

# St. Patrick's Catholic Church

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## 2026 St. Patrick's First Communion Class



### OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday  
9:15 a.m. *in English*  
7:00 p.m. *in Spanish*  
Saturday Vigil Mass  
4:00 p.m. *in English*  
Sunday Masses  
10:30 a.m. *in English*  
12:00 p.m. *in Spanish*

### HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. *or by appointment; seasonal services*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARDEN - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Classes 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / EL SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at noon, Spanish Baptisms on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sabado cada mes al mediodía.

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

### FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontrado en la oficina.

# June 20-21, 2026: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 20-21, 2026



*Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #961 of the Journey songs Book*

<b>Monday (St. Paulinus of Nola)</b>	<b>June 22</b>
9:15 A.M.	Communion Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 23</b>
9:15 A.M.	Communion Service
<b>Wednesday (Nativity of St. John the Baptist)</b>	<b>June 24</b>
9:15 A.M.	† Victoria Conzalez Robles
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 25</b>
9:15 A.M.	For Our Benefactors
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 26</b>
9:15 A.M.	† Don & Zaira Jankowski
7:00 P.M.	† Luis Berrera, Laniz Camargo & Carissa houinard
<b>Saturday (St. Cyril of Alexandria)</b>	<b>June 27</b>
12:00 P.M.	Baptisms
4:00 P.M.	† Dick Demack
<b>Sunday (12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)</b>	<b>June 28</b>
10:30 A.M.	† Joshua Rieker
12:00 P.M.	The Parishioners of St. Patrick's

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June 6-7, 2026	\$5,073.00

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June 14, 2026	J. & L. Meyer
June 21, 2026	B. Kovacs & S. Ekhoﬀ

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*"Well done, my good and faithful servant." -Matthew 25:21*



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at ☎ (815) 472-2864.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

<b>Saturday, June 27 (Fr. Pete)</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
Eucharistic Minister:	M.J. Boicken
Lector:	B. Boicken
Ushers:	K. Bukowski, R. Hess D. Rademacher, S. Pansa
Altar Servers:	A. Fuhrmann
<b>Sunday, June 28 (Fr. Pete)</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Eucharistic Minister:	B. Volek
Lector:	J. Rehmer
Ushers:	M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider
Altar Servers:	M. Facko
<b>Sunday, June 28 (Fr. Uriel Martinez)</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
Eucharistic Minister:	R. Andrade, E. Zagal
Lector:	C. Dueñas, A. Piquet
Ushers:	M. Arellano, G Carreño, R. Camacho, M. Torres N. Viveros
Altar Servers:	E. Camacho, T. Carmona D. Ojeda, V. Ojeda

THANKS TO FRs. TOM CONDE  
AND URIEL MARTINEZ FOR  
HELPING US CELEBRATE MASSES  
DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE!





## NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at  
[pjankowski@yahoo.com](mailto:pjankowski@yahoo.com).

On this Father's Day Weekend, I once again ask you to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. These "fathers" often get underappreciated and often castigated for living the gospel message. This is part of life and this is the gospel message that they are required to follow: "Then they will hand you over to persecution and they will kill you. You will be hated by all nations because of me... but the one who perseveres to the end will be saved." There is a special collection this weekend for Retired Priests; they really need your help. Please pray for those in active ministry – so many of our diocesan priests (especially south of I-80) are alone and need your support and prayers as well.

I certainly ask you to pray for two of our diocesan priests who passed away this last week. Fr. Anthony Nyamai was the pastor of St. Carlo Acutis Parish in Crest Hill; he was to be transferred on July 1 but passed away on June 13. The parishioners in Crest Hill are suffering right now and need your prayers.

Fr. Gerald Tivy also passed away this last week. I served under Fr. Tivy in 2005 while I was asked to serve St. Patrick's in Momence as well. His assistant priest, Fr. Ken Zigmund, died a few months ago as well and also needs your prayers.

We had one of our larger ordination classes this year but we are still losing more priests than we are bringing in. We need to support the ones we have and we need to encourage our youth to consider this way of life. Please consider being generous in this second collection.

I also wish to thank all of our benefactors who helped St. Patrick's complete our \$63,000 parking lot project. None of this was possible without the help of Kyle Volek, who found a reasonably priced paver for St. Patrick's. That same paver visited St. Anne's recently to see what we can do to address their parking lot.

Meanwhile, Kyle's wife Bobbi, along with Madison Meyer, asked if we could bring back Vacation Bible School at the Catholic Church. More information is forthcoming but the bible school will run the week

of July 20. Call (815) 472-2864 or (815) 427-8265 to learn more.

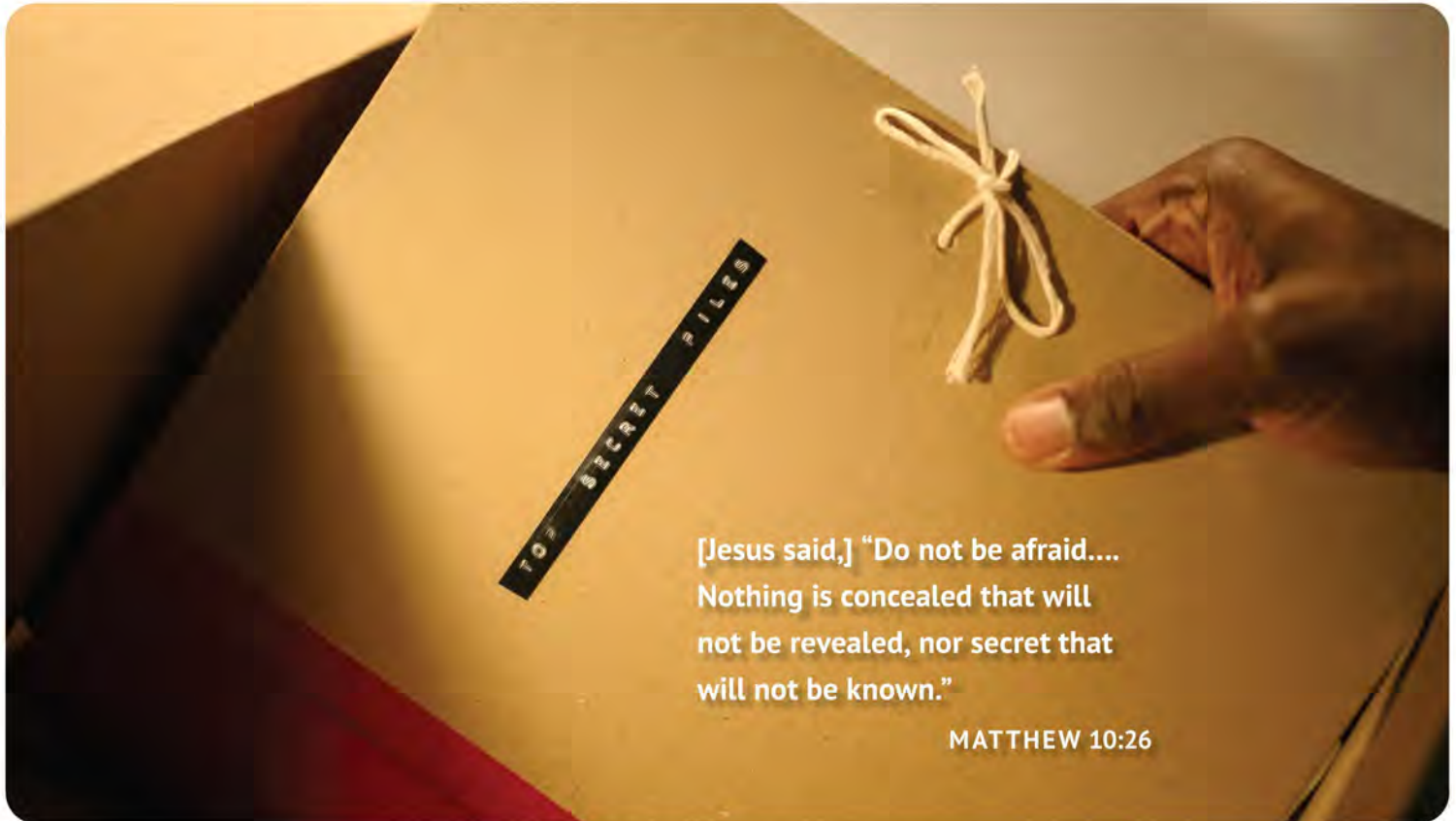
I also wish to thank Fr. Tom Conde and Fr. Uriel Martinez for helping us out during my time away. I took a week or so off to try and upload the SEVENTEEN Online Masses I recorded for June and July, including all ten Masses for the St. Anne Novena. In July, we welcome Fr. Sebastian Genoni, who will be leading a simultaneous St. Anne Novena in Spanish as I will be doing in English. Fr. Genoni will be the main celebrant at the 12:00 St. Anne' Day Mass in Spanish, held at St. Anne's Church.

I also wish to thank those who helped me celebrate my 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a priest. The road has not been an easy one – what vocation is? In the last seven years or so, we have brought in tens of thousands of boxes filled with necessities for the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless and the needy. I have tried to direct whatever monies I have earned or received (including my university salary) back to the parishes I serve; costs on everything have increased and there is only so much we can ask our parishioners to take on, so I have tried to do my part. I very much appreciate the cards and words of support I have received during my time in the Border Town parishes.

God bless all of you for everything you do!!!

Fr. Pete Jankowski





## The Freedom of Letting Go of Secrets

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**S**ecrets. The disabling fear of discovery. Trying so hard to conceal something that we do not want others to know. Often, we guard secrets closely because we believe we will be embarrassed, punished, or excluded if our secrets are made known.

Sometimes, we hold tightly to secrets because we are ashamed. We keep other secrets because of the dynamics of family life: "We do not share our family business with anyone." All secrets can be difficult to keep—some more than others. Perhaps the most difficult secret to hold is one that we fear defines our personal integrity and authenticity. It is the fear not only of discovery but also of perception: How will I be perceived if this is made known? Will I still be accepted? Or, even more painful: Will I be rejected, and how complete will the rejection be?

The "good news" of the gospel is that "nothing is concealed that will not be revealed" (Matthew 10:26). In other words, there is nothing that can remain tucked away forever. Everything is revealed in one way or another. Gospel grace and freedom result when a person chooses to freely release whatever it is that burdens them, including closely held secrets. It is the ultimate experience of dying to self to claim eternal life. ●



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### Reflect

***What am I afraid to reveal to others? Can I try telling God?***

# Dear Padre,

*For the past year or so, I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?*

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the results of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer. Some of their suggestions may help. For example, when St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or Hail Mary or read from the gospels. Praying as an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but, even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of distractions, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila wrote in *The Interior Castle*, "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them.... [Thoughts are] inevitable. Do not let [them] disturb or grieve you." No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful; rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. He advises us to hang in there, because the devil would like nothing better than for us to stop praying. ●



MARCUS AURELIUS / PEXELS

[The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org](https://www.Redemptorists.org)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28
Weekday	Weekday	The Nativity	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Thirteenth
2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Mt 7:1-5	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Mt 7:6, 12-14	of St. John the Baptist Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80	2 Kgs 24:8-17 Mt 7:21-29	2 Kgs 25:1-12 Mt 8:1-4	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Mt 8:5-17	Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42



MARISA CZL / CATHOPIC

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*It is wonderful to think that, when we consider our individual calling...each of us can say with confidence: "Despite my weakness, the Lord is not ashamed of my humanity. Instead, he comes to dwell within me. He accompanies me with his Spirit; he enlightens me and makes me an instrument of his love for others, for society, and for the world."*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 25, 2025



## THE 146<sup>TH</sup> ST. ANNE'S HOLY DAY MASSES

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Fr. Pete Jankowski, Celebrant

**Outdoor Mass in English** - July 26th  
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Fr. Jim Heyd, Celebrant

Fr. Pete Jankowski will hear confessions  
and offer anointings during the Mass.

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Rev. Sebastian Genoni, Celebrant

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# "We are the friendliest church in town."



By Thom Rainer

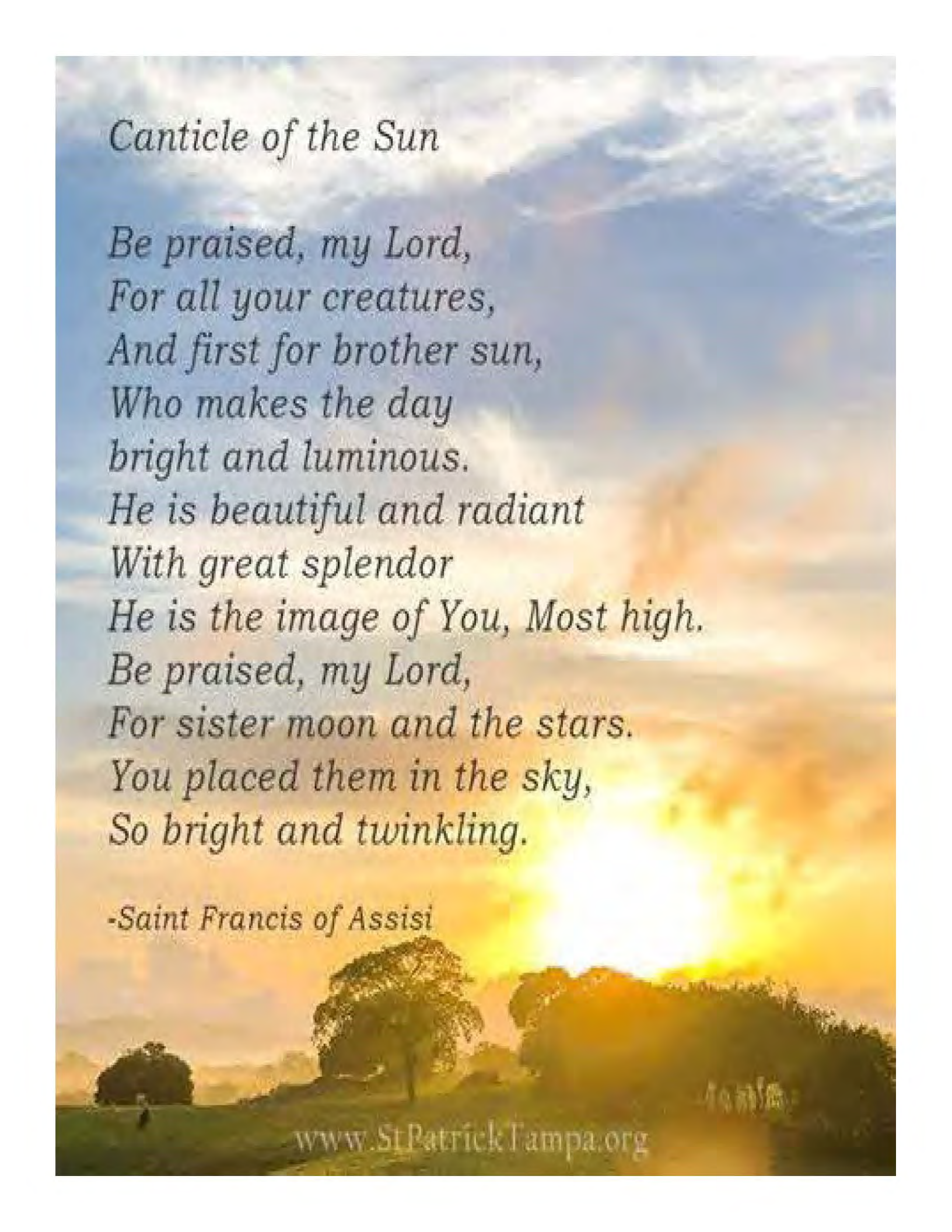
That sentence or something very similar is the most common statement we've heard in interviews we conducted with church members during consultations. Most people active in a church really do think their church is friendly. These members have relationships and interactions that give them that perceived reality.

But when we interview guests of the same churches, we hear a different story. These guests often think the members are "unfriendly" or "cliquish." They don't have the established relationships members have. They are not familiar with the church facilities. They don't know what to expect.

The church welcome ministry (or whatever your church calls it) has always been important. But the ministry is more important today than it's ever been. Look at six reasons this level of importance has risen.

1. **CHURCH MEMBERS ARE RETURNING TO CHURCH AFTER A LONG ABSENCE.** The pandemic kept them away. Many have returned, but not all have. Some are easing back into church cautiously and slowly. It is critical for the welcome ministry to encourage these returning members to get back into a rhythm and habit of gathering regularly.
2. **MORE NEW GUESTS ARE ARRIVING.** During the quarantine, a number of new residents moved into your community. They have not had an opportunity to visit a church, but they are ready now. For some unchurched people, the angst of the COVID era has them asking questions about God, church, and faith. Some will show up at your church.
3. **CONTEXT HAS CHANGED.** Yes, the world has changed. The local church is a microcosm of some of the contextual changes of our society. Specifically, the ways we greet people in many contexts have changed. Hugs are mostly out. Handshakes are in some places and out in others. The availability of visible sanitizers is necessary in most churches. Those who participate in the welcome ministry are aware of the best ways to greet guests.
4. **FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.** Because some of the guests have not been in a church for months, perhaps even a few years, the first few moments they arrive on the church property are critical. They could return repeatedly, or they could decide it's not worth the risk and effort.
5. **FEW CHURCH MEMBERS ARE NATURALLY WELCOMING TO GUESTS.** They naturally gravitate to people they know. They may be uncertain if a person is a guest or a member they don't know. Leaders can exhort church members to be friendly, but the challenge for it to happen will always be there. The welcome ministry fills this void, and the void has been exacerbated during the pandemic.
6. **IT IS BIBLICAL.** While we don't see a formal welcome ministry per se in the Bible, the importance of hospitality is clear and powerful. For example, "When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality" (Romans 12:13). Additionally, Paul's qualifications for church leaders include hospitality (see 1 Timothy 3:2-3).

Your church's welcome ministry has always been important. But it is likely it is more important than ever.

A photograph of a sunset over a field. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. In the foreground, there are several trees and a person walking in the distance. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

## *Canticle of the Sun*

*Be praised, my Lord,  
For all your creatures,  
And first for brother sun,  
Who makes the day  
bright and luminous.  
He is beautiful and radiant  
With great splendor  
He is the image of You, Most high.  
Be praised, my Lord,  
For sister moon and the stars.  
You placed them in the sky,  
So bright and twinkling.*

*-Saint Francis of Assisi*

# 20-21 Junio 2026: XII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1769 los misioneros franciscanos establecieron la primera misión en lo que hoy es la ciudad de San Diego, California. Bajo la dirección de fray Junipero Serra, los hermanos menores pudieron establecer otras ocho misiones, incluyendo la ciudad de San Francisco, en 1776. Junipero o José Miguel Serra, fue hijo de padres campesinos de la Isla de Mallorca, España. Ingreso a la Orden de los hermanos menores (franciscanos) a los dieciséis años y con el tiempo, llegó a ser profesor de filosofía, pero su verdadero deseo era ser misionero en el continente americano, lo que hoy conocemos como Hemisferio Occidental. En 1749, su orden religiosa lo envió a México como administrador del Colegio Apostólico. Poco a poco se fue desprendiendo de sus cargos académicos para establecer misiones entre los indígenas. Aunque algunos afirman lo contrario, Junipero fue arduo defensor de los nativos. En California, más de una vez tuvo problemas con los soldados españoles, debido a que estos abusaban de los amerindios, problemas que lo llevaron a defender los derechos humanos de los nativos ante el Virrey en México. Sus esfuerzos por cristianizar los indígenas de California tuvieron como resultado más de 6000 bautizos durante sus quince años en esa región.

- Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM,  
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## ¡NO TENGAN MIEDO!

¿Cómo es que las personas encuentran paz frente al sufrimiento y la muerte? Ese es el mensaje de las

## LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL



7:00 p.m. por los Viernes

12:00 p.m. los Domingos



## EL ROSARIO Y CATECESIS

Todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 p.m..

Escrituras de hoy. Escuchamos el sufrimiento de Jeremías y del salmista. Escuchamos de la muerte que “reino desde Adán hasta Moisés” (Romanos 5: 14). Escuchamos de los miedos de los Doce cuando Jesús los envió a las periferias para predicar y sanar. En medio de toda esta tribulación hay un mensaje que suena fuerte y claro: “¡No tengan miedo!” El Dios que salvo a Jeremías y al salmista y a Jesús está plenamente presente para salvarnos por medio del extraordinario don de Jesucristo. No tenemos nada y a nadie a quien temer.

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“Todo el que me reconozca delante de los demás, lo reconoceré delante de mi Padre celestial.” Mt 10:32

¿Compartes tu fe católica con otros? ¿Defiendes tu fe católica o guardas silencio cuando una situación se presenta? ¿Oras en público antes de las comidas? Oremos para tener la fuerza y el coraje de presentar un testimonio gozoso de nuestra fe católica cuando se nos presenta la oportunidad.

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera Lectura** - El Señor ha salvado al desamparado de los manos de los malvados (Jeremías 20: 10-13).

**Salmo** - Escúchame, Señor, porque eres bueno (Salmo 69 [68]).

**Segunda Lectura** - Por gracia, el don generoso del Hijo de Dios, Jesucristo, nos ha salvado de todo pecado. (Romanos 5: 12-15).

**Evangelio** - No hay miedo cuando el amor de Dios se recibe como don precioso (Mateo 10: 26-33).

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Lunes:** 1 Re 17: 5-8, 13-15a, 18; Sal 60: 3, 4-5, 12-13; Mt 7: 1-5

**Martes:** 1 Re 19: 9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Sal 48: 2-3Ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7: 6, 12-14

**Miércoles:** Is 49: 1-6; Sal 139; Heh 13: 23-26; Lc 1: 57-66, 80

**Jueves:** 2 Re 24: 8-17; Sal 79; Mt 7: 21-29

**Viernes:** 2 Re 25: 1-12; Sal 137; Mt 8: 1-4

**Sábado:** Lam 2: 2, 10-14, 18-19; Sal 74; Mt 8: 5-17

**Domingo:** 2 Re 4: 8-11, 14-16a; Sal 89: 2-3, 16-17, 18, 19; Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11; Mt 10: 37-42



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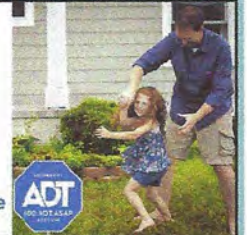
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