80TH Saint Joseph
Roman Catholic Church

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A)

NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO, REY DEL UNIVERSO (A)

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MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIOS DE MISA

Monday/Lunes: No mass
Tuesday/Martes: 6:30 AM (English) - CHAPEL
Wednesday/Miércoles: 6:30 AM (English) - CHAPEL
Thursday/Jueves: 6:00 PM (Spanish) - CHAPEL
Friday/Viernes: 6:30 AM (English) - CHAPEL

Saturday/Sábado: 4:30 PM (English) CHURCH
6:00 PM (English) PARISH HALL
Neocatechumenal Way

Sunday/Domingo: 7:00 AM (English) CHURCH
9:00 AM (Spanish) CHURCH
11:00 AM (English) CHURCH

CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES

SATURDAYS: 3:30 pm in the Church or any time by appointment.
SABADOS: A las 3:30 pm en la Iglesia o llame para una cita.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Monday through Friday. Please contact the Parish Office.
De Lunes a Viernes. Favor de contactar la Oficina Parroquial.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

Please contact one of the priests if you are going to the hospital.
Llamar al sacerdote cuando se necesite y si vas al hospital.

BAPTISMS / BAUTIZOS

On the last Saturday of the month, at 3 pm. Please contact the Parish Office. - El ultimo sabado del mes, a las 3 pm. Favor de contactar la oficina parroquial.

MARRIAGE / MATRIMONIO

Please contact the priests at least 6 months before your wedding.
Por favor, haga una cita con el sacerdote.

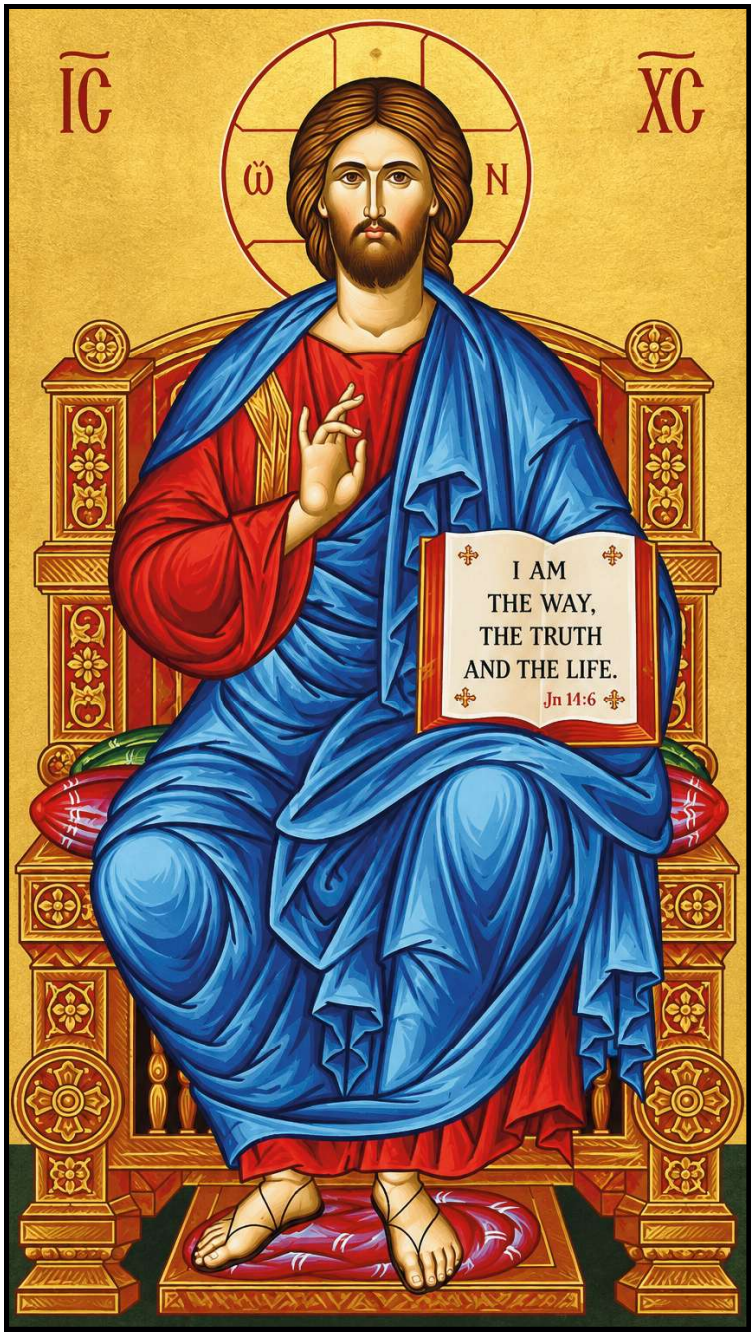
PARISH OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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READINGS FOR THE 34TH WEEK OF O.T. (A)

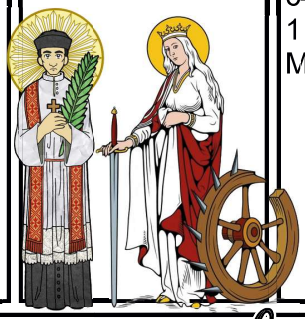
Mon. Nov. 23
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5
Lk 21:1-4

Tue. Nov. 24
Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
Rv 14:14-19
Lk 21:5-11

Wed. Nov. 25
Saint Catherine of Alexandria
Rv 15:1-4
Lk 21:12-19

Thur. Nov. 26
Thanksgiving Day
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a
Lk 21:20-28

Fri. Nov. 27
Rv 20:1-4,11-21:2
Lk 21:29-33



Sat. Nov. 28
Rv 22:1-7
Lk 21:34-36

Sun. Nov. 29
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37

The Saints of the Week

Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc (1795–1839) was born in Vietnam around 1795 into a poor non-Christian family. After encountering a Catholic catechist, he embraced Christianity and dedicated his life to spreading the Gospel. He became a catechist and was ordained a priest in 1823. During the persecution of Christians under Emperor Minh Mạng, Andrew was repeatedly arrested, imprisoned, and tortured. Despite threats and suffering, he remained faithful to Christ. He was beheaded on December 21, 1839. He is honored alongside 116 other Vietnamese martyrs, including bishops, priests, missionaries, religious, and laypeople who gave their lives for the faith between 1820 and 1862. They were canonized by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1988.

Saint Catherine of Alexandria (c. 287–305) was a young Christian woman renowned for her intelligence, courage, and unwavering faith. According to tradition, she was born into a noble family in Alexandria, Egypt. After embracing Christianity, she courageously defended her faith before Emperor Maxentius during the persecution of Christians. She challenged his pagan beliefs and reportedly converted several philosophers through her wisdom and eloquence. Enraged by her refusal to renounce Christ, the emperor ordered her imprisonment and torture. Tradition recounts that she was condemned to death on a spiked wheel, which miraculously broke apart. She was eventually beheaded around the year 305. She is venerated as the patron saint of students, philosophers, and teachers.

NOVEMBER 22
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today's Gospel presents one of Jesus' most challenging and compelling teachings. He reminds us that, in the end, we will not be judged by how much we know, what we have accomplished, or what we have accumulated. Rather, we will be judged by how we have treated others, especially those who are poor, vulnerable, and in need. Jesus' message leaves little room for ambiguity: our response to those who are hungry, thirsty, sick, lonely, forgotten, or struggling is our response to Christ! The question is not just whether we recognize Christ in prayer, but whether we recognize him in the faces of the people we encounter each day. Every act of kindness, compassion, and presence becomes an opportunity to serve Christ.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
OCTOBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2026

INCOME	
Offertory	$14,010.76
2nd Collections	$2,982.75
Donations	$12,263.86
TOTAL INCOME	**$29,257.37**

Donations include Gala Dinner Income. Administrative include Gala Dinner expenses.

EXPENSES	
Administrative	($13,199.80)
Benefits	($2,759.80)
Taxes	($2,381.92)
Office Expenses	($356.68)
Maintenance	($3,149.46)
Insurance	($2,932.37)
Utilities	($3,118.70)
Broadcasting	($350.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	**($28,248.73)**

INCOME-EXPENSE ($1,008.64)

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TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2026
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MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Sat. 21	4:30 pm	+Helen Carmichael	req. by family.
	6:00 pm		
Sun. 22	7:00 am	For the health of Claire Marshall	req. by Carmen Bastian.
	9:00 am	Birthday blessings for Luis G. Huertas	req. by Luis G. Huertas.
	11:00 am	For the good of the people of St. Joseph Church.	
Tue. 24	6:30 am	+Stanford and Arene Christmas	req. by the Jackson family.
Wed. 25	6:30 am	+Carmen Theresa Morales	req. by Yolandita Lake.
Thu. 26	6:00 pm	For the benefactors of St. Joseph Church	req. by St. Joseph Parish.
Fri. 27	6:30 am	Special Intentions for Francis Wiltshire	req. by Edris Wiltshire.

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF HELP AND HEALING. THERE IS HOPE.

Contact information for the Victim Assistance Coordinator in the Diocese of St. Thomas:
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Catholic Questions Answered

Why do Catholics believe in Hell?

Catholics believe in Hell because Jesus Himself taught that our choices have eternal consequences. God created every person for eternal life and desires the salvation of all, but He also respects human freedom. Love cannot be forced; therefore, a person can freely reject God and separate himself from Him.

Hell is not something God desires for His children. Scripture tells us that God "wills everyone to be saved" (1 Tim 2:4). However, Jesus repeatedly warned about the danger of refusing God's mercy and choosing a life closed to love and conversion (Mt 25:41–46).

The Church teaches that Hell is the state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God. The suffering of Hell is ultimately the pain of being separated from the One for whom we were created. God does not condemn anyone unjustly; rather, a person freely chooses to reject the relationship of love that God offers.

The reality of Hell reminds us of the seriousness of our choices and the importance of responding to God's grace. It is not meant to create despair or fear but to awaken conversion and encourage us to live according to the Gospel.

At the same time, Christians are called to trust in God's mercy and to pray for the salvation of all people. Christ came to save, not to condemn (Jn 3:17). His mercy is always offered to those who turn toward Him with repentant hearts.

References: Mt 25:31–46; Mk 9:43–48; Jn 3:16–17; 1 Tim 2:4; CCC 1033–1037.

Announcements

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION - For the Maintenance of the Parish. Thanks.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Tuesday from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm, in Saint Michael's Chapel.

PROLIFE ROSARY - Every Friday at 4:30 pm, in Saint Michael's Chapel. All are welcome.

MISSALS - The St. Joseph Sunday Missal for the new year 2027 are available after all the masses. You can also get them at the Parish Office during office hours. The cost is $5.00.

ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATION - Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord! On Sunday, November 29, the First Sunday of Advent, at 3:00 pm, we will have a Penance Celebration, offering us an opportunity to seek God's mercy, receive His forgiveness, and spiritually prepare for Christmas.Do not miss this opportunity.

NOVEMBER 2026 - SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 15, 2026 - Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
November 22, 2026 - Maintenance





St. Joseph's Gem

WISDOM ON OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

"The dignity and glory of St. Joseph is such that the Eternal Father conferred upon him, with greatest liberality, a likeness to His own supremacy over His incarnate Son."

St. Bernadine of Siena

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

A COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

OFF ISLAND:
Vinilia Nicholas, Ginny Garcia, Alessandro Filippucci, Duslin Genovese, Luis Secundino-Roman, Doris Darden, Tina Darden, Deborah Nellhropp, Calisla Julien, Mary Toussaint, Deacon Conrad Williams, Carla Smalls, Stephanie Malanga, Larry Malanga.

AT HOME:
Leo Clifford, Kathy King, Deacon Charles, Felicita Hernandez, Mrs. Sackey, Madona Remy, Clair Marshall, Agneta Bailey, Encilma Christian, Florabel Miller, Elroy Hall Sr., Belly Nielsen.

(Please call the Church Office to add or remove names to/from this list)

80TH From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Bishop has asked that, at the conclusion of the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass, we join together in praying a special Prayer for Vocations. This is an important invitation for all of us to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially among the young people of our own islands.

The future of our Church depends on our willingness to pray and encourage those whom the Lord is calling to serve His people. Let us ask the Lord to inspire generous hearts and raise up holy priests, religious men and women from our local communities.

The **Prayer for Vocations** has been printed and placed at the back of the blue binder of the St. Joseph Hymnal, so that we may all pray it together at every Mass.

Additionally, Bishop Jerome has instructed all parishes to pray the **Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel** and the updated **Hurricane Season Prayer** at the conclusion of Mass. These prayers remind us of our need for God's protection and guidance. Please note that the previous Thanksgiving Prayer, which was used outside hurricane season, is no longer to be prayed.

Saint Joseph, pray for us!

Fr. Andrea

You are invited you to our

GALA DINNER

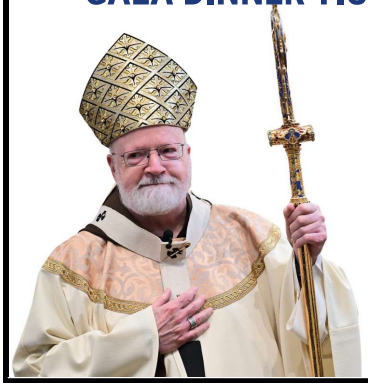
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2026

BOHLKE INTERNATIONAL AVIATION

Cocktail hour @ 5:00 pm - Dinner @ 6:00 pm

GALA DINNER TICKETS: $80.00 EACH



Honoring Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley OFM Cap

2nd Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas

Advent Penance Celebrations

Sunday, November 29, 2026 – 3:00 pm – St. Joseph
Sunday, December 6, 2026 – 3:00 pm – St. Ann
Sunday, December 13, 2026 – 3:00 pm – St. Patrick
Sunday, December 20, 2026 – 3:00 pm – Holy Cross



Prepare the way of the Lord!

St. Croix Deanery

OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE



Today, Sunday, **November 22**, we celebrate Our Lady of Divine Providence, the patroness of Puerto Rico.

The celebration will begin with Holy Mass at 9:00 a.m. and continue in the Parish Hall after Mass.

We warmly invite the entire parish community to participate in this meaningful celebration.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS



You are invited to join us on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, **November 26**, to give thanks to God for all the blessings you have received throughout the past year. Mass will be celebrated at **10:00 am** in the Church and will be bilingual.

We look forward to celebrating this special day of gratitude with you and your family!

Desde la pluma del parroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Nuestro Obispo nos ha pedido que, al concluir la Oración de los Fieles durante la Santa Misa, recemos juntos una oración especial por las vocaciones. Esta es una importante invitación para que todos oremos por un aumento de las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida consagrada, especialmente entre los jóvenes de nuestras propias islas.

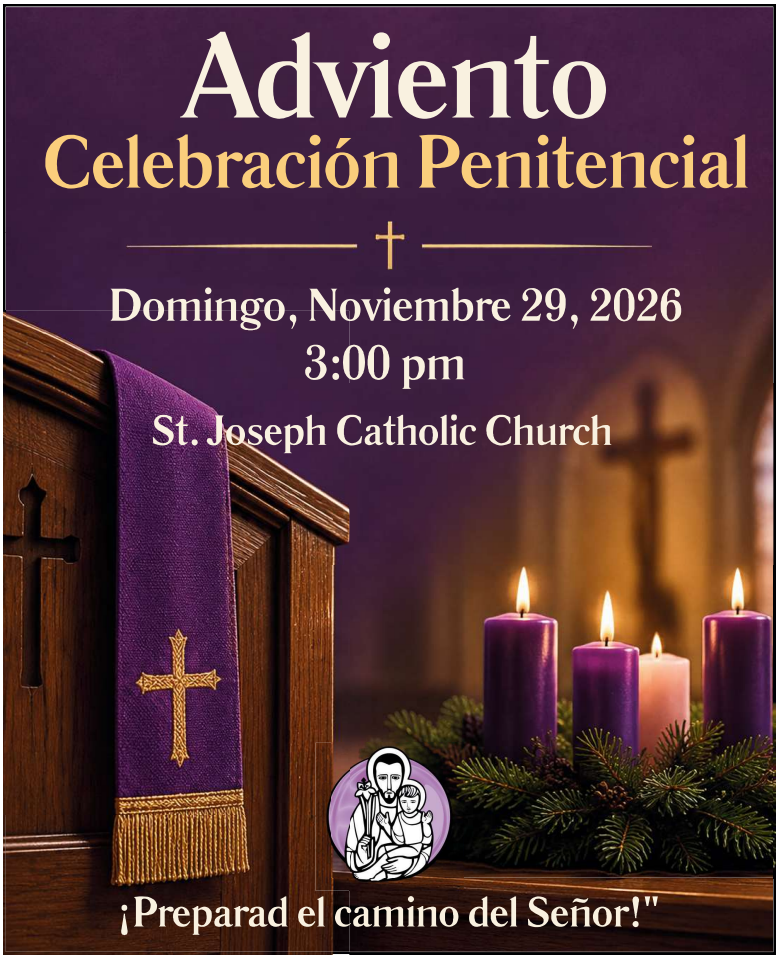
El futuro de nuestra Iglesia depende también de nuestra disposición a orar y a animar a quienes el Señor llama a servir a su pueblo. Pidamos al Señor que inspire corazones generosos y suscite santos sacerdotes, religiosos y religiosas en nuestras comunidades.

La **Oración por las Vocaciones** ha sido impresa y colocada al final del Libro azul de San José, para que todos podamos rezarla juntos durante cada Misa.

Además, el Obispo Jerome ha dispuesto que todas las parroquias recen, al finalizar la Santa Misa, la **Oración a San Miguel Arcángel y la Oración por la Temporada de Huracanes**, en su versión actualizada por el Obispo. Estas oraciones nos recuerdan nuestra necesidad de la protección y la guía de Dios. Les recordamos que la anterior Oración de Acción de Gracias, que se rezaba fuera de la temporada de huracanes, ya no debe rezarse.

¡San José, ruega por nosotros!

P. Andrea



22 DE NOVIEMBRE
NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO, REY DEL UNIVERSO

El Evangelio de hoy nos presenta una de las enseñanzas más desafiantes y conmovedoras de Jesús. Él nos recuerda que, al final, no seremos juzgados por cuánto sabemos, por lo que hemos logrado o por lo que hemos acumulado, sino por la manera en que hemos tratado a los demás, especialmente a los pobres, los vulnerables y los necesitados.

El mensaje de Jesús no deja lugar a dudas: ¡la manera en que respondemos a quienes tienen hambre, sed, están enfermos, solos, olvidados o atraviesan dificultades es la manera en que respondemos al mismo Cristo! La pregunta no es solamente si reconocemos a Cristo en la oración, sino también si somos capaces de reconocerlo en el rostro de las personas que encontramos cada día. Cada gesto de bondad, compasión y cercanía se convierte en una oportunidad para servir a Cristo.

Hoy

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA PROVIDENCIA

Hoy, domingo **22 de noviembre** celebraremos con alegría y devoción a Nuestra Señora de la Providencia, patrona de Puerto Rico. Será una hermosa oportunidad para reunirnos como comunidad de fe, honrar a nuestra Madre celestial y agradecerle por su amorosa protección e intercesión ante su Hijo Jesucristo.



La celebración comenzará con la Santa Misa a las 9:00 a.m y continuará en el Salón Parroquial después de la Misa, donde compartiremos un momento de fraternidad, alegría y unión como hermanos en Cristo.

Invitamos a toda la comunidad parroquial, a participar en esta celebración tan significativa. ¡Ven y celebra con nosotros!

MISA DIA DE ACCION DE GRACIAS



Estas invitado a venir el día de Acción de Gracias, jueves **26 de noviembre**, para dar gracias a Dios por todos los regalos que has recibido durante el año pasado. La misa será a las **10 am**, bilingüe, en la Iglesia.

¡Esperamos celebrar con usted y su familia este día tan especial de agradecimiento!

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Anuncios

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE HOY - Para el Mantenimiento de la Parroquia. Gracias.

ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO - Martes de 7:00 am a 5:00 pm, en la Capilla de San Miguel.

ROSARIO PRO-VIDA - Todos los viernes a las 4:30 pm en la Capilla de San Miguel. Todos son bienvenidos.

CELEBRACIÓN PENITENCIAL DE ADVIENTO - Preparemos nuestros corazones para la venida del Señor! El domingo 29 de noviembre, Primer Domingo de Adviento, a las 3:00 pm, tendremos una Celebración Penitencial, que nos brindará la oportunidad de buscar la misericordia de Dios, recibir su perdón y prepararnos espiritualmente para la Navidad. ¡No pierdas esta oportunidad de renovar tu corazón y recibir al Señor!

Preguntas Católicas Respondidas

¿Por qué los católicos creen en el infierno?

Los católicos creemos en el infierno porque Jesucristo mismo enseñó que nuestras decisiones tienen consecuencias eternas. Dios creó a cada persona para la vida eterna y desea la salvación de todos, pero también respeta nuestra libertad. El amor verdadero no puede imponerse; por eso, una persona puede rechazar libremente a Dios y separarse de Él.

El infierno no es algo que Dios quiera para sus hijos. La Escritura nos enseña que Dios «quiere que todos los hombres se salven» (1 Tim 2,4). Sin embargo, Jesús advirtió repetidamente sobre el peligro de rechazar la misericordia de Dios y vivir con un corazón cerrado al amor y a la conversión (Mt 25,41–46).

La Iglesia enseña que el infierno es el estado de una separación definitiva y libre de la comunión con Dios. El sufrimiento principal del infierno consiste en estar separado de Aquel para quien fuimos creados. Dios no condena injustamente a nadie; más bien, la persona puede rechazar voluntariamente la relación de amor que Dios le ofrece. La realidad del infierno nos recuerda la importancia de nuestras decisiones y la necesidad de responder a la gracia de Dios. No es una enseñanza destinada a producir desesperación, sino a despertar la conversión y animarnos a vivir según el Evangelio.

Al mismo tiempo, los cristianos estamos llamados a confiar en la misericordia divina y a orar por la salvación de todos. Cristo vino para salvar al mundo, no para condenarlo (Jn 3,17). Su misericordia permanece abierta para quienes vuelven a Él con un corazón arrepentido.

Referencias: Mt 25,31–46; Mc 9,43–48; Jn 3,16–17; 1 Tim 2,4; CIC 1033–1037.

NOVIEMBRE 2026 - SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

15 de noviembre de 2026 – Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano

22 de noviembre de 2026 – Mantenimiento.

La joya de San José

SABIDURÍA SOBRE NUESTRO PADRE ESPIRITUAL



«Tal es la dignidad y gloria de San José que el Padre Eterno le concedió con gran liberalidad una semejanza con su propia autoridad sobre su Hijo encarnado».

St. Bernadine of Siena

TRABAJO PASTORAL

Rosario Pro-Vida - Viernes @ 4:30 pm
Santo Niño - Primer Sábado @ 4:00 pm
Divina Misericordia - Cada otros Sábados @ 4:00 pm
Sagrado Corazon - Primer Domingo @ 8:30 am
Cursillo de Cristiandad - Domingos @ 10:00 am
Nuestra Señora de Fatima - Primer Sabado 7:00am
Camino Neocatecumenal - Miércoles @ 6:00 pm
Duelo y pérdida - Últimos martes @ 1:00 pm



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A PRAYER FOR GLOBAL UNITY AND HARMONY

Dear God, today I lift my voice for global unity and harmony. Unite nations, cultures, and hearts under Your love. Remove divisions, prejudices, and conflicts that separate us. Help us see each other as brothers and sisters, created in Your image. Let Your peace reign in every corner of the earth, binding us together in mutual respect and understanding. Amen

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PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

HURRICANE SEASON PRAYER

God, our loving Father, You are the Lord of all creation. Protect our islands and our people from hurricanes and all natural disasters. Keep us safe under Your loving care, strengthen our faith, calm our fears, and guide us through every storm. May we always trust in Your protection and give You praise for Your goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ORACIÓN A SAN MIGUEL ARCÁNGEL

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y acechanzas del demonio. Reprímele Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tú, Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial, arroja al infierno con el divino poder, a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

ORACIÓN EN TEMPORADA DE HURACANES

Dios, Padre amoroso, Tú eres el Señor de toda la creación. Protege nuestras islas y a nuestro pueblo de los huracanes y de todos los desastres naturales. Mantennos seguros bajo Tu amoroso cuidado, fortalece nuestra fe, calma nuestros temores y guíanos en medio de cada tormenta.
Que siempre confiemos en Tu protección y te alabemos por Tu bondad. Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.







