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*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

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Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

We come to know God through forgiveness. Today's first reading from Jeremiah tells of God's covenant with the house of Israel. God assures the people that they will no longer have to teach their friends and relatives how to know the Lord. That relationship, God says, is built through mercy: "All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more." In these waning days of Lent, we too are called to open our hearts to God's forgiveness.

Jeremiah tells of God's decision to "place my law within (the people) and write it upon their hearts" during a time of deep despair. The prophet wrote at the beginning of the sixth century BCE, when the Israelites carried great anxiety over the looming fall of Jerusalem and Babylonian exile. It seemed their God was nowhere to be found in the fact of such suffering. Yet Jeremiah insists "the days are coming" when God will breathe new life into the people. God will not just write the new covenant on stone, but rather on the very hearts of the people. Here God will make an intimate promise: "I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Now is the time to remember the new covenant etched in our hearts through the waters of baptism and affirmed in the Eucharist. Christ Jesus, through his suffering, death and resurrection, draws us into the hope of eternal life.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas familias del Corazón Inmaculado de María,

Conocemos a Dios a través del perdón. La primera lectura de Jeremías nos habla de la alianza de Dios con la casa de Israel. Dios asegura al pueblo que ya no tendrá que enseñar a sus amigos y parientes a conocer al Señor. Esa relación, dice Dios, se construye a través de la misericordia: "Todos, desde el más pequeño hasta el más grande, me conocerán, dice el Señor, porque perdonaré su maldad y no me acordaré más de su pecado". En estos últimos días de Cuaresma, también nosotros estamos llamados a abrir nuestro corazón al perdón de Dios.

Jeremías nos habla de la decisión de Dios de "poner mi ley dentro (del pueblo) y escribirla en sus corazones" durante un tiempo de profunda desesperación. El profeta escribió a principios del siglo VI a.C., cuando los israelitas estaban muy preocupados por la inminente caída de Jerusalén y el exilio babilónico. Parecía que su Dios no estaba en ninguna parte ante tanto sufrimiento. Sin embargo, Jeremías insiste en que "se acercan los días" en que Dios insuflará nueva vida al pueblo. Dios no se limitará a escribir el nuevo pacto en piedra, sino que lo hará en el corazón mismo del pueblo. Aquí Dios hará una promesa íntima: "Yo seré su Dios, y ellos serán mi pueblo".

Ahora es el momento de recordar la nueva alianza grabada en nuestros corazones a través de las aguas del bautismo y afirmada en la Eucaristía. Cristo Jesús, por su sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección, nos atrae a la esperanza de la vida eterna.

Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

Regular Mass Schedule. Holiday and Feast Days may be different.

Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00PM (English)

Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

7:30AM (English) - 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) - 2:00PM (Español)
5:00PM - Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM & Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA

Saturday, March 16th

8:00 am † Javier Elias Serrano
5:00 pm † Dennis Anthony Smith

Sunday, March 17th

7:30 am IHM Parishioners
9:00 am † Angie Martinez
10:45 am † Juan Luis Cortez
12:30 pm Raeann Wright & Brandon Morton -
Special Intention
2:00 pm † Carrol Elkins
5:00 pm † Porfirio Chavez

Monday, March 18th

8:00 am Christian Pahilanga & Tommy Lacson -
Health

Tuesday, March 19th

8:00 am † Jose Sevilla

Wednesday, March 20th

8:00 am † Elsa Dimis

Thursday, March 21st

8:00 am Gabrielle Ochoa-Aragon - Birthday

Friday, March 22nd

8:00 am † Jose Santos-Silva

Saturday, March 23rd

8:00 am † William John Donnelly, Sr.

Hours of Adoration are on Thursdays from 8:30AM to 6:00PM. On Fridays, Adoration begins at 8:30am and continues until 7:30am on Saturday. Please pray for increased vocations.



Horas de Adoración son los jueves de 8:30AM a 6:00PM. Adoración los viernes empieza a las 8:30AM y continúa hasta el sábado a las 7:30AM. Por favor recen para que aumenten las vocaciones.

Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Lyndsey Burrow, Ryan McLeod, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Steve Kloree, Ken Kloree, Giselle Honore, Jim Noonan, Dawn Panphere.***
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LENT

READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday: 251: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 543: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

Wednesday: 253: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
(Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: 254: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59

Friday: 255: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: 256: Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13
Jn 11:45-56

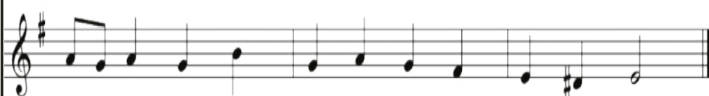
Sunday: 37: Mk 11:1-10 38: Is 50:4-7
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1—15:47 **3**

Entrance Hymn**Take Up Your Cross**
ERHALT UNS HERR

1. "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "If
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight Fill
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, And
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, And
5. Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, Nor



you would my dis - ci - ple be; Take up your cross with
your weak spir - it with a - larm; His strength shall bear your
let your fool - ish pride be still; The Lord for you ac -
calm - ly ev - 'ry dan - ger brave: It guides you to a
think till death to lay it down; For those who hum - bly



will - ing heart, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
spir - it up, And brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
cept - ed death Up - on a cross on Cal - v'ry's hill.
bet - ter home And leads to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
bear the cross One day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814-1877, alt.

Tune: ERHALT UNS HERR, LM; Klug's Geistliche Lieder, 1543; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51 • Bob Hurd



Cre - ate in me a clean heart.



Cre - ate in me a clean heart.

1. Have mercy on me, God,
in your compassion.
Remove my sin,
wash me from my guilt.
2. O purify my heart
and teach me wisdom;
then I shall be
whiter than the snow.
3. O give me back the joy
of your salvation;
a willing spirit
sustain in me.

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of St. Frances Cabrini



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end-less glo - ry!

*Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord /
and where I am, there also will my servant be R.*

Preparation of the GiftsUnless A Grain of Wheat
Bernadette Farrell

Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall up -



on the ground and die, it re - mains but a



sin - gle grain with no life.

Verses



1. † If we have died with him then we shall
2. If an - y - one serves me then they must
3. † Make your home in me as I make
4. † If you re - main in me and my word
5. † Those who love me are loved by my
6. † Peace I leave with you, my peace I



live with him; if we hold firm, we shall
fol - low me; where - ev - er I am, my
mine in you; those who re - main in me
lives in you, then you will be my dis -
Fa - ther; we shall be with them and
give to you; peace which the world can - not



reign with him.
ser - vants will be.
bear much fruit.
ci - ples.
dwell in them.
give is my gift.

D.C.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of St. Frances Cabrini

Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord, God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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Memorial Acclamation

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We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection
until you come again.

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Great Amen

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Amen, Amen, Amen.

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Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
miserere nobis, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
miserere nobis, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
dona nobis pacem, dona nobis pacem.

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Communion Hymn

As the Deer
Bernadette Farrell

Refrain
As the deer yearns for wa - ter, so have I longed for you,

on-ly in you, the liv - ing God, rest - ing my whole life through.

Verses
1. Thirst - ing for you, my God. Know - ing your truth with -
2. Tears have be - come my bread, tears ev - ery night and
3. Why so cast down, my soul? Why do you groan with -
4. Ev - ery new day you send me all your lov - ing

1. in me. When can I see you as you are, God of my life?
2. morn - ing. Ques - tion - ing voic - es all day long: Where is your God?
3. in me? Hope in God and praise him still, Sav - ior and God.
4. kind - ness. Through ev - ery night I sing your praise, God of my life!

to Refrain

Where My Father Lives

M.D. Ridge

Refrain
Where my Fa - ther lives there is room for all; there is

room for all where my Fa - ther lives, and a place for

you will be wait - ing there. Come to me: I will bring you

Verses
home.

1. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
2. Have faith in God; have faith ___ in me.
3. If you love me and keep my com - mands,
4. Peace ___ I leave, my peace ___ I give.

to Refrain

1. No one comes to the Fa - ther ex - cept through me.
2. Know wher - ev - er I am, you will al - so be.
3. I will not leave you or - phan'd: I will re - turn.
4. God's own Spir - it will guide you through - out your life.

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Recessional Hymn

We Adore You, O Christ

Steven Van Wye

We a - dore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

You have re - deemed the world!

Entrada

Por la Cruz a la Luz
Cesáreo Gabaráin

Estrofas



1. Si la se-mi-lla no mue-re, no na-ce-rá la es-
2. No sim-bo-li-za la muer-te, es sig-no de vic-



1. pi-ga. Si no a-cep-ta-mos la cruz, ¿có-mo al-can-
2. to-ria, por-que a-bra-za-do a la cruz nos me-re-



1. zar la vi-da? ¿có-mo al-can-zar la vi-da?
2. ció la glo-ria, nos me-re-ció la glo-ria.

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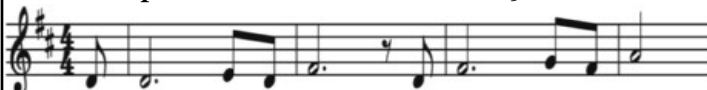
Por la cruz a la luz, fuen-te de a-mor y vi-da.

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Salmo Responsorial

Salmo 50 • Eleazar Cortes



Oh Dios, cre-a en mí, oh Dios, cre-a en mí,



cre-a un co-ra-zón, un co-ra-zón pu-ro.

1. Piedad de mí, Señor,
por tu bondad,
por tu inmensa compasión
borra mi culpa;
lava del todo mi delito,
purifícame, tú, de mi pecado.

2. Oh Dios, crea en mí
un corazón puro,
pon en mí un espíritu firme;
no me arrojes lejos de tu rostro,
no me quites tu santo espíritu.

3. Dame la alegría de tu salvación,
mantén en mí un alma generosa.
Enseñará a los malvados
tus caminos,
se volverán a tí los pecadores.

Aclamación del Evangelio

Misa de Santa María del Lago



A - la - ban - za a ti, O Cris-to Rey de eter - na glo - ria.

*El que quiera servirme, que me siga, para que donde yo esté /
también esté mi servidor R.*

Preparación de las Ofrendas

Donde Hay Fe

Eleazar Cortes



Don-de hay fe, hay a - mor. Don-de hay a - mor,



e - xis - te paz. Don-de hay paz, a - hí - es - tá



Dios. Don-de es - tá Dios, no fal - ta na - da. na - da. Don - de



Dios es - tá, no fal - ta na - da.

Estrofas



1. La fe, cual un gra - ni - to de mos - ta - za,
2. Cuan-do el a - mor i - nun - da nues - tras vi - das,
3. Si el pre - cep - to del a - mor cum - pli - mos



1. sien - do u - na se - mi - lla tan pe - que - ña
2. vie - ne y nos trans - for - ma la e - xis - ten - cia
3. nos ven - drá la paz en re - com - pen - sa,



1. se con - vier - te en un ár - bol ro - bus - to
2. por - que a - sí es el gran man - da - mien - to
3. e - sa paz que tan so - lo se al - can - za



1. que flo - re - ce y fruc - ti - fi - ca a - mor.
2. que nos ha en - co - men - da - do el Se - ñor.
3. si an - da - mos los ca - mi - nos de Dios.

Santo

Canto Gregoriano

Sanctus, Sanctus,
 Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth.
 Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
 Hosána in excelsis.
 Benedictus qui venit in nómine Dómini.
 Hosána in excelsis.

Música: Cantos Gregoriano. Misa XVIII

Aclamación Conmemorativa

Canto Gregoriano

Mortem tuam
 anuntiámus, Dómine,
 et tuam resurrectionem confitémur,
 donec vénias.

Música: Cantos Gregoriano. Misa XVIII

Gran Amén

Canto Gregoriano

Amen.

Música: Cantos Gregoriano. Misa XVIII

Cordero de Dios

Canto Gregoriano

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Música: Cantos Gregoriano. Misa XVIII

Comunión

Comiendo del Mismo Pan

Joaquín Madurga



1. La noche de su Pasión cogió el pan entre sus manos y dijo: "Tomad, comed, esto es mi cuerpo entregado".
2. La noche de su Pasión tomó el cáliz en sus manos y dijo: "Tomad, bebed, es la Sangre que derramo".
3. La noche de su Pasión nos dio el Señor su mandato: "Amaos unos a otros lo mismo que yo os amo."

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Señor, Quiero Servirte

Santiago Fernández

Estrofas



1. Se - ñor, te ven - go a en - tre - gar mi ri - sa, mi llo - ven y llé - na - me de ti, tu fue - go haz - me sen -
2. Nues - tro e - jem - plo a se - guir, Ma - rí - a di - jo: hoy pos - tra - do an - te tus pies, te doy mi pe - que -



1. rar, mi go - zo y mi do - lor; tir, en - vuél - ve - me en tu a - mor. For - ta - lé - ce - me, ¡lu -
2. "Sí," con - ti - go siem - pre fiel; ñez, co - mo e - lla quie - ro ser.



- 1, 2. mí - na - me, en tu nom - bre en - ví - a - me, Se - ñor, mi Dios.

Estribillo



Se - ñor, quie - ro ser - vir - te, Se - ñor, a - aquí es - toy; mi



vi - da hoy te en - tre - go, mi co - ra - zón te doy. doy.

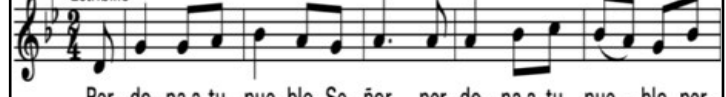
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Salida

Perdona a Tu Pueblo

Tradicional de España

Estribillo



Per - do - na a tu pue - blo, Se - ñor, per - do - na a tu pue - blo, per -



- dó - na - le, Se - ñor.
1. Por tus pro - fun - das lla - gas cru - e - les,
 2. Por las he - ri - das de pies y ma - nos,
 3. Por los tres cla - vos que te cla - va - ron,
 4. Por las tres ho - ras de tu a - go - ní - a,
 5. Por la a - ber - tu - ra de tu cos - ta - do,



1. por tus es - pi - nas y por tus hie - les, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.
2. por los a - zo - tes tan in - hu - ma - nos, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.
3. y las es - pi - nas que te cla - va - ron, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.
4. en que por Ma - dre dis - te a Ma - rí - a, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.
5. no es - tés e - ter - na - men - te e - no - ja - do, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.

al Estribillo

Lent – Temperance/Gluttony & Generosity/Greed

This week, we continue reflecting on the seven deadly sins and their opposing virtues to counter them. This week, we will examine two more: the sins of gluttony and greed and the virtues of temperance and generosity to counter them.

Gluttony is immoderate or excessive eating or drinking too much alcohol. Like lust, it focuses on pleasure. Both gluttony and lust enslave the soul to the body in their search for pleasure. We all need food to survive, and enjoying a good meal is not sinful. Gluttony is not eating out of necessity or for social reasons but solely for the pleasure of taste.

Temperance moderates pleasure's attraction. It helps keep desires within the limits of what is honorable (CCC 1809). Occasional fasting and abstinence are also good defenses against gluttony. They help purify the soul by controlling the desires of the body.

Greed is the excessive love of and desire for earthly possessions. Greed puts love of things above love of God and other people. Greed also indicates a lack of trust in God. People suffering from greed do not trust that God will provide, so they accumulate more than they need.

Generosity is the counter-virtue to greed. It helps promote detachment from material things. Freely giving away some of your possessions, especially to the poor, is an antidote to greed.

Please continue to pray for the elect and candidates as they prepare for full reception into the Church on the Easter Vigil. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Cuaresma - Templanza/Glotonería y Generosidad/Codicia

Esta semana, seguimos reflexionando sobre los siete pecados capitales y las virtudes opuestas para contrarrestarlos. Esta semana, examinaremos dos más: los pecados de la gula y la avaricia y las virtudes de la templanza y la generosidad para contrarrestarlos.

La gula es comer inmoderada o excesivamente o beber demasiado alcohol. Al igual que la lujuria, se centra en el placer. Tanto la gula como la lujuria esclavizan el alma al cuerpo en su búsqueda del placer. Todos necesitamos comida para sobrevivir, y disfrutar de una buena comida no es pecado. La gula no es comer por necesidad o por razones sociales, sino únicamente por el placer del gusto.

La templanza modera la atracción del placer. Ayuda a mantener los deseos dentro de los límites de lo que es honorable (CIC 1809). El ayuno ocasional y la abstinencia son también buenas defensas contra la gula. Ayudan a purificar el alma controlando los deseos del cuerpo.

La avaricia es el amor excesivo y el deseo de posesiones terrenales. La avaricia pone el amor a las cosas por encima del amor a Dios y a los demás. La avaricia también indica una falta de confianza en Dios. Las personas que sufren de avaricia no confían en que Dios proveerá, por lo que acumulan más de lo que necesitan.

La generosidad es la contra-virtud de la avaricia. Ayuda a promover el desapego de las cosas materiales. Dar libremente parte de tus posesiones, especialmente a los pobres, es un antídoto contra la avaricia.

Por favor, continuad rezando por los elegidos y los candidatos mientras se preparan para su plena recepción en la Iglesia en la Vigilia Pascual. ¡Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros!

Information/Información

St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of March 24, please bring dry beans. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 24 de marzo, por favor traigan frijoles secos. GRACIAS!

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 24 - Easter Flowers
March 31 - St. Vincent de Paul

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

24 de marzo - Flores para la Pascua
31 de marzo - San Vicente de Paul



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY IS BACK!

hosted by Knights of Columbus

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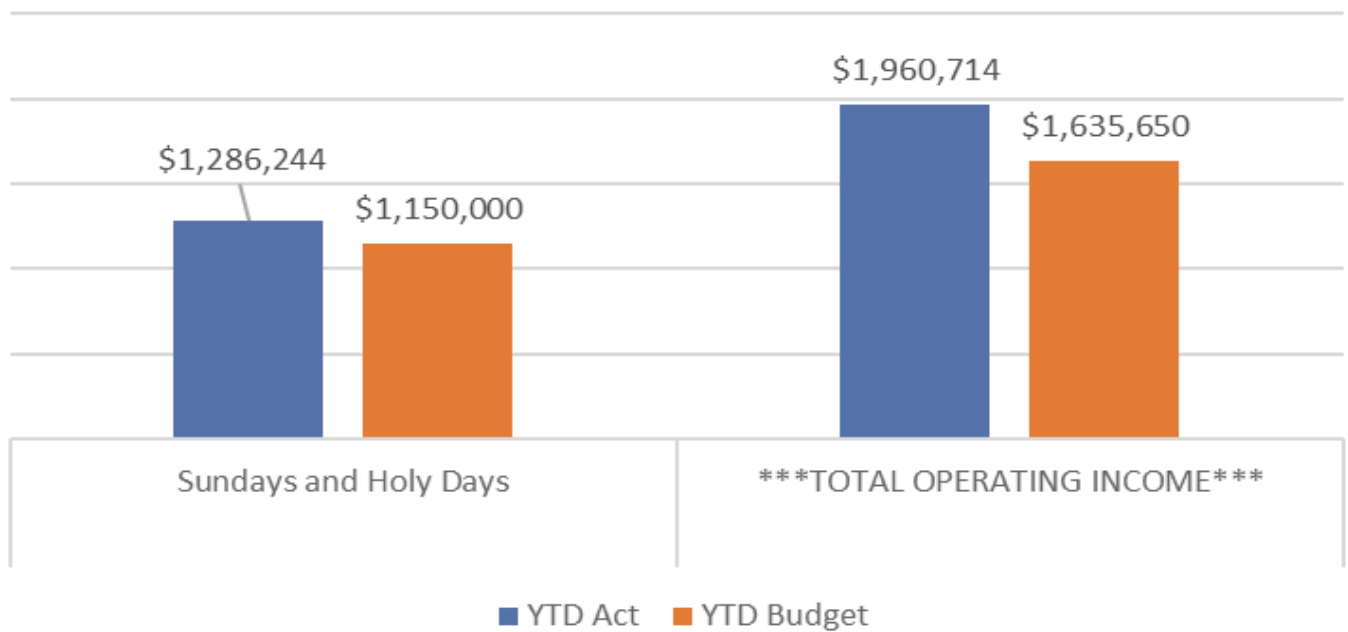
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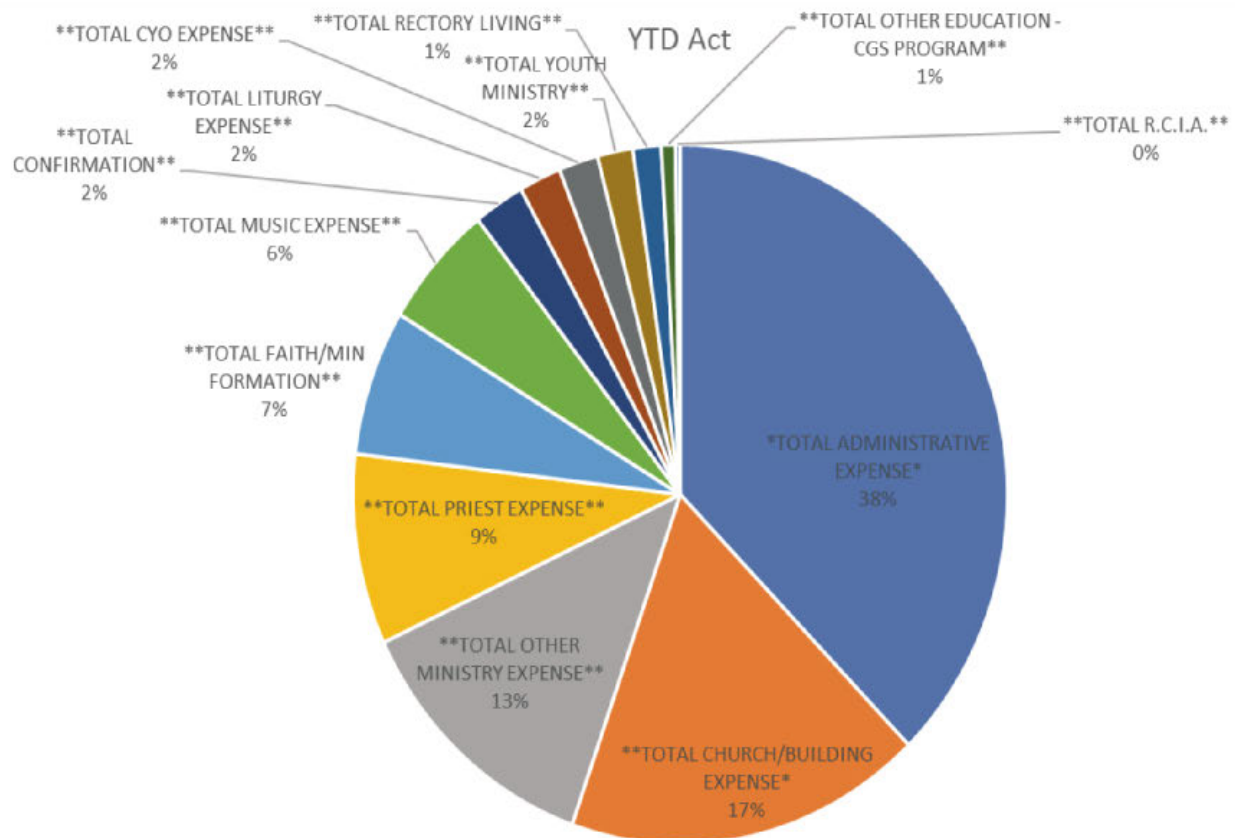
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2023 Income



2023 Expenses



Annual Parish Report For Year Ending 2023

Dear Parishioners,

We have just finished the year end reconciliation of funds for 2023. Thanks to our whole parish community we were again able to complete many of the projects that we set out to do at the end of 2022, while still managing (or maintaining) our budget projections.

In keeping with our Mission Statement to keep the church running smoothly, the buildings in decent shape and supporting our Ministries, Priests, and Faith Formation, we were able to complete many projects and stay within our annual budget. (see charts on previous page)

As the finance council started to look ahead to this coming years budget, we asked our Pastor to approve a reduction, in the number of collections for the Facilities Improvement Fund and the Maintenance Fund. We have reduced both the Facility and Maintenance collections to six times a year each.

Even with this reduction in collections we are confident that we will still be able to meet all our obligations, as well as continue to upgrade, replace, and renew items as needed.

In reviewing last year's expenditures, the following are some of the projects completed in 2023:

- 1. The completion of the solar installation which necessitated upgrading the transformer that regulates the voltage going through electrical lines.*
- 2. A patio cover in the garden area*
- 3. A new shed for additional storage*
- 4. Replacement of flooring in the parish hall*
- 5. Installation of two new air conditioning units for outside offices.*
- 6. Repair of a roof leak*
- 7. Purchase of entry door mats for the front of the church*
- 8. Cleaning and sealing of the Altar steps*
- 9. Repair of lighting in the chapel*
- 10. Font and entries were painted*
- 11. Baptismal font was refinished*
- 12. All kneelers were repaired*
- 13. All pews and woodwork were cleaned and polished*
- 14. Needed repairs were done to the Rectory*

By being careful with expenditure in all areas of the budget, we can continue to make following planned improvements to our beautiful church:

Upgraded lighting for the front of the church, and walkway to the rectory.

Replacement of the carpet in the library


Replacement of flooring in the bathrooms that are adjacent to the parish hall.

Upgrading the entry system for all doors around the entire building to provide better security and safety.

Installation of new "No Parking" signage for the parking lots to ensure that, in case of an emergency, the fire and ambulance personnel have easy access.

All our projects are planned and executed by obtaining bids from licensed contractors, to ensure that we are getting the best value for our investments.

Thank you all for your continued support of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.



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3:00 PM – Coffee and Chat
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Reminder: Mar 23rd and Mar 24th are the dates of our Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Brentwood. Please pray for good weather that weekend.

¡ATENCIÓN!

Para: Todos los miembros o voluntarios de los Ministerios Hispanos de ICM.

Asunto: Capacitación en Ambiente Seguro (Virtus) en Español.

Fecha: 18 de marzo de 2024

Hora: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Lugar: Salón Parroquial (B & C) del Inmaculado Corazón de María

Si usted es miembro o voluntario de cualquier ministerio en nuestra parroquia que involucre a niños, jóvenes o visitas en casa, necesita tomar las Huellas Digitales. También ofrecemos este servicio el día 18. Por favor, llamar a Lucy en la oficina parroquial para agregar su nombre a la lista para que le tomen las Huellas Digitales.

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For information, please call Mary Ann Smith at 925-240-1706 or Linda Quillici at 925-428-2364.

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7:30AM

Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario

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Weekly Calendar/Calendario Semanal

Mon. Mar. 18th

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| 8:45am | Men's Fellowship Group | Library |
| 5:00pm | Legion of Mary/Eng | Library |
| 6:00pm | Safe Environment Class/Sp | Hall B/C |
| 7:00pm | Escuela de la Cruz | John |
| 7:00pm | Men of St. Joseph | Library |
| 7:00pm | Bible Study/Sp | Hall A |
| 7:00pm | Daughters of Mary | Matthew |
| 7:00pm | Emmaus Women/Sp Retreat | Luke |

Tues. Mar. 19th

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| 10:00am | IHM Crafters | Library |
| 6:00pm | Confessions | Church |
| 6:00pm | Legion de Maria/Sp | Chapel |

Wed. Mar. 20th

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| 11:00am | Ministry of Caring/Special Event | Library |
| 3:30pm | IHM Good Shepherd | Hall A/B/C/Jn |

Thurs. Mar. 21st

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| 10:00am | Women's Faith Sharing | Library |
| 3:30pm | Ministry of Caring/Counseling | Library |
| 3:30pm | IHM Good Shepherd | Hall A/B/C/Jn |
| 5:00pm | Widow and Widowers Group | Library |
| 7:00pm | Discovering Christ | Library |
| 7:00pm | RCIA | Matthew/Mark |

Fri. Mar. 22nd

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| 8:00am | St. Vincent de Paul | Hall A/B/C |
| 3:30pm | Bible Study/Eng | Library |
| 4:00pm | Fish Fry | Hall A/B/C |
| 5:30pm | Catholic Daughter of America/Mtg. | Mark |
| 7:00pm | RICA/Confirmation Adult/Sp | John |
| 7:00pm | Faith Formation/Fathers | Mark |
| 7:00pm | C.O.V./Youth | Luke |
| 7:00pm | Emmaus Men/Eng Monthly Mtg. | Matthew |

Sat. Mar. 23rd

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| 1:00pm | Legion of Mary/Eng Acies | Hall A |
| 3:30pm | Confessions | Church |

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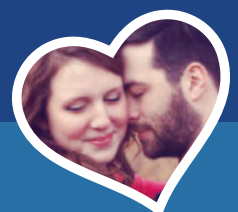
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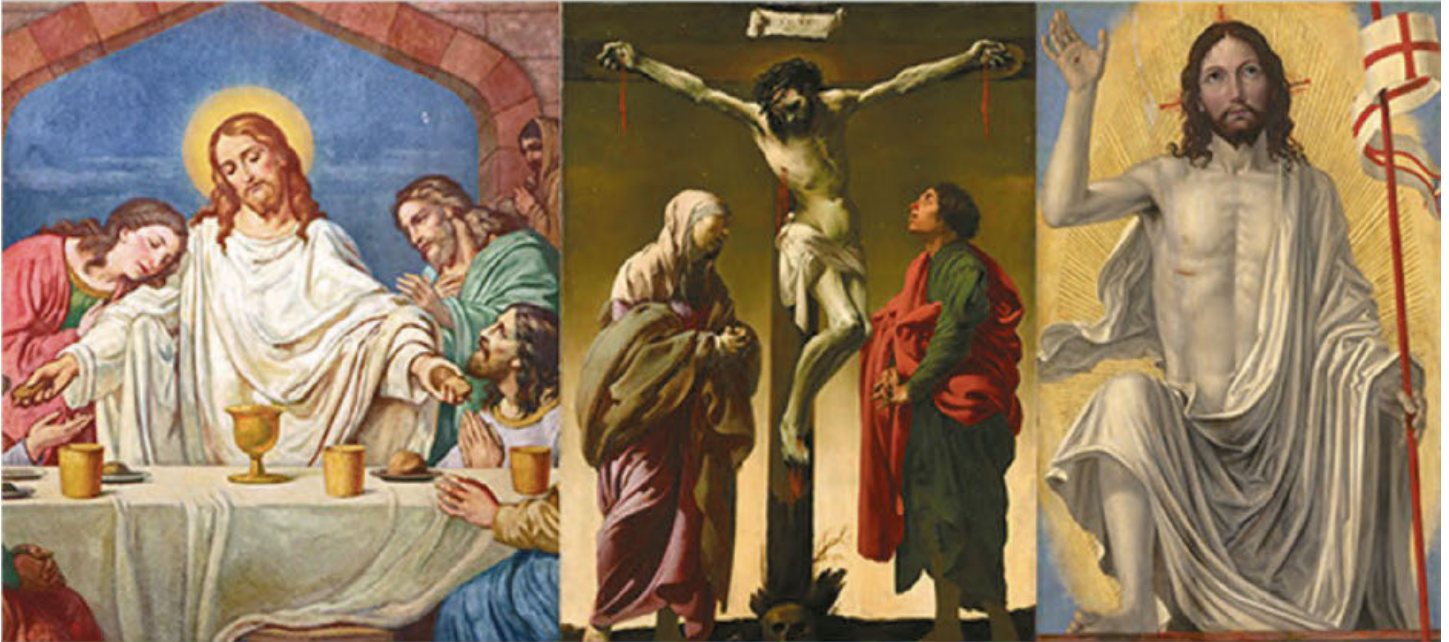
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12:00PM (English)

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7:00PM (Spanish)

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