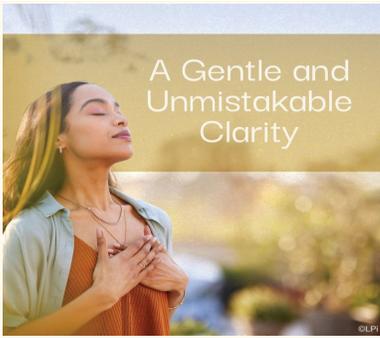


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## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: “Go to the seminary.” There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, “Lord, if that’s from you, let me find great joy in it.” Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today’s Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, “Come after me” (Matthew 4:19). And immediately they leave their nets and follow. There’s no explanation, no hesitation ... just movement. Why? As St. John says, “In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us” (1 John 4:10). They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus’ call is powerful.

Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him.— Father John Muir

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday

5:00 PM (English)

### Sunday

7:00 AM (English)

9:00 AM (Spanish)

11:00 AM (Indonesian)

1:00 PM (English)

### Monday—Saturday

8:30 AM (English)

### Perpetual Help Novena Mass

6:00 PM (English)

### Friday

6:00 PM (Bilingual)

### Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

No Appointment needed

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM—6:00 PM

(Closed 1:00PM -

2:00 PM for lunch)

Please call the parish office for assistance or to schedule an appointment.

*“We are a diverse faith community that strives to conform ourselves into the image of Christ in and through the power of the Holy Spirit, and nourished by The Word, Sacraments and Tradition to give glory to God and to be a light unto the nations.”*

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

February 6, 2026

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
3:00 P.M.—5:30 P.M.

Bilingual Mass  
6:00 P.M.— 7:00 P.M.



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## Cultural Night

# Gala Hispana

Saturday, 28 Feb 2026

6:00 - 9:00 pm



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En Jesús se cumplen todas las promesas de Dios. Las palabras de Isaías en la primera lectura nos lo dicen: "El pueblo que habitaba en las tinieblas vio surgir una luz brillante". El gozo se multiplicó y la alegría aumentó. La razón de la alegría del pueblo es sencilla: se rompió el yugo que los oprimía. Experimentar la libertad es algo maravilloso, y se puede gozar de muchas formas: desde una enfermedad, a quedar sano; de estar encarcelado, y ser puesto en libertad; de relaciones no buenas, a romper con ellas. En fin, existen muchos ejemplos. Pero hay uno que debemos seguir muy de cerca: "La gente que vivía en la oscuridad ha visto una luz muy grande; una luz que ha brillado para los que viven en lugares de sombras de muerte" (Mateo 4:16).

¿En nuestra vida, cuáles son los lugares de sombra y de muerte? ¿Dónde debe entrar la luz que ilumine nuestra existencia? La conversión del corazón debe ser la guía que oriente el timón de nuestra vida. San Pablo nos indica una de tantas direcciones: que no haya divisiones entre nosotros, sino, por el contrario, que exista concordia entre las familias y la comunidad. Claramente nos recuerda que pertenecemos a Cristo. La clave está en saber vivir de acuerdo con el Evangelio. El Papa León XIV nos ofrece pautas seguras para llegar a Cristo: "Ayúdense los unos a los otros a construir puentes con el diálogo, con el encuentro, uniéndonos todos para ser un solo pueblo, siempre en paz". "La humanidad necesita de Él como puente para ser alcanzada por Dios, por su amor".



Luz del Espíritu Santo  
Grupo de Oración

**Hora Santa**  
miercoles 28 de enero  
las 6:00p.m.

**Presencial en Salon 6**

**Zoom ID 829 4029 7572**

*Adoración del Santísimo*  
*6 de febrero 2026*

*Adoración del Santísimo*  
3:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Misa  
6:00 P.M.



**18 de febrero, 2026**

**8:30 AM**

Misa y distribución de cenizas

**12:00 PM**

Liturgia y distribución de cenizas

**3:00 PM**

Misa y distribución de cenizas

**6:30 PM**

Misa Bilingüe y distribución de cenizas



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*Cultural Night*

*Gala  
Hispana*

Saturday, 28 Feb 2026  
6:00 – 9:00 pm



**Campaña de donación de sangre**

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# JANUARY 25, 2026 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ASH WEDNESDAY

**FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

**8:30 AM**

Mass with distribution of ashes

**12:00 PM**

Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of ashes

**3:00 PM**

Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of ashes

**6:30 PM**

Bilingual Mass with the distribution of ashes

## Understanding the Entire Bible! The Bible Timeline: Story of Salvation

Room 1 from 11:30am to 12:45p.m.  
on the 1st and 3rd  
Sundays of the month.



*"Fear Not because I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my glorious right hand" Isaiah 41:10*

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, please consider joining our group. The group will meet on the last Friday of the month at 7pm in Room 1.

The Bereavement Group encourages people to trust their feelings and grieve in the way that seems most helpful to them. We share feelings, exchange stories and support one another through prayer, asking for peace and acceptance.

**Please Pray For...** Lung - Tam Family, Rosalie Pinto, Augie & Annamae Koch, Jesusita Serrano, Alicia Valdez, Armando Romo, Dolores Munoz, Alicia Islas, Denise Gonzales, Laura Sesti, Guadalupe Ayala, Rigoberto Alvarenga, Helen Rivera, Margarita Aude-lo, Amelia Barraza, Alicia Nunez, Carlos Espinoza Ornelas, Vikky Rogers, Michael Anthony Barraza, Tina Ran, Leo Sanchez

**To insure that the prayer list is accurate, please contact the parish office on a monthly bases if you would like for your name to remain on the list.**



Wednesday, January 14th \$39.00

Friday, January 16th \$51.00

Holy Spirit Mass \$145.00

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**Thank you for your commitment to your parish.**



### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026

5:00 pm

Jose & Marina Bilazon (D)

Delfin & Estelita Garduque (D)

Leo & Teresa Sangalang - Happy Birthday!

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

7:00 am

Monica Chan (D)

Keng Pang Yap (D)

Nemesia Chua (D)

9:00 am

Ana Maria Hernandez (D)

Maria De La Luz Rodriguez (D)

Jose Lohora Soriano (D)

Esperanza Perez - Happy Birthday!!!

Manuel y Maria Elena Espino - Aniversario

1:00 pm

Arcadio Pablo (D)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

8:30 am

Douglas Perales (L)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

8:30 am

Arcadio Pablo (D)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

8:30 am

Estrella Alpas (D)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

8:30 am

William Chua (D)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

8:30 am

Alicia Valdez (L)

6:00 pm

Tom Pinto (D)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

8:30 am

Ernesto & Hermelina Marcos -

In Thanksgiving

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