



Holy Cross Catholic Church

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Welcome:

If you are a new parishioner, or visiting for the first time, welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church! We are happy you are here and hope you find our parish home to be a warm and welcoming place. If you would like to become a member of our parish, please check with the parish office or give us a call.

Homebound: For Communion to the sick or the homebound, please call the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul: Food Pantry hours: Tuesday, 10am - noon and Thursday evenings, 5:30 - 7pm.

Funerals: To ensure the availability of a priest and the church, please call the office before you make arrangements with the funeral director.

Baptism Preparation: Classes offered as needed. Please contact the parish staff for more information. Se ofrece una clase cada tercer sábado del mes a las 10 de la mañana.

Senior Luncheon: We are working on re-establishing the Luncheons and will notify everyone when we are ready to offer lunch once a month for Seniors and Friends.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday - Friday: 8am Rosary, 8:30am Mass

Saturday: 5pm Vigil, English

Sunday: 9am, English & 12pm, Español

Adoration: Thursdays, 8:30am-8:30pm

Adoración al Santísimo: jueves, 8:30am-8:30pm

Reconciliation: Wednesdays, 7pm & Fridays, 9am

Reconciliación: miércoles, 7pm y viernes, 9am

Anointing of the Sick: Second Wednesday of each month following the 8:30am Mass.
(Anointing is available at all hours in emergency.)

School Mass: Fridays, 8:30am (Sept.—June)

St. Vincent de Paul: Extra hours each “Final Sunday” of the month, after the Spanish Mass

July 29th & 30th, 2023: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church Teaches...



"Wisdom is the grace of being able to see everything with the eyes of God."
—Pope Francis

In the parables about the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price, the two people find something that is already there right in front of them, but not clearly visible. Each of them finds something *because they are looking*. Imagine how many others may have walked by and never noticed. **The two "finders"** in the parables are pretty much like most of the inhabitants of this world, aren't they? There are a lot of people who are just living day by day, as if this is all there is, not particularly looking for more. And then there are those who are searching all the time, hoping that there is more to this life than work and sleep in order to get up and go about the very same routine tomorrow. Just about everyone falls into one of these two categories.

The Gospel of St. Matthew insists that the Kingdom of Heaven is *right here in front of us*. It is not something we have to earn or work for. It is not something we build either, in spite of popular hymns that suggest we are building the Kingdom, a proud and selfish thought! Jesus repeats over and over again that the Reign of God is already established. He came to lead us into that Kingdom, to teach how to recognize it, and then live in it; and He then shapes the behavior of those who discover it.

The Kingdom is a gift: the gift of God's presence, which is right in front of us. The parables propose that those who are looking will find it and then suggest a proper response to the discovery of the gift: those whose eyes have been opened to see what God is doing in Jesus commit themselves whole heartedly in faith and obedience. They will be people of Joy. Anything that gets in the way, or keeps them from the life of service that the Gospel demands, must go. **There is no substitute** for what is found in the Kingdom of God. It is the discovery of what we were made for, what we live for, and who we are as God's loved ones for whom all creation was made and to whom all creation has been entrusted.

Parish Festival—Join us **next**

Sunday, August 6th for the annual Holy Cross Parish Festival!



There will be live entertainment, a wide variety of food from around the world, and lots of fun for the whole family.

This has always proven to be a joyful and blessed chance to meet and get to know fellow parishioners, plus share great food and a relaxing afternoon!

Raffle tickets for cash prizes are now on sale before/after the weekend Masses!

Bulletin Announcements



Holy Cross Parents Association News—Hello, Holy Cross families! We hope your summer is going well. We are Kaylin Soldat and Morgan Armstrong, the new co-presidents of the Holy Cross Parents Association (HCPA). Joining us on the HCPA leadership team is Lindsey Culligan, who will take on the role of treasurer.

We want to say a huge *thank you* to Brittany Stolle, Ginna McLean, and Heather Hall Lewis for their dedication to and leadership of the HCPA for the last several years. They've done a fantastic job leading the HCPA and spearheading collective parental support of this school we all love!

We have several events planned for the 2023-2024 school year, so join the fun and save the dates! Event start and end times still to be determined; additional details to follow as the dates approach.

♥ August 31, 2023: Bring your Supplies to School Night!

Grab your supplies and head Back to School to see your new classroom, say hi to friends, and have a hotdog!

♥ October 7, 2023: Casino Night! Whether you know the rules to Craps or not, join us for a night of low-to-medium stakes gaming with your fellow parents and parishioners.

♥ November 3, 2023: Family Game Night! Last year's Family Game Night was *wildly* popular! Join us again this year for board games, bingo, and pizza!

Questions? Please don't hesitate to reach out to us!

Email Morgan: morganreneearmstrong@gmail.com

Email Kaylin: kaylin.soldat@gmail.com



SAFE ENVIRONMENT—The Church is the Body of Christ. All members of the Church are linked to one another. We all have a responsibility to ensure the safety of children in our parishes, schools, families, and local communities.

Here are five ways you can help keep our children safe:

- 1) Develop appropriate and loving relationships with your children.
- 2) Teach all children safety and healthy boundaries.
- 3) Know who has access to your children.
- 4) Learn the warning signs of abuse.
- 5) Report abuse to appropriate authorities.

-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, USCCB

If you wish to volunteer with children at the school or parish, please contact Mary Jane, at the parish office mweber@archdppdx.org or 503.313.2832, to learn more about when we will be offering Safe Environment training.



Feast of the Assumption of Mary (Holy Day)—On **Tuesday, August 15th**, we will celebrate Our Lady's Assumption with Masses at: 8:30am, 5:30pm, and 7pm (in Spanish).

Bulletin Announcements: Activities & Opportunities



...more News from Holy Cross School—
Get a jump start on your share hours while helping to beautify the school grounds!

- **What:** Gardening help & spreading compost
- **When:** Saturday, August 5th, 8am - 11am
- **Where:** Holy Cross School
- **Bring:** Work gloves & shovels (if you have them!)

*Please RSVP to Angie Capri at: a_capri@hotmail.com
Donuts & water will be provided! ☺

Catholic Faith—Want to know more?

We have received a lot of inquiries about learning more about the Catholic Faith from both Catholics who want to get back to church and people that want to learn more and perhaps enter the RCIA.



Thank you to those who attended the Inquiry class last Thursday. **We are planning to have another session in August.** All are welcome! Contact Mary Jane at the parish office mweber@archdphdx.org or 503.313.2832.

Homebound Ministry—We have two volunteer opportunities where we could use some assistance.



- The distribution of Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners.
- Providing rides to Mass for our homebound parishioners (once a month).

If you are feeling the Lord is guiding you to find out more about either of these ministries, please contact Mary Jane at 503.313.2832. Thank you!



Congratulations to Mona & Francis McBride on their 35th Wedding Anniversary! *Blessings to you!*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

An Update of Our Campaign Progress—Thank you to all who have made a commitment to our *Building Our Community, Blessing Our Future* Capital Campaign! Our current pledge total has reached \$1,166,617 and we are inching closer and closer toward our goal of \$1.5 million which will allow us to begin construction on the new Community Center. However, we are still under 30% participation.

If you have not yet taken the opportunity to make a gift or pledge, we need your help!

Our goal is to have every member of our community participate in this extraordinary effort!

There are many ways to make your gift or pledge today:

- Return your pledge card to the parish or school office or drop it in the offertory basket at Mass.
- Go to www.holycrosspdx.org, go to Capital Campaign, and click on Donate Now to set up a one-time gift or pledge by credit card or automatic withdrawal.
- Contact the parish office at 503.289.2834 or email holycrossoffice@archdphdx.org if you need a pledge card or have questions about the campaign.

We ask that you continue to pray for a successful Campaign and in anticipation of the wonderful impact the new Community Center will have on our parishioners, students, and our whole community.

May God bless you all,

Fr. Mark Bachmeier and the Campaign Committee

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference
added another opportunity for food pick-up, **this Sunday, July 30th at 1pm**. All are welcome!



At this time, our SVdP Food Pantry is in need of:
Toothbrushes/toothpaste, shampoo, body soap bars, and deodorant.

Contributions may be delivered directly to the pantry during pantry hours (Tuesdays, 10—noon & Thursdays, 5:30—7pm) or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Join us this Sunday, July 30th, after the 9am Mass for Coffee & Donuts—



♥ ♥ ♥
Coffee & Conversation ... Tuesdays!
Join us at 9am on Tuesdays (after 8:30am Mass) for Coffee & Conversation.
Let's get to know each other better!
Questions? Please contact Mary Jane at 503.313.2832

Child Protection Online Training for 2023 - 2024 is Available now!



Mandatory Online Training for Clergy, Employees, and Volunteers who work with minors (“Foundations: Preventing Abuse on Youth-Serving Organizations”) is now available for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Please log on to your praesidium account. The website is: www.praesidiuminc.com/.

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WOULD YOU LIKE FOR YOUR FAMILY TO GROW IN FAITH? INTERESTED IN CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS?

Our parish programs and resources are for you!

- For YOUTH Programs:
Please contact Andrea Swanson
at aswanson@archdpdx.org.

- For ADULT Programs:
Please contact Mary Jane Weber
at mweber@archdpdx.org.

Most programs start up in the late summer/fall! Registration is now available at the main entrance of the church and online: www.holycrosspdx.org under the “Grow” tab.



Holy Cross Parish's Family Programs:

♥ Holy Cross GIFT Programs: Growing In Faith Together, for children grades 6 and younger

♥ Holy Cross LIFT Programs: Living In Faith Together, for youth grades 7 to 12

Please see family opportunities below by age group:
Please note that Baptism is available at any age!

Incoming 1st Grade & younger:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word (at 9am Mass)
- Youth Mass, once a month at 9am Mass
- GIFT Family Days, once a month after the monthly Youth Mass
- Vacation Bible School, in the summer

Incoming 2nd to 4th Grades:

- Sacramental Preparation available for First Reconciliation & First Communion
- Youth Mass, once a month at 9am Mass
- GIFT Family Days, once a month after the monthly Youth Mass
- Vacation Bible School, in the summer

Incoming 5th to 6th Grades:

- GIFT Tween: 5th & 6th Grade
- Youth Group, once a month
- Youth Mass, once a month at 9am Mass
- GIFT Family Days, once a month after the monthly Youth Mass
- Vacation Bible School, in the summer

Incoming 7th & 8th Grades:

- Confirmation Preparation, meets twice a month plus fall retreat
- Jr. High Youth Group, twice a month
- Youth Mass, once a month (at 9am Mass)
- Help lead GIFT Family Days, once a month after the monthly Youth Mass
- Help lead Vacation Bible School in the summer
- Opportunities throughout the year!

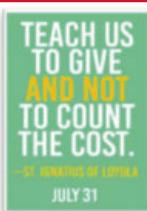
Incoming 9th to 12th Grades:

- Confirmation Preparation, meets twice a month plus fall retreat
- High School Youth Group, twice a month
- Youth Mass, once a month (at 9am Mass)
- Help lead GIFT Family Days, once a month after the monthly Youth Mass
- Steubenville NW Conference in the summer!
(Planning starts in the fall)
- Help lead Vacation Bible School in the summer
- Opportunities throughout the year!



Important Dates

July 30: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2: Confessions, 7pm
August 3: Adoration, 8:30am-8:30pm
August 4: Confessions, 9am
August 6: Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Festival, 10:30am-7:30pm
August 9: Confessions, 7pm
August 10: Adoration, 8:30am-8:30pm



Next Week's Readings— August 5th & 6th

The Transfiguration of the Lord

1st Reading: Daniel 7, 9-10, 13-14 Psalm: 97
2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1, 16-19
Gospel: Matthew 17, 1-9



Continuing explanation of “the parts” of the Mass:

The beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist is made up of preparation of the gifts, when the offertory gifts are gathered and presented, and when the priest receives the bread and wine and prays over each, offering thanks to God. **The presentation** of these offerings at the altar repeats the gesture of Melchizedek (in the Old Testament) and commits the Creator’s gifts into the hands of Christ who, by His sacrifice, brings to perfection all human attempts to offer sacrifices.

The early Christians brought wine and bread to be consumed at the Liturgy, as well as money and other gifts to be given to the poor. This custom is perpetuated in modern times as “the collection.” Tradition holds that we sing a hymn during the “collection” of people’s offerings and while the bread and wine are brought (with the offering) to the altar.

The priest prepares the bread and wine, mixing a little water with the wine to symbolize the human and the divine natures of Christ joined in the Mystery of the Incarnation – God becoming man. After preparing the bread and wine, the priest washes his hands as a symbol of internal purification.

A key point, often overlooked, is this: during the offertory, we surrender our lives and all our blessings in thanksgiving to God, through Jesus Christ, accepting Him as Lord of our lives.

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Mass Intentions for August 1st—6th, 2023:

Tues. +Patrick Sablan by family
Wed. +Virginia Cassara by the Lamont Family
Thurs. +Veronica Eckman by Holy Cross Parishioners
Friday +Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. (5pm) +Aiden Braunstein by the Braunstein Family
Sun. (9am) +Jeanne Lamont by the Lamont Family
(12pm) People of the Parish

To arrange for a Mass intention, please contact the parish office.
Please plan ahead if you are requesting a specific date.



In our prayers, let us remember all those who have died, including: Ryan Ambrose, Christine Mediati, Bernardine Niece, and Bev Raya
“May they rest in peace.”

Let us pray for all those who are ill or homebound, including: Darlene Thayer, Shayna Ramirez, Sue Anne Boettcher, Sandy Barrera, Mary McNamara, Mary Ragland, Irene Heaverin, Bob Hungerford, John Bachmeier, Greg Busch, Amanda Holmberg, Anita Verbout, Erma Faoro, Christina Gardener, Carl Cawley, Tiem Nguyen, Jim & Marvilla Graiff, Sandra Blossom, Kathy Ackley, Ann O'Reilly, Richard Lund, Sr. Mary Ryan, Annie Braunstein, Donna Hatley, Fr. Ken Hume, Chris Kelly, and Rose Petersen,

Stewardship



July 22nd & 23rd, 2023
Weekend Offertory: \$5,233.46
Online Giving: \$1,205.00
Total: \$6,438.46

*Weekly Offertory needed \$11,805.00

Honestly assessing our time, talent, and treasure isn’t a dive into self-improvement or laying the groundwork for bragging about “how much we give.” It is the reality story of discipleship!

So much of our modern culture is oriented around this question: “what am I going to get out of this?” Whereas the central stewardship question is “how much can I put into it, especially given how generous God has been with me … especially with regard to how much time I have been given, what talents can I share, and how can I financially make a difference?”

What all of that looks like for each disciple, God only knows, but it looks amazing! It really does. Be sure to pray, then, in an on-going way to be patient, imitating God’s patience, as His plan gets worked out in our lives each and every day.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” *1 Peter 4, 10*

LA IGLESIA NOS ENSEÑA



Según los Evangelios, Jesús trataba de comunicar a la gente (los primeros creyentes) su experiencia de Dios y de su gran proyecto de ir haciendo un mundo más digno y dichoso para todos. No siempre lograba despertar su entusiasmo. Estaban demasiado acostumbrados a oír hablar de un Dios sólo preocupado por la Ley, el cumplimiento del sábado, o los sacrificios del Templo.

Jesús les contó paráolas para sacudir su indiferencia. Quería despertar en ellos el deseo de Dios. Les quería hacer ver que encontrarse con lo que él llamaba “Reino de Dios” era algo mucho más grande que lo que vivían los sábados en la sinagoga del pueblo: Dios puede ser un descubrimiento inesperado, una sorpresa grande.

En las dos paráolas de hoy, tomadas del Evangelio de San Mateo, la estructura es la misma. En el primer relato, un labrador “encuentra” un tesoro escondido en el campo... Lleno de alegría, “vende todo lo que tiene” y compra el campo. En el segundo relato, un comerciante en perlas finas “encuentra” una perla de gran valor... Sin dudarlo, “vende todo lo que tiene” y compra la perla. **Algo así sucede con el “Reino de Dios”** escondido en Jesús, su mensaje, y su actuación. Ese Dios resulta tan atractivo, inesperado, y sorprendente que quien lo encuentra, se siente tocado en lo más hondo de su ser. Ya nada puede ser como antes.

Por primera vez, empezamos a sentir que Dios nos atrae de verdad. No puede haber nada más grande para alentar y orientar la existencia. El “Reino de Dios” cambia nuestra forma de ver las cosas. Empezamos a creer en Dios de manera diferente. Gracias a Jesús, ahora sabemos por qué vivir y para qué.



“Festival Santa Cruz”—Favor de marcar a sus calendarios: el próximo domingo, el **6 de agosto**, vamos a festejarnos con música, comida, bailes, y mucho más. Todos estarán invitados.

Habrá una rifa y hemos empezado a vender boletos. Gracias por apoyar a esta celebración parroquial.



Comunitario ... pero faltan algunas piezas importantes. Le pedimos que tenga un impacto, si no lo han hecho, en el presente y futuro de la comunidad apoyando esta importante Campaña.

Antes de que podamos comenzar la construcción, tenemos que cerrar una brecha financiera y necesitamos la participación de todos para recaudar los últimos \$350,000.

Al trabajar juntos, podemos asegurarnos de tener la oportunidad de crecer en nuestra fe, construir relaciones más sólidas, y servir a nuestra gran comunidad aquí en el norte de Portland. Y no olvidemos la importancia del *discernimiento*: preguntémonos “¿cómo ha derramado Dios sus bendiciones sobre nosotros?” y “¿cómo podemos responder con gratitud?”

PARA REFLEJAR....



El misterio que vamos a celebrar el 6 de agosto, la Transfiguración del Señor, lo manifestó Jesús a sus discípulos en el Monte Tabor, deseando infundir en sus corazones una firmísima e íntima convicción, de modo que por lo presente creyeran en lo futuro, realizó ante sus ojos aquella admirable manifestación como una imagen del Reino de los Cielos.

Cristo se nos va a manifestar en el esplendor de su gloria, de su divinidad. Mientras está orando (Mateo 17, 1-9), se Transfigura y reviste su cuerpo de un esplendor extraordinario; sus discípulos experimentan una gran felicidad y fortalecen su fe. Esta fiesta nos confirma en la esperanza de la futura Resurrección, ya que también nuestros cuerpos serán semejantes al cuerpo glorioso de Jesús, que siempre nos pide que escuchemos sus enseñanzas y lo sigamos, para poder ser con Él coherederos de la gloria celestial.

Para reflejar: Este “camino de peregrinos” que recorremos se fortalece con la segura esperanza de nuestra futura Resurrección, en la que también nuestros cuerpos serán semejantes al glorioso de Jesús.



El 15 de agosto (el Día de la Asunción de la Virgen) celebraremos un fiesta grande, una fiesta que no es sino el eco del anuncio Pascual: ¡Cristo ha Resucitado!

También María ha sido resucitada por Dios. Aquella mujer que supo acoger como nadie la salvación que se le ofrecía en su propio Hijo, ha alcanzado ya la vida definitiva.

La que supo sufrir junto a la Cruz la injusticia y el dolor de perder a su Hijo, comparte ahora su vida gloriosa de resucitado y nos invita a caminar por la vida con esperanza. Porque, antes que nada, la Asunción de María es una fiesta que confirma nuestra esperanza: hay salvación para la familia humana. Hay una vida definitiva que se ha cumplido ya en Cristo y que se le ha regalado ya a María en plenitud. ¡Hay Resurrección, gloria a Dios!

MINISTERIO HISPANO

Ana Carmina Pérez 503.289.7188

Pláticas Pre-Bautismales:

Tercer sábado del mes a las 10am.
Recuerde que necesita registrar a su hijo/a
antes de asistir a la plática.

Bautismos:

El primer sábado del mes a las 9:30am y el **último domingo del mes** después de Misa.

Estas fechas son solo para niños menores de 6 años.

Los niños mayores de 6 años deberán de comunicarse a la oficina antes de apartar alguna fecha.

Preparación Sacramental para:

Iniciación Católica para Adultos (RICA) y Bodas – por favor llame a la oficina

Misas de Quinceañeras:

Misa de Acción de Gracias para Quinceañeras en grupo, el segundo sábado del mes a la 1pm.

Confesiones:

Los miércoles a las 7pm,
los viernes a las 9am,
y por cita entre semana.

Adoración al Santísimo:

Cada jueves de las 8:30am a las 8:30pm.

Misa con Unción de los Enfermos:

Segundo miércoles del mes inmediatamente después de la Misa de 8:30am.

En nuestras oraciones recordemos:

...a todos los que están enfermos,

incluyendo: Darlene Thayer, Shayna Ramirez, Sue Anne Boettcher, Mary McNamara, Sandy Barrera, Mary Ragland, Irene Heaverin, Sr. Mary Ryan, Bob Hungerford, Erma Faoro, Anita Verbout, Amanda Holmberg, Jim & Marvilla Graiff, John Bachmeier, Greg Busch, Sadrac Lopez, Carl Cawley, Kathy Ackley, Richard Lund, Sandra Blossom, Annie Braunstein, Donna Hatley, Chris Kelly, y Rose Petersen



...y a todos los que han muerto,
especialmente Ryan Ambrose Trejo, Candi Stangle, Christine Mediati, y Bev Raya

*“Te pedimos, Señor, que tus siervos que han muerto ya para este mundo, vivan ahora para ti y que tu amor misericordioso borre los pecados que cometieron por fragilidad humana.
Por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor.”*

HORARIO PARROQUIAL

30 de julio: XVII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

2 de agosto: Confesiones, 7pm

3 de agosto: Adoración, 8:30am-8:30pm

4 de agosto: Confesiones, 9am

6 de agosto: Transfiguración del Señor

Festival Parroquial!



Corresponsabilidad Parroquial—

23 de julio: \$6,438.46

(El Ofertorio semanal necesita llegar al presupuesto Parroquial: \$11,805.00)

Encontrar a Jesús es encontrar el mayor tesoro. Lo proclamamos siempre en el Evangelio, pero ¿lo vivimos nosotros así? Venimos a la Misa cada ocho días llenos de alegría, porque la fe y el camino del Evangelio es lo más valioso para nosotros? ¿O simplemente estamos reunidos por cumplir un precepto, por costumbre, o rutina...?

Debemos pedir que la celebración de cada Eucaristía sea para nosotros un encuentro gozoso con el Señor, que reavive en nosotros la alegría de la fe. Que la Eucaristía sea una verdadera experiencia de lo que es Dios como porción nuestra. Pidamos que su voluntad nos consuele. Y que, confortados con el Pan de Vida, seamos cada vez más capaces de discernir siempre lo que verdaderamente nos conviene.

LA LITURGIA — LECTURAS

Transfiguración del Señor—6 de agosto

Primera Lectura: Daniel 7, 9-10, 13-14

Salmo: 96

Segunda Lectura: 2 Pedro 1, 16-19

Evangelio: Mateo 17, 1-9

EL DÍA DEL SEÑOR



La fe que cada domingo celebramos alrededor de la Mesa de la Cena del Señor no es para ser vivida individualmente, ni al margen de nuestras vidas.

Creer en la fuerza liberadora del amor de Jesucristo nos ha de llevar a proclamar el Evangelio por todo el mundo, con sencillez y entrega total.

Cada ocho días, el Señor nos llama a descubrir su Reino: la vida futura, la vida de plenitud, y la vida de eterna felicidad para los que viven aquí, como verdaderos hijos e hijas de Dios, en su gracia.

Descubrir esta verdad de fe, es descubrir el mayor tesoro. Y es por eso que quienes creemos que la hora de la muerte es el comienzo de la verdadera vida, tratamos de vivir aquí y ahora de acuerdo con esa realidad trascendente.

¿Vivimos conforme a todo esto en nuestra vida diaria?

¿Coinciden nuestras actitudes con lo que proclamamos y celebramos en la Misa Dominical?

¿Podemos entender y apreciar que hay cosas que no se compran con dinero, por ejemplo la gracia de Dios?

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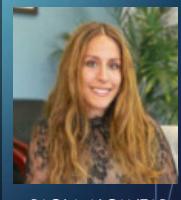
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