



SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 PM English

7:00 PM Vietnamese

Sunday

7:30 AM English

9:00 AM Spanish

11:00 AM English

1:00 PM Spanish

4:00 PM Vietnamese

6:00 PM Spanish

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 AM English (Mon-Fri)

8:30 AM English (Mon-Sat)

6:30 PM Spanish (Mon)

6:30 PM Vietnamese (Fri)

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ADORATION

9:00 AM - 10 AM (Fri)

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Sat)

SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION

7:15 PM (Monday)

9:00 AM (Friday)

3:30 PM (Saturday)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

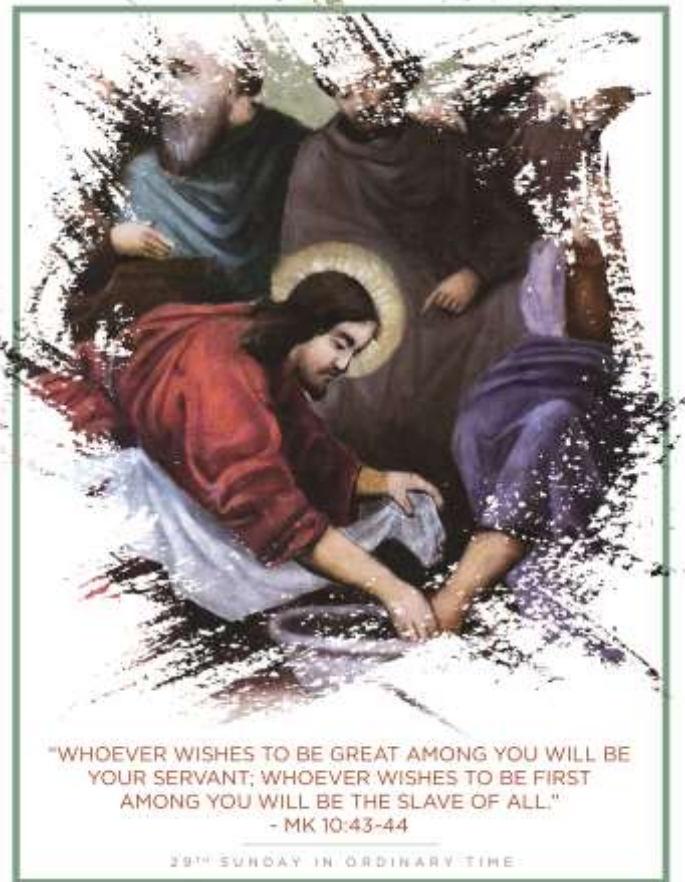
Sunday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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"WHOEVER WISHES TO BE GREAT AMONG YOU WILL BE
YOUR SERVANT; WHOEVER WISHES TO BE FIRST
AMONG YOU WILL BE THE SLAVE OF ALL."
- MK 10:43-44

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHILDREN FROM THE LECTURESHIP FOR RENEWAL (1980-1985) WITH LOVE

"When the bee has gathered the dew of heaven
and the earth's sweetest nectar from the
flowers, it turns it into honey, then hastens to
its hive. In the same way, the priest, having
taken from the altar the Son of God (who is as
the dew from heaven, and true son of Mary,
flower of our humanity), gives him to you as
delicious food."

- ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith-based Catholic community whose members are enriched by the celebration of the Sacraments and opportunities to deepen our prayer lives. Guided by the Word of God and family values, we strive always to be a beacon of light for the lost, the lonely, the marginalized, and all those seeking the truth as we walk in the footsteps of those first disciples of Jesus and our patron St. Polycarp.

OCTOBER 20, 2024

**MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE MISA/
XIN Ý LỄ CẦU NGUYỆN**

Saturday, October 19, 2024

5:00 PM Teresa Tiffany Trang Nguyen†; Thanksgiving
for Felipe C. Del Rosario (recovery) &
Del Rosario Family
7:00 PM Ancestors of a Family†;
Special Family Intention

Sunday, October 20, 2024

7:30 AM Paul Quang Nguyen† & Ancestors†
9:00 AM Alejo Villegas† & Maria Luz Garcia†
11:00 AM Antoinette L. Meyer†; Annalene Grant
1:00 PM Maria de Jesus Tapia†;
Salvador Lopez del Rio†
4:00 PM Micae Nguyen† & Nhiem;
Special Family Intentions
6:00 PM Corazon Mendoza†; Lupe Leanos Navarro†

Monday, October 21, 2024

6:30 AM Maria† & Rachel Corona†
8:30 AM Peter† & Teresa†
6:30 PM Patricia Moreno (health)

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

6:30 AM William Saligan†, Gregorio† & Maria
8:30 AM Ancestors of a Family† & All Souls†

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

6:30 AM 3 Nguyen Families & Strickler
8:30 AM Thanksgiving, Joseph Tran†, Anh Duy†

Thursday, October 24, 2024

6:30 AM All Souls†, Peter† & Teresa†
8:30 AM Celia D. Ducog† & Teresita D. Divina†

Friday, October 25, 2024

6:30 AM Trump and the Election 2024
8:30 AM Dell Pederson & Ancestors of a Family†
6:00 PM Peter† & Teresa†, Thanksgiving

Saturday, October 26, 2024

8:30 AM Luz Silva Alejandrez (birthday)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/
Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/
Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/
Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/
Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/
Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52



SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE



Oct 12/13 Masses \$ 22,467.50
Oct 12/13 Online Giving \$ 1,964.69
Total collection: **\$ 24,432.19**

Special Collection for Hurricane Helene—\$7,330.00

*Thank you for your support! ¡Gracias por su apoyo!
Cảm ơn tấm lòng quảng đại của mọi người.*



**Pope's Intention -
October**

For a Shared Mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain
in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-
responsibility, promoting the participation,
the communion and the mission shared
among priests, religious and lay people.

**PSA 2024
REPORT**

AS OF 09/19/2024

PLEDGES RECEIVED: 441 FAMILIES/INDIVIDUALS
AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$200,263.00
TOTAL PAID: \$188,884.00
OUR 2024 PSA GOAL: \$98,000.00

Thank You

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Las lecturas de la semana del 20 de octubre de 2024

Domingo: Is 53, 10-11/Sal 32, 4-5. 18-19. 20. 22. (22)/
Heb 4, 14-16/Mc 10, 35-45 o 10, 42-45
Lunes: Ef 2, 1-10/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 4. 4-5/Lc 12, 13-21
Martes: Ef 2, 12-22/Sal 84, 9-10. 11-12. 13-14/
Lc 12, 35-38
Miércoles: Ef 3, 2-12/Sal 11, 2-3. 4. 5-6/Lc 12, 39-48
Jueves: Ef 3, 14-21/Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 11-12. 18-19/
Lc 12, 49-53
Viernes: Ef 4, 1-6/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 12, 54-59
Sábado: Ef 4, 7. 7-16/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/Lc 13, 1-9
Domingo: Jr 31, 7-9/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6 (3)/
Heb 5, 1-6/Mc 10, 46-52

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 20 de octubre de 2024

Domingo: 29º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;
Domingo de la misión mundial
Martes: San Juan Pablo II, papa
Miércoles: San Juan de Capistrano, sacerdote
Jueves: San Antonio María Claret, obispo
Domingo: 30º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

(PRACTICANDO) CATÓLICA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Hecho para Servir

Lo pensé a menudo en mi primer año como madre, cuando todos los días descubría cómo era y se sentía esta nueva vida de paternidad: hacer algo con niños es cien veces más difícil que hacerlo sin niños. Pero es mil veces mejor.

Desde cenar hasta ir a misa y dar un paseo alrededor de la cuadra, cada salida, incluso las más simples, tenían un nivel adicional de complejidad logística. Tenía que llevar pañales, comida y ropa extra, tenía que estar lista para distraer, para consolar, para calmar, para desescalar. Antes, simplemente aparecía, hacía lo que hacía y me iba a casa. Ahora, tenía que estar lista para coordinar.

Tenía que estar lista para servir.

Pero incluso cuando todo se había vuelto mucho más complicado, mucho más difícil, de repente había una alegría en estas experiencias que no había existido antes. Sí, ahora era madre, una sirvienta si alguna vez hubo una, atendiendo constantemente las necesidades de otra persona, y era difícil. A veces terriblemente. Pero era hermoso (no de una manera física, por lo general estaba cubierta de vomito de bebé, pero mi alma tenía ese brillo, ¿sabes?).

Fue la primera vez en mi vida que realmente entendí lo que era servir, y el poder de esa vocación a la que todos

estamos llamados.

Esto no solo es cierto para la paternidad. Es cierto para todas las relaciones. Cuando encontramos a alguien a quien podemos servir de manera significativa y de todo corazón, nuestro cónyuge, nuestro mejor amigo, nuestros empleados, nuestros estudiantes, nuestros pacientes, quienquiera que sea, el esfuerzo se convierte en nada comparado con la alegría y la satisfacción que encontramos en el trabajo.

Fuimos hechos para la grandeza, y Cristo nos dice que ser grande es servir. Así que no tengas miedo a la grandeza. No tengas miedo de servir.

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO - ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Ciertamente que en el evangelio de hoy se pasaron de listos los discípulos Santiago y Juan. Ya que le pidieron a Jesús algo que causó enojo en el resto del grupo de los doce. Y no pedían poca cosa, nada más y nada menos que sentarse a la derecha de Jesús, cuando estuviera en su gloria. De hecho, no sabían lo que pedían, ni siquiera imaginaban que para ello se tiene que servir y trabajar duro en cuestión del discipulado. Sin embargo, hay que entenderlos desde un punto de vista muy humano, pretender grandezas y buenos puestos nos gusta a todos. Y más si no implica sacrificio alguno.

Jesús deja muy claro lo que significa seguirlo y desear estar en primer lugar: *"El que quiera ser el más importante entre ustedes, debe hacerse el servidor de todos. Y el que quiera ser el primero, se hará esclavo de todos"* (Marcos 10: 43-44). Es decir, no oprimir a los demás como si fuesen sus dueños, no imponer sus ideas, ni sus condiciones de opresión. Para que quede más claro aún, la ley del Reino de Dios es el sufrimiento y el servicio a los que nos rodean. ¿Crees esto? ¿Te atreverías pedirle a Jesús sentarte a su lado sin hacer nada por los demás? Reflexiona en tu vida actualmente, no corras el riesgo de extraviarte en bagatelitas por los caminos de la vida. Si escuchas los consejos de Jesús a sus discípulos de aquel entonces, verás que son los mismos para nosotros ahora. Servir y amar sin condiciones, dar la vida en el día a día con alegría, dejando el perfume de Cristo a nuestro paso.

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"Cuando la abeja ha recogido de las flores el rocío del cielo y el néctar más dulce de la tierra, lo convierte en miel y luego se apresura a ir a su colmena. De la misma manera, el sacerdote, habiendo tomado del altar al Hijo de Dios (que es como rocío del cielo, y verdadero hijo de María, flor de nuestra humanidad), os lo ofrece como manjar delicioso."

- SAN FRANCISCO DE SALES

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Thứ Sáu
1 / 11
2024

Lễ Các Thánh Nam Nữ - Lễ Trọng và Buộc
2 Thánh Lễ lúc 4 giờ chiều và 6 giờ chiều.

Thứ Bảy
2 / 11
2024

Lễ Các Đẳng Linh Hồn
Thánh Lễ - Lúc 10 giờ sáng.

Thứ Bảy
9 / 11
2024

Tưởng Nhớ Các Linh Hồn Đã Ra Đi Trong Giáo Xứ
Thánh Lễ 3 Sắc Dân - Lúc 10 giờ sáng.

SỔ HÀNG SỐNG

Thánh Augustino đã viết: *“Nếu chúng ta không lưu tâm đến người đã mất, thì chúng ta sẽ không có thói quen cầu nguyện cho họ.”*

Do đó theo truyền thống hàng năm, Cộng Đoàn sẽ ghi danh các linh hồn vào Sổ Cầu Nguyện trong Tháng Các Đẳng Linh Hồn.

Sau các Thánh Lễ ngày 19, 20, 26 và 27 tháng 10 năm 2024 tại cuối Thánh Đường.

Xin mời Cộng Đoàn Dân Chúa đến ghi danh, để cầu nguyện cho những người thân yêu đã qua đời sớm hưởng hạnh phúc Thiên Đàng.



CHUỖI MÂN CÔI LIÊN KẾT

Cộng Đoàn đã phổ biến Kinh Mân Côi Liên Kết tại cuối Thánh Đường để đọc trong Tháng 10 - Kính Đức Mẹ Mân Côi cầu cho Hòa Bình Thế Giới và Tháng 11 - Cầu Cho Các Linh Hồn. Những ai chưa nhận, xin đến chọn 1 Ngắm và hiệp ý cùng đọc với nhau. Mong Cộng Đoàn Dân Chúa xa gần hăng hái hưởng ứng, đồng thời cổ động cho những người thân quen cùng tham gia.

ẨM THỰC GÂY QUỶ

Cộng Đoàn sẽ bán Phở trong 2 ngày :

Thứ Bảy: 9/11/24 - 11 AM đến 8:30 PM

Chúa Nhật: 10/11/24 - 9 AM đến 5:30 PM

Giá Vé : \$ 12 một phần ăn

Mong Cộng Đoàn ủng hộ thật nhiều vé.

Nếu ai có rau quế, ớt, chanh, xin mang đến hội trường vào những ngày bán Phở.

Xin chân thành cảm ơn!

ĐỨC MẸ MÂN CÔI

Khi chúng ta đọc sự tích về các cuộc hiện ra của Đức Mẹ, dù là ở Lộ Đức hay ở Fatima, dù ở Guadalupe hay ở La Vang... chúng ta đều thấy rằng Đức Mẹ luôn nhấn nhủ người tín hữu hãy canh tân đời sống và siêng năng Lăn hạt Mân Côi để làm đẹp lòng Thiên Chúa:

“Ta là Đức Mẹ Mân Côi, ta đã đến để cảnh báo các tín hữu canh tân đời sống và xin ơn tha thứ tội lỗi của họ. Họ không được xúc phạm đến Thiên Chúa nữa, vì Ngài đã quá phiền muộn vì tội nhân loại. Loài người hãy lăn chuỗi Mân Côi, và hãy lăn chuỗi hàng ngày”.

(Thông điệp Đức Mẹ gửi cho chị Lucia 13.10.1917)



Tự do không phải là làm điều con thích, nhưng là quyền làm điều nên làm.

THÁNH GIÁO HOÀNG GIOAN PHAOLO II

22 Tháng 10

THÁNG 10 - CẦU CHO SỨ MẠNG CHUNG

Chúng ta cùng cầu nguyện để trong mọi cách thức Giáo hội tiếp tục duy trì lối sống hiệp hành, như một dấu chỉ của tinh thần đồng trách nhiệm, cổ võ sự tham gia, hiệp thông chia sẻ sứ mạng chung của các linh mục, tu sĩ và giáo dân.

Giáo hoàng Phanxicô

An Evening with Mary!
¡Una Noche con María!

Centennial Concert Series

Music Ministry in Concert with
 Special Guest **Anna Betancourt**



**Friday
 October 25
 2024
 7:00pm**

**La Purisima
 Catholic Church**
 11712 N. Hewes St.
 Orange, CA 92869

Admission is free.
 Freewill offering is welcomed.




Faith Formation Office Hours

English/Spanish Religious Education

(714) 892-3158

Monday	2 PM—6 PM
Thursday	2 PM—6 PM
Saturday	9 AM—1 PM

Confirmation Programs

(714) 890-5200

Tuesday	9:30 AM—5:30 PM
Friday	9:30 AM—5:30 PM
Sunday	9 AM—2 PM

Vietnamese Religious Education

(714) 620-7895

Tuesday	1 PM—4 PM
Wednesday	1 PM—4 PM
Friday	1 PM—5 PM

“Khi con ông đã thu thập được hạt sương trên trời và mật hoa ngọt ngào nhất của trái đất từ những bông hoa, nó biến chúng thành mật, rồi vội vã bay về tổ. Cũng vậy, vị linh mục, sau khi đem Con Thiên Chúa từ bàn thờ (là sương từ trời, và là người Con đích thực của Đức Maria, bông hoa của nhân loại chúng ta), trao Người cho bạn như một món ăn ngon.”

- THÁNH PHANXICÔ DE SALES

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All Saints & All Souls Mass Schedule

Thursday, Oct 31, 2024

Vigil All Saints
 5:30 PM ENGLISH
 7:30 PM SPANISH

Friday, November 1, 2024

6:30 AM & 8:30 AM ENGLISH
4 PM & 6 PM VIETNAMESE
7:30 PM SPANISH

Saturday, November 2, 2024

8:30 AM ENGLISH
10 AM VIETNAMESE
12 PM SPANISH

*There will be no confessions at 3:30 PM on Saturday, November 2.

**PARISH ANNUAL TRI-LINGUAL MEMORIAL MASS,
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024, AT 8:30 AM.
 ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

All Saints Day - All Souls Day



**All Saints Day - Nov. 1
 All Souls Day - Nov. 2**

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“Lord, Teach Us To Pray”

Conducted by the Sacred Heart Sisters in Big Bear Lake

Sacred Heart Men's Retreat

With the presence and spiritual support of Fr. Rafael Partida
 from the Diocese of San Bernardino

November 16-17, 2024

Sacred Heart Fall Women's Retreat

November 8-10, 2024

Suggested Donation: \$130



During these days you will have the opportunity to draw nearer to our Lord Jesus through presentations, time for quiet prayer, faith sharing, and more.

Online registration at <https://sacredheartretreatcamp.com>
 909-866-5696 office@sacredheartretreatcamp.com





**ROSARY
ACADEMY**

OPEN HOUSE

Monday, October 28
Time: 5 pm - 8 pm

Meet teachers, hear from guest speakers, enjoy student-led tours and more!

REGISTER TODAY
www.rosaryacademy.org/openhouse

**ST. JOHN BOSCO
HIGH SCHOOL**
SALESIAN COLLEGE PREPARATORY

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 11AM-2PM



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Family of St. Polycarp,

Stewardship is a big theme in Bible. Beginning with the Book of Genesis, the first book in the Bible, human beings are entrusted to care for God's creation: "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it" (Gen 2:15). In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus praised on good and trusted steward as a faithful servant: "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" (Mt 25:23). In brief, stewardship is a task or responsibility given to each one of us to safeguard and to protect the common good. In the Church, this concept of stewardship is understood as being responsible to the goods or properties of the Church.

A pastor of a parish is a steward of the goods of a parish. To me, it is the goods of the Family of Saint Polycarp, from which I am called to be a steward. In this task of stewardship, transparency is important. That is why, each year a report on the goods of the church must be made available to all of you—parishioners of Saint Polycarp.

The annual report for 2023-2024 consists of many aspects of the parish's activities and functions. Besides a healthy financial income and expenses, you notice that the well-being and the morale of our priests and staffs are good; the Faith Formation Programs are strong; and the upkeep of the facility has been tremendous. Many areas of the parish campus have been repaired or renovated. Our contribution to PSA or the Pastoral Service Appeal has allowed us to continue and to complete many projects for our parish.

With the annual report being available, I am proud of our Family of Saint Polycarp. I always give thanks to God for all of you, namely for my predecessors who had prepared the way for me to continue the works of the Lord. It is a privilege and a joy to be your pastor. Together with my brother priests (Fathers Luis and Nicolaus), I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your love and support.

Father Viet Peter Ho
Pastor

ST. POLYCARP CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT

2023-2024

INCOME & EXPENSES July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024

INCOME	
Sunday & Holy Days	\$ 1,180,738.05
Second Collections	\$ 105,619.26
Baptism, Marriages, Funerals	\$ 3,955.80
Mass Offerings, Novenas & Candles	\$ 103,790.54
Quinceneras/Misc. Income	\$ 14,170.00
Ground Lease	\$ 75,577.22
Religious Education	\$ 141,165.44
Interest Income	\$ 45,066.86
Other Ministries	\$ 30,593.80
Pastoral Services Appeal Rebates	\$ 118,362.89
Fundraising	\$ 95,466.43
Other Income (building maintenance fund)	\$ 276,148.75
Loan Forgiveness	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,190,655.04

EXPENSES	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 771,102.49
Church & Rectory Supplies	\$ 46,276.26
Administrative Expenses	\$ 126,364.11
Religious Education	\$ 133,001.17
Utilities Expenses	\$ 79,767.54
Plant Expenses	\$ 271,083.68
Insurance (Property & Liability)	\$ 79,014.84
Other Ministries	\$ 27,143.39
Diocese Assessment	\$ 145,620.00
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 11,927.51
Second Collections	\$ 105,619.26
Fundraising	\$ 52,757.94
Other Expenses	\$ 25,588.56
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,875,266.75

INCOME - EXPENSES \$ 315,388.29

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION June 30, 2024

CASH	
Checking	\$ 1,030,619.13
Restricted Fund Accounts	\$ 27,655.73
General Saving Account	\$ 738,757.48
Savings for Solar Panel Project	\$ 452,969.10
Savings for Bathroom Project	\$ 358,900.26
	\$ -
CURRENT ASSETS	
Pledge Receivables	\$ -
Receivables	\$ -
FIXED ASSETS	
Land, Building & Fixtures	\$ 1,858,779.90
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,467,681.60
LIABILITIES	
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 97,765.34
Deferred Income	\$ 47,713.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 145,479.33
NET ASSETS	
Total Net Assets	\$ 4,322,202.27
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 4,467,681.60

STATISTICAL NUMBERS	
July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024	
Baptisms	120
Confirmations	136
First Communions	137
Marriages	34
Funerals	69
Faith Formation Programs	751
Other Children & Youth Ministries	211

CAPITAL EXPENSES & IMPROVEMENTS

July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024

Office: two new split A/C units/one new desktop/one printer	Mobile Building: roof replacement for all 3 buildings
School: phase 2, replaced all windows	Mobile Building: exterior renovation of the buildings
School: re-keying for all classrooms	Parish Hall: new garden fence
School: upgraded bathroom faucets/valves	Church: pew kneelers replacement/repair
School: flat roof repair for the Parish Office	Church: power amplifier sound system
Parking lot: new lighting project	Church: lighting in the foyer area
Funded by the PSA Rebate & contributions by generous donors	

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,
he shall see his descendants in a long life,
and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished
through him. (Is 53:10)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
(Ps 33)

Second Reading:

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace
to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.
(Heb 4:16)

Gospel:

For the Son of Man did not come to be served
but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mk 10:45)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Do you want to be like Christ? Pray for a servant's heart, for hands that never tire of giving, for arms that hold others up. Pray for feet strong enough to walk the path of a servant, in the footsteps of the one who came not to be served but to serve.

Observances for the week of October 20, 2024

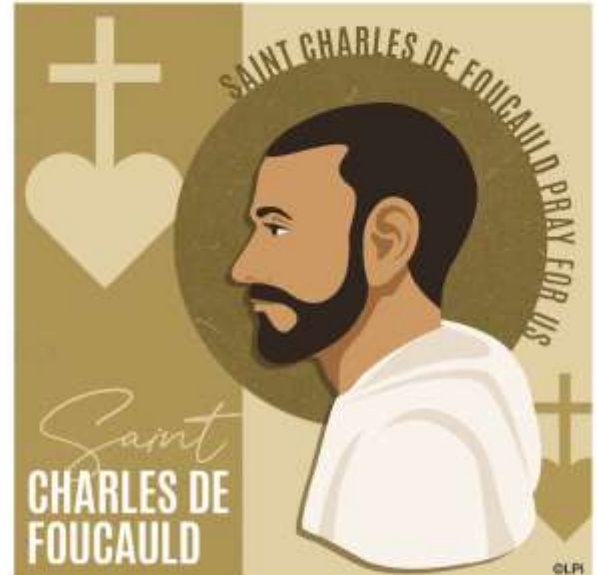
Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday

Tuesday: St. John Paul II, Pope

Wednesday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Thursday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916) whose calling was to live like Jesus, is the inspiration for lay associations, religious communities and secular institutes of laity and priests collectively known as "the spiritual family of Charles de Foucauld."

Prayer for those who Serve

Oh God,
With abiding gratitude,
we thank You for the men
and women who offer of
themselves in service to our
church and our community.
Bless them, their families,
and their ministries with
abundance!
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Made to Serve

I thought it often in my first year as a mother, when I was every day discovering what this new life of parenthood looked and felt like: doing anything with kids is a hundred times harder than doing it without kids. But it's a thousand times better.

From eating dinner to going to Mass to taking a walk around the block — every single outing, even the simplest ones, had an extra level of logistical complexity. I had to bring diapers and food and extra clothes, I had to be ready to distract, to comfort, to settle, to de-escalate. Before, I just showed up, did the thing and went home. Now, I had to be ready to coordinate.

I had to be ready to serve.

But even while everything had become so much more complicated, so much harder, there was suddenly a joyfulness to these experiences that had not been there before. Yes, I was a mom now, a servant if there ever was one, constantly tending to someone else's needs, and it was difficult. Sometimes terribly so. But it was beautiful (not in a physical way — I was usually covered in baby spit-up — but my soul had that glow, you know?).

It was the first time in my life that I really understood what it was to serve, and the power of that vocation to which we are all called.

This isn't just true of parenthood. It's true of every relationship. When we find someone we can meaningfully, wholeheartedly serve — our spouse, our best friend, our employees, our students, our patients, whoever it is — the effort becomes nothing compared to the joy and the fulfillment we find in the work.

We were made for greatness, and Christ tells us that to be great is to serve. So don't be afraid of greatness. Don't be afraid to serve.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

Answer:

The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first!

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