

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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January 18, 2026 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. ~ Isaiah 49:6b*

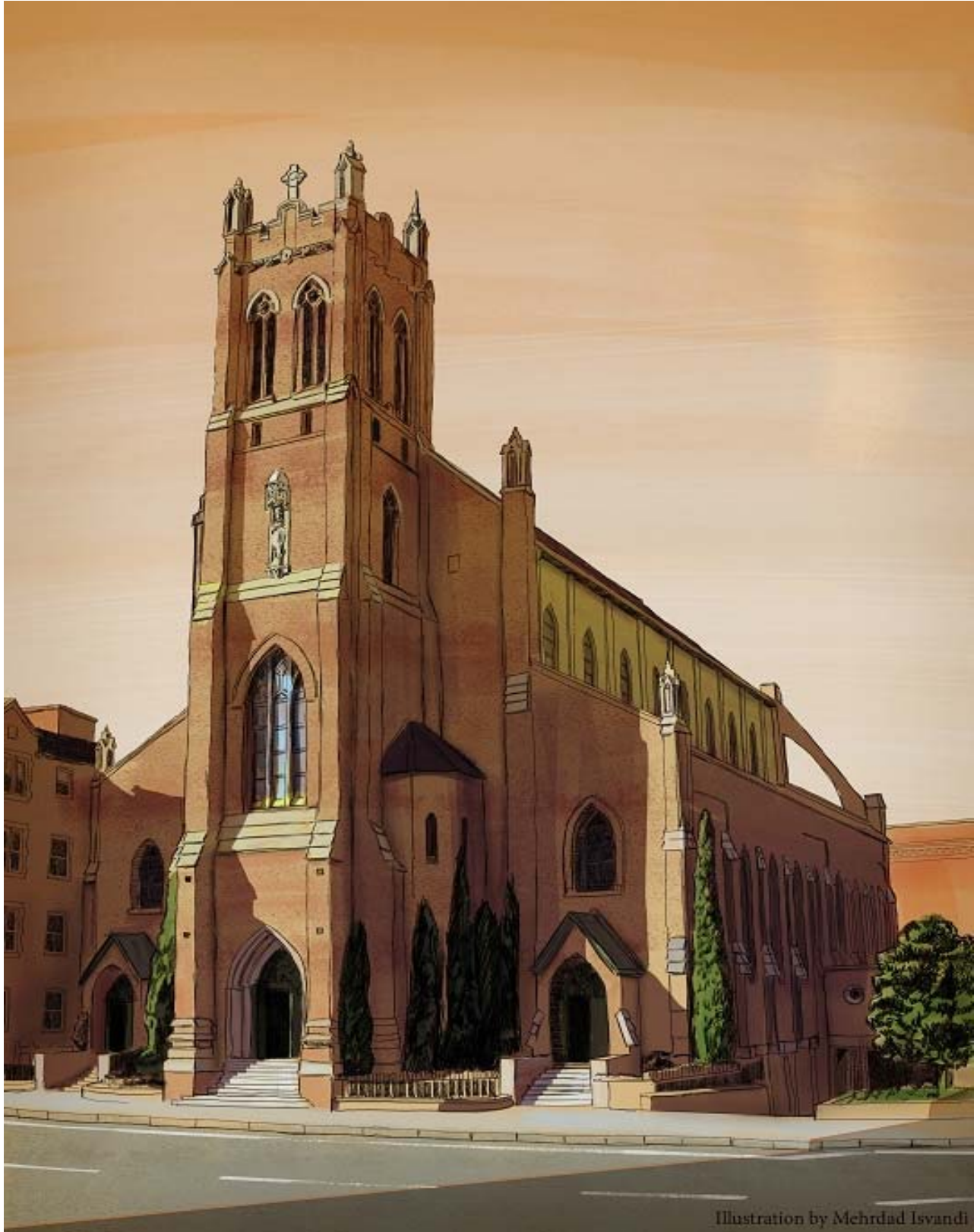


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Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. *Vigil Mass*
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Tagalog Mass: 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Family Mass: 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
Charismatic & Healing Mass: 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Parish Schedule

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the Rectory)

(appointments are preferred)

Monday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m..

Sto. Niño Devotion

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Fatima

First Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners
celebrating a birthday this week.

Edita Reyes	1/18	Ezgi Colak	1/22
Colleen Stock	1/19	Jannet Perlas	1/22
Josefa Gonzales	1/20	Mary Joyce Malit	1/23
Tess Diza	1/21	Michaela Anne Nangca	1/23
Jessica Chan	1/22	Mercy Ventigan	1/23

God Knows Best

God's creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.

~ Anonymous

Our Strategic Goal

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" comes from the Latin root for "order," which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with "ordinal" numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today's readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God's love. Isaiah embraces his role as God's servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ's witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: "to be holy." The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God's loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

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Our Fascinating Faith

Calendars

Perhaps you noticed that this year we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after Epiphany. It all has to do with regional calendars. Within certain general boundaries, every national conference of bishops is able to set its own liturgical calendar according to how it is felt to benefit the people in that region most. So, for example, the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated January 6 on the Church's universal calendar. But the bishops of the United States decided that, for the benefit of the faithful, it would be better for Epiphany to be celebrated on a Sunday every year. So here in the States we see Epiphany's date vary from January 2 to January 8. The biggest problem this presents is that the Baptism of the Lord, which is normally celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, would push back the whole liturgical calendar by a week on the years when the Sunday celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8, putting the U.S. out of sync with the rest of the Catholic world at least until Lent. To avoid that scenario, the U. S. bishops decreed that in those years the Baptism of the Lord would fall on the Monday after Epiphany, leaving the rest of the calendar intact.

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The God Squad Catholic TV Mass, aired every Sunday, provides inclusion for those who are homebound, hospitalized, incarcerated and/or unable to attend Sunday Mass. Monsignor Harry Schlitt began broadcasting the TV Mass in the late 1970s and it has been airing ever since. Please watch the TV Mass on Sunday mornings on the following stations:

In San Francisco

KTSF (CH 26) at 6:00 a.m.; KRON (CH 4) at 5:30 a.m.;

and in Sacramento

KTXL (Fox 40) at 5:30 a.m.

You may also view the Mass at any time by going to *FatherHarry.org*. You may also find the program beneficial to you, someone in your family, or a friend.

We need your participation and support to continue this valuable ministry.

Damaged Blessed Items

If you have any damaged blessed items, including statues and Bibles, as well as sacramentals, such as crucifixes and rosaries, please feel free to drop them off in our gift shop. We'll make sure they are disposed of properly and respectfully.

St. Patrick Church Lifetime Donors

You can still make a donation by going to our parish website: www.stpatricksf.org. On our homepage scroll down and click Online Giving. Create an account if you don't have one. Once you have created an account, please choose the Lifetime Donor option. We are asking a Lifetime Donor to donate a minimum of \$20 a week or \$80 a month. Your privacy and financial information are safe with us. And we recommend that you use your credit card for an easier and faster transaction.

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the office at 415-421-3730 for more information.

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese of San Francisco



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Jan 27 – Divorced or separated Catholics are invited to join an online support group, Tuesday evenings, from 5:00 – 6:30pm. The groups are co-sponsored by the Archdiocese and led by Carolyn Klika, a certified Catholic Divorce Healing Coach. Participants are welcomed into a respectful, confidential environment offering prayer, faith-based reflection, and practical guidance rooted in Catholic teaching. Each gathering focuses on a relevant theme—such as healing from grief, discernment, boundaries, forgiveness, or rebuilding hope—to gently support participants wherever they are on their journey. Next sessions are Jan 13 and Jan 27. Open to all – contact Carolyn Klika carolyn@aboundingjoyministry.com to register.

Jan 22 – Apr 8 - The Archdiocese is pleased to sponsor participation in the Build a New Life Workshop (BNLW), a 12-week, Christ-centered healing program for separated and divorced Catholics. Through this sponsorship, parishioners may register for the Core Workshop Experience at a reduced rate of \$49 (regularly \$119) or the Full Guidance Package for \$299 (regularly \$499). This program offers transformational spiritual and emotional support to help individuals heal, regain clarity, and move forward with hope. A diocesan discount code will be provided for registration. Parishes are encouraged to share this opportunity with those who may benefit. Info /Registration here: <https://www.aboundingjoyministry.com/events>

Catholic Prayer Corner

Prayer to Begin the Day

Lord God, may everything we do
begin with your inspiration
and continue with your help,
so that all of our work today will bring us closer you.
Guide us in our work today,
that we may do it not for ourselves alone,
but for the common good of all.
We ask this in your name. Amen.

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



We will have our regular weekday schedule of Masses (7:30 a.m., 12:10 and 5:15 p.m.) here at St. Patrick on Monday, January 19th, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, observed. The office will be closed all day. Please pray for an end to racial discrimination.

Living God's Word

When at Mass, we call on Jesus several times as the Lamb of God—at the beginning in the Gloria and twice in preparation for Communion. Pray for our world this day to recognize Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

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~ Isaiah 49:6b

Mass Intentions for Jan 18 - 24

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 18	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Josefa Gonzales SI Rodil, Ruby Gonzales & Children SI All Parishioners Of St. Patrick SI Judy Neri Labaria † Fernando Rodriguez Tenerio
Monday 19	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Beltran C. Marces SI Loren Masangcay SI Evelyn Mendoza
Tuesday 20	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Rachele Morales SI Jeff & Nenette Murata SI Vilma Nangca
Wednesday 21	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Corazon Mariano & Family BD Estela Barrientos † Rosalinda Del Rosario
Thursday 22	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn & Lorenzo Sumulong SI Merly Lorete SI Dan & Annie Lacap
Friday 23	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Tita Labaria SI Alma Raymundo SI Lolita Ramos
Saturday 24	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Estrellita Perez SI Jun & Emy Pasion SI Florentina Palacio

The Catholic Church - Here Comes Everybody

This popular way of describing the universality of our Church is a theme of today's readings. The prophet Isaiah tells of God's servant who will be the "light of the nations." It will not be enough for this servant only to bring back the survivors of Israel's dispersion and captivity. God's salvation must reach to the ends of the earth.

Saint Paul writes to a local church of mainly Gentiles and presumably former sinners of all kinds in Corinth. He greets them and tells them that they are to take their place with "saints everywhere" in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel reading from John tells of Jesus' commissioning by the Father in the Holy Spirit to bring salvation to all, to take away the sins of the world. This Chosen One has come to baptize the world in God's Spirit. Everybody.

As you hear these words, consider your own task to bring the good news of salvation to everyone you will meet in the coming days, weeks, years.

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printed bulletin, with online-only
content, is available on our website:
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Week of Prayer For Christian Unity

The 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) will take place beginning January 18th under the banner of the theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)

This oneness was ruptured at various times during the history of the Church, most notably in 1054 when Catholics and Eastern Orthodox Christians severed the bonds of unity and then again in 1517 when protests over perceived ecclesiastical abuses led to the fragmentation of western Christendom. Thankfully, most of the acrimony of the past is behind us, and Christians are more and more yearning for doctrinal unity and pastoral charity among all believers. To this end, the Graymoor Institute inaugurated the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which is entering its 115th year in 2023.

Prayers For Christian Unity

Gracious Father,
we pray to you for your holy catholic Church.
Fill it with your truth.
Keep it in your peace.
Where it is corrupt, reform it.
Where it is in error, correct it.
Where it is right, defend it.
Where it is in want, provide for it.
Where it is divided, reunite it;
for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. R./ Amen.
~ William Laud

Almighty and eternal God,
you gather the scattered sheep
and watch over those you have gathered.
Look kindly on all who follow Jesus, your Son.
You have marked them with the seal of one baptism,
now make them one in the fullness of faith
and unite them in the bond of love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R./ Amen.



Bend, Don't Break

When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.

~ St. Francis de Sales

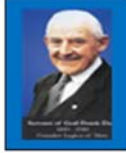
LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY, OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL **PRÆSIDIUM**



Meeting - Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Bitanga Hall

The Legion Family Worldwide
On all continents
In over 170 countries
4 million active members
5 million auxiliary members



The Founder Frank Duff
1889 - 1980

Legion of Mary's History

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7th of September in 1921.

It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.

Legion of Mary's Aim

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

Legion of Mary's Unit

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

Legion of Mary's Active Works

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

Legion of Mary's Active Membership

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.



Saint of the Week

Agnes, † beginning of 4th c. under Diocletian at the age of 12 (so Augustine and Ambrose report); patroness of Christian virtue confronted by political and social violence; represented with a martyr's palm and a lamb (her name in Latin [agnus] = lamb); the wool from two lambs blessed today (Jan 21) will be used to make the pallia which are presented by the pope to metropolitans on 29 June; name mentioned in the Roman Canon.



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

John the Baptist saw Jesus and said,
"He is the one of whom I said,
'A man is coming after me who ...

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	A	A	K
D	R	A	N
O	F	M	E

R _ _ _ _ _ ' _ _ _ _ _

Answer: *and ahead of me*

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Christ has made
my soul beautiful with
the jewels of grace and
virtue. I belong to him
whom the angels serve.

St. Agnes

A beautiful 12-year-old girl from a wealthy family who was martyred in the year 304 for being a Christian.

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January 21

saint snippets

I want to do all I can
to make God known
and loved.

Bl. Laura Vicuña

12-year old Chilean girl with a deep love for God. Weakened by physical abuse from the man her mother was living with, Laura passed away in 1904 as she called her mother to repentance.

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January 22

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It would be my
greatest delight to
minister to the
abandoned lepers.

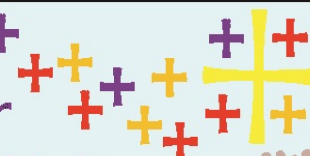
St. Marianne Cope

German-born nun who cared for the lepers in Hawaii, including Fr. Damien of Molokai

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January 23

Week of
Prayer for
Christian Unity



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CATHOLIC CORNER

UNUSUAL KINDNESS

Yesterday the Church began the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's theme, "They Showed Us Unusual Kindness," is drawn from the Acts of the Apostles (28:2). It reminds us that where there are differences among people of faith, we must act with "unusual kindness" in order to fulfill Jesus' prayer for his disciples at the Last Supper: "that they all may be one" (John 17:21). Think about acts of kindness you do for others. That is a good way to live as Jesus taught us. But this week we are challenged to act with unusual kindness. What sort of acts would you describe as "unusual kindness" to your family or friends or neighbors?

On Wednesday, January 22, we pray for the protection of unborn children. These most vulnerable lives require our love, our support, and acts of unusual kindness to protect them from the moment their lives begin.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, loves all who are part of his flock and those whom he still seeks to join it. Do you know someone who is a member of another Christian faith? Do you know someone who is expecting a baby? How can you show unusual kindness to them? Can you pray for them or with them? Can you contribute some needed items to a place that helps young mothers who need assistance?

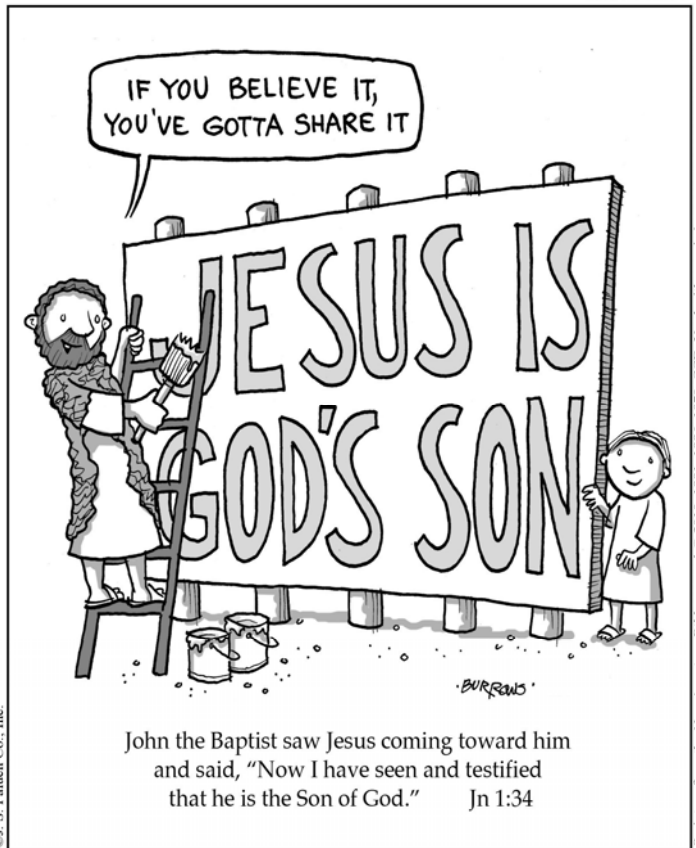
This week is an opportunity to respond to the commands of Jesus in very real ways. In this sheep, write the names of people for whom you will be praying. Write some of the acts of unusual kindness you are willing to do for those who call themselves Christians, as well as for the unborn whom God loves.



UNUSUAL KINDNESS

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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NOW I HAVE SEEN
AND TESTIFIED
THAT HE IS THE
SON OF GOD.

JOHN 1:34

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Pastor Al™



"I don't think the Church has made enough ecumenical progress yet to allow you to marry your teddy bear."

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Reflecting on God's Word

To be a disciple of Jesus Christ means to learn from him. He is the teacher, we the students; he is the master, we his servants. But what is it we are to learn? One important title for Jesus is the Lamb of God who has come to serve by taking away our sin. He serves by leading us to participate in the holiness of God. We are to do the same for others.

Jesus came to understand his own calling by reading and praying the book of the prophet Isaiah, especially the four poems found there called the Servant Songs. Today we hear part of the second song in which the servant professes how he was formed as servant from the womb, not only to bring back Israel to God, but to be a light to the nations, so God's "salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6).

Those who serve Jesus as disciples are to join in this work of bringing God's salvation to the world. Paul recognizes this in his greeting to the Corinthians, noting his call to be an apostle of Christ, one sent by God to the church at Corinth, which has been made holy in Christ and called to be holy. Paul is sent not only to them, but to "all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 1:2).

God's will is our holiness. By responding to the call to know Jesus as the Lamb of God, we accept the invitation to participate in this holiness and become the vehicle for inviting others to dwell there.

~ James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

The symbols and actions of baptism evolved around the experience of adults dying to old patterns of life and rising from the waters of baptism as new creations. As for newborn babies, at first it was desired to wait until the following Easter, when they could be baptized, anointed with chrism, and given a taste of the Eucharist in association with adults. The Church was always willing to baptize adults in emergency situations outside the Easter timetable, and in time, since infancy itself was a life-threatening situation, the baptism of babies became commonplace. As with the "emergency" adult baptisms, it was required that parents bring the child, as soon as health was recovered, to the bishop for the full menu of sacraments.

The very real fear of death for infants thus created a situation in which the three sacraments drifted apart from each other, and away from their original, adult celebration at Easter. Today, at last, we know a great deal about how our practices evolved. This knowledge is reshaping how we celebrate Easter, how we receive adult faith, and how we structure the faith journey of children.

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Called to Be Holy

With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God's relationship with Israel and John the Baptist's relationship with Jesus. Israel's relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God's "salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God's will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2).

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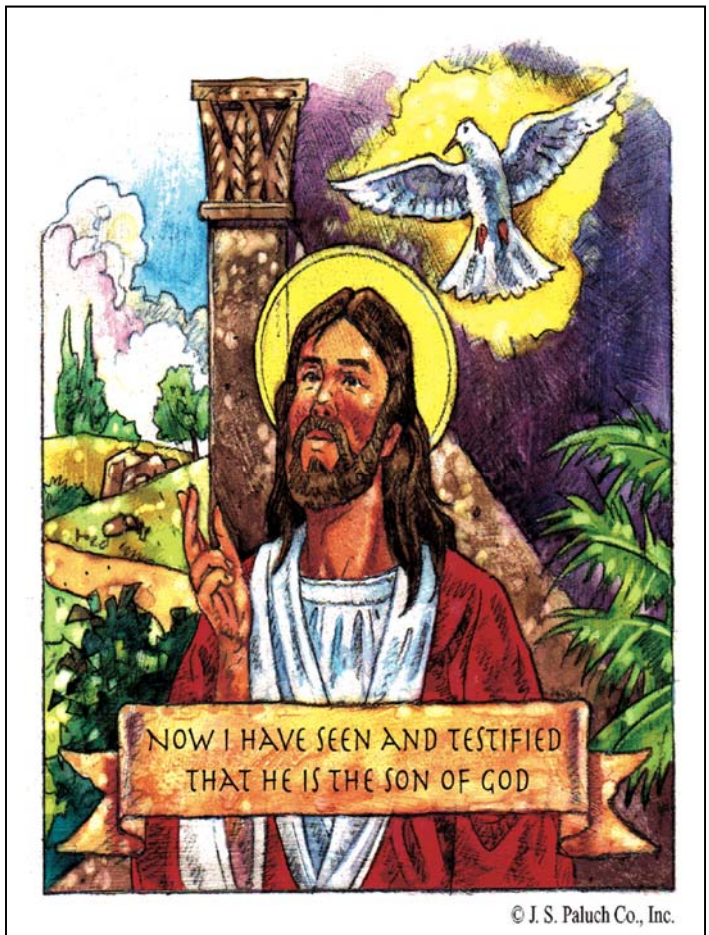
Treasures From Our Tradition

By Candlemas, forty days after Christmas, February 2, the season of Christ's coming has depleted our candle supply. Soon, the parish will order a new paschal candle from a catalogue or candlemaker, or in some communities, wax will be collected to be melted and molded. Last year's paschal candle shows the wear and tear of summer heat, or many funerals or baptisms.

Paschal candles have been around since at least the fourth century, when Constantine's biographer Eusebius reported that the night of the sacred vigil was "transformed into the brilliancy of day, by lighting throughout the city pillars of wax, while burning lamps in every place so that the splendor of this night was brighter than the brightest daylight."

Light was a precious commodity in the ancient world, and this lavish use of precious beeswax was a sign of the Christian's call to bear Christ's light into the world's darkness. In a pre-electric age, a whole city aglow from the paschal flame must have been a glorious sight, and a reminder to every baptized Christian of our vocation to "be the light of the world."

~ Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Three Missions

Today we begin with one of the “servant songs” from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus’ ministry of service. Isaiah’s mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today’s Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus “outranks” John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John’s baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

As soon as Christmas ends, people begin planning for Easter! Originally, the source of our Paschal Triduum was but a single liturgy extending from Saturday sundown to sunrise on Easter Sunday. The two days leading up to the liturgy were days of fast, not only for the elect, but for the church preparing to baptize them. A fifth-century pope explained that the church imitated the apostles, who were in hiding with their grief from the arrest of Jesus, and therefore sacraments, even penance, were forbidden.

Inevitably, though, people wanted to come together, and so eventually a Liturgy of the Word developed for Good Friday. This was the first step toward today’s shape of the Triduum, and gradually new ideas were embraced, including the veneration of the cross and a simple Communion service. Interestingly, the Word remained central, since we know that in those days the pope did not receive Communion at this liturgy, even though the faithful had that option. In the other churches of Rome, priests and people received Communion under both species. Although the custom of Communion on Good Friday took hold, it did not endure past the Middle Ages. The central liturgies of the year slowly unraveled and disappeared from parish life. Remember that there were no seminaries in those days, and books were a rare luxury. Most priests could only manage to celebrate a simple “low” Mass, and few parishes could afford the ritual books that would guide a priest through the complex forms. Holy Week remained important in private devotion, but for a time the liturgies virtually disappeared.

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Always Responsible

In the 1940s, Antoine de Saint Exupéry wrote a story for children, *The Little Prince*, that many adults appreciate. The Little Prince inhabits a small asteroid, where he spends his time caring for one beautiful rose and rooting out baobab trees, which threaten to destroy life around them. The Little Prince visits other planets and then comes to Earth, where he meets the Fox. The Fox asks the Little Prince to tame him, explaining that taming means being responsible for someone. The Little Prince says he understands taming because of the rose that he loves, cares for, and protects. The Fox says the rose must be special because of all that time devoted to it. The Fox also tells the Little Prince that the most significant things in life are seen only with the heart, and he warns him not to forget a key truth: You are responsible, forever, for what you have tamed. We have each established ties with our parish on some level, and whatever time and abilities we devote to God and to each other make those connections stronger. We obviously need our parish, or we wouldn’t be here. Our parish is our spiritual home and a source of life through worship, friendships, and shared labor. The ties that we establish with our fellow parishioners form that essential connection that is invisible to the eye. The parish, in turn, needs our time, our devotion, care, and protection, and our monetary support to fulfill its mission. The good news is that God has “tamed” us and is responsible for us in the here and now and on into the future. It seems only right that all of us, in turn, are responsible for God’s church, God’s people, and God’s world. Are you doing your part?

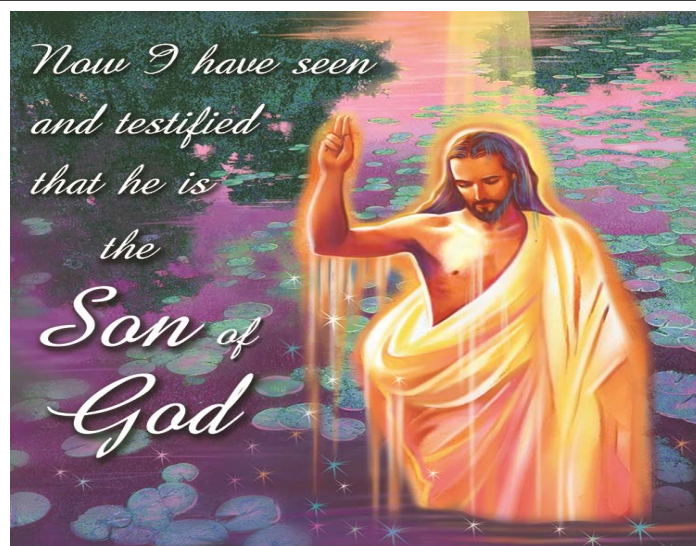
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Feast of Faith

The Greeting

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, “The Lord be with you.” These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our “good mornings,” our “hellos” and “how are yous.” This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words “the Lord be with you” are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—“And also with you,” soon to be “And with your spirit”—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord’s presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord’s presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God’s presence transforms us.

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Lamb of God

A lamb was a familiar image for Jewish people in Jesus' day. It was part of the Jewish tradition that lambs be slaughtered for sacrifice, as a way for the people to return to God after they had separated themselves through sinfulness. Of course, Jesus reminded his disciples of this sacrifice at the Last Supper. His actions at that meal would forever bind his followers to the sacrifice he made for each of us. Jesus had become the new Passover Lamb.

John the Baptist recognized Jesus as this sacrifice. Upon his approach, John proclaimed Jesus the "Lamb of God." Having already seen the Spirit come down on Jesus, John knew that was the sign by which God had promised to indicate the chosen One. While it would remain unclear exactly what it meant to be the Lamb of God until after the Passion and Resurrection, John knew that this was the most fitting title for the one who approached him on that day at the Jordan River.

In Service of the Lamb

We will grow only in service to one another. We may each be individuals feeling at times that we work alone, but in reality, as Paul explained to the Corinthians, we are united. We are united in God by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In our humanity, we may not be able to give as completely as Jesus did, but we strive nevertheless to carry one another in humble service. Through our obedience to God's will, we proclaim to the world Jesus' message of love for even the least by our words and actions as we lift up our brothers and sisters. As we find strength in the Gospel message and in the many exemplary lives of those who have gone before us, the service that we offer to others is truly that of Jesus himself, the Lamb of God.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Forgiveness

The only true forgiveness is that which is offered and extended even before the offender has apologized and sought it.

~ Søren Kierkegaard

Vision

Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.

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January 18, 2026**

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— Isaiah 49:6b

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John 1:34

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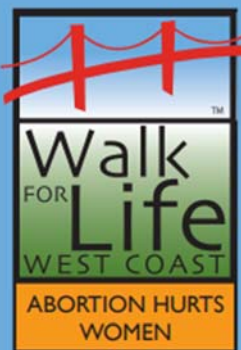
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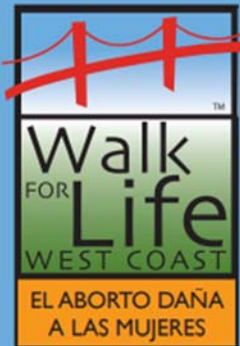


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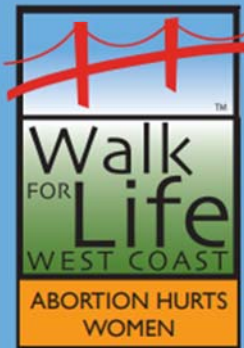
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BATANGAS – PANGASINAN – TARLAC – PAMPANGA

27 January | Arrival in Cebu

Welcome reception at the airport by the Department of Tourism and Rajah Tours Philippines. Transfer to hotel and check-in. Rest of the day free at leisure. Mass at the hotel before dinner. Welcome dinner at the hotel.

28 January | Simala Monastery and Minor Basilica de Sto. Niño

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for a whole day Cebu Tour. Visit Simala Monastery of the Holy Eucharist. Lunch at a local restaurant. Head back to Cebu City. Stop at the Archbishop Teofilo Camomot Shrine. Mass at Minor Basilica de Sto. Nino de Cebu and then visit Magellan's Cross. Head to a local restaurant for dinner then transfer to hotel.

29 January | Travel from Cebu to Tagbilaran

Breakfast at the hotel. Head to Cebu Port for the your morning ferry to Tagbilaran. Arrive in Bohol and meet and greet at Tagbilaran Port. Commence Bohol Countryside Tour. Proceed to Baclayon Church for Mass. After the Mass proceed to River Cruise Lunch at Loboc. After lunch continue tour and visit Chocolate Hills and the Tarsier Sanctuary. Head to your hotel and check in.

30 January | Free day

Breakfast at the hotel. Free day. Optional activities to be offered.

- Balicasag Island Tour
- Food Tour
- Cadapdapan Rice Paddies and Can-Umantad Waterfalls

Mass before Dinner. Dinner at the resort.

31 January | Bohol – Cebu – Cagayan de Oro

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to the pier for ferry to the Cebu. Arrive in Cebu and transfer to Mactan Airport for flight to Cagayan de Oro. Arrive in Cagayan de Oro and proceed to hotel and check in. Free time. Mass before dinner. Dinner at a local restaurant.

01 February | Bukidnon Day Trip

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Dahilayan Adventure Park, Bukidnon. During this visit, the guests will experience Panampulot, a ritual of Manobo Tribe. Banog-Banog dance will welcome the arriving guests and they will experience 8 different stations of Manolo Fortich Culture. Various activities available such as Tsokolate making, Bead making, Coffee Making, Binake wrapping & Tasting Corn Grinding, Corn Grilling, Panampulot Ritual, Binukid Language Learning. Lunch at Ricardo's restaurant. After lunch proceed to the Abbey of Transfiguration for Mass. Head back to Cagayan de Oro in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel.

02 February | Cagayan de Oro City Tour

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for Cagayan de Oro City Tour. Mass at St. Augustine Metropolitan Cathedral. After Mass, proceed to Cagayan De Oro City Museum, Museo de Oro and Plaza Divisoria. Lunch at Panagatan Seaside Restaurant. After lunch, proceed to Divine Mercy Shrine. Head back to the hotel. Free time. Dinner at the hotel.

03 February | Cagayan de Oro – Legaspi (via Manila)

Packed breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to airport for your early flight to Legaspi. Arrive in Legaspi and proceed to Albay Tour. Highlights are Cagsawa Ruins, Sumlang Lake, Daraga Church, Casa Simeon for lunch, Tiwi Pottery, Mt. Masaraga Volcano Camp Site for spectacular views of Mayon Volcano. After the tour, proceed to your hotel for dinner and check in. Mass before dinner. Dinner at the hotel.

04 February | Bicol tour options

Breakfast at the hotel. Tour options are:

- Donsol Eco Tour – Whale Shark Interaction
- Culinary Tour
- Ticao Island Hopping

Head back to the hotel. Mass at St. Gregory the Great Cathedral. Dinner at the hotel.

05 February | Legaspi – Naga

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to Naga City for Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Peñafrancia. Lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed to St John The Evangelist Metropolitan Cathedral, Museo del Seminario Conciliar de Nueva Caceres. After the tour, proceed to the hotel and check in. Dinner at the hotel.

06 February | Naga – Quezon

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to Quezon stopping at town churches along the way. Lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed to Kamay ni Hesus Healing Church. Mass at Kamay ni Hesus. Proceed to Villa Escudero and check in. Barrio Fiesta themed dinner at Villa Escudero.

07 February | Quezon – Batangas

Breakfast at Villa Escudero. Check out and proceed to Montemaria Shrine in Batangas City. Lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed to Taal Heritage Town. Mass at Minor Basilica of St. Martin of Tours. Proceed to Pico de Loro and check in. Dinner at the resort.

08 February | Pico de Loro – Manila via Tagaytay

Breakfast at the resort. Check out and proceed to Tagaytay for sightseeing. Lunch at Farmer's Table. Head to Manila after lunch. Mass at Manila Cathedral. Dinner at Illustrado restaurant, Intramuros.

09 February | Antipolo – Manila

Breakfast at the hotel. Proceed to Antipolo Cathedral for Mass. Lunch at Pinto Art Museum. Head to Manila after lunch. Proceed to Quiapo Church and Binondo Church then to Baclaran Church. Dinner at the hotel

10 February | Manaoag – Tarlac

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to Manaoag for Mass at the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Manaoag. Lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed to Monasterio de Tarlac for a visit. Visit Death March Monument. Depart for Clark and check in at hotel. Farewell Dinner at the hotel

11 February | Departure day

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to airport.

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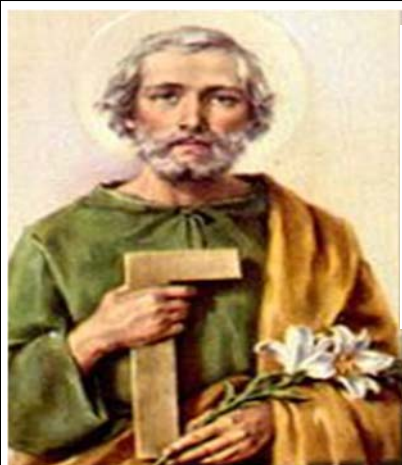
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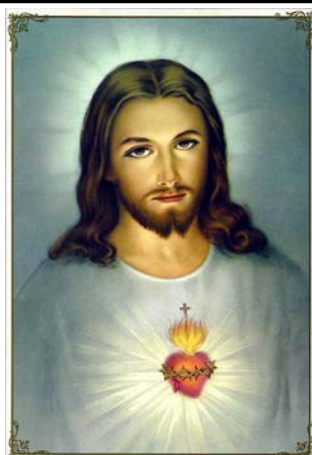
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Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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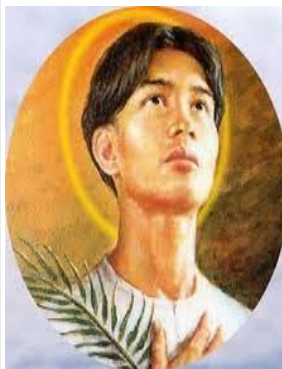


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