

St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 23, 2025



We call you *King*, Jesus, but you are not like any king we have ever heard of.
You do not flaunt your power, waving your hand dismissively
to change the lives of your subjects.

You do not hoard your wealth, and tax your people
just to grow more comfortable in your isolated palace.

You do not exploit the weak and unconnected,
or use the ambition of ladder-climbers to further your control.

No, you are the King who lays down his crown to walk among us as one of us.
You are the King who lays down his life, to bring abundant, eternal life to all who seek it.

You are the King who draws the weak, the rejected,
the poor, the child into the center of the conversation
and into the heart of where real power lies.

You, Jesus, are the UnKing – the King whose Kingdom,
redefines everything we know
and will continue to do so for eternity.

Amen.

John van de Laar

“We are only paying the price
for what we have done,
but this man has done nothing wrong.”

The Feast of Christ the King ...
his is a total reversal of the role of king.
He refuses to be the master of the world,
the mighty monarch, the spiller of blood.

He is the king who serves the other.
He is the king who dies for the other.
He is the king who is ridiculed and scorned.
Yet, in Christ there is no envy,
greed, or lust for power.
John Kavanaugh, SJ



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to have a balanced budget:* **\$7,875.00**

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generous and consistent support.***

The message is clear: this King is no power-monger,
no tyrant, no self-aggrandising leader.
Rather, Christ embodies what the Scriptures call
the Good Shepherd to God's people,
the servant leader, the self-giving Messiah.

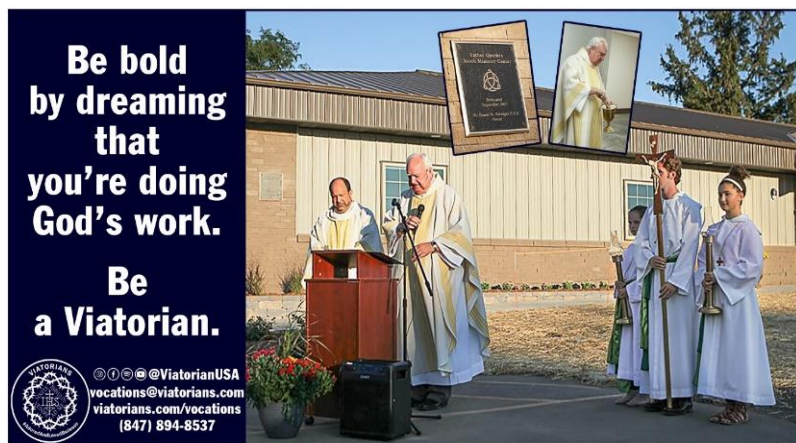
Instead of judgment and wrath,
we see grace and forgiveness.

Instead of violence and conquest, we see peace and collaboration.

And instead of exclusivity and dominance, we see welcome and servanthood.

One of the best demonstrations of Christ's reign in action
is seen in today's account of Jesus' crucifixion found in Luke 23:33-43. Read it again ...

John van de Laar



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Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
St. Patrick Parish ~ Kankakee

NOVENA
3RD - 11TH OF DECEMBER
AT 7:00 PM

MAÑANITAS
with Mariachi Music
12TH OF DECEMBER
AT 5:00 AM

MASSES
12TH OF DECEMBER
Spanish
AT 6:00 AM
Bilingual
AT 6:00 PM

La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Iglesia San Patricio ~ Kankakee

NOVENA
DEL 3 AL 11 DE DICIEMBRE
A LAS 7:00 PM

MAÑANITAS
con Mariachi
EL 12 DE DICIEMBRE
A LAS 5:00 AM

MISAS
EL 12 DE DICIEMBRE
Español
A LAS 6:00 AM
Bilingüe
A LAS 6:00 PM

Holy Night

All those junior high and older are invited to join one of
our Christmas Eve Choirs for the 3:00pm English Mass
or the 5:00pm Bilingual Mass. Come share your voice as
we prepare joyful music for this special celebration!

There are three Thursday evening rehearsals:
December 4, 11, & 18 in the Shamrock Room.

5:00pm Bilingual Mass Choir: rehearses 6:00-7:15pm
3:00pm English Mass Choir: rehearses 6:30-7:45pm

Please call the
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*Come
celebrate
with us*



U.S. Bishops Issue a “Special Message” on Immigration

BALTIMORE, NOVEMBER 12, 2025— As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) gathered for their Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore, the bishops issued a Special Message addressing their concern for the evolving situation impacting immigrants in the United States. It marked the first time in twelve years the USCCB invoked this particularly urgent way of speaking as a body of bishops. The last one issued in 2013 was in response to the federal government’s contraceptive mandate.

Under the regulations pertaining to statements and publications of the Conference, a “Special Message” may only be issued at plenary assemblies, and they are statements which the President of the Conference, the Administrative Committee, or the general membership consider to be appropriate in view of the circumstances at the time. To show the consensus of the body, a Special Message must receive two-thirds of the Conference members present and voting at the plenary in order to pass. In a vote of **216 votes in favor, 5 votes against, and 3 abstentions**, the bishops overwhelmingly approved the Special Message, with sustained applause of the body following the vote. The full text of the bishops’ Special Pastoral Message follows:

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care.

We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

[Catholic teaching](#) exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation’s immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church’s teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God’s compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those

who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church’s concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord’s command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already [accompany and assist immigrants](#) in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

*As disciples of the Lord, we remain
[men and women of hope](#),
and hope does not disappoint! (cf.
Romans 5:5)*

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.



Obispos de EE. UU. emiten un «mensaje especial» sobre inmigración

BALTIMORE, 12 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2025 — Al reunirse la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) durante su Asamblea Plenaria de Otoño en Baltimore, los obispos emitieron un mensaje especial en el que expresaron su preocupación por la situación cambiante que afecta a los inmigrantes en los Estados Unidos. Fue la primera vez en doce años que la USCCB recurrió a esta forma particularmente urgente de expresarse como cuerpo episcopal. La última vez que lo hizo fue en 2013, en respuesta al mandato federal sobre anticonceptivos.

De conformidad con las normas relativas a las declaraciones y publicaciones de la Conferencia, solo se pueden emitir «mensajes especiales» en las asambleas plenarias y se trata de declaraciones que el presidente de la Conferencia, el Comité Administrativo o el conjunto de los miembros considera apropiadas en vista de las circunstancias del momento. Para demostrar el consenso del organismo, un «mensaje especial» debe recibir dos tercios de los votos de los miembros de la Conferencia presentes y votantes en la sesión plenaria para ser aprobado. **Con 216 votos a favor, 5 en contra y 3 abstenciones**, los obispos aprobaron por abrumadora mayoría el mensaje especial, lo que fue seguido de un prolongado aplauso del organismo tras la votación. El texto completo del mensaje especial de los obispos a continuación:

Como pastores, los obispos de los Estados Unidos, estamos unidos a nuestro pueblo en nuestro Señor Jesucristo, por lazos de comunión y compasión. Nos inquieta ver en nuestras comunidades un clima de temor y ansiedad ante las prácticas de perfilamiento y la aplicación de las leyes migratorias. Nos entristece profundamente el tono que ha adoptado el debate contemporáneo y la creciente denigración de los inmigrantes.

Nos preocupan las condiciones en los centros de detención y la falta de acceso a una atención pastoral adecuada. Lamentamos que algunos inmigrantes que viven en los Estados Unidos han perdido su estatus migratorio de manera arbitraria. Nos preocupan las amenazas contra la santidad de los lugares de culto, y el carácter especial de los hospitales y las escuelas. Nos entristece profundamente cuando nos encontramos con padres que temen ser detenidos al llevar a sus hijos a la escuela o cuando intentamos consolar a familiares que ya han sido separados de sus seres queridos.

A pesar de los obstáculos y prejuicios, por generaciones, los inmigrantes han contribuido inmensamente al bienestar de nuestra nación. Como obispos católicos, profesamos nuestro amor por nuestro país y oramos por su paz y prosperidad. Por este preciso motivo nos sentimos obligados en este entorno a elevar nuestras voces en defensa de la dignidad humana otorgada por Dios.

[La enseñanza](#) católica exhorta a las naciones a reconocer la dignidad fundamental de todas las personas, incluidos los inmigrantes. Como obispos, abogamos por una reforma significativa de las leyes y los procedimientos migratorios de nuestra nación. La dignidad humana y la seguridad nacional no son valores en conflicto. Ambas pueden alcanzarse con buena voluntad y uniendo esfuerzos.

Reconocemos que las naciones tienen la responsabilidad de controlar sus fronteras y establecer un sistema de inmigración justo y ordenado por el bien común. Sin dichos procedimientos, los inmigrantes corren el riesgo de caer en la trata de personas y en otras formas de explotación. Las vías legales y seguras sirven como antídoto frente a esos riesgos.

La enseñanza de la Iglesia se basa en la preocupación fundamental por la persona humana, creada a imagen y semejanza de Dios. (Génesis

1:27). Como pastores, recurrimos a las Sagradas Escrituras y al ejemplo de Dios mismo, donde encontramos la sabiduría de la compasión de Dios. La prioridad del Señor, como nos recuerdan los profetas, es para los más vulnerables: las viudas, los huérfanos, los pobres y los migrantes (Zacarías 7:10). En el Señor Jesús, vemos a Aquel que se hizo pobre por nosotros (2 Corintios 8:9), vemos al buen samaritano que nos levanta del polvo (Lucas 10:30-37) y vemos a Aquel que se encuentra en los más pequeños (Mateo 25). La preocupación de la Iglesia por el prójimo y nuestra preocupación aquí por los inmigrantes son una respuesta al mandato del Señor de amar como Él nos ha amado (Juan 13:34).

A nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes, estamos con ustedes en su sufrimiento, pues si un miembro sufre, todos sufren (1 Corintios 12:26).
¡No están solos!

Observamos con gratitud que tantos de nuestros sacerdotes, religiosos consagrados, y fieles laicos ya están [acompañando y asistiendo a inmigrantes](#) en sus necesidades humanas básicas. Exhortamos a todas las personas de buena voluntad a continuar y ampliar esos esfuerzos.

Nos oponemos a las deportaciones masivas e indiscriminadas. Oramos por el fin de la retórica inhumana y de la violencia, ya sea dirigida contra inmigrantes o contra los organismos de seguridad. Oramos para que el Señor guíe a los líderes de nuestra nación y estamos agradecidos por las oportunidades pasadas y presentes de dialogar con funcionarios públicos y electos. En este diálogo, continuaremos abogando por una reforma migratoria significativa.

Como discípulos del Señor, seguimos siendo [hombres y mujeres de esperanza](#), ¡y la esperanza no defrauda! (Romanos 5,5).

Que el manto de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe nos envuelva a todos en su



¡Y es **GRATIS** para ti! No te pierdas las oportunidades que te ofrece FORMED.

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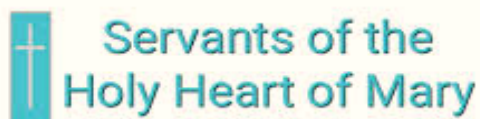
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Advent Programs and Retreats



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Sundays: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, and 21, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 pm. online via Zoom.

Advent 1-Day Retreat – Awake, O Sleeper – Saturday, December 13.
One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center, Kankakee.

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Location: One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center, 2041 W. State Route 113, Kankakee.

For more information and to register,
please contact Susan Amann: samann@sscm-usa.org • (708) 790-8141 or (815) 937-2380.
<https://www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html>

Our *Thanksgiving Day Mass* is set for *10:00 a.m.*

And as in past years, our *Thanksgiving collection* is used in our *service to the poor.*

Mass of Remembrance

Friday, November 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Rose of Lima Chapel in Kankakee.
Bring a picture of your loved one to place during the Mass.

***Please pray daily for vocations
to the priesthood and to vowed religious life!***

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule. Please arrange for a substitute if needed.

NOV. 29/30	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M. (Spanish)
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WEEKDAY LECTOR		J. Boyd	Envelope Number 595	
SACRISTANS ~ NOVEMBER 28		A. Steinke	T. Schultz	

*Please pray for the sick and the dying, and for all those who mourn the loss of a loved one.
Also, let us remember in prayer the homebound, those in nursing homes or hospitals,
and those who have asked for our prayers!*

Prayer Line ... please call (815) 932-9423.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-lac and Companions

7:15 Iola Regnier Gomez *(by a Friend)*

Tuesday, Nov. 25 ***St. Catherine of Alexandria***

7:15 Sandi Draude *(by Sharon Draude)*

Wednesday, November 26

7:15 Vivian Danca *(by Danca Family)*

Thursday, November 27 *Thanksgiving Day*

10:00 Parishioners and Benefactors



Friday, November 28

7:15 Antonio Dominguez (Ann.)
(by Enedina Dominguez)

Saturday, November 29

4:00 Shirley Purcell as she celebrates
her 90th Birthday *(by Purcell Family)*
Matthew David Kelly (Birth. Ann.)
(by David and Suzanne Kelly) /
Ardis Dupuis *(by Lorraine McNulty) /*
Len Mulcahy *(by Marilyn Mulcahy)*

Sunday, November 30 ***First Sunday of Advent***

7:00 Dorothy Sobol
(by John and RuthAnn Chinski)

10:00 Marie Ellison (Birth. Ann.)
(by Tin Ronnenberg) /

Anthony Nicolais
(Peter and Linda Nicolais) /

Joseph "Joey" Francis Harris
(by John Harris Family)

4:00 (Sp.) Ashur Toma *(by Toma Family)*



MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Blessed Sacrament Candle
burns in memory of Jack Purcell
(by Shirley Purcell).

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily 7:15 a.m.
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass Sunday 4:00 p.m.
Reconciliation Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m. and by appt.

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