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Saturday at **5:00 PM** 

Sunday at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM

**Confessions:** Saturday from 3:15 to 4:00 PM at the church or by appointment

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### Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 9, 2025

The House of Lord is my contentment!

GOD is our

#### PARISH CALENDAR

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Saturday, November 8	5:00 p.m.	Mass	strength,
Sunday, November 9	7:00 a.m.	Mass	an
	9:00 a. m.	Mass (Live Stream)	ever-present help
	5:00 p.m.	Mass	in distress.
Monday, November 10	7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary	
	8:00 a.m.	Mass	©Religious Graphics, Ltd.
Tuesday, November 11	7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary	onengous draphics, car.
•	8:00 a.m.	Mass	
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - VETERAN'S	S DAY
		HOLIDAY	
Wednesday, November 12	7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary	
	8:00 a. m	Mass	
	9:30am -11:30 am	Food Pantry Open	
	10:00 a. m.	Leeward Vicariate Meeting - Kamiano	Trailer
Thursday, November 13	7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary	
	8:00 a. m	Communion Service	
Friday, November 14	7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary	
Saturday, November 15	11:00 a. m	Funeral Service - Mikah Hamp-Iriarte	<b>(+)</b>
	3:15-4:00 p.m.	Confession - Church	
	5:00 p.m.	Mass	

#### **NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:**

*Mi:3:19-20a:* The sun of justice shines with healing warmth on those who walk in the Lord, but evildoers face a blazing oven, for the day of the Lord is coming.

**2 Thes:3:7-12:** Paul urged members of the church in Thessalonica to conduct themselves in a way that befits Christ's followers. He asked them to work in the community and earn their keep.

**Lk:21:5-19:** Jesus urged patient endurance for his followers when they face trial or contradiction. He consoled them and calmed their worries in the midst of war, earthquake, disease, and hunger.

#### PRAYERS FOR ALL SOULS:

+Teresa Cauilan	+Luciano Cauilan	+Jeff Hale	+Flaviana Terte
+Victoria Manuel	+Raymondo/+Inolencia Corpuz	+Franklin Aguinaldo	+Antone Manuel
+Rogelio Manuel	+Jose & Sevilla Castillo	+Terisita/+Carlos Corpuz	+Milton Oka
+Lori Kimura	+Juan/+Marcina Manuel	+Franklin Aguinaldo	+Jerry Jaucian
+Diane Costales	+Apilonio/+Emy Venteyen	+Rogelio/+Zenida Manuel	l+Haunani Costales
+Pedro Costales	+Mary & Jose Costales	+Louise Drury	+Vernon Drury
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+Onofra Caga	+Juana Ramones	+Damian Bernaldez	+Antonia A. Bernaldez
+Elena Pabillan	+Flaviana Ramones	+Elma Pabillon	+Vincent Nagtalon

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NOVEMBER MONTH OF ALL SOULS: The month of November is set aside to reflect and remember those who have gone before us. During November, all Masses said at St. Rita will be said for the deceased members of our parish families and friends. NO OTHER MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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WORD OF LIFE: "In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own." Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities "Living Radical Solidarity"

#### **WEEKLY READINGS**

Nov 9 Sun: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ez:47:1-2, 8-9; Ps:46; 1 Cor:3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn:2:13-22 Nov 10 Mon: Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Ws:1:1-7; Ps:139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk:17:1-7 **Nov 11 Tue: Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop** Ws:2:23-3:9; Ps:34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk:17:7-10

Nov 12 Wed: Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Ws:6:11; Ps:82:3-4, 6-7; Lk:17:11-19

**Nov 13 Thur: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin** *Ws*:13:1-9; *Ps*:119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; *Lk*:17:20-25

Nov 14 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Ws:13:1-9; Ps:19: 2-3, 4-5ab; Lk:17:26-37

Nov 15 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Ws:18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps:105;2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk:18:1-8



Do you know that you are the temple of God, and that the HOLY SPIRIT dwells in you? If anyone destroys GOD's temple, GOD will destroy that person; for the temple of GOD, which you are, is holy.

Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran

#### NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Christian community at Corinth, he suggests that we are all called to be "wise master builders" in the building up of god's temple, the local Church. Each one of us has been given gifts to offer this building enterprise, and we are called to be good stewards of this project, to build this church together, in communion with one another, according to God's plan, not ours. Jesus Christ is the solid foundation upon whom we are to build. Saint Paul further suggests that God will judge us according to the quality of our stewardship. Can we see ourselves as "master builders" of God's church? What gifts are we using to construct this holy place that God will call home? International Catholic Stewardship Council

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 3, 421.00
All Soul's	275.00
Candles	135.00
Outreach	45.00

Total \$ 3, 876.00

#### RESTRICTED COLLECTIONS

Building Fund \$ 715.00 Repair & Maintenance 225.00

Total \$ 940.00

#### **ON-LINE GIVING (OCTOBER)**

#### **Operation Funds Collection:**

General Collection \$ 5, 570.00 Outreach 1, 185.00

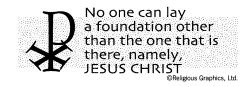
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#### Dedication of the Lateran Basilica November 9, 2025

What is this Feast of Dedication of the Lateran Basilica we celebrate? The feast marks the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome on land owned by the Lateran family, by Pope St. Sylvester I, on November 9, 324. This Basilica was first built by Emperor Constantine, the Roman Emperor who brought an end to persecution and officially accepted Christianity in the Empire. The Lateran Basilica is honored as the episcopal seat of the pope as bishop of Rome; according to an inscription which Pope Clement XII (1730 -1740) placed there, this church is the "mother and head of all churches of Rome and the world" – "omnium ecclesiarum Urbis et Orbis mater et caput." (Latin).

It was also the residence of the popes from the 4<sup>th</sup> century until their move to Avignon (1309): site of five ecumenical councils. **Pope Innocent X** commissioned the present structure in 1646; beneath its high alter rests the remains of the small wooden table on which, according to tradition, **St. Peter celebrated Mass; dedicated to the Savior, later to John the Baptist.** 

We celebrate this Feast, not just to remember a special Church building but as Catholic Christians we recognize the enduring visible structure – the Church (Lateran Basilica) as symbol of our Catholic Christian unity.

More importantly we are reminded that it represents all of us, by baptism consecrated as God's temple (church) "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you?" 1 Corinthians 3:16. This ancient Basilica Church where our Pope (Pope Leo XIV; 2025 -) now presides as its bishop as every pope has done since the first pope, St. Peter. By our baptism we are the living stones in Jesus Christ the One Foundation. It visibly signifies our unity as Catholic Christians!

Ho'omaika'i – Congratulations to Aurora Haimana Nguyen –Bataya on your Baptism. Aurora was baptized at the 9:00am Mass, Sunday, November 9<sup>,</sup> 2025. Congratulations to the parents: Dustin-Donovan Bataya & Amenda Nguyen and to the godparents: Drayden and Deena Bataya.

May God bless you, Aurora! She is now a child of God – temple of the Holy Spirit, born in water and Spirit. We pray the parents and godparents continue to be a guide for Aurora on her journey of faith.

#### **LOOKING AHEADO:**

<u>Funeral Service for +Maikah Hampp - Iriate</u> this coming <u>Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup></u>. From 9:00am – 11:30am followed by <u>Scripture Prayer Service</u> at 11:30am.

+Eternal Rest Grant Unto +Maikah O Lord, and Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him, May +Maikah and the Souls of All the Faithful Departed in the Mercy of God, Rest In Peace, Amen. Let us remember +Maikah and his ohana in our prayers.

<u>Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Holiday- Office will be closed.</u> Morning Mass at 8:00am in remembrance of all our Veterans! We extend our gratitude and prayers to all our Veterans who have served our country! May God Bless You!

ST. RITA VICARIATE MEETING: Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 12:00noon. All priests of Leeward Vicariate will meet at Kamiano Trailer.

ALL SOULS – NOVENA PRAYERS are prayed 30 minutes before all Masses. Also, every intention offered for each poor soul is also remembered and prayed at our daily weekday masses. Why do we call them "Poor Souls"? Because upon death, they can no longer gain any merit of good works themselves. Upon earthly death all efforts to do good ceases just as it ceases to do any evil. The deceased souls – the Church Suffering, now being purified needs our prayers. By our baptism we are united, we here on earth still face daily battles to enter heaven, we are the Church Militant and those blessed who are now in Heaven and enjoy eternally the Beatific vision of God is the Church Triumphant. We are all One Body in Christ and one day we shall we joined in the halls of our Heavenly Homeland! What wonderful privileged that we who are baptized into Jesus Christ share in one unity as the Church!

### **Scripture Reflections**

Old Testament: Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

Background Context: Today's reading from prophet Ezekiel tells us of a vision he had, and it gave a powerful image of hope – "the river flowing from the temple of God." Ezekiel in his vision saw water trickling from beneath the temple – house of God, threshold. Initially small just trickling forth, but as the water flowed further it became a deep and mighty river. Wherever the river flowed life appeared, the trees grew, fish multiplied and even the salty lifeless water became fresh.

The vision Ezekiel had coincided with the plight of the people of Isreal who were in **Babylonian Exile** (6<sup>th</sup> **Century BC**) and their beloved City Jerusalem laid in ruins. The Temple which is the very sign of God's presence had been destroyed. They felt abandoned and lifeless, like dry desert in the land of their exile - Babylon. Yet in that darkness God gave this vision to Ezekiel, a new Temple and from it a stream -river of life. God is stating to the Israelites "I have not forgotten you. My presence will return, and life will flow again."

<u>Application to Life</u>: The river from the Temple is the symbol of God's grace and spirit. What began as a small trickle of water became a flood of life. It is a reminder to all that God's work often begin quietly and small, but it grows and transforms all that lies in its path.

Truly a hope and encouragement to the exiled and dejected people of Isreal who had been forcibly uprooted and brought to a foreign land. Yet in this darkness prophet Ezekiel reminded them of God's mighty works.

Though initially it is difficult to notice, for it begins quietly and in small ways. This reminds us that as Christians our life of witness to Jesus Christ in a world that is often hostile to our faith, even our little act of faith practiced such as in kindness and in forgiveness will make a world of difference for good deeds done in faithfulness will slowly grow and eventually transform everything it touches. Let us never forget that "God is never outdone in generosity" St. Ignatius of Loyola 1491 – 1556.

Where God's grace flows death - sin gives way to life, our bitterness experienced in life can turn to sweetness of forgiveness, and our barren life can become fruitful. **Prophet Ezekiel** also spoke of the trees that grew along the banks of this flowing river, those trees bear fruit and the leaves that brought healing. What a beautiful image of our Christian life!

When we remain rooted in God, obeying God's Commandments and stive to be faithful, we are nourished by God's presence – grace flowing like a river in to our lives and we bear much fruit in every season, "the fruits of the Holy Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23).

Our lives can bring God's healing and blessings to others...to our families, spouses, friends, relatives and wherever we may go. Each of us through our baptism is called to be part of that river that flows and gives God's abundant graces. In our faithfulness to Jesus Christ, we become channels of God's Spirit to flows through us into the dry places of our world - our families, our workplaces, our communities and we make all the differences to others who are thirsting for God.

This week let us consider where God may be inviting us to let His Spirit – graces flow in our life, that is we strive to live our lives in faithfulness. It may begin in very small beginnings, a trickle of grace can become rivers of transformation that can bring many blessings to others, especially to our family members and ourselves in life. We are not only to receives God's grace but to let God's grace – goodness flow from us, bringing hope and healing wherever we go. The world, that is our families, the church, and our communities all need hope and healing that is rooted in the truth taught by the Scriptures – Word of God.

Truly fruitfulness and healing are not just for us but meant to flow into the world- to all we encounter. May we be channels – rivers of God's living water, allowing God's grace to renew all that is dry and barren in our lives and in the world- our families, friends, communities and even our church community.

## New Testament: 1Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17.

Background Context: In the second reading taken from Paul to the Corinthians, Paul uses a powerful image to describe the church and each believer. He states, "you are God's building" reminding the baptized Corinthian Church community that their faith is not their own doing, but something built carefully on the foundation that God has already laid, Jesus Christ. Paul see himself as a builder who has laid the foundation through preaching the Gospel, but he insists that no one can lay a better foundation than Jesus Christ Himself. Everything in our Christian life must rest upon Jesus Christ.

Application to Life: The Church in Corinth was facing division and pride. Some believers claim to follow Paul, others Apollos and others (Cephas) Peter. To help them overcome their division, Paul uses the image of building to stress unity. Different people may help build the Church, through teaching, service or prayer but all must build on the same foundation, that God chose, in Jesus Christ – His love, truth and sacrifice. Without Jesus Christ as the foundation Paul warns, everything crumbles. Then Paul goes on even deeper and asked, "do you not know that you are the God and that Spirit of God dwells in you?"

This is not just a poetic language, but it is about a truth of who we are. Every Christian, we who are baptized and member of the Church is a dwelling place of God! The Holy Spirit lives in us, making each baptized a sacred temple. That is why Paul sternly warned, "if anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person, for the temple of God, which you are, is holy" (1Corinthians 3: 17).

Paul is reminding us how serious it is to harm the Church – our self or another through gossip, hatred, division, immorality and sin. The passage from Paul invites us to reflect on two things, **first** what kind of **"building"** am I helping to construct? One build on Jesus Christ as the foundation or on selfish - ego and

sin? **Second,** do I truly see myself and others as the temples of the Holy Spirit and if so, do I strive to seek to imitate Jesus Christ and lead others to do the same? If God's Spirit dwells in us then our lives, words, and relationship should reflect holiness, unity and love in Jesus Christ. We must guard this temple and carefully build our lives on Jesus Christ, who alone is our sure foundation.

Gospel: John 2: 13-22

Background Context: A young boy from a rural area once visited a huge, beautiful church in the city with his parents. As they enter, he exclaimed "Wow this is God's house?" But as the Mass went on, he saw people chatting, laughing, scrolling on their cell phones and rushing out before the final song. Later he asked, "if this is God's house, why does it feel like nobody's home?" That innocent question captures what Jesus may have felt when He entered the Temple in Jerusalem. Coming from the village of Nazareth, the Temple building in Jerusalem must have impressive, but the Temple was meant to be a place of prayer, where people could encounter God, but what He was noise, chatter, business and greed.

The sacred place had turned into a social - marketplace. In burst of righteous anger, Jesus made a whip of chords and drove out the sellers and buyers and overturning the tables and scattering the coins, He cried out, "stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace." This shocking moment is not about violence but about zeal, a passionate love for God's presence. Jesus' actions revealed that in such activities the worship had lost its heart. Religion has become routine not worship. The Temple was used for social activity and profit instead of prayer.

Application to Life: Jesus replied, "destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up", when he was asked why He overturned the money changers tables and chased out those who were selling and buying at the Temple.

By His words Jesus was pointing to Himself, that His body would become the new Temple the true dwelling place of God among us. We must ask ourselves, what would Jesus find us doing when we come into His Temple – Church? What would Jesus cleanse us in our Church today? Perhaps He would challenge our behavior of indifference or lack of reverence in His presence – Eucharist? Would we be challenged for treating our faith as a habit instead of a sacred relationship – worship?

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up," Jesus boldly stated. Tragically the Jews misunderstood Jesus literally. Jesus spoke symbolically; the Temple is His Body and three days His resurrection. This marked the shift that the dwelling of God is no longer a building no matter how magnificent, but rather Jesus Christ Himself.

Just as we are reminded that as baptized members of the Church, we are the church - dwelling place- of Jesus Christ and God now dwells in us. The cleansing of the Temple is an invitation to reflect, that invites, to let God's mercy and love overturn anything in our hearts that hinders true worship, caused by our sins.

Are we ready to let Jesus enter the temple of our hearts and overturn what is false and restore what is holy? When we allow Jesus to cleanse us the church becomes again what it is meant to be and always a House - Temple where God truly feels at Home (dwells).

Have a blessed Week in the Lord! Fr. Paulo ofm Cap.

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