

SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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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)

EUCCHARISTIC 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

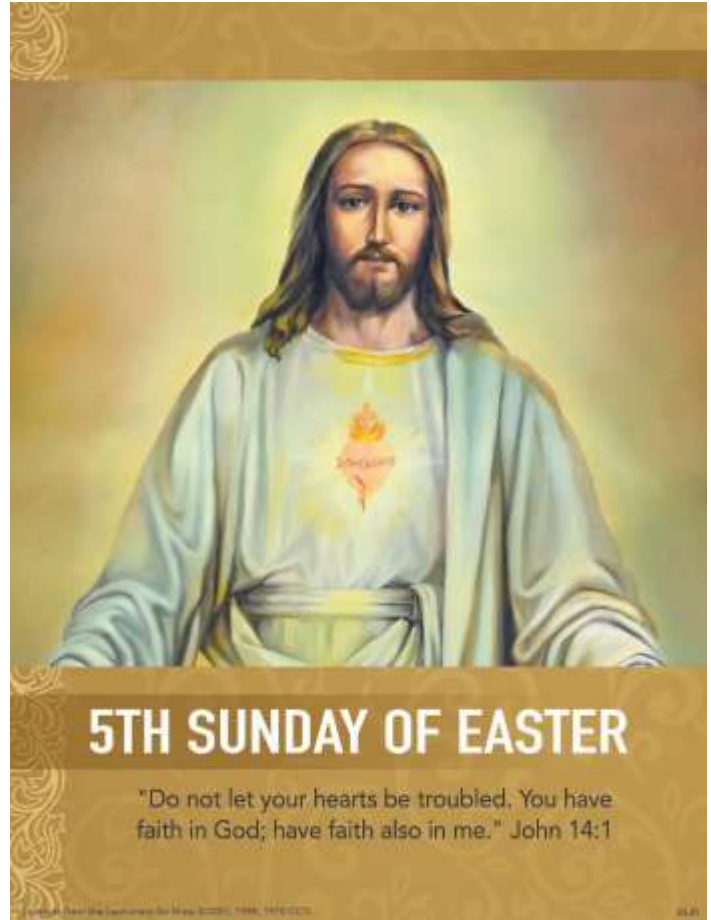
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM,

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM



POPE'S INTENTION - MAY

That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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May 3, 2026

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

Saturday, May 2, 2026

5:00 PM Andrew Rubio✠; John Thomas Adam
(1st Communion)
7:00 PM Thanksgiving; Special Family Intentions

Sunday, May 3, 2026

7:30 AM Paul Lucia Quang Hien✠ & All Ancestors
9:00 AM Mario Salinas Neri✠; Roberto Ramirez✠;
Florentino Perez (Health)
11:00 AM Ronald Acosta & Minh Thu
1:00 PM Bonifacio Samayoa✠; Jesus Villegas
Garcia✠; Eufemia Cabada (Health)
4:00 PM Anne Marie Nguyen✠ & Phuong Dung;
Joseph✠ & Mary✠
6:00 PM Jaime Vaca Rangel✠; Danilo Perdomo &
Oralia Belman (Health) & Irma Luna
(Health)

Monday, May 4, 2026

6:30 AM Pelagia Posadas✠; Phero✠ & Teresa✠
8:30 AM Margaret Ann Mihalik✠; Claudia Bahena
(Birthday)
6:30 PM Jesus Villegas✠; Jesus Villegas Garcia✠;
World Peace & Blessed Souls

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

6:30 AM Elizabeth Alvarez (Health) & All Souls in
Purgatory✠; Special Family Intentions
8:30 AM Clemente Munoz✠; Augustino Than
Nguyen✠ & Anna Ngan Pham✠

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

6:30 AM Luiz Escobar✠; All Souls✠; Alexander
William Martinez (Health) &
Edward Michael Martinez (Health)
8:30 AM Daisy (Health) & Alexandra Jardon (Health);
Martin Salazar

Thursday, May 7, 2026

6:30 AM Gloria J. Minjkives✠ & Laura Maldonado
Perez✠
8:30 AM Family Peace and Blessings;
Toma Thuyet Pham✠ & Maria Beo Pham✠

Friday, May 8, 2026

6:30 AM All Souls✠; Jose Luiz Lemus & Jose Manuel
Lemus✠; Miguel Nares✠; Ortnesia Ortiz
8:30 AM Catarina Hong Pham✠
6:30 PM For all people who attended the retreat

Saturday, May 9, 2026

8:30 AM John✠ & Antonetta Colangelo✠;
Joseph Vu Quy Tran✠

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/
1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab,
21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/
Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and
20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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April 25/26 Masses \$ 25,366.00
April 25/26 Online \$ 1,806.81
Total collection: \$ 27,172.81

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

Las lecturas de la semana del 3 de mayo

Domingo: Hch 6, 1-7/Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 18-19/1 Pe 2, 4-9/
Jn 14, 1-12

Lunes: Hch 14, 5-18/ Sal 113, 1-2. 3-4. 15-16/Jn 14,
21-26

Martes: Hch 14, 19-28/ Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 21/
Jn 14, 27-31

Miércoles: Hch 15, 1-6/ Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/Jn 15, 1-8

Jueves: Hch 15, 7-21/ Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 10/Jn 15, 9-11

Viernes: Hch 15, 22-31/ Sal 56, 8-9. 10 y 12/Jn 15,
12-17

Sábado: Hch 16, 1-10/ Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 5/Jn 15, 18-21

Domingo: Hch 8, 5-8. 14-17/Sal 65, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7.
16 y 20/1 Pe 3, 15-18/Jn 14, 15-21

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 3 de mayo

Domingo: 5º Domingo de Pascua

Martes: Cinco de Mayo

Jueves: Día Nacional de la Oración

Domingo: 6º Domingo de Pascua; Día de la Madre
(EEUU)

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

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflexión: Hay muchas rutas diferentes hacia el Cielo. Pero solo hay un Camino.

El Camino

Un amigo mío, cuya familia pertenecía a varias religiones diferentes, me dijo una vez que había tantas rutas diferentes hacia el Cielo como hacia el supermercado.

Esta era una analogía que su familia había usado para recordar que todos buscaban lo mismo — Dios — aunque la búsqueda fuera de diferentes maneras.

He pensado mucho en sus palabras en los años desde que me las compartió. No es una analogía falsa: hay muchas rutas diferentes para llegar al supermercado. De hecho, un número infinito. En realidad, no hay una forma "correcta" de llegar al supermercado, porque todo depende de dónde empieces y de las otras diligencias que tengas por el camino.

Y hay muchas rutas diferentes hacia el Cielo — igualmente, un número infinito. Todo depende de por dónde empieces. Todo depende de lo que tengas que hacer en el camino.

Ahí está: la parte que importa. El camino.

Ya sea que hablemos del Cielo o del supermercado como destino, no todas las rutas son iguales. Algunas tardan demasiado. Algunas son intransitables. Algunas son difíciles de navegar. Algunas son simplemente inventadas: el fallo de un GPS, la promesa de un falso profeta. E inevitablemente, si tomas una ruta menos que ideal, te encontrarás haciendo señas a un peatón preguntando: "Estoy perdido. ¿Por dónde voy?"

Mira, puedes deambular todo lo que quieras. Pero al final, tienes que encontrar El Camino. Y solo hay uno. Pero no te preocupes.

Lo reconocerás cuando lo veas. ©LPi

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

El amor de Jesús es tan grande por nosotros que quiere que estemos donde Él está. Cada una de sus palabras está llena de esperanza. Él se va a preparar un lugar para cada uno de nosotros: *"Y después de ir a prepararles un lugar, volveré para tomarlos conmigo, para que donde yo esté, estén también ustedes"* (Juan 14:3-4). Luego sigue mostrando su amor al decir: *"Yo soy el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida"*. No tenemos ninguna excusa para decir que no sabemos por dónde ir en la búsqueda de ser mejores. El único Camino es Jesús. Sin embargo, también existe la oportunidad de preguntar, como lo hicieron Tomás y Felipe. La tarea de Jesús es conducirnos al Padre; sus palabras nos dan serenidad y esperanza en la vida futura.

Es importante aprender, en nuestra vida cotidiana, que para llegar al Padre es por medio de Jesús. Jesús y el Padre son uno. Entonces, como bautizados, ¿cuál es nuestra tarea? Desde el tiempo de las primeras comunidades cristianas hasta nuestros días, la Iglesia ha tratado de seguir las enseñanzas de Jesús. Tenemos un Padre que nos ama, y confiar en Él nos da paz, aunque haya guerra y mucho sufrimiento en el mundo. Estamos llamados a luchar por la justicia y la paz, con acciones concretas cuando sea posible y con la oración, como nos lo recuerda el Papa León XIV:

"En verdad les digo: el que crea en mí hará las mismas obras que yo hago, y como ahora voy al Padre, las hará aún mayores" (Juan 14:12). ©LPi

THÀNH LỄ BAN BÍ TÍCH THÊM SỨC



Thứ Sáu, ngày 08/5/2026

Giáo xứ sẽ cử hành Thánh Lễ Ban Bí Tích Thêm Sức cho các em vào lúc 5:00 chiều. Đây là dịp trọng đại khi các em lãnh nhận trọn vẹn ơn Chúa Thánh Thần, để được trưởng thành hơn trong đời sống đức tin. Xin cộng đoàn hiệp lời cầu nguyện cho các em trong ngày hồng phúc này.

Vì lý do trên sẽ **không có Thánh Lễ 6:30 chiều** như thường lệ.

Xin quý cộng đoàn lưu tâm.

Ngày Hiền Mẫu

Trong hai ngày **Thứ Bảy 09/5** và **Chúa Nhật 10/5**, Cha Quản Nhiệm cùng Cộng Đoàn sẽ dâng Thánh Lễ để cầu nguyện và tặng hoa nhu dấu chỉ yêu thương và lòng biết ơn dành cho thiên chức cao quý của Các Người Mẹ. Kính mời quý ông bà, anh chị em cùng hiệp ý tạ ơn và cầu nguyện cho tất cả Các Người Mẹ – những người còn đang đồng hành với chúng ta, cũng như những người đã được Chúa gọi về.



Tiệc Tri Ân Cha Mẹ & 10 Năm Thiên Chức Linh Mục

Mừng Ngày Hiền Phụ, trong Thánh Lễ **4h00 chiều, Chúa Nhật ngày 21/6/2026**

Cộng Đoàn sẽ hiệp ý cầu nguyện đặc biệt cho những Người Cha. Dịp này cũng là Kỷ Niệm 10 Năm Thánh Chức Linh Mục của Cha Quản Nhiệm.

Cộng Đoàn sẽ tổ chức Tiệc Tri Ân Cha Mẹ và Mừng 10 Năm Hồng Ân Linh Mục lúc 5h30 chiều cùng ngày tại Diamond Seafood Palace 3

Vé tham dự là \$40/ người, được bán tại các hội đoàn và cuối nhà thờ sau các thánh lễ.

Kính mời quý ông bà anh chị em tham dự để cùng tri ân các Đấng Sinh Thành và chung vui cùng Cha Quản Nhiệm.



Thánh Lễ Tạ Ôn Cho Các Sinh Viên Tốt Nghiệp

Cha Quản Nhiệm sẽ dâng Thánh Lễ Đặc Biệt cầu nguyện cho các em tốt nghiệp Trung Học và Đại Học trong năm 2026 vào Thánh Lễ 7h00 tối Thứ Bảy ngày 06/06/2026.

Để việc tổ chức được chu đáo và trang trọng, xin quý phụ huynh và các em vui lòng ghi danh sớm, **trước ngày 31/5/26** qua email: cdpolycarp94@gmail.com



TRƯỜNG VIỆT NGŨ SAINT POLYCARP

Tuyên Dương Học Sinh



Em Nguyễn Nhã Katie

Giải I - Học Sinh, Sinh Viên Việt Nam gương Mẫu Cấp 7-9
Giải I - Học Tiếng Việt Ở Nhà
Giải II - Em Yêu Nước Việt
(Giải Học Sinh, Sinh Viên Việt Nam gương Mẫu - Kỳ VIII)
Hạng II - Thi Vẽ về Tết
Giải Khuyến Học Trung Vương - 2026

Em Nguyễn Châu Jacey

Giải Khuyến Khích - Chính Tả và Viết Văn - Cấp 3 (TAVIET)
Hạng I - Thi Vẽ về Tết
Giải Khuyến Học Trung Vương - 2026

Em Nguyễn Vũ Jenny

Hạng I - Chính Tả và Viết Văn - Cấp 4 (TAVIET)
Giải Khuyến Khích - Chính Tả và Luận Văn - Cấp 4
(Liên Trường Công Giáo - Giáo Phận Orange)

Em Đỗ Isabella

Giải Khuyến Khích - Chính Tả và Viết Văn - Cấp 1 (TAVIET)
Hạng III - Chính Tả và Luận Văn - Cấp 1
(Liên Trường Công Giáo - Giáo Phận Orange)

Em Hoàng Kayla

Hạng II - Chính tả và Viết Văn - Cấp 4 (TAVIET)
Giải Khuyến Khích - Chính tả và Luận Văn - Cấp 4
(Liên Trường Công Giáo - Giáo Phận Orange)

Em Đinh Hiếu Ryan

Giải Khuyến Học Trung Vương - 2026

Em Nguyễn Augustine

Giải Khuyến Khích - Chính Tả và Luận Văn - Cấp 4
(Liên Trường Công Giáo - Giáo Phận Orange)

Xin chân thành cảm ơn quý Thầy Cô và Phụ huynh đã giúp đỡ các em trong các kỳ thi vừa qua.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS
English/Spanish Religious Education

(714) 892-3158

Monday/Thursday 2PM - 6PM
Saturday 9AM - 1PM

Confirmation Programs

(714) 890-5200

Tuesday/Wednesday 1PM - 5:30PM
Friday 1PM - 5PM
Sunday 8AM - 3PM

Vietnamese Religious Education

(714) 620-7895

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 2PM - 5:30PM
Saturday 10AM - 1PM



St. Peregrine,
Patron of cancer patients,
and hope for youth at risk,
Pray for us!

Mass at Christ Cathedral
And blessing with relics of St. Peregrine
Wednesday, May 6th | 6:00pm
Bishop Timothy Freyer D.D.

Pray for Confirmation Students


Please keep our Confirmation Class of 2026 in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Friday, May 8, 2026, here at our church. May each of these young people grow to be true witnesses of Christ by the way they live their lives. We also pray for their parents and sponsors, that through their words and example, they will continue to guide and encourage them in following in the footsteps of Christ.

Pray for the Sick

Eliam Phan
Andrew Regalado
Esperanza Ramirez
Kathleen Regalado
Richard Regalado
Jason Minton
Diego DiMassimo Velasquez
Ngoc Tran
Richard Saragosa
Maria Urendiz

Thank you, Donald Gehling, for your many years of dedicated service as a Sacristan. And a heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed their time and effort to make this event possible!



 **Pro Sanctity Movement**



Easter Prayer Group

Join us weekly on Thursday mornings for coffee and refreshments as we pray with the Sunday Gospel.

APRIL 16, 23, 30, MAY 7, 14, 21
AFTER 8:30 AM MASS UNTIL 10:30 AM

ST. POLYCARP ROOM

No registration is needed.
Please contact Cathy for any questions at 714-496-9597.

2026 PSA Pledge Time!

We invite all parishioners to support our **2026 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA)**. If you have not yet submitted your pledge, forms are available in the church lobby. You may also complete your pledge online through our parish website. Completed forms can be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the collection baskets during Mass.



HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU TO LOVE?



AWARENESS

Nearly 400,000 children in the U.S. depend on foster families for a safe home. Nearly 3,000 of those are in Orange County.



OUR MISSION

Spirings of Love helps Catholics discern and live out the call to foster and adopt, and equips parishes to walk alongside families who do.



GET INVOLVED

Start by taking our brief survey. From there, you can explore opportunities to support foster families, join a small group, or connect with a Spirings of Love Chapter.



HAVE YOU BEEN TOUCHED BY FOSTERING OR ADOPTION IN ANY WAY?



Are you a foster or adoptive family, exploring this call, or hoping to support others?

Take our brief survey to get connected: springsoflove.org/dioceseoforange

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Honoring the Past · Building the Future

The Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
50th Anniversary Celebration & Conference

Keynote Speaker, Annette Hills
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Mass at 9:30am in the St. Callistus Chapel

Mass will be followed by a light continental breakfast, keynote speaker, luncheon and visit from special guest
Bishop Kevin Vann

Registration: \$50
QR Code or call Susan at 949-345-9130

ORANGE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



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Servite High School invites students entering 1st through 8th grade to join our summer camps.

Choose from eight sports camps: baseball, basketball, football, soccer, swim, track and field, volleyball, and water polo. Families may register for a single week or bundle multiple weeks for savings.

Looking for theater, academic enrichment, or a future Friar experience too? Multi-week camps offer students the chance to explore a variety of subjects, and our theater camp ends with a performance of Shrek: The Musical Kids!

Camp schedules are designed to align with Servite Athletic Youth Camps. Students attending both athletic and academic camps will be guided by staff from the athletic field or gym directly to their classrooms.

Camps begin as early as Monday, June 8.

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

Please contact servitecommunications@servitehs.org with any questions.

SUMMER CAMPS

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ROSARY ACADEMY

CAMPS START JUNE 8

MON-THURS 9AM-12PM & 12:30PM-3:30PM

OFFERINGS INCLUDE:

- Cooking
- Girls Lead!
- Games
- Photography
- Art
- Sports
- and more!

SCAN TO CHECK OUT ALL SUMMER CAMP OFFERINGS.

REGISTER BY APRIL 1 AND RECEIVE A \$10 DISCOUNT ON EACH CAMP.




LEO XIV

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday, 25 March 2026

Catechesis. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. II. Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*. 5. *On the foundation of the Apostles. The Church in her hierarchical dimension*"

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

We will continue our catecheses on the [Documents of the Second Vatican Council](#), commenting on the Dogmatic Constitution [Lumen gentium](#) on the Church ([LG](#)). After presenting her as the People of God, today we will consider her hierarchical form.

The Catholic Church is founded on the Apostles, whom Christ appointed as the living pillars of His mystical Body, and possesses a hierarchical structure that works in the service of the unity, mission and sanctification of all her members. This sacred Order is permanently founded on the Apostles (cf. *Eph* 2:20; *Rev* 21:14), as authoritative witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus (cf. *Acts* 1:22; *1 Cor* 15:7) and sent by the Lord Himself on mission into the world (cf. *Mk* 16:15; *Mt* 28:19). Since the Apostles are called to faithfully preserve the Master's salvific teaching (cf. *2 Tim* 1:13–14), they hand on their ministry to men who, until Christ's return, continue to sanctify, guide and instruct the Church "through their successors in pastoral office" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 857).

This apostolic succession, founded on the Gospel and in the Tradition, is explored further in Chapter III of [Lumen gentium](#), entitled "*On the hierarchical structure of the Church and in particular on the Episcopate*". The Council teaches that the hierarchical structure is not a human construct, functional to the internal organization of the Church as a social body (cf. [LG](#), 8), but a divine institution whose purpose is to perpetuate the mission given by Christ to the Apostles until the end of time.

The fact that this theme is addressed in Chapter III, after the first two chapters have considered the very essence of the Church (cf. *Acta Synodalia* III/1, 209–210), does not imply that the hierarchical constitution is a subsequent element with respect to the People of God: as the Decree *Ad gentes* notes, "the Apostles were the first budding-forth of the New Israel, and at the same time the beginning of the sacred hierarchy" (no. 5), inasmuch as they were the community of those redeemed by Christ's Paschal Mystery, established as a means of salvation for the world.

To understand the Council's intention, it is advisable to read carefully the title of Chapter III of [Lumen gentium](#), which explains the fundamental structure of the Church, received from God the Father through the Son and brought to fulfilment by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Council Fathers did not want to present the institutional elements of the Church, as the noun "constitution" might imply if understood in the modern sense. The Document concentrates instead on the "ministerial or hierarchical priesthood", which differs "in essence and not only in degree" from the common priesthood of the faithful, recalling that the latter are "nonetheless interrelated: each of them in its own special way is a participation in the one priesthood of Christ" ([LG](#), 10). The Council thus addresses the ministry conferred upon men endowed with *sacra potestas*, sacred power (cf. [LG](#), 18) for service in the Church: it focuses in particular on the episcopate ([LG](#), 18–27), then on the priesthood ([LG](#), 28) and the diaconate ([LG](#), 29) as degrees of the one sacrament of Holy Orders.

By the adjective "hierarchical", therefore, the Council intends to indicate the sacred origin of the apostolic ministry in the action of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as well as its internal relationships. The Bishops, first and foremost, and through them the priests and deacons, have received tasks (in Latin *munera*), which lead them to the service of "all those who belong to the People of God", so that, "working toward a common goal freely and in an orderly way, [they] may arrive at salvation" ([LG](#), 18).

[Lumen gentium](#) repeatedly and effectively recalls the collegial and communal nature of this apostolic mission, reaffirming that the "duty which the Lord committed to the shepherds of His people is a true service, which in sacred literature is significantly called 'diakonia' or ministry" ([LG](#), 24). We can therefore understand why [Saint Paul VI](#) presented the hierarchy as a reality "born of the charity of Christ, to fulfil, spread and ensure the intact and fruitful transmission of the wealth of faith, examples, precepts and charisms bequeathed by Christ to His Church" (*Address*, 14 September 1964, in *Acta Synodalia* III/1, 147).

Dear sisters, dear brothers, let us pray to the Lord that He may send to His Church ministers who are ardent with evangelical charity, dedicated to the good of all the baptized, and courageous missionaries in every part of the world.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The word of God continued to spread,
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased
greatly. (Acts 6:7)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone. (1 Pt 2:7)*

Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

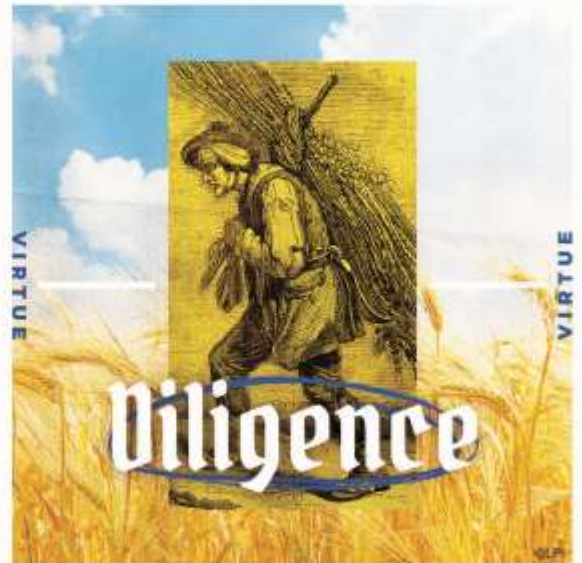
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How often do we contemplate the
mercy of God, but fear it will run out?
How often do we consider following the
path of Christ and worry that it is too
steep? But God has not overpromised.
Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him.

Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: *Cinco de Mayo*
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter;
Mother's Day



Virtues, Explained!

Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. It is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness.

Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
You have said, "Do not let your hearts
be troubled."
Bless me with Your peace.
Fill my heart with trust in You,
and hope in Your promises.
Be my rock in times of distress,
my light in times of darkness,
and my rest in the storm.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: There are lots of different routes to Heaven. But there's only one Way.

The Way

A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store.

This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing — God — even though they were going about the search in different ways.

I've thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It's not an untrue analogy — there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no "right" way to get to the grocery store, because it all depends on where you're starting from and what other errands you have along the way.

And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven — likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you're starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way.

There it is: the part that matters. *The way.*

Whether we're talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up — the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, "I'm lost. Which way do I go?"

See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there's only one. Don't worry, though.

You'll know him when you see him.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

Answer:

The mission of the Church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The Church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who, by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.



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