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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 27th & 28th, 2024: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church Teaches...



Are you interested in a little homework for the coming week? Re-visit today's Gospel: Mark 1, 21-28.

It is easy to become distracted by “the sensational” in these verses. Shouting demons and a man in convulsions in

the middle of the synagogue is all it takes for us to get *off track* with what is going on in the text. If that happened in our church on a typical Sunday, it would probably be the only thing we remembered about the whole Mass!

There are several themes that will appear again and again this year in St. Mark's Gospel. One of them is the contest between Jesus and evil spirits. Today's account (from the first chapter of the Gospel) is just a preview of this theme which, again, will continue throughout the Gospel and throughout the year.

That “contest” is certainly “sensational,” but what really matters is what is happening between Jesus and the others who are present. Notice carefully that St. Mark tells us that the people were spellbound by the authority of Jesus before the conflict with the unclean spirit. That exorcism, then, is not the only thing that amazed them. What also amazed them was “a completely new teaching in a spirit of authority.” Sadly, we do not have much of that these days.

What we have today, instead, is a lot of words from public figures, but there is a depressing predictability about what they are going to say. There is not a lot of authority – and the consequence is a lot of skepticism. Meanwhile, St. Mark tells us that the teaching of Jesus was refreshingly different from the official teachers of His day. Jesus spoke with His own voice, needing no other. His authority came from the fact that He spoke the truth and provided the people with vision, inspiration, and meaning for their lives.

More homework? Ponder the question posed by the Gospel: “What do you want of us, Jesus of Nazareth?” What does Jesus of Nazareth want of us? Simply being amazed cannot possibly be what He asks. Our witness to what we have seen and heard must have credibility that comes from really believing, that comes from an upright character, and that comes from speaking the truth. When we cultivate this kind of credibility, our lives will provide for others a *vision* of the Kingdom of God, *inspiration* to make it real, and concrete *meaning* – revealed through our deeds of service and love. Our homework starts ... now!



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 Holy Cross School Parents' Association—Happy New Year! We've arrived in 2024! Have you been curious about learning more about the Holy Cross Parents' Association? Well, you're in for a treat!

Our next Parents' Association meeting is Thursday, February 15th, 7-8:30pm in the 8th grade homeroom. Join us at the meeting to learn more about upcoming fundraisers & community events, share your ideas for contributing to the HCPA mission, or just come and listen!

*(*Please note this event was originally scheduled for February 6th, but has been moved.)*

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We kicked off 2024 with a school-wide **Delicious Doughnut** party to celebrate surpassing our school-wide goal of raising \$25,000 in the raffle this past fall. Great work, Holy Cross! That's money we're able to contribute right back to the school by supporting student enrichment activities, equipment upgrades, and the tuition assistance program.

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Volunteer Opportunities—Sometimes it's raining, and sometimes the sun is shining, but it's always fun at the **Holy Cross Jog-a-Thon!**



Get ready for a day of fun, fitness, and fundraising as the students of Holy Cross gear up for our annual Jog-a-thon on **April 23rd!** Lace up those sneakers and sign up to volunteer. More details to come about specific volunteer positions. Let's make this event a run to remember!

Check out all of our volunteer opportunities on the HCPA website at any time! Thank you for being part of the Holy Cross community, and stay dry out there!

Kaylin Soldat & Morgan Armstrong
HCPA Co-Presidents

Catholic Communication Campaign:

Connect with Christ—This month we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC).



Your support helps the CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media.

Half of the funds we collect remain here in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today and next Sunday.

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

Bulletin Announcements: Activities & Opportunities

Attend the Lenten Day Retreat at The Grotto with Dina Marie of Faith Moments

Retreat theme: "Behold, the Lamb of God" John 1

Friday, March 15, 2024
9:30am-1:30pm

Retreat Fee: \$15
(lunch optional)

To register and for details:
dinamarie.org



Come pray at The Grotto's Outdoor Stations of the Cross



The National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother (The Grotto) is located at NW 85th and Sandy Blvd in Portland



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@holyredeemerpx.org

Jean's Place Outreach Opportunity!—

Thank you to everyone who contributed toward the Christmas bags for Jean's Place, a Portland women's shelter. Fifty-five women enjoyed a gift bag at Christmas!



We will be putting together Valentine's Day "craft bags" for the residents of Jean's Place. Interested in donating the following new items?

- ♥ Bags of Valentine's Day Candy
- ♥ Packs of Assorted Thin Markers & Colored Pencils
- ♥ Small Sketch Pads and/or Doodle Books

Please bring your donations to the Parish or School Offices by **Sunday, February 11th**.
Questions? Contact Mary Jane Weber at 503.953.8328.

Save the Date!

Archbishop Sample Invites you to a Life Gala at the Multnomah Athletic Club on Feb. 17th

This extraordinary evening will showcase Abby Johnson and the Sisters of Life as the primary guest speakers. The Gala is dedicated to celebrating Life in all its forms, highlighting local initiatives, and uniting our community to a shared commitment to uphold the dignity and sanctity of human life. Your presence will make this event truly special.

Learn More and Sponsor: [Life Gala](http://LifeGala.com) | [Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon](http://ArchdioceseofPortlandinOregon.com) | [Portland, OR \(archdpx.org\)](http://Portland.OR.archdpx.org)



Thanks again to everyone who shoveled snow and ice and spread de-icer on our sidewalks and entryways.
Thanks for keeping us safe!



Our Capital Campaign Committee is excited to announce that we recently reached a total of \$1,425,000 toward our goal of \$1,500,000 (in pledges and gifts)! Let's not lose our momentum! But let's also remember that pledges need to be fulfilled. If you have pledged a gift toward the new Center and you need a reminder, please let us know in the parish office. We will be glad to send you any information you need to help your "promised gift" become a reality.

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. Soon, 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!

Upcoming Key Dates/Events:

January 28th:

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

February 4th:

- Sacramental Prep Classes
- Confirmation Classes
- Junior High Youth Group
 - 4/5 Youth Group
- High School Youth Group, 6:15pm

February 11th:

- Youth Masses
- Family Faith Fun Day!

February 17th:

- Teen Mass & Chill
- 5pm Mass & Dinner/Play afterwards

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:

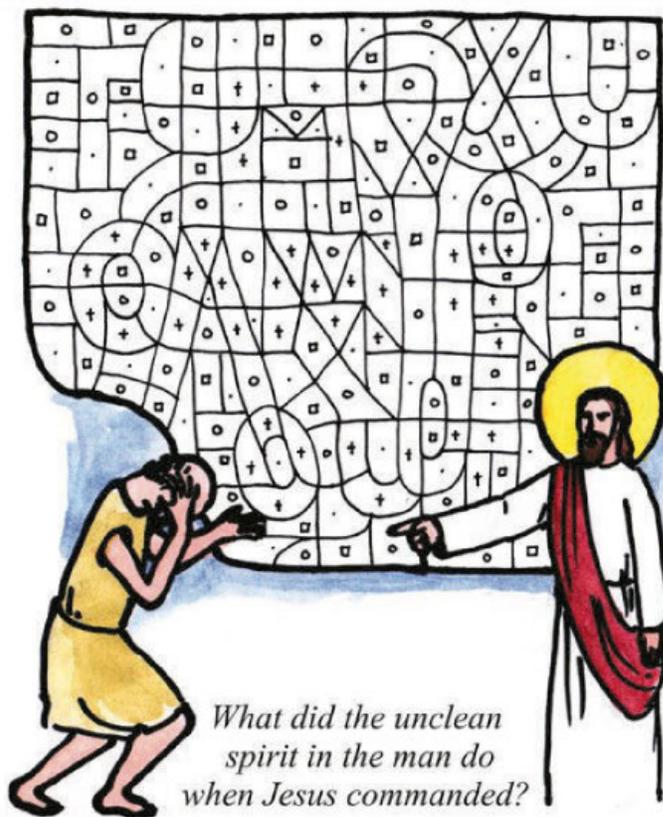
Each **first Sunday of the month**
from 6-7:30pm in the school hall. (next: 2/4)

Each **third Saturday of the month**
for **Mass & Chill**: 5pm Mass and then dinner and playtime. (next: 2/17)

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!



What did the unclean spirit in the man do when Jesus commanded?

Colour in only the spaces that have crosses to find out what it did.

Join us for our next Family Faith Fun Day on February 11th!

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

We have **Youth Masses** at 9am & noon, engaging young people more deeply in the Mass!

Then, 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 28: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*HC School Open House- 1st Session: 10:15am
2nd Session: 11:15am

January 28-February 3: Catholic Schools Week ☺

January 31: Confessions, 7pm

February 1: Adoration, 8:30am-8:30pm

February 2: Confessions, following the 8:30am Mass

February 4: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next Week's Readings: February 3rd & 4th

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Job 7, 1-4, 6-7 Psalm: 147

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9, 16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1, 29-39



Lent is coming! Ash Wednesday comes "early" this year. Avoid being surprised by its quick arrival, give some thought to how to be well-prepared. Last week we suggested a few ideas: finding a prayer partner for the Forty Days and focusing (in advance) on a part of the Bible. Here are two more ideas:

Prayerfully consider (before Ash Wednesday) what these words mean: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." Jesus says the only way to live is to offer our lives for the benefit of others in love, in caring, in compassion, and in justice. This is the only way to find who we truly are. What is the good of winning the whole world – becoming incredibly rich and famous, for example – only to lose our integrity, our self-respect, our dignity, or our happiness?

Plan your Lenten fasting. Yes, fasting is a wonderful practice, and one we are urged to enter into during Lent. However, if we've always given up chocolate for Lent, now might be a good time to plan something different. Ask first, why does the Church encourage fasting? Then ask, "God, how are you calling me to fast this Lent?" Consider that we may be called to fast from complaining or that God may be calling us to fast from social media. Let's give God a chance to speak to our hearts and call us to true conversion.

It's not Lent, yet. But it's less than a month away. Spend a little time preparing, and ask God to help you plan for a truly holy and rewarding Lenten season.

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Mass Intentions for Jan. 30th—Feb. 4th, 2024:

Tues. Int. of Michael Sablan by family

Wed. +Matthew by the Nguyen Family

Thurs. +Cheryl Glenn by the Houston Family

Friday Ints. of the Lamont/Montalbano Families
by the Lamont Family

Sat. (5pm) Int. of Maria Richter by the Braunstein Family

Sun. (9am) +Henry Willis by the Kaiel 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: Lesly Collins,

Louise Paschelke, Steven Walker,

Connie Marbott, and Deborah Kuffner

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,

Georgie Ferguson, Rupert Liddie, and Tim Brezo

Stewardship



January 20th & 21st, 2024

Weekend Offertory: \$4,940.55

Online Giving: \$1,640.00

Total: \$6,580.55

*Weekly Offertory needed \$11,805.00

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of all anxieties." St. Paul's greeting in today's second reading (from his First Letter to the Corinthians) is appropriate for today's world where anxiety is running rampant.

What we seek is peace, but we know that *uncertainty* can create a lot of anxiety. However, we *can* find peace in the truth. And where can we find the truth? In Jesus of course!

We are invited to be steeped in the true teachings of the Catholic Church; if we are not, we will find ourselves being steeped in the anxieties of the world, where hearts are hardened, and the voice of God is no voice at all.

Did you know there is a podcast called **The Catechism in a Year?** It serves as a wonderful help in understanding the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter. It is also a wonderful way to encounter "God's plan of sheer goodness."

Link: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>

LA IGLESIA NOS ENSEÑA



El modo de enseñar de Jesús (Marcos 1, 21-28) provocó en la gente la impresión de que estaban ante algo desconocido y admirable. Lo señala la fuente cristiana más antigua y los investigadores piensan que fue así realmente. Jesús no enseñaba como los “letrados” de la Ley. Lo hacía con “autoridad.”

Su palabra liberaba a las personas de “espíritus malignos.”

No hay que confundir “autoridad” con “poder.” El Evangelista San Marcos es muy preciso en su lenguaje. La Palabra de Jesús no proviene del poder. Jesús no trata de imponer su propia voluntad sobre los demás. No enseña para controlar el comportamiento de la gente. No utiliza la coacción ni las amenazas.

La Palabra de Jesús no es como la de los líderes de la religión judía. No está revestida de poder institucional. Su “autoridad” nace de la fuerza del Espíritu. Proviene del amor a la gente. Busca aliviar el sufrimiento, curar heridas, y promover una vida más sana. Jesús no genera sumisión o pasividad. Libera de miedos, infunde confianza en Dios, y anima a las personas a buscar un mundo nuevo.

El Evangelio de San Marcos (de principio a fin) nos revela que Jesús es el Mesías esperado y anunciado por los profetas: Él es la Palabra eterna del Padre, y su palabra se traduce en acción – va unida a un poder de lo alto que produce sus efectos – habla, enseña, y confirma su doctrina con signos y portentos. Y nos invita a adherirnos a sus enseñanzas, a su Palabra, que Él dejó a la Iglesia, por medio del Espíritu Santo, para que ella la guardara fielmente y la enseñara a todos los hombres y mujeres de todos los tiempos.



Ofrecemos la Adoración todos los jueves desde la Misa (a las 8:30am) hasta la Bendición (a las 8:30pm). Todos están invitados a unirse en oración.

“Jesús se hace pobre en el Santísimo Sacramento, ‘vacándose’ de su gloria y majestad, para hacerte rico con la abundancia de su gracia, ‘transformándote de gloria en gloria’ y haciendo tu alma siempre más bella con cada Comunión y cada visita que le hagas en el Santísimo Sacramento. La Eucaristía es el Amor Divino hecho visible en la Sagrada Hostia. Por eso los ángeles siguen cantándole aquí como en Belén: ‘Gloria a Dios en las alturas y paz a los hombres de buena voluntad.’” +*Santa (Madre) Teresa*

EL CALENDARIO....



El 2 de febrero vamos a celebrar la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor. **Cuarenta días** después de la Navidad, celebramos a Cristo

como “Luz que alumbró el corazón de todos.” La Iglesia no sólo se deja iluminar por el Señor, sino que, teniéndolo a Él por la fe en el corazón, se convierte en luz que ilumina el camino de todos los pueblos.

En su Presentación, vemos a Jesús, indefenso y abandonado en los brazos de sus padres, que lo llevan a presentar al templo para cumplir la Ley de Moisés, siendo Luz que alumbró a las naciones y la gloria del pueblo de Israel. La salvación que trae es universal, es para todos los tiempos y lugares.

Y al igual que Cristo, nosotros, en brazos de nuestra madre (la Iglesia), somos presentados ante el Señor. Somos presentados para consagrarnos a Él y convertirnos en una oblación (cada vez más pura y perfecta) hasta lograr la misma madurez de Cristo, dando nuestra vida por nuestro prójimo manifestándole el mismo amor que el Señor nos ha tenido a nosotros.

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Todos los que quieren pedir una bendición sobre sus velas (destinados al uso en casa) están invitados a venir a la iglesia el 2 de febrero o el 4 de febrero (que es el domingo después). Habrá un servicio breve después de la Misa el domingo.

Presentemos a Dios nuestro sincero compromiso de ser como las velas que se encienden y se consumen para dar luz, calor, y seguridad a los demás.



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.

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, Erma Faoro, Irene Heaverin, Sr. Mary Ryan, Greg Busch, Bob Hungerford, Anita Verbout, Carl Cawley, Amanda Holmberg, Jim & Marvilla Graiff, John Bachmeier, Sadrac Lopez, Kathy Ackley, Richard Lund, Sandra Blossom, Donna Hatley, Annie Braunstein, 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, Steven Walker, Louise Paschelke, Connie Marbott, and Deborah Kuffner

“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

28 de enero: IV Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario

30 de enero: Confesiones, 7pm

1 de febrero: Adoración, 8:30am-8:30pm

2 de febrero: Confesiones, 9am

4 de febrero: V Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario



Corresponsabilidad Parroquial—

21 de enero: \$6,580.55

¡Gracias!

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

“Hermanos y hermanas: Lo que deseo es que estén libres de preocupaciones.” (1 Corintios 7, 32)

¿Qué tanta ansiedad traemos sobre nosotros mismos al preocuparnos constantemente acerca de no tener lo suficiente o de obtener más cosas? Dios no necesariamente te dará todo lo que deseas, pero sí te proporcionará todo lo que necesitas. Intente hacer esto – utilice la palabra “rezar” en lugar de la palabra “preocupar.” Entonces pasará su tiempo rezando en lugar de preocupándose.

Cuando reconocemos quienes somos, es más fácil encontrar lo que estamos buscando. Una vez que nos vemos a nosotros mismos, y a los demás, como familia de Dios, pasaremos menos tiempo buscando las comodidades materiales del mundo. En cambio, nuestros corazones anhelarán algo más profundo que solamente puede ser satisfecho por Dios.

LA LITURGIA — LECTURAS

V Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario, 4 de febrero

Primera Lectura: Job 7, 1-4, 6-7

Salmo: 146

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 9, 16-19, 22-23

Evangelio: Marcos 1, 29-39

EL DÍA DEL SEÑOR



Sabemos muy bien, por experiencia de vida, qué poderosas pueden ser las palabras. Por ejemplo, en su matrimonio, el esposo y la esposa aceptan mutuamente su “Sí” al amor y también comparten amor, el uno con el otro, no solo para un momento sino para toda la vida.

Cristo siempre nos proclama su Palabra. Y nos proclama su Palabra de manera especial cuando estamos congregados cada ocho días en la Misa. Es una Palabra de confianza y amor, y no puede dejarnos indiferentes. También, Cristo nos obliga a tomar una decisión: o rechazarle a Él y a su Palabra o entregarnos a Él y a su mensaje. Que ojalá aceptemos su Evangelio con entusiasmo.

Según el Papa Francisco: “Cada celebración de la Misa (la Eucaristía) debe significar en nuestras vidas una verdadera transformación y un nuevo compromiso con el Señor. Que el de hoy sea el de procurar vivir en fidelidad a sus enseñanzas, dando testimonio ante el mundo de la Palabra divina, y encarnándola en nuestras vidas.”

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