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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: *Closed until the completion of our New Community Center & SVdP Food Pantry in 2024.

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, following the 8:30am Mass.

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: *Closed until the completion of our new Community Center & SVdP Food Pantry in 2024.

January 13th & 14th, 2024: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church Teaches...



There are two expressions in Sunday's Gospel (John 1, 35-42) which are worth further investigation.

The first expression is this question: "What are you looking for?" It is the question Jesus will repeat (later) to those who will come to arrest Him. It is also the question He asks of Mary Magdalen on the morning of His Resurrection. It is also the question that, no matter where we are or what we do (and whether we think about it or not), He constantly asks of us. Are we ready and willing to answer it?

Everything we think, say, and do responds to Jesus' question and reveals, in some fashion, our answer. *What we are looking for* is the reason we get out of bed in the morning. What we do with our evenings and how we spend our weekends says something about *what we are looking for*. What we read, what we dream about, and what we most want in our lives answers the question. Are we happy with how we are answering? Does anything in us need to change?

The second thought-provoking expression in the Gospel is this: "Come and see." It was Jesus' response to the spoken desire of His first followers. They did go and see – and where He took them was a complete surprise. He took them to lepers and other outcasts. He took them to the poor, to the beggars, and to the homes of sinners. He took them to Samaria and a well where He met a woman and a whole village of "enemies" who ended up believing in Him and asking Him to remain with them. Ultimately, He took them to an upper room, then to a garden for prayer, and then on to hill and a Cross where He showed them the truth about what real love is.

Something worth pondering this week: What is it that we are *looking for* in this new year? Are we ready to let Jesus lead us there? Are we willing to let Him lead us where He wants us to be?

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Can we make this prayer our own?

"Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,
by the light of truth
to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth;
be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today."



The Holy Cross Worship Schedule—

- ❖ Daily Mass: Tues. - Fri., 8:30am
- ❖ Confessions: Wednesdays, 7pm & Fridays, following the 8:30am Mass

(Appointments for Confession are also available throughout the week.)

Bulletin Announcements



A Message from the Principal, Mr. Tagorda—Happy New Year! We hope that you had a restful Christmas break and that the new year is full of good health, blessings, and happiness for you!

Are you planning on having your child return to Holy Cross for the next school year? Please remember that there is a financial incentive to complete the re-enrollment early!

To encourage early completion, we are offering a reduced enrollment fee of \$150 per student until Jan. 17th. After this date, the enrollment fee will increase to \$250 per student.

Holy Cross Catholic School's Open House: Refer a Friend and You Could Win!

We're kicking off our invitation to the upcoming Open House with some exciting news! When you **refer a new family** who either attends our Open House on Jan. 28th or schedules a one-on-one tour, you'll be entered into a drawing for a \$500 tuition credit. This is our way of expressing gratitude for your help in growing our Holy Cross community. Share the spirit of our school and win!

This year, we're enhancing our Open House experience by shifting from a drop-in format to structured sessions, ensuring a more informative visit for all our new families.

Two Sessions:

- First Session: Begins at 10:15am
- Second Session: Begins at 11:15am

Open House Highlights:

- Each session begins with a short presentation from our principal, Mr. Tagorda, about our Holy Cross community. Families will also hear from teachers about our commitment to academic excellence through focused small group instruction and how we support different learning styles.
- After the short presentation, interested families can take a guided tour, hear from our student ambassadors and meet teachers!
- Spanish translation is available.

*We look forward to welcoming both familiar
and new faces to our community!*

Catholic Communication Campaign, Connect with Christ—Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign.



This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media.

Half of the money collected remains here in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message!

For more information, please go to: www.usccb.org/ccc.

Bulletin Announcements: Activities & Opportunities



As the nation celebrates the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 15th, we will be reminded that both personal conversion and action are needed to build what the slain civil rights leader called “the beloved community.”

The MLK Day holiday commemorates the life and work of Dr. King, a Baptist minister and Nobel Peace Prize winner who spearheaded the U.S. civil rights movement from the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968. He was just 39 years old.

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said recently that, in addition to honoring Dr. King, “we must act to address racial disparities in the criminal justice system, access to affordable housing and healthcare, and economic opportunities. Remembering that Dr. King was guided first by his faith also challenges us to personal conversion. We must not forget that unjust structures exist because personal sin persists.”



At the urging of the U.S. Bishops, January 22 is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

“**A great prayer for life is urgently needed**, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every family, and from the heart of every believer.” *Pope Saint John Paul II*

Prayer is the foundation of everything we do in defense of human life. Be on the lookout for ways to praise and thank God for the gift of life and to ask for protection for each sacred human life! (Resources, including prayer cards, will be available at the entrances of the church.)



We thank our St. Vincent de Paul workers for their years of dedication to feeding the hungry here in North Portland.

While it is true that our Food Pantry is now closed (until our new Community Center opens), we are directing our labors and financial support to the SVdP Conference at Holy Redeemer parish.

Please continue to use your “blue envelopes” to support this vitally important ministry in North and Northeast Portland. Anyone interested in volunteering at the Holy Redeemer Food Pantry, please call 503.880.2780, or email: svdp@holyredeemerpdx.org



We are thankful again this year to our friends at Hustad Funeral Home for providing calendars for whole parish. **Calendars are now available at the entrances of the church.** Please take a copy and remember the kindness the staff at Hustad has shown us over the years.

While it is true that some funeral homes in the area have become “corporate concerns,” the people at Hustad have maintained a high level of personal and respectful care, for which we are thankful.



Beautiful Eucharist—At our Christmas Masses we offered a gift to the entire parish community: Matthew Kelly’s bestselling book ***Beautiful Eucharist***. Copies are still available in both English & Spanish... pick up a copy today!

Beautiful Eucharist is a stunning collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus *truly* present in the Eucharist and *wonderfully* present in our lives.



Our Capital Campaign Committee is excited to announce that we recently received a \$50,000 gift from the B.P. Lester & Regina John Foundation. We are so grateful. When Fr. Mark was the pastor at Astoria’s Star of the Sea parish, Mr. and Mrs. John would be regular visitors to the North Coast (they had a home in Gearhart). They were dutiful about attending Mass at Astoria’s Misson church. Although both of them have since died, it is heartwarming to know that their kindness lives on and their “connection” to Fr. Mark remains.

It is still true that if you have already responded to the Campaign you can **add to** your gift and if you have not yet given to the Campaign, the beginning of the new year is a perfect time to step up!

As we look back at our long history here in North Portland, it is clear that we are living with a legacy left by those who have gone before us (from four parishes). We are deeply grateful for that legacy of faith, prayer, vision, determination, and action which previous generations have given us as a gift. And yet, there is still much to be done so that our present dream may be realized. Please join us in the effort to become even more of a beacon of light and hope for our whole community and our neighbors.

News: Our general contractor (the Grant Company) was waiting for the asbestos abatement to be completed at the convent and they have now submitted a “permit request” to the City of Portland for demolition. Early in the new year, we may see the first signs of construction (and demolition) equipment, fencing, and brightly colored vests worn by construction workers. Given that St. Joseph is the patron and protector over our new Community Center project and over workers, please ask for his continued generous help!

Family Page— Happy 2024 from Holy Cross Parish!

Upcoming Key Dates/Events:

January 14th:

- Youth Masses, 9am & Noon
- Family Faith Fun, 10am to Noon

January 19th:

- Deadline to sign up for Steubenville NW Trip for all current 8th to 12th graders

January 20th:

• Teen Mass & Chill!

5pm Mass & Dinner/Play Afterwards

January 21st:

- Sacramental Prep Classes
- Confirmation Classes

January 28th:

- GIFT Classes
- **NO** Confirmation Classes
- LIFT Leadership Team, 1:15pm

Middle School Youth Groups!

Hey middle schoolers!

Come and join us twice a month:

Each **first Sunday of the month** for 5th-8th grade Youth Group:

1:15-2:30pm (next: 2/4)

Each **first Wednesday of the month** for 6th-8th grades from 2:15-3:45pm

in the parish offices. (next: 2/7)

Of course, join us for Mass each Sunday and help to lead our Family Faith Fun days, too!

Come, bring your friends... ALL are welcome!



LIFT High School Youth Groups!

It's a new year and 2024 brings with it our high school youth groups: LIFT Varsity!

Teens, if you are in high school, come and join us twice a month:

Each **first Sunday of the month** from 6-7:30pm in the school hall. (next: 2/4)

Each **third Saturday of the month** for **Mass & Chill**: 5pm Mass and then dinner and playtime. (next: 1/20)

Of course, join us for Mass each Sunday and help to lead our Family Faith Fun days, too!

Come, bring your friends... ALL are welcome!

No registration is required and it is free!

STEUBENVILLE NW YOUTH CONFERENCE HOLY CROSS LIFT

July, 2024



JOIN US IN JULY, 2024 TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH, CONNECT WITH OTHER TEENS AND HAVE FUN!

ALL CURRENT 8TH TO 12TH GRADERS WELCOME!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY JAN. 19!

If you would like to join us, please contact Andrea Swanson by January 19: aswanson@archdpdx.org
Learn more at <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/nw/>

Join us for our next Family Faith Fun Day Today!

Join us for our growing tradition every second Sunday of the month!

Today...

we have a **Family Faith Fun Celebration** between the Masses, from 10am to noon.

We have activities, games, and crafts to excite your family's faith!
All activities are bilingual!

Come join us!



Holy Cross is here for you and your family!

Is your family searching for the chance to grow in faith? Is your family wanting to be closer with our North Portland Catholic community?

Please reach out to us for more information!



Important Dates

- January 14:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Office Closed
January 17: Confessions, 7pm
January 18: Adoration, 8:30am-8:30pm
January 19: Confessions, following the 8:30am Mass
January 21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
*Catholic Communications 2nd Collection Weekend

Next Week's Readings: January 20th & 21st

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1st Reading:** Jonah 3, 1-5, 10 **Psalm:** 25
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7, 29-31
Gospel: Mark 1, 14-20



In Luke 4, 14-22, we read:

“Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of Him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where He had grown up...”

Immediately before this passage, Jesus endured the temptation in the desert that prepared Him for His ministry. While St. Luke tells us that He “was praised by all,” the truth is that, before long, His fellow Nazoreans became so upset by His teachings that they attempted to throw Him off a cliff!

We are in the time between the Christmas season and the beginning of Lent (next month). We are also in the winter season and, by all appearances, our world presently needs more of the hope and “glad tidings” we heard about at Christmas – they now seem to be in short supply.

As the old saying goes, “It is now (post-Christmas) that the real ‘work’ of Christmas begins.” We are desperately in need of peace, healing, and comfort – the very gifts Jesus brought us by His birth. So, how can we be instruments of His peace? How can we be healers? Who stands in need of our comfort? How can we bring glad tidings to others in these challenging times? How can we engage in the ‘work’ of Christmas (which never ends)? How can we make this new calendar year “a year acceptable to the Lord?”

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Mass Intentions for January 16th—21st, 2024:

- Tues. +José Luis Ramos Maqueda by family & friends
Wed. +Joseph Minh by Trinh Vu
Thurs. +Jim Wilson by Theresa Lang
Friday +All Holy Souls
Sat. (5pm) Ints. of Debbie & Cody by the Louie Family
Sun. (9am) People of the Parish
(12pm) +Albina Heindl by the Romero-Hernandez Family

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: Lesly Collins, Joicelyn Smith, Louise Paschelke, and Steven Walker

Let us pray for all those who are ill or homebound, including: Darlene Thayer, Shayna Ramirez, Sue Anne Boettcher, 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, Kathy Ackley, Sandra Blossom, Ann O'Reilly, Richard Lund, Sr. Mary Ryan, Annie Braunstein, Donna Hatley, Chris Kelly, Rose Petersen, Jane Bachman, Ann Renon, Jack Link, Bernie Maloney, Tina Paradiso, Rupert Liddie, and Tim Brezo

Stewardship



January 6th & 7th, 2024
Weekend Offertory: \$5,118.89
Online Giving: \$1,870.00
Total: \$6,988.89

**Weekly Offertory needed \$11,805.00*

A central feature of good stewardship is “living with gratitude.” Clearly, we are grateful for all we have received from God. Just as clearly, we have a great desire to give to others from what we have received. But do we also make opportunities for *others* to give?

Sr. Maria Bolding, an English Benedictine nun who died several years ago, spoke of this in her final illness. She described herself in the prologue of her last book, Gateway to Resurrection, as “...like a helpless child who has nothing to give except his or her need.” At that stage in her life, she was finally able to accept with gratitude the gifts that *others* offered *her*. She was able to receive and, therefore, open the door to others being able to give.

As we enter deeper into this New Year, can we pledge to be open to receiving the gifts that others offer to us? Can we be grateful for these, too? Having an attitude of *receiving* as well as *giving* will mean that a greater number of people will be able to fully use the gifts that God has given them. All of which falls under the mantle of “living with gratitude!”

LA IGLESIA NOS ENSEÑA



Las primeras palabras que Jesús pronuncia en el Evangelio de San Juan (1, 35-42) nos dejan desconcertados porque van al fondo y tocan las raíces mismas de nuestra vida. A dos discípulos del Bautista que comienzan a seguirlo Jesús les dice: “*¿Qué buscan?*”

No es fácil responder a esta pregunta sencilla, directa, y fundamental, desde el interior de una cultura “cerrada,” como la nuestra, que parece preocuparse sólo de los medios, olvidando siempre el fin último de todo. *¿Qué es lo que buscamos exactamente?*

Para algunos, la vida es “un gran supermercado” y lo único que les interesa es adquirir objetos con los que poder consolar un poco su existencia. Otros lo que buscan es escapar de la enfermedad, la soledad, la tristeza, los conflictos o el miedo. Pero, escapar ¿hacia dónde? ¿hacia quién? Otros ya no pueden más. Lo que quieren es que se les deje solos. Olvidar a los demás y ser olvidados por todos. No preocuparse por nadie y que nadie se preocupe de ellos.

En el fondo, ¿no andamos buscando algo más que una simple mejora de nuestra situación? ¿No anhelamos algo que, ciertamente, no podemos esperar de ningún proyecto político o social?

Lo que está entre líneas en el Evangelio de San Juan es un punto importante: lo más honrado que puede hacer el ser humano es “buscar” – no cerrar ninguna puerta, no desechar ninguna llamada. Lo más honrado que puede hacer un creyente es ‘buscar a Dios,’ tal vez con el último resto de sus fuerzas y de su fe.

Dios no juega al escondite, ni se esconde de quien lo busca con sinceridad. Dios está ya en el interior mismo de esa búsqueda. Más aún, Dios se deja encontrar. Así nos dice en el libro de Isaías: “Yo me he dejado encontrar por quienes no preguntaban por mí. Me he dejado hallar por quienes no me buscaban. Dije: Aquí estoy, aquí estoy.” (Isaías 65, 1-2)



El 15 de enero, vamos a celebrar la fiesta nacional del Rev. Martin Luther King. No habrá clases en la escuela y la oficina parroquial estará cerrada.

Nuestro compromiso debe ser el asumir que debemos continuar la obra que Cristo empezó, y no debemos de olvidarlo.



La “Corresponsabilidad” es un compromiso con el Señor, de pensamiento y de corazón; una forma de vida que necesita renovación constante y transformación. Esta época del año ha sido siempre un tiempo en el que nos proponemos avanzar hacia un nuevo año, reflexionando en los cambios que necesitamos hacer en nuestras vidas y resolviéndonos a avanzar a través de esos cambios. Tal vez quienes buscan hacer resoluciones para ser mejores corresponsables puedan encontrar una fuente de inspiración en uno o más de los siguientes ejemplos:

La Corresponsabilidad de la Oración: Propóngase fortalecer su relación con el Señor a través de la oración. Ponga atención en la frecuencia con la que usted hace oración y en lo que le impide orar. Si es principiante, comprométase a tiempos cortos de oración diaria.

La Corresponsabilidad de la Familia: Propóngase apartar más tiempo para reunirse con su familia. Cenen juntos, planee citas habituales con su esposa/o, organice paseos con la familia, y asistan a Misa juntos. Practique la paciencia y el perdón.

La Corresponsabilidad del Dinero: Propóngase hacer sagrado su presupuesto anual. Revise la prioridad de sus metas financieras para asegurarse de que el Señor está en primer lugar en sus gastos. Y también, si no lo han hecho, favor de discernir su respuesta familiar a la Campaña Capital de la parroquia.

PARA REFLEJAR....



Habla, Señor; tu siervo escucha. (1 Samuel 3, 10)

¡Este mismo Dios quiere hablarnos a nosotros!
Por eso:

“Habla, Señor.” Dios desea que lo conozcamos. Siempre está hablando, siempre está manifestándose en nuestras vidas. Debemos creer que Él tiene un mensaje para nosotros y por eso el Señor nos invita a sentarnos delante de Él y centrar nuestro corazón solamente en Él. “Habla, Señor, queremos conocerte más.”

“Tu siervo.” Todo lo que tenemos viene de Dios y nosotros somos sus siervos agradecidos y humildes, dispuestos a escuchar y obedecer su palabra. Esto significa más que simplemente esperar pasivamente un mensaje del cielo. Significa ofrecer nuestra vida al Señor con un corazón dispuesto, abierto a los planes de Dios aun cuando sean distintos a los nuestros.

“Estoy escuchando.” No es fácil escuchar la voz de Dios cuando estamos rodeados de ruido. De manera que para escuchar al Señor, necesitaremos encontrar un lugar tranquilo lejos del bullicio que puede ahogar la voz del Señor. También necesitamos silenciar el ruido provocado por la angustia y las dudas que se acumulan en nuestra mente. Pero con la ayuda de Dios, podemos dejar de lado estos pensamientos y en cambio escuchar su voz.

“Habla, Señor; tu siervo escucha.”

MINISTERIO HISPANO

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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 Ragland,

Irene Heaverin, Sr. Mary Ryan, Erma Faoro,
Bob Hungerford, Anita Verbout, Greg Busch,

Amanda Holmberg, Jim & Marvilla Graiff,
John Bachmeier, Sadrac Lopez, Carl Cawley,
Kathy Ackley, Richard Lund, Sandra Blossom,
Annie Braunstein, Donna Hatley, Rupert Liddie,

Chris Kelly, Rose Petersen, Jane Bachman,

Bernie Maloney, Tina Paradiso,

Jack Link, and Tim Brezo



...y a todos los que han muerto,
especialmente Lesly Collins,

Louise Paschelke, and Steven Walker

*“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

14 de enero: II Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario

17 de enero: Confesiones, 7pm

18 de enero: Adoración, 8:30am-8:30pm

19 de enero: Confesiones, 9am

21 de enero: III Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario



Corresponsabilidad Parroquial—

7 de enero: \$6,988.89

¡Gracias!

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

“Jesús se volvió hacia ellos, y viendo que lo seguían, les preguntó: ‘¿Qué buscan?’ Ellos le contestaron: ‘¿Dónde vives, Rabí?’ (Rabí significa maestro). Él les dijo: ‘Vengan a ver.’”

¿Hemos encontrado realmente al Señor? Desde luego que sí. Creemos en Él, le pedimos, oímos su mensaje proclamado domingo tras domingo, hemos participado en grupos parroquiales, hemos participado en varios ministerios, y quizás hemos leído en privado los Evangelios. Pero nuestro encuentro con el Señor en persona debería afectarnos más profundamente.

Solamente así puede nacer y desarrollarse una profunda comprensión, una relación afectuosa e íntima con Él y un sentido real de nuestra misión en la vida. Vengamos y aceptemos su invitación a “ir y ver” lo que Él nos ofrece y también lo que nos pide. Él está con nosotros. Pidámosle que nos muestre dónde vive, quién es, y qué espera de nosotros.

LA LITURGIA — LECTURAS

III Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario, 21 de enero

Primera Lectura: Jonás 3, 1-5, 10

Salmo: 24

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 7, 29-31

Evangelio: Marcos 1, 14-20

EL DÍA DEL SEÑOR



Cambiar la página hacia un nuevo año nos ofrece la oportunidad de revisar el tiempo que ha pasado y ver hacia adelante, hacia la novedad de la vida y el ministerio en el año por venir.

Como individuos y comunitariamente, reconocemos nuestras numerosas bendiciones, damos gracias por el amor de Dios, y nos comprometemos nuevamente a vivir como verdaderos discípulos, con propósitos para solidificar nuestro compromiso con Cristo y los unos con los otros.

Algo que nunca va a cambiar, no importa el año en que estamos, es que la Misa dominical representa al “día de la Iglesia,” que en síntesis es un día de alegría y de encuentro con nuestro Creador. La Misa fortalece nuestro espíritu e ilumina el camino que debemos tomar por medio de la fe en Dios. Y la Misa es un día de esperanza y comunión entre la Tierra y el Cielo, una antesala al “día de los días,” donde no habrá llanto, ni dolor, ni sufrimiento, sino gozo, paz, y alegría.

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