seeing an actual ‘short circuit’ of human rights,” he said, as fundamental freedoms - speech, conscience, religion, even life - are restricted “in the name of other so-called new rights,” creating space for force and oppression. The Pope spoke about the family as the privileged place where human beings learn to love and to serve life. He described two urgent challenges: the tendency to marginalise the family’s role in the international system, and the painful reality of fragile families afflicted by hardship and domestic violence. He reiterated the Church’s categorical rejection of practices that “deny or exploit the origin of life” as well as projects that assist people in doing so. Public resources, he said, should support mothers and families rather than “suppress life.”



El Papa: "La guerra vuelve a estar de moda". Es necesario reforzar el multilateralismo

En el Aula de las Bendiciones, en el Vaticano, León XIV se dirigió a unos 420 diplomáticos, encabezados por George Poulides, embajador de Chipre y decano del Cuerpo Diplomático. El Papa denunció la diplomacia de la fuerza, que está sustituyendo a la diplomacia del diálogo: “La guerra vuelve a estar de moda y el entusiasmo bélico se extiende. Se ha roto el principio establecido tras la Segunda Guerra Mundial, que prohibía a los países utilizar la fuerza para violar las fronteras ajenas”.

Bianca Fracalvieri – Vatican News

Esta mañana, viernes 9 de enero, se ha celebrado una de las audiencias más importantes del año. Tradicionalmente, al recibir al Cuerpo Diplomático acreditado ante la Santa Sede, el Papa hace un análisis de la coyuntura internacional, repasando los principales acontecimientos que han marcado los últimos meses. Así fue para León XIV, que vivió personalmente el encuentro como una «novedad», ya que era su primera vez con los diplomáticos de 184 países y organizaciones internacionales.

El Santo Padre comenzó recordando el Jubileo recién concluido y la muerte de su predecesor, el Papa Francisco: «El mundo entero se reunió alrededor de su féretro el día del funeral y sintió la pérdida de un padre que había guiado al Pueblo de Dios con inmensa caridad pastoral». Otro acontecimiento eclesial destacado fue el viaje apostólico a Turquía y Líbano, por lo que el Papa agradeció a las autoridades de ambos países por su acogida. Al compartir su visión sobre “nuestros tiempos, tan turbados por un número creciente de tensiones y conflictos”, el Pontífice se ha dejado guiar por la gran obra de San Agustín De Civitate Dei, «La ciudad de Dios». El libro no propone un programa político, pero advierte de los graves peligros que se derivan de las falsas representaciones de la historia, del nacionalismo excesivo y de la distorsión del ideal del estadista. Para León XIV, ciertas similitudes siguen siendo muy actuales, como los movimientos migratorios y la reestructuración de los equilibrios geopolíticos y los paradigmas culturales. En nuestro tiempo, la debilidad del multilateralismo es motivo de especial preocupación a nivel internacional. La diplomacia que promueve el diálogo y busca el consenso entre todas las partes está siendo sustituida por una diplomacia basada en la fuerza, ya sea por parte de individuos o de grupos de aliados. La guerra vuelve a estar de moda y el entusiasmo bélico se extiende. Se ha roto el principio establecido tras la Segunda Guerra Mundial, que prohibía a los países utilizar la fuerza para violar las fronteras ajenas.

El peligro del aumento de los arsenales nucleares y la IA

Además de las fronteras geográficas, la paz también se ve amenazada por la existencia de arsenales nucleares. A este respecto, el Papa León señaló la importancia de dar continuidad al Tratado New START, que expira el próximo mes de febrero. “De hecho, existe el peligro de volver a la carrera por producir armas nuevas cada vez más sofisticadas, incluido el uso de la inteligencia artificial. Esta última es una herramienta que requiere una gestión adecuada y ética, junto con marcos normativos centrados en la protección de la libertad y la responsabilidad humana”.

Para terminar, citó a San Francisco de Asís, cuya muerte cumplirá 800 años el próximo mes de octubre: “Su vida brilla con fuerza porque estaba animada por el valor de la verdad y el conocimiento de que un mundo pacífico se construye a partir de corazones humildes volcados hacia la ciudad celestial. Un corazón humilde y artesano de paz es lo que deseo para cada uno de nosotros y para todos los habitantes de nuestros países al comienzo de este nuevo año. ¡Gracias!”.

From The

Paster

"I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Matthew 3:13-17

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today we conclude the Christmas season with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, a very powerful celebration that should be an opportunity for us to meditate on our own baptism. We all need to be Baptized and have a better understanding of this sacrament. It is necessary to go deeper into the teachings of the church, the sacraments and the truth of our faith; but also on the value and importance of the sacraments. Very often we underestimate them or take them for granted! In this time, a more serious commitment is required.

We sometimes expect sacraments to be administered on our terms, but there is no seriousness about preparation—and we even think that it is our right and not a privilege. How do I notice this? The sacraments should have an effect in our lives. For instance, we are what we receive; in them we receive the spirit of Christ into our lives, we receive his body and blood, and we are what we eat, meaning Christ. This is a serious question to ask yourself: Do I really act like Christ or someone else?

As community of the baptized and following the example of John the Baptist in today’s Gospel, we simply need to be humbler. Sometimes we allow pride to enter—not just into our hearts but even into our heads—and we become presumptuous! The way we speak and act betrays us. We are convinced sometimes that we are better than everyone, even the Lord. Let us learn from John the Baptist: "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" He was touched by the Lord's example of humility. What about you? How does this impact your life? Do you appreciate that the Lord is coming to you? "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him.

How many times does the Lord, in obedience, command us to do something, but we end up doing whatever we want. This is serious, this is important. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This is a great teaching not only on humility but also on obedience. Jesus is doing what pleases the Father, He is obedient to the father. What about you and me? I pray that this year that we—as the family of IHM, a family of faith—become better examples for those who are preparing for the reception of their sacraments and for those who are becoming Catholics and making their profession of faith. Again, we do not experience growth by proselytism but by attraction. Very soon we are going to have the Rite of Election and we must accompany them with our prayers and our testimony on Christ.

Today’s Gospel seems to be short, but it is very fundamental: If we cannot understand the sacrament of baptism how can we appreciate and understand the rest? I keep insisting this year we are going to concentrate more on evangelization and at the heart should be the Eucharist.

I pray that the Lord grants us the grace to open our hearts to this invitation of being more serious in so far as our faith, and better examples for the present and future generations.

The significance of this feast is essential for us Catholics. Jesus reveals His divine identity as the Son of God and sanctifies the waters of Baptism for all Christians, making it the gateway to new life in the Spirit, cleansing from sin, and incorporation into the Church. It is a pivotal moment in which the Trinity is revealed—the Father’s voice, the Son being baptized, and the Spirit descending as a dove. It also foreshadows Jesus’ sacrificial death, uniting believers to His Passion and Resurrection.

Key Significances:

- Revelation of Jesus’ Identity: The Father declares Jesus His beloved Son, confirming His divine nature and Messiahship, while the Spirit rests upon Him.
- Acceptance of Mission: Jesus identifies with sinners, accepting His role as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, foreshadowing His own “baptism” of suffering and death.
- Sanctification of Water: Jesus transforms baptism from a ritual of repentance into a sacrament of spiritual rebirth and grace.
- Model for Christian Baptism: His baptism becomes the foundation of our own, making us children of God, members of Christ’s Body, and heirs of Heaven.
- Beginning of a New Creation: The opening of the heavens signals that humanity can now enter the Kingdom of God.

Connection to Our Baptism

- New Life in Christ: Baptism incorporates us into Christ, cleanses us from sin, and gives us the Holy Spirit.
- Spiritual Identity: It reminds us that we are adopted children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, and temples of the Holy Spirit.
- Call to Holiness: Baptism begins our journey toward sainthood, inviting us to live our faith and share it with others.

There are countless graces we have received since the day of our baptism. We should always be grateful to Jesus Christ for the gift of salvation. Through His Passion, death, and Resurrection, He has set us free.

Happy Sunday.

Sincerely,

Father Alejandro Reyes Cárdenas, Rector

MASS INTENTIONS



Vigil / vigilia Saturday / sábado January 10th

5:30p.m. Health for the childrend in Las Cruces

Sunday / domingo January 11th

7: 30a.m. †Maria Asuncion Avitia (by Medina Family)

9:00a.m. †Leonel Meraz (by Ana Mera)
(Sp) Healing for Yicel Meraz (by Ana Mera)
Benditas almas del purgatorio

11:00a.m. † Anniversary of Saul Burciaga
†Felipe Gloria (by Family)

Monday / lunes January 12th

8: 15a.m. Holy Family & St. Anthony (by L. Apodaca)

Tuesday / martes January 13th

8:15a.m. For all of our priest in the Diocese

6:00p.m. †Delma Moreno
(sp). † Hugo Snyder

Wednesday / miércoles January 14th

8:15a.m. Jesus I trust in you
(by Denise Ingram & Family)

Thursday / jueves January 15th

8:15a.m. † Barbara Bean (by Lucia Gutierrez)

Friday / viernes January 16th

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

Saturday / sábado January 17th

8:15a.m. For all of the Families in our Diocese

What is happening

- A live **VIRTUS Training** session in **Spanish** will be offered **January 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.**

Location: Finley Hall

This training is required for all clergy, employees, and volunteers in accordance with diocesan requirements. Participants are asked to arrive promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Se ofrecerá una sesión de Entrenamiento de **VIRTUS** en **español** el **17 de enero de 2026, a las 9:30 a.m.**

Lugar: Finley Hall

Este entrenamiento es requerido para todos los empleados y voluntarios, de acuerdo con los requisitos de la Diócesis. Se solicita a los participantes que lleguen puntualmente. Gracias por su cooperación.

- Please be advised that the envelopes for your offerings are expected to arrive on **January 16, 2026**. We apologize for the delay and appreciate your patience and understanding. Thank you.

- Por medio de la presente se les informa que los sobres para sus ofrendas llegarán el **16 de enero del 2026**. Lamentamos la demora y agradecemos su paciencia y comprensión. Gracias.

Si tienen preguntas, comuníquense con la oficina para más información.

Pray for the members of our parish who are Ill

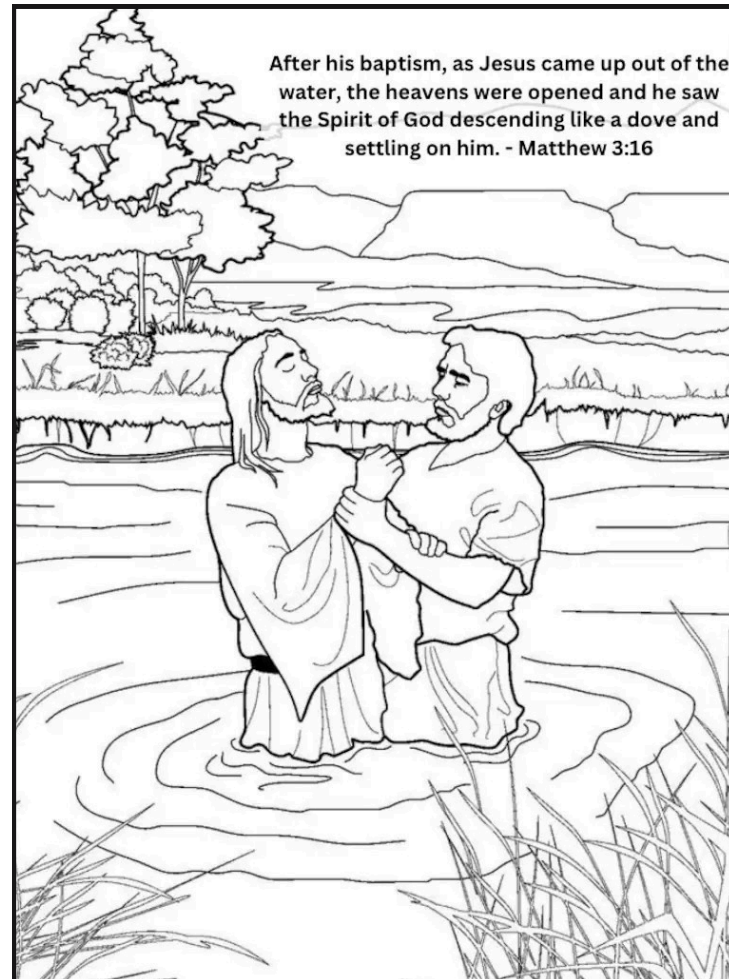
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After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. - Matthew 3:16

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Saint of the week / Santo de la semana



Saint Berard and Companions

Preaching the gospel is often dangerous work. Leaving one's homeland and adjusting to new cultures, governments and languages is difficult enough; but martyrdom caps all the other sacrifices.

In 1219, with the blessing of Saint Francis, Berard left Italy with Peter, Adjute, Accurs, Odo and Vitalis to preach in Morocco. En route in Spain, Vitalis became sick and commanded the other friars to continue their mission without him.

They tried preaching in Seville, then in Muslim hands, but made no converts. They went on to Morocco where they preached in the marketplace. The friars were immediately apprehended and ordered to leave the country; they refused. When they began preaching again, an exasperated sultan ordered them executed. After enduring severe beatings and declining various bribes to renounce their faith in Jesus Christ, the friars were beheaded by the sultan himself on January 16, 1220.

Saint Berard and Companions were the first Franciscan martyrs. When Francis heard of their deaths, he exclaimed, "Now I can truly say that I have five Friars Minor!" Their relics were brought to Portugal where they prompted a young Augustinian canon to join the Franciscans and set off for Morocco the next year. That young man was Anthony of Padua. These five martyrs were canonized in 1481.

San Berardo y Compañeros

Historia de San Berardo y Compañeros
Predicar el evangelio suele ser una labor peligrosa. Dejar la patria y adaptarse a nuevas culturas, gobiernos y lenguas ya es bastante difícil; pero el martirio corona todos los demás sacrificios.

En 1219, con la bendición de San Francisco, Berardo partió de Italia junto con Pedro, Adjuto, Acursio, Odo y Vital para predicar en Marruecos. En el camino, en España, Vital enfermó y encargó a los demás frailes que continuaran su misión sin él.

Intentaron predicar en Sevilla, entonces bajo dominio musulmán, pero no lograron conversos. Luego fueron a Marruecos, donde predicaron en el mercado. Los frailes fueron arrestados de inmediato y se les ordenó abandonar el país; se negaron. Cuando comenzaron a predicar de nuevo, un sultán exasperado ordenó que los ejecutaran. Tras soportar severas palizas y rechazar varios sobornos para que renunciaran a su fe en Jesucristo, los frailes fueron decapitados por el propio sultán el 16 de enero de 1220.

San Berardo y sus Compañeros fueron los primeros mártires franciscanos. Cuando Francisco oyó hablar de sus muertes, exclamó: "¡Ahora puedo decir verdaderamente que tengo cinco Hermanos Menores!". Sus reliquias fueron llevadas a Portugal, donde inspiraron a un joven canónigo agustino a unirse a los franciscanos y partir hacia Marruecos al año siguiente. Aquel joven era Antonio de Padua. Estos cinco mártires fueron canonizados en 1481.