

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

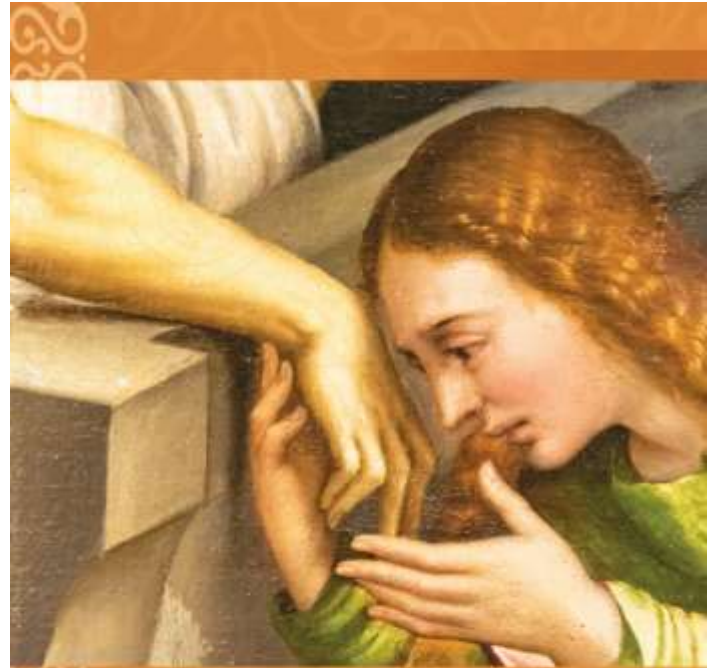
Sunday

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1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

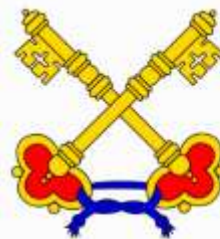
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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." John 3:17



POPE'S INTENTION - JUNE

For the Values of Sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

May 31, 2026

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

Saturday, May 30, 2026

5:00 PM Aurora De Jesus✠;
Maria Ines Sedano Rubio✠
7:00 PM Thanks to God, Mother Mary & St. Joseph

Sunday, May 31, 2026

7:30 AM Peter Trap Mai✠ & All Ancestors;
Ngoe Mai (Birthday)
9:00 AM Juan Fregoso✠, Felix Fregoso &
Candida Perez✠; Fabio Gaspar (Health)
11:00 AM Andrew Rubio✠; Carol Asperin Vu✠
1:00 PM Juan Villegas Garcia✠;
Maria Eugenia Portillo✠
4:00 PM All Souls
6:00 PM Gloria Rodriguez Vida✠; Miguel Alvarez✠;
Ester del Cid (Health)

Monday, June 1, 2026

6:30 AM All Souls
8:30 AM All Souls

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

8:30 AM All Souls

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

8:30 AM William Emanuel Sligan✠

Thursday, June 4, 2026

8:30 AM All Souls

Friday, June 5, 2026

8:30 AM Toma Lai Pham✠ & Giuse Tien Pham✠
6:30 PM Living and Deceased of the Vietnamese;
Catarina Hong Pham✠

Saturday, June 6, 2026

8:30 AM Toma Thuyet Pham✠ & Maria Beo Pham✠

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/
Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10,
14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/
Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9,
10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165,
166, 168/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17,
22/Mk 12:38-44
Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-
20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58



Pray for the Sick

Eliam Phan
Esperanza Ramirez
Jason Minton
Diego DiMassimo Velasquez
Ngoc Tran
Richard Saragosa
Maria Urendiz
Rosa Garcia
Yolanda Meillon
Evangelina Escobedo
Anaid Serrato
Brenda Barrios

Wedding Banns

Yesenia & Edgar
Martha Ventura & Arturo Behonor



SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE



May 23/24 Masses \$ 2,797.50
May 23/24 Online \$ 1,838.41
Total collection: \$ 4,635.91

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

lecturas de la semana del 31 de mayo

Domingo: Ex 34, 4-6. 8-9/Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/2 Co 13, 11-13/Jn 3, 16-18

Lunes: 2 Pe 1, 2-7/ Sal 90, 1-2. 14-15. 15-16/Mc 12, 1-12

Martes: 2 Pe 3, 12-15. 17-18/ Sal 89, 2. 3-4. 10. 14 y 16/ Mc 12, 13-17

Miércoles: 2 Tm 1, 1-3. 6-12/ Sal 122, 1-2. 2/Mc 12, 18-27

Jueves: 2 Tm 2, 8-15/ Sal 24, 4-5. 8-9. 10 y 14/Mc 12, 28-34

Viernes: 2 Tm 3, 10-17/ Sal 118, 157. 160. 161. 165. 166. 168/Mc 12, 35-37

Sábado: 2 Tm 4, 1-8/ Sal 70, 8-9. 14-15. 16-17. 22/Mc 12, 38-44

Domingo: Dt 8, 2-3. 14-16/Sal 146, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/ 1 Co 10, 16-17/Jn 6, 51-58

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 31 de mayo

Domingo: La Santísima Trinidad

Lunes: San Justino, mártir

Martes: Santos Marcelino y Pedro, mártires

Miércoles: San Carlos Lwanga y compañeros, mártires

Viernes: San Bonifacio, obispo y mártir

Sábado: San Norberto, obispo

Domingo: El Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo

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

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflexión: Nuestra falta de comprensión no es una pobreza. Es un regalo. Nos impulsa constantemente de vuelta al manantial de nuestra gloriosa Fe — a las Escrituras, a la Tradición, a la morada del Espíritu Santo que sostiene a cada uno de nosotros que nos atrevemos a creer.

El Regalo de No Entender

Una vez escuché al obispo Daniel Flores — un reconocido erudito y prelado — dar una charla de 70 minutos sobre la naturaleza trinitaria de Dios. En esos 70 minutos, el obispo Flores dijo muchas cosas elocuentes. Pero lo que realmente me impactó no fue un grupo de palabras, sino un solo gesto.

Definiendo *la hipóstasis*, el término que usamos para las "relaciones dinámicas recíprocas que constituyen identidades distintas dentro de la Divinidad" (sí, uso sus palabras porque jamás, en un millón de años, podría confiar en las mías), el obispo Flores dijo: "el Padre y el Hijo son el verdadero Dios, pero el Padre no es el Hijo, y el Hijo no es el Padre. ¿Cómo no? Otra hipóstasis."

Y ahí sus ojos se abrieron grandemente; giró la cabeza y abrió las manos, apartándose como si se alejara de un caballo asustado. La implicación era clara: *Más allá de esto, no me atrevo a ir.*

Nunca me había sentido tan vista.

A veces, cometo el error de pensar que soy única en mi incapacidad para comprender los grandes misterios. A veces, desespere por no ser una "mejor católica" — alguien que se lanzará de cabeza al punto de mira de una pregunta difícil, segura de las palabras que salen inmediatamente a mis labios.

Pero cuando vi al obispo Flores estremecerse ante la idea de definir cómo, exactamente, el Hijo *no* es el Padre, y viceversa, recordé que solo los necios se lanzan donde los ángeles temen pisar.

Este domingo, amigos, anímense; nuestra falta de comprensión no es una pobreza. Es un regalo. Nos impulsa constantemente de vuelta al manantial de nuestra gloriosa Fe — a las Escrituras, a la Tradición, a la morada del Espíritu Santo que sostiene a cada uno de nosotros que nos atrevemos a creer. ©LPi

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA (Gospel Meditations)

¡Gloria al Padre, gloria al Hijo y gloria al Espíritu Santo! "¡Así amó Dios al mundo! Le dio al Hijo Único, para que quien cree en él no se pierda, sino que tenga vida eterna" (Juan 3:16). Después de la solemnidad de Pentecostés, que celebramos el domingo pasado, la Iglesia nos invita ahora a celebrar el gran misterio de la Santísima Trinidad: misterio de amor y de unidad.

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (número 253) nos habla del dogma de la Santísima Trinidad:

La Trinidad es una. No confesamos tres dioses sino un solo Dios en tres personas: "la Trinidad consubstancial". Las personas divinas no se reparten la única divinidad, sino que cada una de ellas es enteramente Dios: "El Padre es lo mismo que es el Hijo, el Hijo lo mismo que es el Padre, el Padre y el Hijo lo mismo que el Espíritu Santo, es decir, un solo Dios por naturaleza". "Cada una de las tres personas es esta realidad, es decir, la substancia, la esencia o la naturaleza divina". Por la gracia del bautismo, "en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo", somos llamados a participar en la vida de la Bienaventurada Trinidad: aquí abajo, en la oscuridad de la fe, y después de la muerte, en la luz eterna (CIC 265). Dios es amor, y cualquiera de nosotros que haya experimentado lo que es el verdadero amor puede comprender, por la gracia del Espíritu Santo, este gran misterio de fe. La esencia de la Trinidad es servir y amar; por lo tanto, como cristianos, a eso estamos llamados: a servir y amar. ©LPi





Thông Báo Quan Trọng Về Việc Giả Danh Linh Mục



Gần đây, các **Giáo phận Orange, San Bernardino và San Diego** đã cảnh báo về một nhóm người đàn ông **giả danh linh mục và giám mục**, tự xưng là "Thừa Sai Đức Mẹ Guadalupe của Bí tích Thánh Thể Chí Thánh".

Họ được báo cáo là đang tìm cách **cử hành các bí tích để đổi lấy tiền**.

Các Đức Giám mục khẳng định mọi bí tích do nhóm này cử hành đều **bất thành và bất hợp pháp**.

Theo giáo luật và chỉ thị của Đức Giám mục Giáo phận Orange, **không linh mục nào được phép cử hành Thánh Lễ tại nhà riêng hoặc nhà quán, đặc biệt khi có liên quan đến việc xin tiền**.

Tại Giáo xứ Thánh Polycarp, không hội đoàn hay ban ngành nào được mời linh mục bên ngoài đến tham dự, thuyết trình, hay cử hành bất kỳ bí tích nào nếu chưa hoàn tất hồ sơ hợp lệ với Tòa Giám mục và chưa được cha xứ cho phép.

Thánh Lễ tại Linh Đài Đức Mẹ La Vang

Cộng Đoàn sẽ phụ trách Thánh Lễ Đầu Tháng tại
Linh Đài Đức Mẹ La Vang - Nhà Thờ Chánh Tòa

vào lúc **8:30AM - Thứ Bảy, 6/6/2026**

Kính mời quý cộng đoàn sắp xếp thời gian đến tham dự,
cùng nhau hiệp ý cầu nguyện và tôn vinh Mẹ.

Thánh Lễ Thụ Phong Linh Mục

Lễ Thụ Phong Linh Mục của **Thầy Phó Tế Francis Ang**
tại **Nhà Thờ Chính Tòa**

vào lúc **10AM - Thứ Bảy ngày 6/6/2026**

Ngay sau thánh lễ của cộng đoàn tại linh đài,
kính mời quý cộng đoàn vào nhà thờ để tham dự và
thêm lời cầu nguyện để Thầy luôn được trung tín
với Ông Gọi và được nhiều Ân Sủng Chúa
để Thầy hằng say mang Chúa đến cho mọi người.

Chầu Thánh Thể 48 Giờ

Mừng 50 Năm Giáo Phận Orange:
Giáo Xứ sẽ cử hành Chầu Thánh Thể 48 tiếng
tại hội trường:

Bắt đầu: 7:15pm - Thứ Sáu, 5/6/26

Sau thánh lễ tiếng Việt 6g30 tối:
Mình Thánh Chúa sẽ được rước sang Hội Trường
để bắt đầu giờ chầu.

Kết thúc: 4:00pm - Chúa Nhật, 7/6/26

Sau thánh lễ tiếng Việt, Mình Thánh Chúa
sẽ được rước trở lại nhà thờ.

Kính mời cộng đoàn sốt sắng tham dự để cùng
dâng lời tạ ơn Chúa vì muôn ơn lành Ngài ban
cho Giáo Phận suốt 50 năm qua.

Vi lý do trên sẽ không có giờ chầu lúc 6:00 tối
Thứ Sáu trước thánh lễ.

Thánh Lễ TạƠn Cho Các Sinh Viên Tốt Nghiệp

Trong Thánh Lễ lúc 7:00 tối Thứ Bảy, ngày 06/06/2026, Cha Quản Nhiệm sẽ dâng Thánh Lễ
cầu nguyện cho các em trong Cộng Đoàn vừa **tốt nghiệp Trung Học hoặc Đại Học năm 2026**.

Cùng với các em, cộng đoàn dâng lời tạ ơn Thiên Chúa sau những năm tháng nỗ lực học hành,
và xin Chúa ban ơn soi sáng và trợ giúp cho các em trong hành trình tương lai.

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

Điều chỉnh Lịch Thánh Lễ (Từ ngày 1– 5/6/2026)

Do các linh mục trong giáo phận đi tĩnh tâm thường niên từ 1/6 đến 5/6/2026

Thứ Hai - 1/6/2026: Chỉ có Thánh Lễ 6:30 sáng và 8:30 sáng; không có lễ chiều và không giải tội.

Từ Thứ Ba 2/6 đến Thứ Sáu 5/6/2026: Mỗi ngày chỉ có Thánh Lễ 8:30 sáng; không giải tội sau lễ.

Riêng Thứ Sáu 5/6 vẫn có Thánh Lễ tiếng Việt lúc 6:30 tối như thường lệ.

Nếu cần lãnh nhận Bí tích Xức Dầu Bệnh Nhân: Xin liên lạc các cha về hưu.

Thánh Hiến Hoa Kỳ Cho Thánh Tâm Chúa Giêsu

Theo chỉ thị của Đức Cha Kevin Vann và Hội Đồng Giám Mục Hoa Kỳ, các giáo xứ trên toàn quốc được mời gọi cử hành Thánh Lễ đặc biệt để thánh hiến Quốc Gia cho Thánh Tâm Chúa Giêsu.

Kính mời quý ông bà anh chị em hiệp thông với Giáo Hội Hoa Kỳ trong dịp trọng đại **kỷ niệm 250 năm Thành Lập Hiệp Chúng Quốc Hoa Kỳ.**

Giáo xứ chúng ta sẽ cử hành như sau:

Thứ Năm, ngày 11/6/2026

8:30 sáng - 4:30 chiều: Châu Thánh Thể trong thánh đường

5:00 chiều: Thánh Lễ ba ngôn ngữ

Trong tâm tình tạ ơn và phó thác, xin cộng đoàn cùng đến tham dự

Châu Thánh Thể và Thánh Lễ để cầu nguyện cho đất nước Hoa Kỳ

luôn được Chúa gìn giữ, hướng dẫn và chúc lành; cho mọi gia đình được sống trong bình an, công lý và tình liên đới.



Tiệc Tri Ân Cha Mẹ & 10 Năm Hồng Ân Linh Mục

Trong tâm tình tạ ơn Thiên Chúa - Tri ân Cha Mẹ -

Mừng kỷ niệm 10 năm Hồng Ân Thánh Chức Linh Mục của Cha Quản Nhiệm

Cộng Đoàn sẽ cử hành Thánh Lễ Tạ Ơn vào lúc **4h00 chiều, Chúa Nhật ngày 21/6/2026**

Ngay sau Thánh Lễ, kính mời cộng đoàn tham dự tiệc mừng và chia tay Cha Quản Nhiệm tại Nhà hàng Diamond Seafood Palace 3 (góc Golden West & Westminster).

Vé tham dự là \$40/ người, quý ông bà anh chị em có thể mua vé qua các hội đoàn, Ban Thường Vụ, hoặc tại cuối thánh đường sau các Thánh Lễ Việt Nam.

Đây cũng là Tiệc Chia Tay Cha Quản Nhiệm trước khi Cha rời cộng đoàn để nhận nhiệm sở mới.

Xin mọi người tham dự đông đảo để nói lên tấm lòng Tri Ân Cha

sau hai năm ngài phục vụ nhiệt tình và tận tâm tại cộng đoàn chúng ta.

HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY



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

CHRIST
CATHEDRAL

JUNE 6,
2026

**Priesthood
Ordination**

*Rev. Mr. Francis
Macapagal Ang*



SUMMER CAMP



JUNE 15 - 19 2026

1st - 6th grade

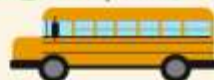
9AM - 4PM

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FIELD TRIPS

JUN 16: Beach 🐠

JUNE 18: Irvine Park



Annual Priest Retreat

JUNE 1, 2026 - JUNE 5, 2026

**MONDAY, 6/1/2026 ONLY 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
MASSES**

**NO EVENING SPANISH MASS & NO CONFESSION
HOUR**

**TUESDAY, 6/2/2026 - FRIDAY 6/5/2026
ONLY 8:30 AM ENGLISH MASS**

**FRIDAY, 6/5/2026, AFTER THE 8:30 AM MASS, WE
STILL HAVE THE ADORATION HOUR, BUT THERE IS NO
CONFESSION HOUR. THE VIETNAMESE MASS IS AT
6:30 PM.**



**++ SAINT POLYCARP
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



SLM



20th Anniversary Celebration
LABYRINTH WALK
 MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026
 in the Parish Hall
 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

All are invited to walk this ancient path of contemplation and prayer. The Labyrinth - a metaphor for our spiritual journey - provides an opportunity to quiet "the noise within" so we can hear His voice. Praying the Labyrinth takes about 20 minutes but you may wish to sit in the candle-lit environment for further meditation and reflection.

Allow yourself to be soft and pliable, awaiting the Lord's imprint on your heart.

BODY MIND SPIRIT
 Health Ministry
 ST IRENAEUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
 5201 Evergreen Ave., Cypress CA
 sticypress.org

PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME



FRIDAY, JUNE 12
 GET YOUR TICKETS AT RCBO.ORG/BASKETBALL

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

SUMMER SERIES



FEATURING

the sandwich generation
 /san(d)wiCH jenə'rəSHən/

a generation of people, in their thirties, forties, & fifties, responsible for bringing up their own children & for the care of their aging parents

Advance Care Planning doesn't have to be as hard as solving a Rubik's Cube or rewinding cassette tapes. Join us for any or all of this 4 part series on topics including funeral planning, medical decision making, & more.

Thursdays: June 11, July 16, July 23, July 30
 Sips & Subs at 6:30pm Session at 7:30-9pm
 Pastoral Center, Garden Grove
 \$12 per person per session or \$40 for all four (or sweet deals for bringing a BFF!)

Questions? Contact: familylife@rcbo.org

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THE BISHOP OF ORANGE
 WOMEN OF ORANGE
 PARISH COUNCIL OF ORANGE
 OFFICE FOR FAMILY LIFE
 Diocese of Orange
 Cutting-edge of Your Pastoral

Mental Health FIRST AID

from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

TRAINING FOR ADULTS WHO WORK WITH YOUTH

Tuesday, June 23, 2026
9:00 AM To 3:30 PM



Pastoral Center, Diocese of Orange
 13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove

Mental Health First Aid - Mental health First Aid USA is an evidence-based training that teaches participants how to identify, understand and respond to someone who is experiencing a mental health or substance-use challenge.

Why is Mental Health Literacy Important? What people in a parish know and believe about mental illness will have a direct impact on a parish's ability to minister. Adult Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among our communities and ministries.

Questions?
 Contact Rebecca Freeman
 Pastoral Care Ministry Coordinator
rfreeman@rcbo.org (714) 282-6059

TRAINING IS FREE!
 CERTIFICATION LASTS FOR 5 YEARS
 2 HOUR ONLINE PREWORK REQUIRED
REGISTER BY MONDAY, JUNE 15TH

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OFFICE FOR FAMILY LIFE
 DIOCESE OF ORANGE

LEO XIV

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday, 6 May 2026

Catechesis. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. II. Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*. 8. The Church, pilgrim in history towards the heavenly homeland

Brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

As we focus today on a section of Chapter VII of the [Second Vatican Council's Constitution](#) on the Church, let us reflect on one of its defining characteristics: its *eschatological dimension*. The Church, in fact, journeys through this earthly history always looking towards her final destination, which is the heavenly homeland. This is an essential dimension which, however, we often overlook or downplay, because we are too focused on what is immediately visible and on the more concrete dynamics of the life of the Christian community.

The Church is God's people journeying through history, which has the Kingdom of God as the purpose of all her action (cf. [LG](#), 9). Jesus initiated the Church precisely by proclaiming this Kingdom of love, justice and peace (cf. [LG](#), 5). We are therefore called to consider the community and cosmic dimension of salvation in Christ and to turn our eyes to this final horizon, to measure and evaluate everything from this perspective.

The Church lives in history in the service of the coming of the Kingdom of God in the world. She proclaims the words of this promise to all and always; she receives a pledge of it in the celebration of the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist; she puts its logic into practice and experiences it in relationships of love and service. Furthermore, she knows that she is the place and the means where union with Christ is realized "more closely" ([LG](#), 48), whilst at the same time recognizing that salvation can be bestowed by God in the Holy Spirit even beyond her visible boundaries.

In this regard, the Constitution [Lumen gentium](#) makes an important statement: the Church is the "universal sacrament of salvation" ([LG](#), 48), that is, the sign and instrument of that fullness of life and peace promoted by God. This means that she does not identify perfectly with the Kingdom of God, but is its seed and beginning, for its fulfilment will be granted to humanity and the cosmos only at the end. Believers in Christ, therefore, walk through this earthly history, marked by the maturation of good but also by injustices and sufferings, without being either deluded or despairing; they live guided by the promise received from the One who will "make all things new" (*Rev* 21:5). Therefore, the Church realizes her mission between the "already" of the beginning of the Kingdom of God in Jesus, and the "not yet" of the promised and anticipated fulfilment. As the guardian of a hope that enlightens the path, she is also invested with the mission of speaking clearly to reject everything that mortifies life and prevents its development, and to take a position in favour of the poor, the exploited, the victims of violence and war, and all those who suffer in body and in spirit (cf. [Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church](#), no. 159).

As the sign and sacrament of the Kingdom, the Church is the pilgrim people of God on earth who, drawing precisely on the final promise, reads and interprets the dynamics of history through the Gospel, denouncing evil in all its forms and proclaiming, in word and deed, the salvation that Christ wishes to bring about for all humanity and His Kingdom of justice, love and peace. The Church, therefore, does not proclaim herself; on the contrary, everything within her must point to salvation in Christ.

From this perspective, the Church is called to recognize humbly the human fragility and transience of her own institutions who, despite being at the service of the Kingdom of God, bear the fleeting image of this world (cf. [LG](#), 48). No ecclesial institution can be treated as absolute; indeed, since they exist within history and time, they are called to continual conversion, to the renewal of forms and the reform of structures, to the continual regeneration of relationships, so that they may truly fulfil their mission.

Within the horizon of the Kingdom of God, we must also understand the relationship between the Christians who are carrying out their mission today, and those who have already completed their earthly existence and are in a state of purification or beatitude. [Lumen gentium](#), in fact, affirms that all Christians form a single Church, that there is communion and sharing of spiritual goods founded on the union with Christ of all believers, a *fraterna sollicitudo* between the earthly Church and the heavenly Church: that communion of saints that is experienced in particular in the liturgy (cf. [LG](#), 49-51). By praying for the departed and following in the footsteps of those who have already lived as disciples of Jesus, we too are sustained on our journey and strengthen our worship of God: marked by the one Spirit and united in the one liturgy, together with those who have gone before us in faith, we praise and give glory to the Most Holy Trinity.

Let us be grateful to the Council Fathers for reminding us of this most important and beautiful aspect of being Christian, and may we strive to cultivate it in our lives.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." (Ex 34:5)

Psalm:

Glory and praise for ever! (Dn 3)

Second Reading:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Cor 13:13)

Gospel:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Salvation is a gift God dearly wishes us to accept. It is not a yardstick against which He measures our worth. He has made it so simple. So, will we accept?

Observances for the week of May 31, 2026

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity
Monday: St. Justin, Martyr
Tuesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Friday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday: St. Norbert, Bishop
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Virtues, Explained!

We see perfect obedience shown by Christ amidst his agony in the garden. His human will dreads what will come, but his divine will, which is never at odds with his human will, submits to the Truth: "Yet, not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39)

Trinity Prayer

O Divine Mystery, O Sacred Trinity!
Surround us with Your wisdom, love,
power, and grace.
Draw us to Yourself. Help us to rest in
Your goodness.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe.

The Gift of Not Understanding

I once listened to Bishop Daniel Flores — a renowned scholar and prelate — give a 70-minute talk on the Trinitarian nature of God. In those 70 minutes, Bishop Flores said a lot of eloquent things. But what that really landed with me was not any group of words, but a single gesture.

Defining *hypostasis*, the term we use for the “the reciprocal dynamic relations that constitute distinct identities within the Godhead” (yes, I am using his words because I could never, in a million years, trust my own) Bishop Flores said “the Father and the Son are true God, but the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father. How not? Different hypostasis.”

And here his eyes grew wide; he turned his head and opened his hands, drawing back as if from a spooked horse. The implication was clear: *Any further than this, I dare not go.*

I’ve never felt so seen.

Sometimes, I make the mistake of thinking that I am unique in my inability to understand the great mysteries. Sometimes, I despair that I am not a “better Catholic” — one who will rush headfirst into the crosshairs of a hard question, confident in the words that come immediately to my lips.

But when I saw Bishop Flores flinch at the thought of defining how, exactly, the Son is not the Father, and vice versa, I remembered that only fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

This Sunday, friends, take heart: our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

In some passages of the Bible, Jesus makes it sound like only a few people will be saved. But we talk about hoping for everyone’s salvation. So which one is it — will many or few people be saved?

Answer:

Salvation is a mystery of God’s grace. St. Paul encourages us to offer prayers for everyone. He calls it “*good and pleasing to God*” because God Himself “*wills everyone to be saved*” (c.f. 1 Tm 2:1-4). The redemption that Jesus offers is held out to all of us. His sacrifice on the cross was already for everyone. Now it is a matter of if and how we accept that salvation in our own lives.

Here on earth, we can’t possibly know the exact number of people who will be in heaven. When we hear words like “many” and “few,” we tend to think of them in quantitative terms. Four wine glasses for six guests is too few. Three slices of cake for one person is too many. For God, however, “many” and “few” are qualitative terms. Imagine for a moment that nearly every human person is in heaven and only a handful had, by their actions on earth, separated themselves from God. For a God who infinitely loves, even one person spending eternity apart from Him is too many!



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