

Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church

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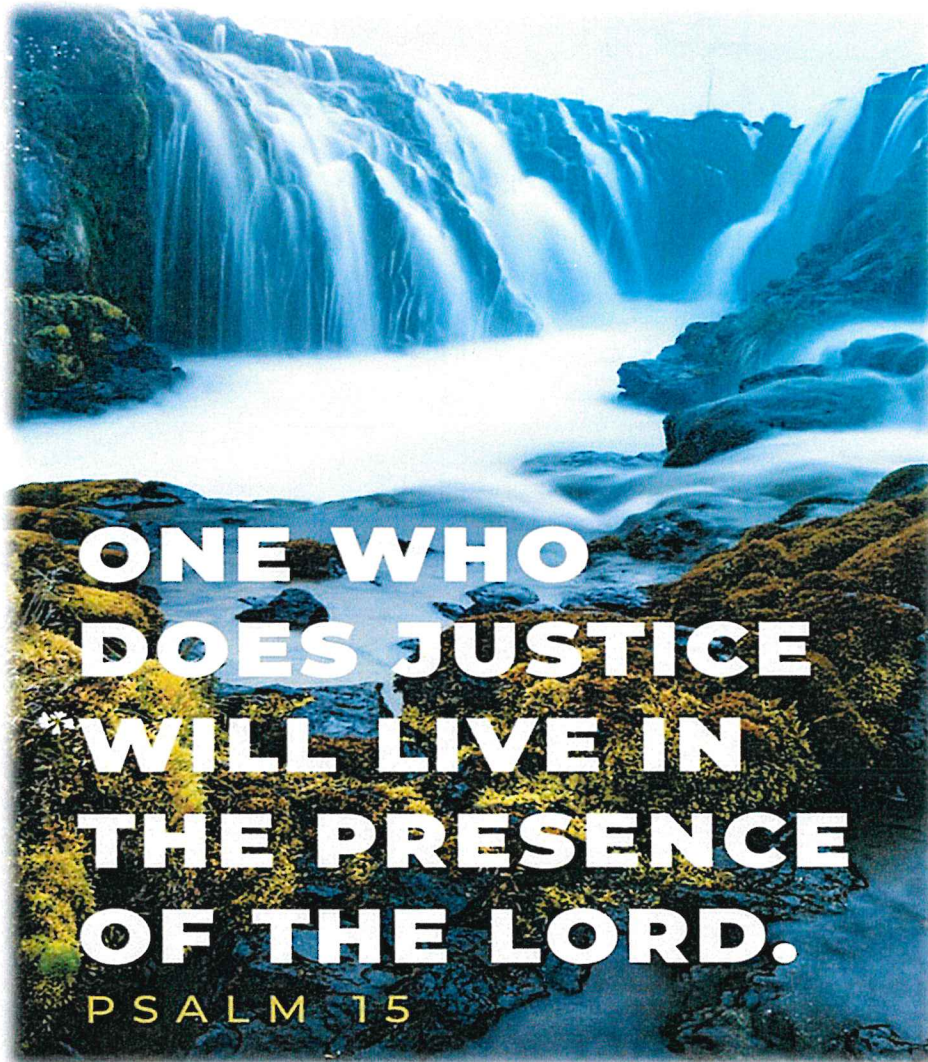
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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 20, 2025

Saturdays: Vigil English Mass 4:00pm—Sundays: 7:30am English Mass, 9:30am English Mass, 11:30am Spanish Mass & 2:00pm English Mass. Weekday English Mass 7:30am Monday-Saturday.

Adoration on Fridays 8am-7pm; Confessions: Saturdays at 2:30pm or by appointment.

Church is closed at 12 noon, Monday thru Thursday. On Fridays at 7:00pm.
La Iglesia cierra a las 12 mediodía lunes a jueves, los viernes a las 7pm.



**ONE WHO
DOES JUSTICE
WILL LIVE IN
THE PRESENCE
OF THE LORD.**

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Food Pantry: 760 242-5544, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9am-11:30am.

Our Mission - We, as members of Our Lady of the Desert Church, through the guidance of our Blessed Mother Mary, are a community of believers in Jesus Christ, from whom we have the mission of making His Gospel alive in our parish and in the world. By living out His Gospel, we help to shape a society with greater respect for human life, economic and environmental justice, cultural diversity, and global solidarity, so that we will build a church where everyone feels welcome and through it will find happiness and salvation.

Nuestra Misión - Nosotros, como miembros de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Desierto, con la dirección de Nuestra Madre María, somos una comunidad de creencia en Jesús Cristo, que tenemos la misión de hacer su evangelio vivo en nuestra parroquia y en el mundo. Viviendo su evangelio, ayudamos a formar una sociedad con mayor respecto a la vida humana, a la economía y justicia al ambiente, diversidad cultural, y la solidaridad global, de modo que construyamos una iglesia donde todos se sientan bienvenidos con felicidad y salvación.

When Jesus comes into our hearts, anything can happen—the impossible becomes possible. The ability to resist sin and temptation becomes possible. The ability to endure suffering becomes possible. The ability to forgive becomes possible. Salvation becomes possible. So the question is: what is the best way to do that?

Jesus shows us in today's gospel. Martha welcomes Jesus into her home. She is trying to feed Jesus and his disciples—which is no easy task. Does her sister Mary help her? No. She is sitting at Jesus' feet. So Martha is stuck doing all the work. How fair is that? Is it any wonder Martha says: "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me." What does Jesus do? This may come as a shock. He says "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing." What is He talking about? What is that one thing?

In a word: the one thing is Jesus Christ. Encounter Jesus. Welcome Jesus. Love Jesus. Hope in Jesus. Trust in Jesus. Enter into a personal relationship with Jesus. Seek His will and do His will. Assimilate Jesus into your heart so that you will become Jesus for others.

Then what does Jesus mean when he says Mary has chosen the better part? (Lk 10:41-42). What is the better part? Was it Mary just sitting at Jesus' feet doing nothing? No. She was listening to Jesus speak. And she was speaking to Jesus. She was encountering Jesus. She was sitting at Jesus' feet and loving Jesus. That is something each of us—as His disciples—need to do more of. We need to sit at his feet, listen to him, speak to him, and encounter him—so that He becomes a part of who we are. But there has to be a balance. There has to be a balance between the two most important commandments (1) love your God, and (2) love your neighbor. Last week we heard the parable about the Good Samaritan. It's a story about how important it is to love and serve our neighbor. The priest and the Levite walked by because they were so busy loving God they overlooked loving their neighbor. In contrast, Martha is so busy serving her neighbor by working in the kitchen that she becomes self-absorbed and overlooks loving God. The important thing to realize is that Jesus is not telling us that Martha working in the kitchen is any less important than Mary sitting at Jesus' feet. What Jesus is telling us is that if we want to serve Him, we first have to listen to Him. We need to be disciples of prayer before we can be disciples of action.

Of course both of those things need to happen at the same time. Like St. Thomas Aquinas said, in order to live a life of grace, we need a constant supply of grace. We have to keep asking for it. We have to keep praying for it.

Cuando Jesús entra en nuestro corazón, cualquier cosa puede pasar--lo imposible se hace posible. La capacidad de resistir la tentación y el pecado se hace posible. La capacidad de soportar el sufrimiento se hace posible. La capacidad de perdonar se hace posible. La salvación se hace posible. Así que la pregunta es: ¿cuál es la mejor manera de hacer eso? Jesús no los muestra en el Evangelio de hoy. Marta da la bienvenida a Jesús en su casa. Ella está tratando de alimentar a Jesús y sus discípulos--lo cual no es nada fácil. ¿Su hermana María la ayuda? No. Ella está sentada a los pies de Jesús.

Así que Marta se quedo con todo el trabajo.

¿Y eso cómo fue justo? Te sorprende que Marta dice: "Señor, ¿no te has dado cuenta de que mi hermana me ha dejado sola con todo el quehacer? Dile que me ayude."

¿Qué hace Jesús? Esto viene como una sorpresa.

Él dice: "Marta, Marta, muchas cosas te preocupan y te inquietan, siendo así que una sola es necesaria."

¿De qué está hablando? ¿Qué es esa cosa?

En una palabra: la única cosa es Jesucristo. Ten un encuentro con Jesús. Recíbelo a Jesús. Amalo a Jesús. Ten esperanza en Jesús. Confía en Jesús. Entra en una relación personal con Jesús. Busca su voluntad y haz su voluntad. Asimila a Jesús en tu corazón para que tu te conviertas en Jesús para los demás. Entonces, ¿qué quiere decir Jesús cuando dice que María escogió la mejor parte?

(Lc 10: 41-42). ¿Cuál es la mejor parte? ¿Sera que María estaba sentada a los pies de Jesús no hacer nada? No. Ella estaba escuchando a Jesús hablar. Y ella estaba hablando con Jesús. Ella estaba teniendo un encuentro con Jesús. Estaba sentada a los pies de Jesús y amando a Jesús. Eso es algo que cada uno de nosotros - como Sus discípulos - necesitamos de hacer más. Hay que sentarnos a sus pies, escucharlo, a él, hablar con él, y tener un encuentro con él—para que Él se convierte en una parte de lo que somos. Pero tiene que haber un balance. Tiene que haber un balance entre los dos mandamientos más importantes (1) ama a tu Dios, y (2) ama a tu prójimo. La semana pasada escuchamos la parábola del buen samaritano. Es una historia sobre lo importante que es amar y servir a nuestro prójimo. El sacerdote y el levita pasaron por un lado porque estaban tan ocupados amando a Dios, que no se fijaron en amar a su prójimo. Por el contrario, Marta esta tan ocupada sirviendo a su prójimo, trabajando en la cocina, que se concentra solo en ella y no se fija en amar a Dios. Lo importante es darte cuenta de que Jesús no nos está diciendo que Marta trabaja en la cocina es menos importante que María sentada a los pies de Jesús. Lo que Jesús nos está diciendo es que si queremos servirlo, primero tenemos que escucharlo. Necesitamos ser discípulos de la oración antes de que podamos ser discípulos de acción.

Por supuesto, ambas cosas tienen que ocurrir a la misma vez. Así como dijo Santo Tomás de Aquino, para vivir una vida de gracia, se necesita una constante cantidad de gracia. Tenemos que seguir pidiendo por ella. Tenemos que seguir orando por ella.

Mass IntentionsSaturday, July 19th, 4:00pm Vigil Mass:

John M. Beirwaltes †

Tom & Ilene Gilmore (50th wedding anniversary)

Sunday, July 20th, 7:30am Mass:

John Ivancsik †

Olga Sliss †

Wenceslao Magahu †

Effie J. Stamis †

Sunday, July 20th, 9:30am Mass:

Pat Arrellanez †

Remedios Hung †

Luis Antonio Arrieta †

Maria Garcia Tejada †

Domingo, 20 de julio, 11:30am misa:

Maria Magdalena González †

Ana Maria Sánchez †

Amalia Montañez (por la salud)

Sunday, July 20th, 2:00pm Mass:

Rey Martinez (protection, conversion & healing)

Monday, July 21st, 7:30am Mass:

Effie J. Stamis †

Tuesday, July 22nd, 7:30am Mass:

Effie J. Stamis †

Wednesday, July 23rd, 7:30am:

Ana Maria Sanchez †

Thursday, July 24th, 7:30am Mass:

James Medcoff †

Effie J. Stamis †

Niceto Martinez (birthday)

Friday, July 25th, 7:30am Mass:

Effie J. Stamis †

Saturday, July 26th, 7:30am Mass:

Vito Lucente †

Effie J. Stamis †

Ana Maria Sanchez †

Mass intentions are \$10.00. You can call the office or drop your request in the mail slot of the office door a week ahead to appear in the bulletin.

Las intenciones son \$10. Llame a la oficina o dejar su solicitud en la ventanita de la puerta de la Oficina una semana antes para que salga en el boletín.

Ministries**Adoration Fridays 8am-7pm:** Arcelia Diaz 760 784-1840**Alpha:** Tom Strand 760 242-4463**Altar Servers:** Marlina Dusak 760 887-7293**Bible Study:** (Wednesdays) Jim Chambers 760 242-8310**Bible Study** (Thursdays): Margaret Curran

margaret@curraninc.com

Catholic Daughters: Regent Lorena Meza, 760 617-7816,

meetings 2nd Sat. of the month 11:15am

Choir Directors:

——— (4:00pm Sat. English Vigil Mass)

Stephen Arment (7:30am English Mass)

——— (9:30am English Mass)

Ramiro Alvizures (11:30am Spanish Mass)

John Koss (2:00pm English Mass)

Dance Class: Cicy Rosado 760 219-6022**Deaf/Hard of Hearing:** Tina Wilson 818 631-8462 V/Text**Emmaus Spiritual Accompaniment:** Anne Bremser,

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Spanish: Jesus & Norma Martinez 909 261-9742/909 265-6387

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Spanish: Sylvia Felix 909 709-3316

Life Teen: Chris Hoover (760) 792-0731**Linen Ministry:** Flo 760-887-1117**Marriage Preparation Classes:**

English- Tom & Ilene Gilmore 760 490-4568,

Spanish- Patrick & Lisette Lopez 626 626-1960

OL of Fatima Blue Army Prayer Group: 8:30am,

1st Saturday in Church, Maryellen 760 885-9290

Prayer Line: Cynthia May (682) 970-4115**Pro-Life:** MaryAnn Carroll 760 508-2390**SCRIP:** Ralph Knipstein 760 553-5774, prstein50@aol.com**Senior Pot-luck Luncheon** Gilda Vincent 760 961-8830**Serra Club High Desert:** Diane Seixas 760 596-1333**Sunday Scripture Study:** Tuesdays 10am,

Peggy Perring-Mulligan 760 961-2617

Ushers: Robert Wilson 909 695-2020 (Head of Ushers)

Ralph Knipstein (4pm Vigil Mass)

Patrick A. Lopez (7:30am Mass)

Flo Donaldson & Roger Perez (9:30am Mass)

Jose Fernandez (11:30am Spanish Mass)

Robert Cardenas (2:00pm Mass)

Narcotics Anonymous — Call David 760 979-9192,

7:00pm Mondays in the Ministry Building

A.A. Alcoholics Anonymous — Call Nick 760 900-8290,

5:30pm Tuesdays in the Ministry Building

A.C.A Adult Children of Alcoholics - Call Liz 760 242-8310

Mondays 6pm & Thursdays 10am in the Ministry Building

CEA H.O.W Compulsive Eaters - Call Liz 760 242-8310

Saturdays 9:30am in the Ministry Building

2025- 2026 Faith Formation Classes

The parish is in need of catechists for all programs from children to adults. The parish begins registrations for faith formation classes are in

August from the 1st to the 31st.

Classes scheduled to begin on

Wednesday,

September 24, 2025.

For more information,
call the OLD Office at
760-242-5819 or email:
sfath@oldccav.org



We PRAY for ALL our
brothers & sisters!
¡Rezamos por TODOS
nuestros
hermanos y hermanas!

Amalia Montanez, Patrick Carroll, LaVaughn Deal, Mary Jo Obrien, Jenahy Lopez, Ramona Tillitson, Florian Domino, Kehlani Love Espinoza, Rey Martinez, Kenneth Duax, Nancy LaCivita, Silvia, Irma, Elsa, Rene, Alex, Anthony, Eric, Hans, Victor & Leonor, Maria Luisa, Nando & Yaddy De Leon, Scott Rossen, Daniel Castorena, Gloria Bott, Lorraine Bishop, Sandre Wallen, Joyce Villigan, Karen Moore, Linda Polman, Brenda Sherrer, Beverly Valentine, Mack McNeal, Brenda McCall, Rosemary Patterson, Don Tucleit, Shirley Puzo, Cliff & Sue Jewel, Sr. Mary Evangela, Lucille Stein, Vern Carver, Sullivan Spaulding, Shelby Spaulding, Bev & Lou Godfirnon, Laura Martin, Gorge Sullivan, Jayden Rich, Jim Huegel, Diane Marasco, Steve Rossen, Dennis George, Tony LaCivita, Bob Gibbs, Estrellita Santiago, Estefania Somera, Soledad, Becky Velasco, Marifel Lozada, Darryl Alquero, Alyah Vidana, Sue Cirillo, George McCague, Carla McCague, Ruth York, Diane Cipriano, Fr. Henry Ruszel, Jose & Carmela Gonzalez, Jenny Ryan, Fr. Paul Smith, CR, Richard Avalos, Ophelia Salvatierra, Jenelsie McLendon, Ramon & Beth Garcia, Andrew Robles, Monique Avalos & Children, Zaykia Padmore, Norma Padilla, Rhode & RJ Ocubillo, Nicole Cantu.

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Sunday, July 20

7:30 am to 1:00 pm

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For appointments, call 800.879.4484, visit
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Donate blood at a participating
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Saturday, August 2 and receive a \$20
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Celebration Dinner for the
Church Photo Album
Saturday, July 26, 2025
5:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Church Hall

Join us for this Special Fundraiser
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Honors and more....

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Adults \$25

Children 10
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Bulletin articles must be emailed on Mondays by 2:00pm
to lmelda.s@oldccav.org

Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
 Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/
 Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
 Mt 13:24-30

Las lecturas de la semana del 20 de julio de 2025

Domingo: Gn 18, 1-10/Sal 14, 2-3. 3-4. 5 (1)/Col 1, 24-28/Lc 10, 38-42
 Lunes: Ex 14, 5-18/Ex 15, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mt 12, 38-42
 Martes: Cant 3, 1-4 o 2 Co 5, 14-17/Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18
 Miércoles: Ex 16, 1-5. 9-15/Sal 77, 18-19. 23-24. 25-26. 27-28/Mt 13, 1-9
 Jueves: Ex 19, 1-2. 9-11. 16-20/Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/Mt 13, 10-17
 Viernes: 2 Co 4, 7-15/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6/
 Mt 20, 20-28
 Sábado: Ex 24, 3-8/Sal 49, 1-2. 5-6. 14-15/
 Mt 13, 24-30

Catholic Daughters' Bunco

Come for Fun, Food, and Fellowship on Saturday, August 30th, 12 Noon in the Auditorium of the "Ministry Building" All women welcome, just RSVP

Janelle @ 760-964-3567. Bring \$10 buy in "goes to Charity" and a \$10 wrapped prize and a dish to share.



Farewell cards to Fr. James Gibson can be mailed to:

Rev. James Gibson, C.R.
 27627 Rim of the World Dr.
 P.O. Box 1929
 Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352

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You may call Tech OSV at 1 800 348-2886, option 2, for assistance.

If you register for Online Giving, check with the office if you are registered to the Church.

Weekly Collection: July (5) 6, 2025

Plate: \$4,217.43

Envelopes: \$9,456.00

Online Giving: \$6,990.00

2025 Diocesan Development Fund

Campaign Progress

Diocese Goal: \$86,100.00

Gifts Received: \$56,007.00

Donors: 99 As of: July 13, 2025

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Take Charge of Your Life

Life is moving faster than we have ever experienced in the past. Our planet is going through a major "shift". Every person is being challenged physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. On this **one day retreat** you will be taught some simple skills and techniques that will help you cope. Using the "Light of Christ" is powerful.

Dates: Every Saturday (except the 3rd Sat. of the month)

Time: 10am - 2pm (Lunch is provided)

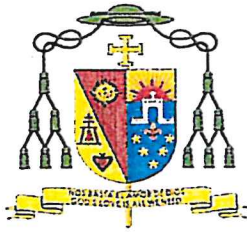
Location: 12710 Blue Mountain Ct., Grand Terrace, CA

Presenter: Sr. Joan Marie Sasse, OSB

Donation: Individual love offering is appreciated

Reservations: Call 909 783-4121 or email at sisterbutterfly@sbcglobal.net

Sr. Joan Marie is available to see individuals during the week. Call for an appointment.



DIocese OF SAN BERNARDINO

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DECREE DISPENSING FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

By the Grace of God and the Apostolic See, Alberto Rojas, Bishop of San Bernardino
To all the faithful of the Diocese of San Bernardino

In light of the pastoral needs of our diocese and the concerns expressed by many of our brothers and sisters regarding fears of attending Mass due to potential immigration enforcement actions by civil authorities, I, as your shepherd, issue this decree in accordance with my authority under the Code of Canon Law, particularly Canon 87 §1, which states: "A diocesan bishop, whenever he judges that it contributes to their spiritual good, is able to dispense the faithful from universal and particular disciplinary laws issued for his territory or his subjects by the supreme authority of the Church."

Recognizing that fear of immigration enforcement, such as raids by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), may deter some members of our diocese from fulfilling the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (cf. Canon 1247), and acknowledging that such fear constitutes a grave inconvenience that may impede the spiritual good of the faithful, I hereby decree the following:

- **Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass:** All members of the faithful in the Diocese of San Bernardino who, due to genuine fear of immigration enforcement actions, are unable to attend Sunday Mass or Masses on holy days of obligation are dispensed from this obligation, as provided for in Canon 1247, until such time as this decree is revoked or amended.
- **Encouragement of Alternative Spiritual Practices:** Those dispensed from attending Mass are encouraged to maintain their spiritual communion with Christ and His Church through acts of personal prayer, reading of Sacred Scripture, or participation in devotions such as the Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Where possible, the faithful may also participate in televised or online Masses offered by the diocese or other reputable Catholic sources.
- **Pastoral Care and Assurance:** Pastors, parochial vicars, and other pastoral ministers are to provide compassionate support to those affected by this fear, ensuring that they feel welcomed and safe in our communities. Parishes are encouraged to explore alternative means of catechesis and sacramental preparation for those unable to attend regularly.
- **Duration and Scope:** This dispensation applies to all affected faithful within the territorial boundaries of the Diocese of San Bernardino and remains in effect until further notice or until such time as the circumstances necessitating this decree are sufficiently resolved.

In issuing this decree, I am guided by the Church's mission to care for the spiritual welfare of all entrusted to my care, particularly those who face fear or hardship. I entrust this diocese to the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, and invoke God's blessing upon all the faithful.

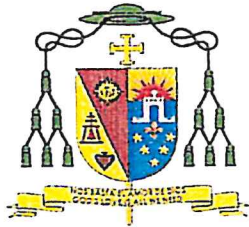
Given at the Pastoral Center of the Diocese of San Bernardino, this 8th day of July 2025.

+ Alberto Rojas

Most Reverend Alberto Rojas
Bishop of San Bernardino

Msgr. Gerard M. Lopez

Msgr. Gerard M. Lopez
Vicar General



DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DECRETO DE DISPENSA DE LA OBLIGACIÓN DE ASISTIR A MISA EL DOMINGO

Por la gracia de Dios y de la Sede Apostólica, Alberto Rojas, Obispo de San Bernardino,
a todos los fieles de la Diócesis de San Bernardino

En vista de las necesidades pastorales de nuestra diócesis y la preocupación que han expresado muchos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas sobre el miedo de asistir a Misa por temor a posible actividad en contra de inmigrantes por parte de las autoridades civiles, en calidad de su pastor, emito este decreto en virtud de la facultad que me confiere el Código de Derecho Canónico, en particular el Canon 87 §1, que dice: «El Obispo diocesano, siempre que, a su juicio, ello redunde en bien espiritual de los fieles, puede dispensar a éstos de las leyes disciplinarias tanto universales como particulares promulgadas para su territorio o para sus súbditos por la autoridad suprema de la Iglesia».

Considerando que el temor a las medidas de control migratorio, como las redadas por parte del Servicio de Inmigración y Control Aduanas de los Estados Unidos (ICE), puede disuadir a algunos en nuestra diócesis de cumplir con la obligación de asistir a Misa los domingos y fiestas de precepto (cf. Canon 1247), y reconociendo que dicha aprensión constituye un grave inconveniente que puede perjudicar el bien espiritual de los fieles, por este conducto decreto lo siguiente:

- **Dispensa de la obligación de asistir a la santa Misa:** Todos los fieles de la Diócesis de San Bernardino que, debido a un temor real a las actividades de las autoridades migratorias, no puedan asistir a la santa Misa los domingos o fiestas de precepto, quedan dispensados de esta obligación, según dispone el Canon 1247, hasta que se revoque o enmiende este decreto.
- **Fomento de prácticas espirituales alternativas:** Se exhorta a quienes quedan dispensados de asistir a la santa Misa a que mantengan su comunión espiritual con Cristo y su Iglesia ofreciendo su oración personal, leyendo las Sagradas Escrituras o participando en devociones como el Santo Rosario o la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia. Siempre que sea posible, los fieles pueden también participar en misas televisadas o en línea ofrecidas por la diócesis u otras fuentes católicas reconocidas.
- **Atención y acompañamiento pastoral:** Los párrocos, vicarios parroquiales y otros ministros pastorales deben brindar apoyo compasivo a los afectados por este temor, asegurándose de que se sientan bien recibidos y seguros en nuestras comunidades. Hago un llamado a las parroquias a que exploren alternativas de catequesis y preparación sacramental para quienes no puedan asistir según el programa establecido.
- **Duración y ámbito de aplicación:** Esta dispensa favorece a todos los fieles afectados dentro de los límites territoriales de la Diócesis de San Bernardino y queda en vigor hasta nuevo aviso o hasta que las circunstancias que hacen necesario este decreto se resuelvan lo suficiente.

Siguiendo la misión de la Iglesia, emito este decreto para velar por el bien espiritual del pueblo que Dios me ha encomendado, y en particular de los que enfrentan temor o dificultades. Encomiendo esta diócesis a la intercesión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, patrona de las Américas, e invoco la bendición de Dios sobre todos los fieles.

Dado en el Centro Pastoral de la Diócesis de San Bernardino este 8 de julio de 2025.

+ Alberto Rojas

Obispo Alberto Rojas
Obispo de la Diócesis de San Bernardino

Mons. Gerard M. López

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