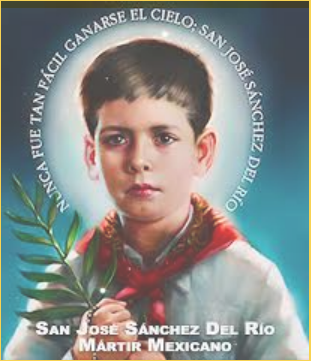




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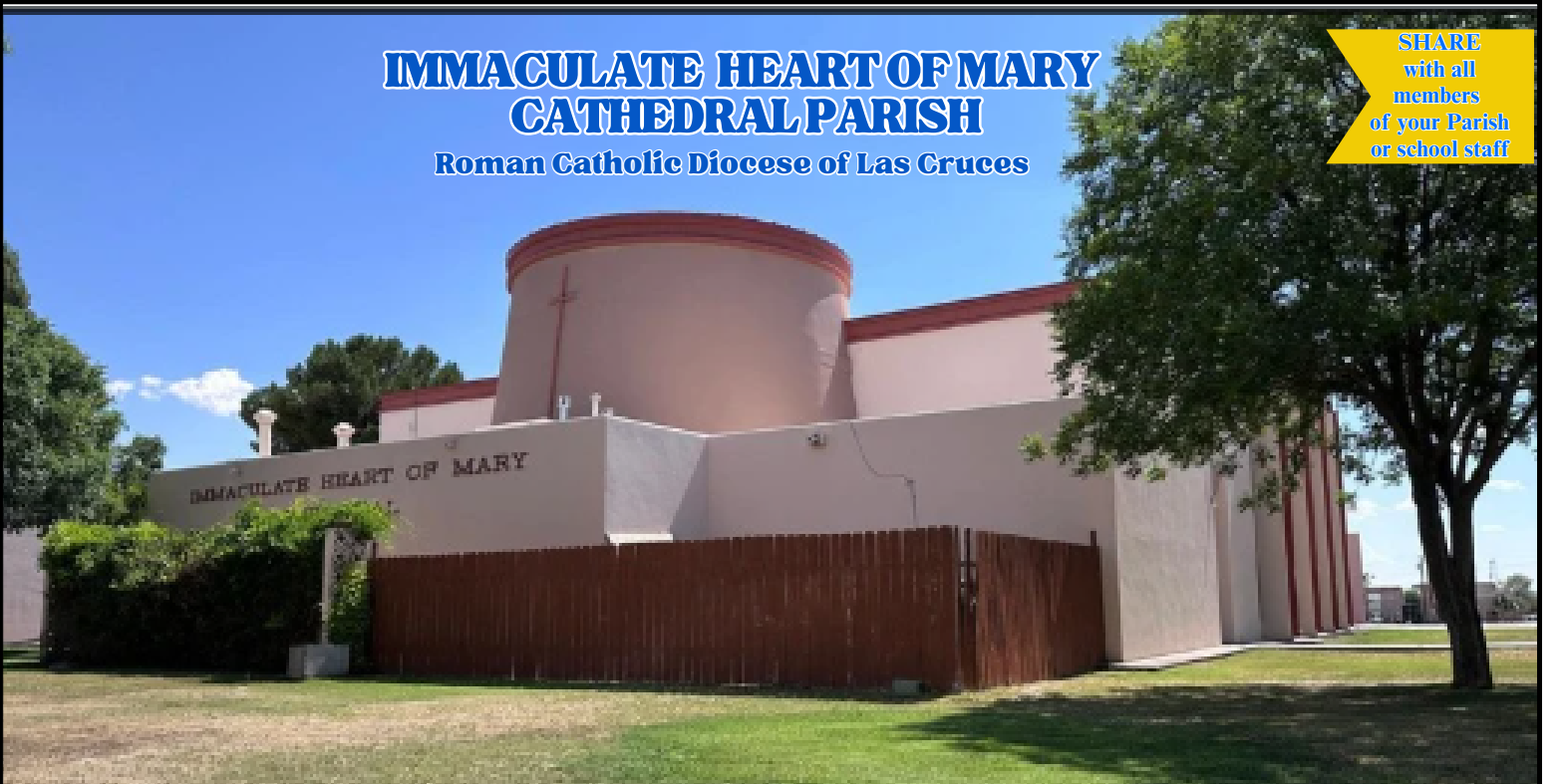
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September 20, 2026

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Matthew 20:1-16

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A banner for Harvest Fest. It features a large banner with the text 'HARVEST FEST' and 'September 26 & 27, 2026'. Below the banner is a photograph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral. To the right of the church is a Ferris wheel and balloons. In the foreground are pumpkins and corn cobs.

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Cardinal Reina calls for strengthening bond between Pope and his diocese

The Vicar General of Rome speaks to Vatican News about the Church in the Eternal City, noting that "in Rome, it is difficult to die of hunger, but people certainly die of loneliness". ***See full article at:<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-09/cardinal-reina-bond-pope-diocese-of-rome-synodality-poverty.html>***



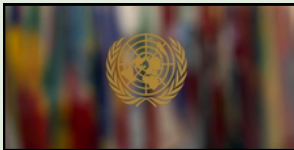
La Santa Sede a la ONU: La incitación al odio alimenta la violencia



El nuevo observador permanente ante las Naciones Unidas, monseñor El-Kassis, intervino este jueves 17 de septiembre, en Nueva York, en la Conferencia sobre la promoción del diálogo interreligioso e intercultural y de la tolerancia en la lucha contra la incitación al odio. Los discursos contra personas o comunidades por su religión, etnia, nacionalidad o cualquier otra característica, afirmó, envenenan el debate público, alimentan las divisiones y socavan la libertad . ***Ver artículo completo en:<https://www.vaticannews.va/es/vaticano/news/2026-09/santa-sede-onu-lucha-contr-la-incitacion-al-odio-el-kassis.html>***

New Holy See Permanent Observer to UN: Hate speech is not freedom of expression

Archbishop Christophe Z. El Kassis delivers his first speech as the new Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations in New York on the importance of eliminating hate speech as it “poisons public discourse, inflames division, and too often prepares the ground for violence and persecution.” ***See full article at:<https://www.vaicanews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2026-09/new-holy-see-permanent-observer-un-hate-speech-not-freedom.html>***



Roma camina con el Papa: Reforcemos el vínculo entre la diócesis y su obispo



Una Iglesia cada vez más cercana a la gente y capaz de afrontar las realidades de la ciudad Esta es la dirección que señala el Cardenal Vicario Baldo Reina en vísperas de la Asamblea Diocesana presidida por León XIV, que marca la apertura del nuevo Año Pastoral. «Hemos dado muchos pasos adelante que necesitan ser reforzados y consolidados. Roma se enfrenta a muchas emergencias: la gente no muere de hambre, pero puede morir de soledad, por falta de vivienda o de trabajo. Necesitamos a Dios». Eugenio Bonanata y Orazio Coclite – Ciudad del Vaticano Hay gran expectación por la llegada de León XIV, mañana por la tarde, 18 de septiembre, a la Basílica de San Juan de Letrán. El Papa presidirá la Asamblea Diocesana que inaugurará oficialmente el nuevo año pastoral, como ya lo hizo por primera vez el 19 de septiembre de 2025. «Estamos fortaleciendo el vínculo entre el obispo y su diócesis», afirmó el cardenal vicario Baldo Reina, quien, en declaraciones a los medios vaticanos, se centró en los preparativos para el evento. «Diría que ha sido un camino sinodal», explicó. «Trabajamos en parroquias, prefecturas y sectores específicos. En junio, nos reunimos con los distintos órganos diocesanos. Presentamos el resultado de esta reunión al Santo Padre, realizamos un discernimiento comunitario y ahora el Santo Padre nos entrega el fruto de este discernimiento, enriqueciéndolo con su Magisterio». ***Ver artículo completo en: <https://www.vaticannews.va/es/papa/news/2026-09/papa-leon-asamblea-diocesana-roma-vicario-baldo-reina.html>***

Pope Leo XIV: New martyrs reflect Christ's light to the world

Addressing participants in the Conference, titled, '21st Century: A New Age of Martyrs?' organized by the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints and the Dicastery's Commission for New Martyrs - Witnesses of the Faith, Pope Leo XIV commends the witnesses as "stars shining in the darkness of selfishness and oppression" who "help the Church to reflect more fully the light of Christ the Lord." ***See full article at:<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-09/pope-leo-conference-dicastery-causes-for-saints.html>***



Pope encourages Leo XIV Study Center to help build a civilization of love



Pope Leo XIV welcomed members of an international study center that bears his name to the Vatican on Friday, encouraging them to take inspiration from authentic humanism and the Church's social doctrine to contribute to building a civilization of love. By Christopher Wells. At the Vatican on Friday, Pope Leo XIV held an audience for members of the Leo XIV International Study Center, an initiative of his own Augustinian Order in response to the Holy Father's call to rediscover the value of the Church's Social Doctrine as an essential tool in facing the challenges of the modern world. ***See full article at:<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-09/pope-leo-xiv-international-study-centre-civilization-of-love.html>***

From The Pastor

“What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?” Matthew 20:1-16a

Dear Brothers and Sisters:
Grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ. Today's Gospel is a great parable on the Kingdom of God, where all are invited to work on the vineyard of a landowner who is generous and just. Forgive me if I move too quickly in my interpretation of this extraordinary account. It has been said that this parable is considered one of the most glorious and greatest of all, because it contains truths that go right to the heart of our Christian faith.

“It is in a sense a warning to the disciples. It is as if Jesus said to them. You received the great privilege of coming into the Christian Church and fellowship very early, right at the beginning. In later days others will come in. You must not claim a special honor and a special place because you were Christians before they were. All men no matter when they come are equally precious to God.” (The Gospel of Mathew, Volume 2, William Barclay. P 224.)

Many times, we Catholics exclude our brothers and sisters and believe that we are better than others—that we are the chosen ones. “There are people who think that because they have been members of the church for a long time, the Church practically belongs to them, and they can dictate its policy. Such as people resent what seems to them like the intrusion of new blood or the rise of new generations with different plans and different ways. In the Christian Church seniority does not necessarily mean honor.” (The Gospel of Mathew, Volume 2, William Barclay. P 224.)
“There is an equally definite warning to the Jews. They all knew that were the chosen people and as a consequence they looked down on the gentiles. Usually, they hated and despised them and hoped for nothing but their destruction.” (The Gospel of Mathew, Volume 2, William Barclay. P 224.)

It shall not be so among us; this is a warning for us too and a call to conversion; we are in danger of doing exactly what the Lord does not want us to do. Envy is a serious capital sin that can lead us to a mortal sin and is the root of many evils. We may need to look interiorly and examine our intentions and ask ourselves what is moving us to act in certain ways. How is my attitude when I see someone coming to Church for first time? How do I treat them when they do not fulfill my expectations? This attitude threatened to be carried forward into the Christian church. If the gentiles were to be allowed into the fellowship of the Church at all, they must come in as inferior. “In God's economy,” as someone has said “there is no such thing as a most favored nation clause.” Let us ask ourselves: Are we hospitable toward those latecomers? Are we generous as God is generous? Do we despite people or do we welcome them into the Church?
This is a great lesson for us as Catholics. We must know how to apply this Gospel to our lives. There is an infinite compassion of God toward His children, and it is necessary for us to learn from it. Finally, another question is raised in today's parable: “Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, 'Because no one has hired us’” Matthew 20:6-7. Sometimes we offer the same excuses or justifications. We are all invited to work in the vineyard of the Lord! How many ministries do we have in our parish? How many times have we been invited to actively participate but we choose not to get involved? And if we participate, we place our condition on the payment (the way things shall be done) because we base our trust on money and that's why we don't want to work. Sometimes the payment we expect is not just money, but a position, power, control or recognition! But what happens when someone comes and works? We get envious and resentful. The Landowner can do with His money whatever he wants. We shall learn from Him how to be generous. We ask for forgiveness for the times we are demanding but we are not generous! And forgiveness for when we don't want to work or even to listen to the Lord, who wants us all to work together for His vineyard.

Sincerely,
Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas, Rector
Pax

MASS INTENTIONS



Vigil / vigilia Saturday / sábado September 19th

5:30p.m † Rhonda Lucero (by Family)
† Harry A. & H. Thomas
(by Alice Lujan & Family)

Sunday / domingo September 20th

7:30a.m. Holy soul of the purgatory

9:00a.m. † Antonio Covarrubias
† Martin & Ben Espinoza
(by Gabriel & Irma Medrano)
Por las almas del Purgatorio

11:00a.m. † Maria Fragoso (by Fragoso Family)
† Amanda Rosales (by Briones Family)

Monday / lunes September 21st

8: 15a.m.† Holy souls of the purgatory

Tuesday / martes September 22nd

8:15a.m. † Sam Tome (by Davisi Family)

6:00p.m. For the sick

Wednesday / miércoles September 23rd

8:15a.m. † Margaret Grado Salcido (by Family)
† Raoul Salcido (by Family)

Thursday / jueves September 24th

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

Friday / viernes September 25th

8:15a.m. † Eloisa Saucedo (by Saucedo Family)
† Viola Carbajal (by Kathy Cardon)
† Michelle & Cecilia Salas (Kathy Cardon)

Saturday / sabado September 26th

8:15a.m. Youth Group of our parish

What is happening

Harvest Fest Is Around the Corner!
Join us for this joyful community celebration on **September 26 & 27, 2026**. It will be a wonderful weekend filled with food, fellowship, and fun for all ages.
¡El Harvest Fest se acerca!
Acompáñanos en esta alegre celebración comunitaria los días **26 y 27 de septiembre de 2026**. Será un fin de semana lleno de comida, convivencia y diversión para todas las edades.

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La Hora santa
sera cancelada para el **1 de octubre del 2026**

Blessing of the Animals
October 3, 2026 After the 5:30pm mass
outside the church

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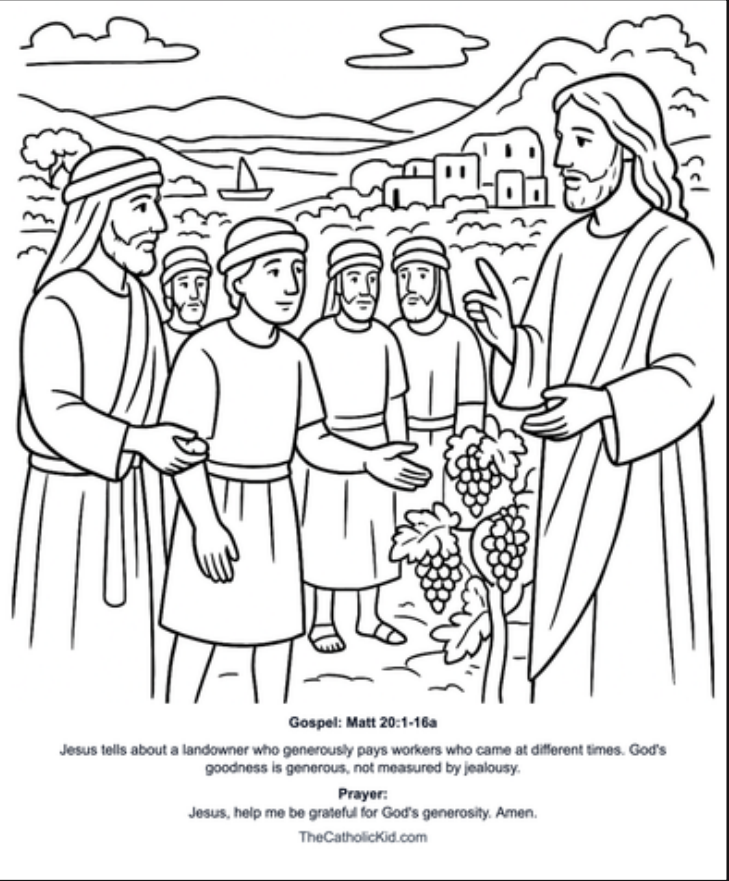
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Saint of the Day / Santo del dia

s. Miguel, arcángel

"Y luego que estábamos un poco más lejos,oí gritar: "María, ora por nosotros. Oí gritar 'Miguel' y 'Pedro', y 'todos los santos'."(Purgatorio XIII, 49-51). Estos son algunos versos del Canto XIII del Purgatorio de Dante. El Poeta deambula muy conmovido entre las almas de los envidiosos, mientras que la atmósfera del círculo en el que se desarrolla la escena es atravesada por voces misteriosas que recuerdan ejemplos de caridad. Incluso desde las atormentadas sombras, apiladas contra la roca que sufren con los párpados cosidos, se levantan las letanías. Imploran la intercesión de la Virgen e inmediatamente después de ella, y antes de Pedro y todos los Santos, invocan el nombre de "Miguel". Cuando Dante citaba al Arcángel en el verso 51, en el canto anterior el autor de la Divina Comedia acababa de ver caer "del cielo como un rayo" al otro ángel, definido como "noble creado más que otra creatura".



La espada de la Palabra de Dios contra el mal Miguel y Lucifer. También en la Divina Comedia hay un espacio para describir el duelo mortal entre aquel que la biblia llama "comandante supremo del ejército celestial" y el jefe de los ángeles rebeldes que decidieron prescindir de Dios y fueron alejados de su presencia para siempre. Según la tradición, el Arcángel Miguel es el Príncipe que lucha contra el mal, de cuyos asaltos defiende perpetuamente la fe y la Iglesia. (Cf Apocalipsis 12,7-8). Incluso Dante, en 1200, muestra cómo se reconoce el poder de intercesión atribuido a esta entidad espiritual, muy venerada tanto en Oriente como en Occidente.**Leer artículo completo en: <https://www.vaticannews.va/es/santos/09/29/s--miguel--arcangel.html>**

St. Michael, Archangel

And when we pass'd a little forth, I heard
A crying, "Blessed Mary! pray for us,
Michael and Peter! all ye saintly host!"
(Dante, Purgatory, Canto XII, 51)
As he passes among the souls of the envious Purgatory, the great Christian poet Dante hears mysterious voices recalling examples of charity – the opposite of envy. Even among the suffering souls, whose eyes are sewn shut, litanies arise. They implore the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and immediately afterward – and before Peter and all the Saints – the name of “Michael.” In the previous canto, Dante had already seen the image of St Michael's great antagonist, Lucifer, the “most noble” of the angels, who fell from heaven like lightning.

The sword against evil

Even in the Divine Comedy we see the comparison between Michael, described in the Bible as the head of the heavenly armies; and the leader of the angels who rose up against God, and were cast into Hell. St Michael is the Prince of Heavenly Hosts who fights against evil, defending the Church and the Faith against the assaults of Satan. And even Dante, in the 13th century, recognized the power of the intercession of St Michael, who is venerated in both East and West.

“Who is like unto God?”

One can hardly count the number of cathedrals, shrines, monasteries, chapels - but also mountains, caves and hills – named for St Michael the Archangel. The name “Michael,” which is mentioned five times in the Bible, is derived from a Hebrew expression meaning “Who is like unto God?” **See full article at: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/09/29/st--michael--archangel.html>**