



St. Ignatius of Loyola — Catholic Church —

PARROQUIA DE SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA

March 15, 2026
4th Sunday of Lent
(Cuatro domingo de
cuaresma)

ALL ARE WELCOME!
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
HORARIO DE LA OFICINA
PARROQUIAL

Monday- Thursday
(Lunes-Jueves): 9 AM-8:30 PM
Friday
(Viernes): 9 AM-4:30 PM
Saturday
(Sábado): 10 AM-1 PM

PASTOR'S COLUMN
COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO

See inside as Fr. Norbert reflects on the Liturgy of the Word and the Preparation of the Gifts leading to the Eucharistic Prayer.

Vea adentro cómo el Padre Norbert reflexiona sobre la Liturgia de la Palabra y la Preparación de las Ofrendas que nos conduce a la Plegaria Eucarística.
Pg. 4 & 15 (Español)



FEATURED ITEM (ARTÍCULO DESTACADO)

Join St. Ignatius of Loyola Youth Ministries for the 11th Annual Crawfish Boil on Saturday, April 25 from 12-4 PM at the Christus Center, and become a sponsor to enjoy great food while supporting our youth programs! See inside for more details. Pg 13

Acompaña al Ministerio Juvenil de San Ignacio de Loyola en su 11° Festival Anual de Crawfish el sábado 25 de abril de 12-4 PM en el Christus Center, y conviértete en patrocinador para disfrutar de excelente comida mientras apoyas a nuestros jóvenes. Vea el interior para más detalles. Pg 16



WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS
OF LOYOLA

PEOPLE
for others



VERY REV. NORBERT MADUZIA JR., E.V. D. MIN.
PASTOR



RT. REV. MSGR CHIBUIKE ONYEAGHALA, PH.D.
PAROCHIAL VICAR



FR. LUIS ARMAS
PAROCHIAL VICAR

PARISH STAFF

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| DCN. WILL HUNTER | PERMANENT DEACON |
| DCN. MIKE HIGGINS | PERMANENT DEACON |
| DCN. GREG MOUTON | PERMANENT DEACON |
| DCN. PETER OLIVIER | PERMANENT DEACON |
| DCN. JOE WRIGHT | PERMANENT DEACON |

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| EDGAR BARROSO | PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR FORMATION AND EVANGELIZATION (FORMATION FOR ADULT & FAMILIES) |
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LITURGY & SACRAMENTS/ LITURGIA Y SACRAMENTOS

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| KARLA JACKSON | PASTORAL ASSOCIATE OF WORSHIP |
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| PETER RAMIREZ | ASSOCIATE DIR. OF WORSHIP FOR LITURGICAL MUSIC |
| SAMANTHA MONTALBANO | COORDINATOR OF LITURGY & SACRAMENTS |

SOCIAL SERVICES/ SERVICIOS SOCIALES

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| ASCENCIÓN AMADO | DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH |
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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS/ CELEBRACIONES EUCARÍSTICAS



Monday – Friday:
9 AM Daily Mass
Wednesday: 6:45 PM Mass
Saturday: 5:15 PM Mass
Sunday:
7:30 AM Mass
10 AM Mass
12:30 PM Misa
5:15 PM Life Teen Mass

RECONCILIATION/ RECONCILIACIÓN

Wednesday: 5:15 – 6:15 PM and
Saturday: 9:30 – 10:30 AM

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Morning Prayer/ Oración de la Mañana:
Weekdays at 8:30 AM in Lady Chapel
Evening Prayer/ Oración de la Tarde:
First Fridays of every month, 6:15 PM
Reservation Chapel Hours/ Reserva Capilla:
6:30 AM – 9 PM

Please check our website for most recent schedule. See our live stream Masses via Facebook, YouTube, & Parish Website./ Consulte nuestro sitio web para ver el horario más reciente. Vea nuestras misas en vivo por Facebook, YouTube y el sitio web de la parroquia.

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PRESIDER SCHEDULE / HORARIO DEL CELEBRANTE

March 21-22 5 th Sunday of Lent	Saturday/ Sábado 5:15 PM:	Sunday/ Domingo 7:30 AM:	Sunday/ Domingo 10 AM: (3rd Scrutiny)	Sunday/ Domingo 12:30 PM: Español	Sunday/ Domingo 5:15 PM: Life Teen
Presider:	Msgr. Chibuike	Msgr. Chibuike	Fr. Norbert	Fr. Norbert	Fr. Luis
Homilist:	Wright	Chen	Chen	Glueck	Wright
Deacons:	Wright	Chen	Chen	Glueck	Wright



Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

Monday, March 16

9 AM Liliane Romane & Elise Neptune (+)

Tuesday, March 17

9 AM Elsi Javier Perez (+)

Wednesday, March 18

9 AM Horace Dickey (+)
6:45 PM Felicitas Omandam (+)

Thursday, March 19

9 AM John Kubis Sr. & Diana Morales (+)

Friday, March 20

9 AM Theresa Pool Collins & Chuck Isler (+)

Saturday, March 21

5:15 PM Mary Denise Smith (+)

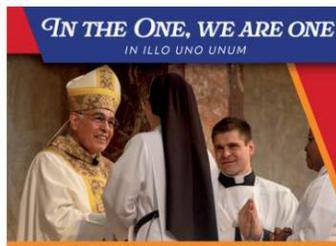
Sunday, March 22

7:30 AM Merlito Cabio (+)
10 AM Pro Populo
12:30 PM Joseph Onyeaghala (+)
5:15 PM Lisa Anne Yeager (+)

Second Collection:

Catholic Relief Services: April 3rd

Financials/ Finanzas



Diocesan Services Fund 2026

Parish Goal \$364,490.00

Total Amount Paid

\$55,548.50

Total Number of Participants

156

Total Number of Households

4,802

Average Participant Pledge

\$356.08

Paid Over (Under) Goal

(\$308,941.50)

Percent Paid 15.00%

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IRA Charitable Distributions

1. Gifts from an IRA, Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD), are popular forms of end-of-year giving for those 70 1/2 or older. A donor can make a gift directly from their IRA to the parish which can result in a reduction in annual taxes owed. Gifts to the parish alone can be mailed directly to the parish.
2. Gifts of appreciated stock allow donors to make an impact to the mission of the church and avoid capital gains on the appreciated shares that are donated to a qualified charity. A donor must complete a stock letter of intent.

The Development Department at the Downtown Chancery is available to assist your parish and community with these transactions. The Letter of Intent forms, which are necessary to initiate a donation of stock or gift from an IRA, and to allow proper donor identification and gift designation, are available for download from the Archdiocesan-website:

www.archgh.org/ways-to-give.

For inquiries about gifts of stock or from an IRA to Cindi Garcia in the Finance Office at 713-652-8248.

Parish Financial Information

Jan Online Giving: \$109,730.00

March 8th : \$9,992.00

PASTOR'S COLUMN

COLUMNA DEL PASTOR



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our last reflection, we concluded our consideration of the Liturgy of the Word and its ordered structure: readings, responsorial psalm, Gospel, homily, Profession of Faith, and the Universal Prayer. We were reminded that the Lord truly speaks to His people when the Scriptures are proclaimed in the liturgical assembly. From there, we moved into the Preparation of the Gifts and the preparation of the altar. Bread and wine were brought forward; the altar was readied; the priest prayed quietly over the offerings. All of this was not an interlude but a deliberate movement, leading us toward the Eucharistic Prayer, the center and summit of the entire celebration (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 10; GIRM 78).

After the invitation, “Pray, brothers and sisters...,” the priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer with the Preface. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* teaches that the Preface is a prayer of thanksgiving in which the priest, in the name of the entire holy people, glorifies God and gives thanks for the whole work of salvation or for some particular aspect of it according to the day, feast, or season (cf. GIRM 79a). The Preface is carefully chosen. On solemnities and feasts, it articulates with precision what the Church believes about the mystery being celebrated. Here we encounter clearly the principle *Lex orandi; lex credendi*—the law of prayer is the law of belief. What we proclaim in the Preface is what we hold to be true. During Ordinary Time, the Church provides a rich variety of Prefaces that span the breadth of Catholic doctrine: creation, redemption, the Paschal Mystery, the Church, the saints, and the Eucharist itself. Even when the liturgical season is “ordinary,” the theology is anything but. The Church catechizes us through her prayer. The Preface culminates in the great acclamation: the *Sanctus*, “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.” Drawn from Isaiah’s heavenly vision and the Gospel account of Christ’s entry into Jerusalem, this acclamation unites the Church on earth with the worship of heaven. It is not simply a hymn; it is the threshold into the Eucharistic Prayer itself. During this Lenten season, we have chosen to chant the “Holy Holy Holy” in Latin. This is an intentional act of unity with the universal Roman Catholic Church, often called the Latin Rite Church, whose normative liturgical language remains Latin. In chanting the *Sanctus* and other acclamations in Latin, we consciously join our voices to Catholics throughout the world and across generations. It is an audible sign of Catholicity.

After the *Sanctus*, we enter the Eucharistic Prayer proper. In the Roman Church today, there are four principal Eucharistic Prayers (I–IV). Eucharistic Prayer I, the Roman Canon, is ancient, its core dating to at least the fourth century. Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV were composed or revised following the Second Vatican Council. Additionally, there are Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation and for Various Needs and Occasions, as well as adaptations for Masses with children. How does the priest decide which to use? The GIRM provides direction. Eucharistic Prayer I is particularly suited to certain solemnities and feasts of apostles and saints mentioned within it. Eucharistic Prayer II, more concise, is often used on weekdays. Eucharistic Prayer III is frequently chosen for Sundays and solemnities. Eucharistic Prayer IV, with its fixed Preface, presents a sweeping narrative of salvation history. The selection is not arbitrary; it corresponds to the liturgical day and pastoral context. Despite differences in style and length, every Eucharistic Prayer contains essential elements (cf. GIRM 79): thanksgiving, acclamation, epiclesis (the invocation of the Holy Spirit), the institution narrative and consecration, the anamnesis or memorial, the oblation, intercessions, and the concluding doxology. At the heart of each Eucharistic Prayer is the institution narrative and consecration. This is the high point. By the power of the Holy Spirit and through the words of Christ spoken by the ordained priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of the Lord. This is not metaphor; it is sacramental reality. Through the Eucharistic Prayer, the one sacrifice of Christ on Calvary is made sacramentally present. The Mass is not another sacrifice, but the same sacrifice, offered in an unbloody manner. Why does the priest alone pray this prayer? The GIRM is clear: the Eucharistic Prayer is proclaimed by the priest by virtue of his ordination, acting *in persona Christi capitis*—in the person of Christ the Head (cf. GIRM 147). The faithful participate profoundly by interior assent and by their responses, but the presidential proclamation belongs to the ordained minister.

Immediately following the consecration, the priest announces, “The mystery of faith,” and the assembly responds with the Memorial Acclamation. This response matters because the Church proclaims what has just occurred: “Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free; you are the Savior of the world.” The acclamation situates the Eucharist squarely within the Paschal Mystery. It is the people’s profession of faith in the sacramental reality before them. After the Memorial Acclamation, the Eucharistic Prayer continues with the anamnesis and oblation. The Church remembers Christ’s Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension, and offers to the Father the spotless Victim. Here we see the true offering: the gifts once placed upon the altar have become the Body and Blood of Christ, and now, united with Him, the Church offers this sacrifice to the Father in the Holy Spirit. We are not observers; we unite ourselves to Christ’s self-offering.

The Eucharistic Prayer concludes with the great doxology: “Through Him, and with Him, and in Him...” As the priest elevates the consecrated Host and the chalice, he visibly expresses the offering of Christ to the Father. This elevation manifests the total glorification of God through Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit. The people’s “Amen”, the “Great Amen”, is the solemn ratification of everything prayed. It is your assent to the mystery we have celebrated.

Next week, we will continue with the Communion Rite and the profound mystery of receiving the One whom we have offered.

With gratitude for your faith and your willingness to grow together,

Fr. Mark

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

EVENTOS DE ESTA SEMANA

Monday, March 16

Parish Office Hours: 9 AM - 8:30 PM

- 10 AM- Lay Missionaries of Charity Adoration
- 11 AM- Lay Missionaries of Charity Meeting
- 6:30 PM- Ignatian Workout for Lent
- 7 PM- Legion of Mary
- 7:30 PM- Small Group Bible Study

Building

- Reservation Chapel
- Faber-3
- Faber-3 & 5
- Faber-6
- Faber-3

Thursday, March 19

Parish Office Hours: 9 AM - 8:30 PM

- 9:30 AM- Women's Thursday Book Club
- 12:30 PM- YM March Madness Watch Party
- 6 PM- Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM- Grief Support
- 7 PM- Choir Rehearsal

Building

- Faber-3
- Sexton Hall
- Choir Room
- Faber-5
- Choir Room

Tuesday, March 17

Parish Office Hours: 9 AM - 8:30 PM

- 5 PM- Youth Confirmation Mass Rehearsal
- 6 PM- Edge Mixtape
- 6 PM- Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6 PM- AA Meeting
- 6 PM- High School Bible Study
- 6:30 PM- Newcomers Welcome Luncheon Planning
- 7 PM- Spanish Choir Rehearsal
- 7 PM- Women's Club General Meeting
- 7 PM- Becoming Catholic- Catechumen Sessions
- 7 PM- Becoming Catholic- Candidate Sessions

- Sanctuary
- Upper Room
- Choir Room
- Faber-5
- Gonzaga
- Xavier-14
- Choir Room
- Christus Center
- Faber-6
- Faber-8

Friday, March 20

Parish Office Hours: 9 AM - 4:30 PM

- 10 AM- Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**
- 5 PM- Lenten Fish Fry**
- 6:15 PM- Evening Prayer & Benediction**
- 7 PM- Stations of the Cross**
- 8 PM- Via Crucis**

- Reservation Chapel**
- McGivney Hall**
- Reservation Chapel**
- Sanctuary**
- Sanctuary**

Saturday, March 21

Parish Office Hours: 10 AM - 1 PM

- 9 AM- Parish Service Day????

Sunday, March 22

Parish Office Closed

Nursery at 10 AM & 5:15 PM Mass

- 9:15 AM- Choir Warm Up
- 12 PM- Spanish Choir Warm Up
- 12 PM- SOS Retreat
- 2 PM- Marriage Orientation
- 3:30 PM- MS Edge Formation
- 3:30 PM- EC/ Elementary Faith Formation
- 4 PM- Life Teen Band Warm Up
- 6:30 PM- HS Life Teen Formation

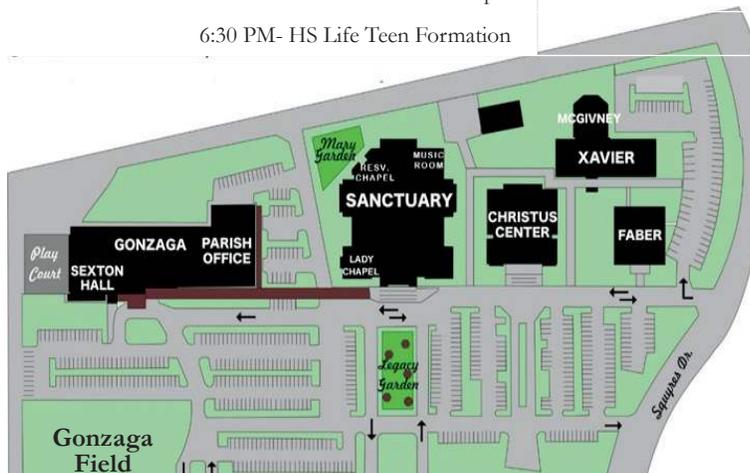
- Choir Room
- Choir Room
- Christus Center
- Faber-6
- Gonzaga
- Gonzaga
- Choir Room
- Gonzaga

Wednesday, March 18

Parish Office Hours: 9 AM - 8:30 PM

- 10 AM- Craft Guild
- 10 AM- Outreach Garage Sale Followup
- 10 AM- Abide in Me- Ignatian Prayer Program
- 10 AM- No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion
- 5 PM- Youth Confirmation Mass
- 6:45 PM- Adult Confirmation Class
- 7 PM- Youth Confirmation Reception

- Xavier- Crafts
- McGivney Hall
- Faber-8
- Xavier-12
- Sanctuary
- Faber-5
- Christus Center



WEEK READINGS

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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Sunday, Mar 15, 2026

Believe what you see

Did you ever go looking for your glasses when they were sitting right on top of your head? Or search everywhere for your car keys when they were lying on the table where you left them? There are times when we can look directly at something and not see it because we can't believe it's there. Take Jesus, for instance. We say we look for him and can't find him. Yet the Bible says he is "near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (Romans 10:8). Christ is in you, wrapped up in your humanity. There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God you have in Jesus Christ. Seeing may be believing, but in this case believing is seeing.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 (31).
"Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he.'"*

Monday, Mar 16, 2026

Scrap your plans

"Hear our prayer" is a common response to the Prayers of the Faithful. Though you may go to God humbly, sometimes you have a pretty good idea of what you want God to do; all that's needed is for God to set your plan in motion. Yet faith requires not a well-thought-out solution but a willingness to give yourself over to God. "Surrender without reservation to the Lord who has called us," says Saint Benedicta of the Cross. "This is required of us so that the face of the earth may be renewed." Who wouldn't want to experience such global renewal? Let your faith open you to glories you never dreamed of.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 (244). "He went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, who was near death."

Tuesday, Mar 17, 2026

Commit to being healed

Jesus posed an intriguing question to one man who had been ailing for 38 years: Do you want to be well? It appears as though the answer would be obvious. So why does Jesus even bother to ask before healing him? Perhaps because he knew how often we find it difficult to leave our own suffering. We cling to our suffering because we have grown so comfortable in it. Ailments can explain all our insufficiencies before God. But what would we cling to when those ailments have been cured? Muster the courage to commit to true health, and say yes to an offer to be healed.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245). "Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be well?'"

Wednesday, Mar 18, 2026

Building spiritual muscle memory

Catholics give up all kinds of things for Lent: cookies, drinking, cussing, not to mention meat on Fridays. They also try to find time for prayer and charitable works. Why do we do it? What purpose do these small, penitential acts serve? As dietary measures the impact on the scales is slight, and as behavioral correctives they don't always "take" beyond the 40 days. The main benefit, then, is strength training for the will. We have to learn to say no to the self, so that when it comes time to say yes to God, we'll be ready.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 (246). "I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me."

Thursday, Mar 19, 2026

Getting past polarization

A righteous man follows the laws of his religion yet allows mercy to guide his actions. That is why Joseph decided to divorce Mary quietly, so that she might avoid the harsh penalty for what seemed to be her infidelity. But true righteousness—God's righteousness—goes beyond religious law and draws on the dictates of a well-formed conscience to discern a deeper response. This "third way" of compassion makes room for the mysterious work of God to bring forth fulfillment. Trusting this call, Joseph came to believe that God wanted him to welcome Mary into his home, and so took a courageous risk. His decision changed the course of history. In our polarized world, perhaps Joseph's discerning spirit can inspire us to break free from our rigid either/or thinking and choose the path of compassion.

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543). "Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly."

Friday, Mar 20, 2026

Add depth to your days

Are you feeling a time crunch in your life? Many Americans report that they do, especially families with school-aged children. None of us can add breadth to the span of time available to us, but we can add depth to it by living more consciously aware of the grace of each moment. In the gospels this Lent we will hear how Jesus was keenly aware that "his hour" was drawing near. This is the hour of the greatest possible depth, when he freely gave his life so that faith could overcome fear, holiness could overcome sin, and life could triumph over death. We, too, will live more fully when, like Jesus, we realize we are sustained in every hour by the love of God.

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248). "No one laid a hand upon him, because his hour had not yet come."

Saturday, Mar 21, 2026

A question of justice

Justice doesn't come easy for most of us. That's why Moses and company felt compelled to lay down the law, which continues to shape our modern understanding of justice. Consider the question Nicodemus poses in today's gospel: "Does our law condemn a man before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?" Our updated version of that is: One is innocent until proven guilty. How often we fall short of this precept. Think of detainees at refugee and detention camps who languish while waiting to be processed, those inadequately defended who now sit on Death Row, or the people you meet every day whom you subject to snap judgments. Let's each resolve, yet again, to act justly and work for justice.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 (249). "Does our law condemn a man before it first hears him?"

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EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

*Exposition and Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament*

following **9 AM Mass**
continuing through the day in the **Reservation Chapel**
concluding with **Evening Prayer & Benediction at 6:15 PM**

Sign up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

Stations of the Cross

*Every Friday in Lent
7 PM in the Church*

Via Crucis

*Cada Viernes
en Cuaresma
8 PM en la Iglesia*

**Come help lead our parish
in worship during the most
sacred days of the year!**

**All vocalists and instrumentalists!
Thursdays at 7 PM**

**Lift your voice,
live the mystery,
celebrate Easter
with joy and song!**

**¡Ven a ayudar a guiar a nuestra
parroquia en la liturgia durante
los días más sagrados del año!**

**¡Todos los vocalistas e instrumentistas!
los jueves a las 7 PM**

Lenten Penance Service

Thursday, March 26,
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
at St. Edward

**No 5:15 PM Confessions
at St. Ignatius
on Wednesday, March 18.**

We need your help to prepare for Holy Week! Email art@silcc.org.

- Tuesday, March 17 at 10 AM - Covering of Crosses and Images (Church)
- Wednesday, March 25 at 10 AM - Palm Splitting & Easter Vigil Candle Preparation (Christus Center)
- Tuesday, March 31 at 10 AM - Art & Environment in the Worship Space (Church)
- Wednesday, April 1 at 10 AM - Art & Environment in the Worship Space (Church)

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK!

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion,
March 29**

Procession of palms at all Masses!



**¡ÚNETE A NOSOTROS PARA LA
SEMANA SANTA!**

**Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor
el 29 de marzo**

¡Procesión de palmas en todas las misas!

"Do this in memory of me."

***Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Holy Thursday, April 2 at 7 PM***

Our multicultural community gathers together around one table to commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist and of the priesthood. Following the example of Jesus, we wash one another's feet as an act of love for our brothers and sisters.



"Hagan esto en conmemoración mía."

***Misa vespertina de la Cena del Señor
jueves santo, 2 de abril a las 7 PM***

Nuestra comunidad multicultural se reúne alrededor de una mesa para recordar la institución de la Santa Eucaristía y del sacerdocio. Siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús, nos lavamos los pies unos a otros como un acto de amor hacia nuestros hermanos y hermanas.

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION April 3 at 3 PM
VIERNES SANTO DE LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR 3 de abril a las 3 PM

We proclaim Christ crucified. We intercede solemnly for the world. We adore the Cross of Christ, the instrument of our salvation. We receive His Body in Holy Communion.

"Come and see."

Proclamamos a Cristo crucificado. Intercedemos solemnemente por el mundo. Adoramos la Cruz de Cristo, instrumento de nuestra salvación. Recibimos Su Cuerpo en la Sagrada Comunión.

"Vengan a ver."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANUNCIOS



Looking to Volunteer or become a part of a Ministry in the Parish?

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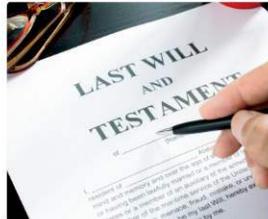
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Welcome Newly Baptized

Sklyar Elizabeth Garcia
Piper Josephina McCorkle
Ryan Sloan McCorkle
Zoey Arden Reames
Cherry Francis Harvey
Alan Martinez
Charlotte Anne Carrizales
Alicia Rodriguez
William Gadiel Reyes
Jorge Carlos Sanchez, Jr.



Last Will & Testament



Write your last Will & Testament for FREE, courtesy of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Go to: MyCatholicWill.com/ArchGH

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In Memoriam

Frank Moore, *husband of Susan Moore*
Mona Turner, *wife of Rand Turner*
Ernestina Santos, *wife of Frank Santos*
Ronald Wisnoski
Margaret Ellen Huffstetter, *sister of Clare Nonmacher*
Raul Garza, *husband of Mary Garza*
Clara Richmond, *mother of Jonathan Richmond*

Information for Sacraments

Información para los sacramentos

See page 11 to learn more about Infant Baptisms, Becoming Catholic, First Communion, Youth & Adult Confirmation, Matrimony, & Vocations.

Consulte la página 17 para obtener más información sobre bautismos infantiles, hacerse católico, primera comunión, confirmación de jóvenes y adultos, matrimonio y vocaciones.

Tabella

Download our Parish App Tabella text Spring to 844-799-0148

Descargue nuestra aplicación parroquial y envíe un mensaje de texto con la palabra Spring al 844-799-0148



Mass Intentions/ Intenciones para la Misa

Perpetual Intentions/ Intenciones Perpetuas

Offered monthly at the 5:15 PM Mass on the first Saturday. Names are recorded in a special book but not announced or printed. These intentions have no end date. *Se ofrecen el primer sábado del mes a las 5:15 PM. El nombre se registra en un libro especial pero no se anuncia ni publica. No tienen fecha de finalización.*

Daily Intentions/ Intenciones Diarias

You choose the date and time. Names appear in the bulletin and may be mentioned at Mass. One intention per Mass. *Usted elige la fecha y hora. El nombre aparece en el boletín y puede mencionarse en Misa. Una intención por Misa.*

Non-Specified Date/ Sin Fecha Específica

Mass offered privately by a priest (e.g., on retreat or pilgrimage). You won't be notified of date/time. *La Misa se ofrece en privado (ej. en retiro o peregrinación). No se notificará la fecha ni la hora.*

Request at the parish office or online:
Solicite en la oficina parroquial o en línea:
silcc.org/mass-intention-request



Ascención Amado
Director of Outreach



OUTREACH

SERVICIOS SOCIALES

email (correo electronico): outreach@silcc.org

call/text (llamar o enviar un mensaje de texto): 281-290-4606

TREASURES OF JOY & GRACE MINISTRY
Cordially invites all persons with disabilities and their families & friends to our...

GAME NIGHT & DINNER
Play Bingo, win prizes, and enjoy a meal together!

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026
Bingo Starts at 3:30 PM
Dinner Served at 6 PM
St. Ignatius -McGivney Hall

For more information email grace@silcc.org

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We Need Prayer Shawl Makers!

To join our ministry, simply email PrayerShawlGroup@silcc.org

THANK YOU!

Bits of Peace

12 Weekly Virtual Sessions through May 13th

Wednesdays 12 - 12:30 PM
No registration required, join any day!

Open to everyone interested in practicing skills and attitudes that lead to a simple process of self-care and community care!

For more details contact Ascención at [281-290-4606](tel:281-290-4606)

CITIZENSHIP & MORE CIUDADANÍA Y MÁS

Citizenship classes at **St. Ignatius, Xavier Center**
February 28 - May 30
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

We are still accepting registrations. Simply come to **Xavier Center Room #11**

For information text [832-906-4214](tel:832-906-4214) or call [281-799-9076](tel:281-799-9076)
You may also visit: También puedes visitar: baatexas.org

Clases de ciudadanía en el Xavier Center, St. Ignatius
28 de febrero - 30 de mayo

Todavía estamos aceptando registraciones. Solo venga al salón **#11 del Xavier Center**

EASTER HELP FOR THE HOMELESS AT MAGNIFICAT HOUSES & HOPE CENTER

500 care packages will be distributed, and we are collecting:
*TOILETRIES -personal size (body wash, soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, combs, lip balm)
*SNACKS /JUICE -individually packed
*LARGE FOOD CANS for Hope Center

BRING DONATIONS TO THE NARTHEX OR PARISH OFFICE.

TO SHOP ONLINE FOR DIRECT DELIVERY TO THE PARISH OFFICE, YOU MAY SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THIS WEBPAGE: a.co/IAQIQS7

For more information email: homeless@silcc.org

FOOD DRIVE EVERY DAY

"NAM FOOD" boxes are located in the Narthex or outside the Outreach Office.

ITEMS MOST NEEDED:
Non-perishable Proteins, Wholegrain Pasta, Beans & Rice, Canned Fruits & Vegetables, Cereals, Canned Soups, Water

For more information text or call! [281-290-4606](tel:281-290-4606)

COMMUNITY CARE RESOURCES		PHONE #	WEBSITE - INFO
Suicide Hotline	Lifeline 24 Hours	Dial 9-8-8	988LifeLine.org
Alcoholics Anonymous	Call Jay	713-501-7638	Meets Tuesdays 6 PM, Faber 5
Citizenship Education	BAA	281-799-9076	BaaTexas.org
Counseling, Individual/Youth/Family	Rejoice Counseling	844-295-3167	MyParishCounseling.com/silcc
Food, Clothing, Rent/Utilities Assistance	NAM	281-583-5600	NamOnline.org
Job Search	Work Faith	713-936-9052	WorkFaith.org
Mental Health & Recovery Referrals	Mosaics of Mercy	346-703-0051	MosaicsTX.org
Mental Health Support for Families	NAMI	833-983-1919	NamiGreaterHouston.org
Rental/Utilities Assistance and More	United Way	Dial 2-1-1	UnitedWayHouston.org
Same-sex Attraction Support for Adults	Courage-Archdiocese	713-659-5461	archgh.org/courage

FAITH FORMATION

FORMACIÓN DE FE

Early Childhood Center, Early Childhood, Elementary, Junior High, High School, Young Adults, & Adult Formation ~ Centro de Educación Infantil, Educación Infantil, Primaria, Secundaria, Preparatoria, Jóvenes Adultos y Formación de Adultos

St. Ignatius of Loyola Early Childhood Center Summer Fun Camp 2026 Sign Up Today!

Our faith-filled, hands-on camp is the perfect place for little ones to explore, play, and grow! Each day is packed with exciting activities designed for young learners.

Arts & Crafts | Music & Movement | Outdoor Play | Bible Themed Activities

Camp Hours:
9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Ages: 2 – 7 years

Cost: \$100 per week due upon registration. Price increases after May 1st.

Choose the weeks you want to sign up for:

June Sessions:

- June 9 – 11
- June 16 – 18
- June 23 – 25

July Sessions:

- July 7 – 19
- July 14 – 16
- July 21 – 23

For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Donna Quiambao at: 281-290-4616 dquiambao@silcc.org

Website: www.silcc.org/ecc

! Spots are limited! First come, first served—spaces fill up fast!

Shadow Stations

Good Friday, April 3

Experience the Stations of the Cross Performed by St. Ignatius Youth Ministry at 8 PM in the Christus Center.

Shadow Stations Volunteer Sign-Up



For more information contact: Matt Zelinsky at mzelinsky@silcc.org or 281-290-4639.

FORMATION LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT



Easter Help for the Homeless at Magnificat Houses & Hope Center.

We are helping to provide toward 500 care packages for the homeless. Please consider bring your family's donations based on the following:

Elementary Formation - individual-size toiletries (soap, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, etc.)

Youth Ministry - large food cans

Adult Formation - shop directly from our Amazon Wish List by scanning the QR Code:



For questions please contact: homeless@silcc.org

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH WEEK

July 13-17

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME INCLUDING 6TH GRADERS AND OUTGOING 8TH GRADERS.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: MATT ZELINSKY AT mzelinsky@silcc.org OR 281-290-4639.

JUNE 19-21 HIGH SCHOOLERS, ARE YOU IN?

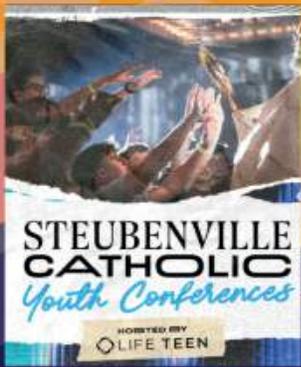
Irving, TX

STEUBENVILLE LONE STAR

REGISTER TODAY



For more information contact: Matt Zelinsky at mzelinsky@silcc.org or 281-290-4639.



This summer, 50,000+ teens are coming together for one unforgettable weekend – and you're invited! Join St. Ignatius Youth Ministry for Steubenville Lone Star, for three powerful days of dynamic talks, worship, small groups, and life-changing encounters with Christ. Don't miss it!

WWW.SILCC.ORG/FORMATION

GROW YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS & US

CRECE TU RELACIÓN CON JESÚS Y NOSOTROS

www.silcc.org/formation

Sacraments

Infant Baptism

Parents must register for the required baptism class. Godparents are encouraged to attend.

Register at: silcc.org/infant-baptism

First Communion

For Elementary children please contact Viridiana Gamboa:

vgamboa@silcc.org or 281-290-4618.

For Junior High & High School teens please contact Deacon Joe Wright:

jwright@silcc.org or 281-290-4613.

Confirmation

Youth:

Is your teen in High School and have they attended 2 full years of High School Formation? Please contact Deacon Joe Wright at jwright@silcc.org or 281-290-4613.

Adults:

For information please contact Edgar Barroso at ebarroso@silcc.org or 281-290-4608.

Marriage

The first step is to attend a Marriage Orientation Session held in English on the fourth Sunday of the month. For information please contact

Samantha Montalbano:

smontalbano@silcc.org or 281-290-4630.

Becoming Catholic

Ages 7 to 17 years old:

Please contact children@silcc.org or 281-290-4618.

Ages 18 and older:

Please contact Edgar Barroso at ebarroso@silcc.org or 281-290-4608.

You may also visit:

silcc.org/becoming-catholic

Vocations

For information about upcoming programs for those discerning religious vocations as a Priest, Deacon, or Religious Sister, please contact vocations@silcc.org



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE 1 - 5

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
VRIDIANA GAMBOA
AT VGAMBOA@SILCC.ORG OR 281-290-4618



June 28 - July 4 Catholic Heart Workcamp
Temple, TX

IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
Matt Zelinsky at mzelinsky@silcc.org 281-290-4639.

In a world searching for purpose, **YOU** can be the light—loving like Jesus, serving others, and forming lasting connections with fellow Catholic youth.

Register Today!
Outgoing 8th graders and High Schoolers are welcome!



EDGE Camp Wild Sky
Burnet, TX **June 21-26**

Middle schoolers, get ready for the BEST week of your summer! Spend an epic week at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center making new friends, playing awesome games, growing closer to God through prayer and Adoration, and having nonstop fun. Bring your friends and hop on the bus with us. This is one summer adventure you don't want to miss!

REGISTER TODAY!

For information contact:
Matt Zelinsky at MZELINSKY@SILCC.ORG 281-290-4639.



AYC 2026
ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE
JULY 31 - AUGUST 2
HILTON AMERICAS DOWNTOWN HOUSTON

REGISTER TODAY!

High school teens — don't miss this opportunity! Join thousands of teens from across the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston for an unforgettable weekend. Get ready for powerful prayer, awesome speakers, worship, new friendships, and tons of fun. Invite your friends and be part of something bigger — this is a weekend that can change everything!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: **MATT ZELINSKY AT MZELINSKY@SILCC.ORG OR 281-290-4639.**

COMMUNITY



Knights of Columbus Council 10861:
Monthly Council Meeting: Third Tuesday of each month. Join your Brother Knights for a light dinner at 6:15 PM; meeting starts at 7 PM.
COR Meeting: Saturday, March 7, 14, and 28, 8 AM in Xavier Hall, Room 16. Learn more about our Catholic faith with Dcn. Mike Higgins and Ed Masson.
Lenten Fish Fry: Friday, March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 5-7 PM, McGivney Hall.
Online Updates: At www.kofc10861.org and www.facebook.com/knights10861.
Prayer List: Email PrayerList@kofc10861.org to be added to our prayer list.

Easter flowers

As we approach the holy days of Easter, please don't forget to use your "Easter Flower Donation" envelope to assist us in providing a bountiful display of flowers throughout the Easter Season. Since Easter lasts for seven weeks before Pentecost, flowers need to be replaced as they wilt. If you can't find your Easter Flower envelope, or are visiting, or new, you may use the form below to make your donation. If paying by check, please write in the memo "Easter Flowers." Donations may also be made by ParishSoft Giving.



Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Envelope #: _____

Flowers in memory/honoring:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Check # or Cash: _____

Women's Club:

All women of the parish (age 18 and older) are invited to attend our Women's Club Meeting on March 17th in the Christus Center. Our guest speaker will give a presentation on Women's Health. Our social begins at 6:30 PM and our meeting begins at 7 PM. You may bring a refreshment item to share with the group. Feel free to wear green since it is St. Patrick's Day. Come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Knights of Columbus Council #10861

GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

09:30AM REGISTRATION
11:00AM SHOTGUN START

Scan QR code to sign up!

MAY 11TH, 2026

Individual	\$135
Foursome	\$520
Putting Contest	\$10
Raffle Ticket	\$5 Ea / 4 for \$20

NORTHGATE COUNTRY CLUB
17110 NORTHGATE FOREST DR HOUSTON, TEXAS 77068

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS	EVENT TIMES
Award Ceremony Sponsor \$1500 <small>Includes foursome</small>	9:30 - 10:45 AM Golf Registration & Lite Breakfast
Registration Sponsor \$1200 <small>Includes foursome</small>	10:00 - 10:45 AM Putting contest
Beverage Sponsor \$1000 <small>Includes foursome</small>	11:00 AM - 3:45 PM Shotgun Start
Hole Sponsor w/ foursome \$850	4:00 - 5:00 PM Awards Ceremony with Burger Buffet
Hole Sponsor \$350	

Deadline to Register April 28th, 2026

For payments via cash or check contact Norbert Grijalva, FS (281) 743-0446 | ngrijalva@aol.com



LENTEN FISH FRY

PRESENTED BY: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10861

FRIDAYS DURING LENT FROM 5-7PM IN MCGIVNEY HALL:
MARCH: 6, 13, 20, & 27

MENU

FISH OPTIONS: FRIED CATFISH, FRIED COD, BAKED TILAPIA

SIDE OPTIONS: FRENCH FRIES, HUSH PUPPIES, CORN, GREEN BEANS, COLE SLAW, MAC & CHEESE

PRICING

- 2 Pieces of Fish Plate & 3 sides (\$15)
- 1 Piece of Fish Plate & 3 sides (\$13)
- 1 Piece Child's Fish Plate & 2 sides (\$10)
- Gumbo (\$5)



VOCATIONS CORNER

Young men discerning a possible call to the priesthood or religious life are invited to take part in the Melchizedek Project. This six-week, small group experience provides time for prayer, fellowship, and guided discussion to help you listen more closely to where God may be leading you. Meetings are held once a week, and all materials are provided. **COMING SOON!** For more information, please contact St. Ignatius of Loyola Vocation Committee Co-chair, Jesse Rios Jr at vocations@silcc.org



American Heritage Girls

AHG is a Christ centered scouting program building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. Girls can earn badges in areas of interest as diverse as outdoor skills, the arts, science and technology, and more. For more information contact Americanheritagegirls@silcc.org

The Facilities Manager oversees the maintenance, security, and operational readiness of the Parish's buildings and grounds to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for liturgical celebrations, ministry events, and community activities. This role often balances hands-on technical work with administrative duties such as vendor management, budgeting, and volunteer coordination.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

- High school diploma or equivalent required.
- 5+ years in facility management or building maintenance preferred.
- Hands-on ability to perform mid-level repairs and use facility management software (e.g., eSPACE or Planning Center).
- Must be able to lift 50+ lbs. and climb ladders.
- Strong attention to detail and organizational skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Reliable, responsible, and punctual.
- Flexibility to work evening, weekend, or holiday shifts, as required.

Send Resume to searchcommittee@silcc.org

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA YOUTH MINISTRIES

11th annual CRAWFISH BOIL
Saturday, April 25
from 12-4 PM
in the Christus center

PLATINUM - \$4000

- 8 Adult Crawfish Tickets & 8 Hotdog Tickets
- Reserved table for 8 with Server
- Logo on Banner, Bulletin, Social Media, & Slide Show

GOLD - \$1500

- 6 Adult Crawfish Tickets & 6 Hotdog Tickets
- Reserved table for 6
- Logo on Banner, Bulletin, Social Media, & Slide Show

SILVER - \$500

- 4 Adult Crawfish Tickets & 4 Hotdog Tickets
- Logo on Banner, Bulletin, Social Media, & Slide Show

BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY! SUBMIT YOUR FORM ONLINE BY SCAN THE QR CODE

WWW.SILCC.ORG/CRAWFISH-BOIL

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PLACED IN ST. JOHN PAUL II MONSTRANCE FOR ADORATION

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS ON RETREAT AND FOR AN INCREASE OF VOCATIONS

On November 24, 2004 the late Pope John Paul II blessed six monstrances for use during the Year of the Eucharist for people to pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life. The monstrances were designated for Eucharistic adoration for vocations for each major continent or geographical area around the world as a symbol of the connection between the Eucharist and priestly vocations. The six regions given a monstrance are: North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

The St. Ignatius Vocation Committee would like to invite you to pray together for all our priests that are on retreat on March 24, 2026 an for the increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life through the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament placed in St. John Paul II monstrance for Adoration.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24
Join us after the 9 am Mass until 12 pm.

COME JOIN US!

PARISH WIDE EVENT

EVENTO PARROQUIAL



2026 Lenten Almsgiving

TO MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE IN THE DROPDOWN MENU, SELECT LENTEN ALMSGIVING.



In partnership with Catholic Extension this Lenten season, St. Ignatius of Loyola parish community is **supporting seminarian education and priests in the Diocese of Little Rock, Arkansas.**

At Catholic Extension, a missionary spirit permeates everything we do. We learn so much from faith communities on the margins and believe in their vitality. Since its founding, Catholic Extension has funded leaders who share a missionary vision. Catholic Extension supports seminarians and priests who are relentlessly devoted to serving people in the peripheries, often traveling great distances to reach them. Missionary Vocations in Little Rock – There is a powerful trend for new vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Little Rock. In the past 15 years, 44 men have been ordained in the Diocese of Little Rock, AR where there are only 150,000 Catholics. 25 more are in the seminary. During this 15-year period, the median age of priests has fallen from 65 to an amazing 48 years old. To get some grasp of how stunning these numbers are, the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston would have to have ordained more than 1,000 priests in the same 15-year period to keep pace with the Diocese of Little Rock. No diocese in the nation has exceeded 200 ordinations according to the Official Catholic Directory.

Many factors have contributed to this boom, including mentorship from Monsignor Scott Friend, the vocations director since 2005. Monsignor Friend visits youth programs, planting the seed of vocations early. “We introduce young people to peer ministry and being part of a faith community”. At the local high schools, he holds vocational signing events, similar to what athletes do for sports teams, so high school seniors can sign a letter of intent to join seminary.

How then do poor dioceses with many seminarians afford education costs? Catholic Extension has a creative solution. Today, priests require 6 to 8 years of formal training. In the Catholic tradition, the Church sponsors the education of its seminarians, who in turn commit to a lifetime of service with little financial reward. While the investment of education in seminarians eventually pays off through the lifelong service of the priest, the up-front cost is no less daunting. This means that financially strapped, yet seminarian-rich dioceses like Little Rock require funding solutions like those from Catholic Extension.



And it is not just the numbers that are impressive. It is the quality of those ordained that is most powerful. Fr. Stephen Hart, a priest from the Diocese of Little Rock, AR, says his calling came early in life. “My parents always said, “Your happiness is found in God’s will. Ask Him what He wants, and He will tell you,” he said. “Growing up, I remember watching our pastor and seeing myself in him.” He was ordained in 2017. He currently covers three parishes and talks with such enthusiasm about his faith communities. He doesn’t complain about the mileage but rather focuses on how hungry for the Gospel his people are and how great the harvest is. They are his fuel.

Each year, Catholic Extension supports over 400 seminarians in their path to the priesthood. We provide scholarships that help struggling dioceses pay for seminarian tuition as well as room and board. In addition, we support vocational programs in these areas. Help us form future priests by supporting seminarian and priest education in Little Rock.

Para información sobre nuestra limosna de Cuaresma en español, escanee el código QR





Queridos hermanos,

En nuestra última reflexión, concluimos nuestra consideración de la Liturgia de la Palabra y su estructura ordenada: lecturas, salmo responsorial, Evangelio, homilía, profesión de fe y oración universal. Recordamos que el Señor verdaderamente habla a su pueblo cuando se proclaman las Escrituras en la asamblea litúrgica. A partir de ahí, pasamos a la preparación de los dones y del altar. Se acercaron el pan y el vino; se preparó el altar; el sacerdote oró en silencio sobre las ofrendas. Todo esto no fue un interludio, sino un movimiento deliberado que nos condujo hacia la Plegaria Eucarística, centro y cumbre de toda la celebración (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 10; IGMR 78).

Tras la invitación: “Oren, hermanos y hermanas...”, el sacerdote inicia la Plegaria Eucarística con el Prefacio. *La Instrucción General del Misal Romano* enseña que el Prefacio es una oración de acción de gracias en la que el sacerdote, en nombre de todo el pueblo santo, glorifica a Dios y da gracias por toda la obra de la salvación o por algún aspecto particular de ella, según el día, la fiesta o el tiempo (cf. IGMR 79a). El Prefacio se elige con cuidado. En las solemnidades y fiestas, articula con precisión lo que la Iglesia cree sobre el misterio que se celebra. Aquí encontramos claramente el principio *Lex orandi; lex credendi*: la ley de la oración es la ley de la fe. Lo que proclamamos en el Prefacio es lo que consideramos verdadero. Durante el Tiempo Ordinario, la Iglesia ofrece una rica variedad de Prefacios que abarcan la doctrina católica: la creación, la redención, el Misterio Pascual, la Iglesia, los santos y la Eucaristía misma. Incluso cuando el tiempo litúrgico es “ordinario”, la teología es todo lo contrario. La Iglesia nos catequiza mediante su oración. El Prefacio culmina con la gran aclamación: el *Sanctus*, “Santo, Santo, Santo es el Señor Dios del Universo”. Tomada de la visión celestial de Isaías y del relato evangélico de la entrada de Cristo en Jerusalén, esta aclamación une a la Iglesia terrenal con la adoración celestial. No es un simple himno; es el preludio a la Plegaria Eucarística misma. Durante este tiempo de Cuaresma, hemos optado por cantar el “Santo, Santo, Santo” en latín. Este es un acto intencional de unidad con la Iglesia Católica Romana universal, a menudo llamada Iglesia de Rito Latino, cuya lengua litúrgica normativa sigue siendo el latín. Al cantar el *Sanctus* y otras aclamaciones en latín, unimos conscientemente nuestras voces a las de los católicos de todo el mundo y de todas las generaciones. Es un signo audible de catolicidad.

Tras el *Sanctus*, entramos en la Plegaria Eucarística propiamente dicha. En la Iglesia Romana actual, existen cuatro Plegarias Eucarísticas principales (I-IV). La Plegaria Eucarística I, el Canon Romano, es antigua, y su núcleo se remonta por lo menos al siglo IV. Las Plegarias Eucarísticas II, III y IV fueron compuestas o revisadas tras el Concilio Vaticano II. Además, existen las Plegarias Eucarísticas para la Reconciliación y para Diversas Necesidades y Ocasiones, así como adaptaciones para las Misas con niños. ¿Cómo decide el sacerdote cuál usar? La IGMR ofrece orientación. La Plegaria Eucarística I es especialmente adecuada para ciertas solemnidades y fiestas de apóstoles y santos mencionados en ella. La Plegaria Eucarística II, más concisa, se utiliza a menudo entre semana. La Plegaria Eucarística III se elige con frecuencia para los domingos y solemnidades. La Plegaria Eucarística IV, con su Prefacio fijo, presenta una narrativa amplia de la historia de la salvación. La selección no es arbitraria; corresponde al día litúrgico y al contexto pastoral. A pesar de las diferencias de estilo y extensión, cada Plegaria Eucarística contiene elementos esenciales (cf. IGMR 79): acción de gracias, aclamación, epiclesis (invocación del Espíritu Santo), el relato de la institución y la consagración, la anamnesis o memorial, la oblación (la ofrenda sagrada de dones (pan y vino) a Dios), las intercesiones y la doxología final. En el corazón de cada Plegaria Eucarística se encuentra el relato de la institución y la consagración. Este es el punto culminante. Por el poder del Espíritu Santo y a través de las palabras de Cristo pronunciadas por el sacerdote ordenado, el pan y el vino se convierten en el Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor. Esto no es una metáfora; es una realidad sacramental. A través de la Plegaria Eucarística, el único sacrificio de Cristo en el Calvario se hace sacramentalmente presente. La Misa no es otro sacrificio, sino el mismo sacrificio, ofrecido de manera incruenta (de manera no ensangrentada). ¿Por qué solo el sacerdote reza esta oración? La IGMR es clara: la Plegaria Eucarística es proclamada por el sacerdote en virtud de su ordenación, actuando “in persona Christi capitis”, en la persona de Cristo Cabeza (cf. IGMR 147). Los fieles participan profundamente mediante su asentimiento interior y sus respuestas, pero la proclamación presidencial corresponde al ministro ordenado.

Inmediatamente después de la consagración, el sacerdote anuncia: “El misterio de la fe”, y la asamblea responde con la Aclamación Memorial. Esta respuesta es importante porque la Iglesia proclama lo que acaba de ocurrir: “Te adoramos, Cristo, y te bendecimos. Porque por tu Santa cruz redimiste al mundo”. La aclamación sitúa la Eucaristía en el Misterio Pascual. Es la profesión de fe del pueblo en la realidad sacramental que tienen ante sí. Tras la Aclamación Memorial, la Plegaria Eucarística continúa con la anamnesis y la oblación. La Iglesia recuerda la Pasión, Resurrección y Ascensión de Cristo, y ofrece al Padre la Víctima inmaculada. Aquí vemos la verdadera ofrenda: los dones que una vez se colocaron sobre el altar se han convertido en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, y ahora, unida a Él, la Iglesia ofrece este sacrificio al Padre en el Espíritu Santo. No somos meros observadores; nos unimos a la ofrenda de Cristo.

La Plegaria Eucarística concluye con la gran doxología: “Por Él, con Él y en Él...”. Al elevar la Hostia consagrada y el cáliz, el sacerdote expresa visiblemente la ofrenda de Cristo al Padre. Esta elevación manifiesta la glorificación total de Dios por medio de Cristo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo. El “Amén” del pueblo, el “Gran Amén”, es la solemne ratificación de todo lo rezado. Es su asentimiento/adhesión al misterio que hemos celebrado.

La próxima semana continuaremos con el Rito de la Comunión y el profundo misterio de recibir a Aquel que hemos ofrecido.

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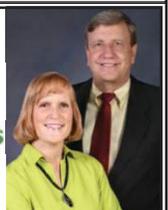
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