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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called “Behind the Mac – Greatness.” It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, “There’s a certain kind of person who doesn’t wait for greatness. They make it.” It’s a compelling message. There’s beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can’t anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today’s Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn’t preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: **“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”** It’s not a reward for success. It’s not earned. Before he does anything “great,” Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: “You are my beloved.” That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— Father John Muir

Mass and Procession in Honor of the Holy Spirit Thursday, January 15th at 8:30a.m.

Jesus said to St. Mary of Jesus Crucified: *“I ardently hope that priests celebrate a Mass every month in honor of the Holy Spirit. Whoever offers it or hears it, will be honored by the Holy Spirit Himself; he will have light, he will have peace. He will heal the sick, wake those who sleep...” (Saint Mary of Jesus Crucified)*

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.



St. Stephen Martyr
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Monterey Park, CA

Cultural Night Gala Hispana

Saturday, 28 Feb 2026

6:00 – 9:00 pm



ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Donation statements for the 2025
fiscal year will be mailed to all
registered parishioners by
January 31st.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fr. Joseph Magdaong
Pastor

Fr. Ali Kanissius
Associate Pastor

Armando & Irene Estrada
Deacon Couple

Alicia Vazquez
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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.”*

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Las lecturas de hoy nos presentan al prometido por Dios desde el Antiguo Testamento. Al ser bautizado por Juan, Jesús asume su misión pública, nada fácil, por cierto. Sin embargo, no está

solo. El Espíritu Santo lo acompañará a lo largo de su vida y misión. “En ese momento se abrieron los cielos y vio al Espíritu de Dios que bajaba como una paloma y se posaba sobre él. Al mismo tiempo, se oyó una voz del cielo que decía: ‘Este es mi Hijo, el Amado; en él me complazco’”. (Mateo 3:16-17). La liturgia de este domingo nos invita a descubrir la magnitud de nuestro bautismo. Desde ese día, el Espíritu Santo nos acompaña y guía en cada momento de nuestra vida. Solo basta con dejarlo actuar, y hará maravillas en nosotros. ¿Sabes la fecha y el día de tu bautismo? ¿Conoces el nombre del sacerdote que te dio el sacramento?

“Los bautizados se han revestido de Cristo” (Gálatas 3:27). “Por el Espíritu Santo, el bautismo es un baño que purifica, santifica y justifica” (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, #1227). Gracias, Señor, por amarnos tanto, porque por nuestro bautismo nos acogiste y abrazaste en tus brazos, y nos manifestaste ante la comunidad para formar parte de la familia cristiana. Todos somos hijos e hijas de Dios por el bautismo. Desde su bautismo, Jesús pasó haciendo el bien durante su vida terrena. Por lo tanto, nuestro compromiso como bautizados debe ser el mismo: ¡hacer el bien!

Misa y Procesión en Honor al Espíritu Santo jueves 15 de enero a las 8:30a.m.

Jesús le dijo a Santa María de Jesús Crucificado: “Deseo ardientemente que los sacerdotes celebren cada mes una Misa en honor al Espíritu Santo. Sea quien sea el que la ofrezca el que la escuche, será honrado por el propio Espíritu Santo; tendrá luz, tendrá paz. Curará los enfermos, despertará a aquellos que duermen...” (Santa María de Jesús Crucificado)

DECLARACION ANUAL

Las declaraciones de donación para el año fiscal 2025 serán enviadas por correo a todos los feligreses que están registrados en la iglesia.

Gracias por su apoyo continuo.



Luz del Espíritu Santo
Grupo de Oración

Noche de Alabanza
miercoles 14 de enero
las 6:00p.m.

Presencial en Salon 6
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¿SABE USTED?

Cómo trabajar con los niños para promover su propia seguridad

Como adulto de confianza, usted tiene un enorme poder para marcar una profunda diferencia en la vida de los niños, no solo reconociendo y respondiendo a situaciones peligrosas, sino también enseñándoles sus derechos a la seguridad y creando entornos en los que puedan expresarse y obtener ayuda. Hay habilidades que podemos enseñar a los niños para ayudarles a protegerse mejor cuando se enfrentan a situaciones difíciles, como el abuso sexual infantil o experiencias de engaño que violan límites personales. Es importante asegurarse de que los niños no sientan culpa ni vergüenza si se produce un abuso, ya sea hacia ellos o hacia un amigo. Para mayores informes lea el artículo de VIRTUS® “How to Advocate Directly With Youth for their Safety and Wellbeing” (Cómo trabajar con los niños para promover su propia seguridad) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

JANUARY 11, 2026 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



"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.



Do you have a Mass intention request for a loved one?

Please submit your intention request by

visiting the parish office or by calling (626)573-0427 no later than Tuesday afternoon prior to the week of which you would like your intention to be mentioned. This time will also help us to ensure that your intention is included in the bulletin. **We can NO longer accommodate last-minute requests.** In an effort to be considerate towards our ministers, we ask that you please do not submit intention requests prior to the start of Mass.



DID YOU KNOW?

How to advocate with children for their safety

As a safe adult, you have tremendous power to make a profound difference for children – not only by recognizing and responding to unsafe situations, but also by teaching children about their rights to safety and creating environments where

they can speak up and get help. There *are* skills we can teach to children to help them to better protect themselves when faced with tough situations like child sexual abuse or grooming experiences where their boundaries are violated. It is important to make sure children know this, so they don't feel guilt or shame if abuse does happen, to them or to a friend. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "How to Advocate Directly with Youth for their Safety and Wellbeing" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



Solemnity of Mary \$974.00
First Friday Adoration \$107.00
January 3rd & 4th \$7,064.00
Online \$1,115.00
Second Collection \$1,458.00

Thank you for your commitment to your parish.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

5:00 pm Elisa Ochoa (D)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

7:00 am Elisa Ochoa (D)
 Diana Tanhueco Gayon (D)

9:00 am Mercedes Rodriguez (D)

Lauren Sanchez - Happy Birthday!!!

1:00 pm Ramon Valdez (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026

8:30 am Elisa Ochoa (D)
 Alicia Valdez (L)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026

8:30 am Renee Nicole Good (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

8:30 am Mercedes Rodriguez (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

8:30 am Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026

8:30 am John Leprin (D)

6:00 pm John Vosburg (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

8:30 am Alfredo T. Balanay (D)



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 basis if you would like for your name to remain on the list.

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