



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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Rev. Viet Peter Ho

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Rev. Francis Ang

Rev. Jaime Hernandez

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Dcn. Ramiro Lopez

Dcn. Larry Leone

Dcn. Davis Tri Do

Dcn. Juan Ochoa

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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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,

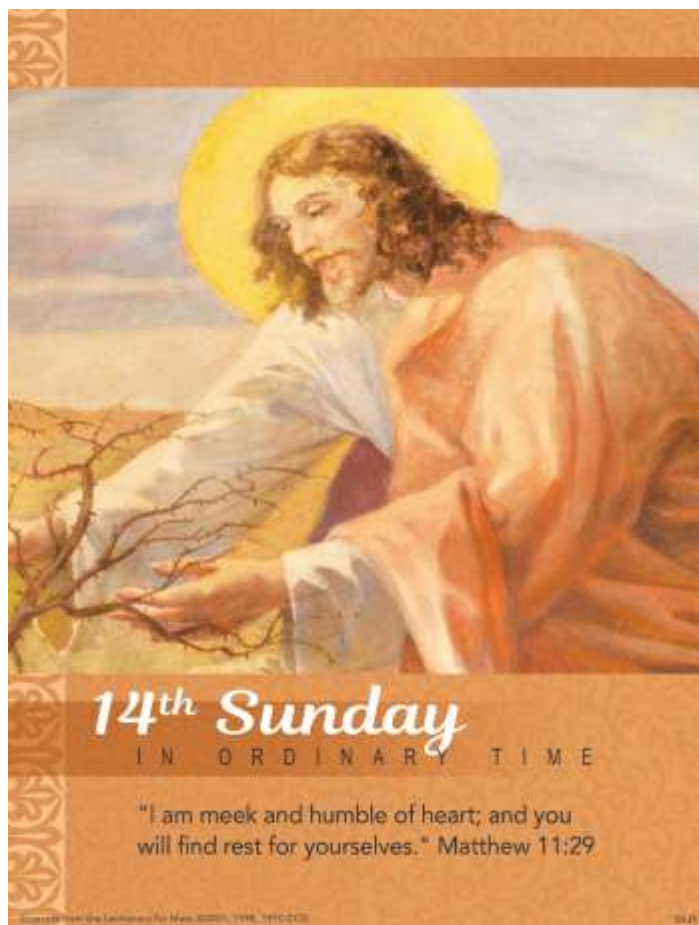
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Sunday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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POPE'S INTENTION - JULY

For Respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection
of human life in all its stages, recognizing it
as a gift from God.

July 5, 2026

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

Saturday, July 4, 2026

5:00 PM Anton Nguyen Binh Quy✠
7:00 PM Toma Lai Pham✠ & Giuse Tien Pham✠

Sunday, July 5, 2026

7:30 AM Louis Thue✠ & Maria Hong✠;
Peter Trap Mai✠ & All Ancestors
9:00 AM Martha Corado✠; Arturo Martinez (Health)
11:00 AM All Souls
1:00 PM Jesus Villegas Garcia✠; Feliz Cumpleanos,
Emily Anahi (age 3) & Sebastian de Jesus
Aguilar Del Cid (age 8); The Priests
4:00 PM All Souls; Joseph✠ & Mary✠
6:00 PM Special Mom's & Hospitality Mom's

Monday, July 6, 2026

6:30 AM Crecencio Sanchez Gimenez✠ &
Miguel Gimenez Sanchez✠ &
Jose Juan Noria Velasquez✠;
Souls in Purgatory &
Ricardo Becerra (Health) &
Jaime Navarro (Health)
8:30 AM All Souls
6:30 PM Gerardo Munoz✠ & Alberto Munoz✠ &
Carmen Vasquez✠;
Mario Garcia Noguera✠;
Raquel Salazar (Health)

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

6:30 AM Reynaldo Posadas✠; Souls in Purgatory &
Kristen Hurst✠
8:30 AM Augustino Than Nguyen✠ &
Anna Ngan Pham✠

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

6:30 AM All Souls
8:30 AM This De Nguyen Family (Peace)

Thursday, July 9, 2026

6:30 AM William Emanuel Saligan✠;
Souls in Purgatory
8:30 AM Special Family Intentions

Friday, July 10, 2026

6:30 AM All Souls
8:30 AM Catarina Hong Pham✠
6:30 PM All Souls

Saturday, July 11, 2026

8:30 AM Teresita Sarino Jusi✠;
Fr. Benedict Hien Dinh Nguyen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11,
13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,
6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8,
9-10/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5,
6-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b,
15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13,
14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13,
14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



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June 27/28 Masses	\$ 19,596.00
June 27/28 Online	\$ 2,679.53
Total collection:	\$ 22,275.53

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



Las lecturas de la semana del 5 de julio

Domingo: Zac 9, 9-10/Sal 144, 1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13-14/
Rom 8, 9. 11-13/Mt 11, 25-30
Lunes: Os 2, 16. 17-18. 21-22/Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7.
8-9/Mt 9, 18-26
Martes: Os 8, 4-7. 11-13/Sal 114, 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. 9-10/
Mt 9, 32-38
Miércoles: Os 10, 1-3. 7-8. 12/Sal 104, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/
Mt 10, 1-7
Jueves: Os 11, 1-4. 8-9/Sal 79, 2 y 3. 15-16/Mt 10,
7-15
Viernes: Os 14, 2-10/Sal 50, 3-4. 8-9. 12-13. 14 y 17/
Mt 10, 16-23
Sábado: Is 6, 1-8/Sal 92, 1. 1-2. 5/Mt 10, 24-33
Domingo: Is 55, 10-11/Sal 66, 10. 11. 12-13. 14/Rom 8,
18-23/Mt 13, 1-23 o 13, 1-9

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 5 de julio

Domingo: 14º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: Santa María Goretti, virgen y mártir
Jueves: San Agustín Zhao Rong, sacerdote,
y compañeros, mártires
Sábado: San Benito, abad
Domingo: 15º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

La Pequeñez de la Gran Fe

Mis hijos asisten a la Catequesis del Buen Pastor (CGS) para su formación de fe. Debido a su base Montessori, los atrios de CGS, que son algo así como aulas, contienen muchos objetos hechos de materiales reales — vidrio auténtico, madera y cerámica.

Esto es una forma educada de decir que hay muchas cosas que se pueden romper ahí dentro.

Así que cuando mi hija de cuatro años entró en el atrio en su primer día de CGS, todo mi cuerpo se tensó, preguntándome qué rompería primero. Tuve que contenerme para no gritar: "¡No toques nada!" Vio la mesa de oración — el bajo soporte de madera que contiene una Biblia abierta, velas, un jarrón con flores y una estatua del Buen Pastor. Es el centro de todos los atrios.

Se arrodilló ante la mesa. Ella hizo la señal de la cruz. Y ella se quedó allí, quieta y en silencio.

Me quedé paralizada en seco. ¿Cómo había sabido que debía venir aquí? ¿Y dónde aprendió a hacer la señal de la cruz? (Obviamente hemos intentado enseñarle, ¡pero siempre lo hace mal!) ¿Y por qué estaba sentada allí tan callada, tan expectante, frente a un libro que no puede leer?

Un pensamiento me vino tan claro: *Bueno, Colleen, puedes leer ese libro. ¿Pero puedes entenderlo?*

Nos resulta tan fácil olvidar que la gran fe no requiere gran inteligencia. No requiere un gran conocimiento del mundo y de su funcionamiento. La gran fe no requiere que el creyente posea respuestas.

La gran fe solo requiere que el creyente conozca su propia pequeñez. ©LPi

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

Vivimos en tiempos donde la gratitud y la confianza en la familia y en la sociedad han perdido su valor. Muy poco se agradece y la confianza está muchas veces a prueba entre las personas. ¿Dónde están esos sentimientos de aprecio por las cosas buenas? ¿Dónde se ha quedado la confianza del uno para el otro? Reconocer estos sentimientos en las personas que nos rodean y en nosotros mismos es un verdadero reto. Hoy, la Palabra de Dios nos muestra cómo Jesús es agradecido con su Padre: *“Yo te alabo, Padre, Señor del cielo y de la tierra, porque has mantenido ocultas estas cosas a los sabios y entendidos y las has revelado a la gente sencilla”* (Mateo 11:25). Jesús nos da muestra de la confianza que existe entre el Padre y el Hijo.

Actualmente, ¿cuáles serán las cosas sencillas que debemos perseguir? La sencillez, la confianza y la gratitud, de seguro, se encuentran en una búsqueda sincera con el mismo Hijo de Dios. La base es la relación personal que llevemos con el Señor por medio de la oración y el acercamiento sincero a los sacramentos de la Reconciliación y la Eucaristía. Los cristianos no debemos permitir que la tibieza y el cansancio nos alejen de la búsqueda de un encuentro íntimo con Jesucristo para aprender de sus enseñanzas. Cada día es una oportunidad para un nuevo comienzo y para seguirlo con fidelidad. Recordemos que *“su yugo es suave y su carga ligera”*. ¡Es la promesa al seguirlo! ©LPi



Chúc Mừng Sơ Mary Anne Trong Ngày Khấn Trọn Đời

Trong tâm tình tạ ơn Thiên Chúa, cộng đoàn hân hoan chúc mừng Sơ trong ngày Khấn Trọn Đời – một dấu mốc thánh thiêng của tình yêu dâng hiến và lòng trung tín dành cho Chúa.

Xin cộng đoàn hiệp lời cầu nguyện để Sơ luôn tràn đầy ân sủng, trung thành trong ơn gọi, và trở nên dấu chỉ bình an và yêu thương của Chúa giữa mọi người.

Kính chúc Sơ luôn được Chúa gìn giữ, nâng đỡ và dẫn dắt trên hành trình phục vụ trong Hội Thánh.

CHÀO ĐÓN QUÝ CHA VÀ SƠ MỚI ĐẾN GIÁO XỨ

Giáo Xứ chúng ta hân hoan chào đón:

Cha Francis Ang - chính thức về Giáo xứ vào ngày 1/7/2026.

Sơ Silvia Frias - sẽ đến vào trung tuần tháng 7/2026.

Cha Jaime Hernandez - sẽ đến vào đầu tháng 8/2026.

Chúng ta cùng dâng lời tạ ơn Chúa và cầu nguyện cho quý Cha và Sơ trong sứ vụ mới, xin Chúa Thánh Thần luôn soi sáng, gìn giữ và ban muôn ơn lành trên hành trình phục vụ cộng đoàn dân Chúa.

Polycarp Talent Show Sân Khấu Tỏa Sáng Tài Năng!

Buổi Văn Nghệ Thường Niên – **Polycarp Talent Show** sẽ trở lại vào

Thứ Sáu, ngày 21 tháng 8, lúc 6:00 chiều, tại khuôn viên trường học.

Đây là dịp để các em thiếu nhi, giới trẻ và mọi thành phần trong cộng đoàn cùng nhau tỏa sáng, chia sẻ niềm vui, và xây dựng tinh thần hiệp nhất qua âm nhạc – nghệ thuật. Nếu quý vị có năng khiếu ca hát, nhảy múa, diễn xuất, chơi nhạc cụ, hay bất kỳ tài năng đặc biệt nào, đừng ngần ngại bước lên sân khấu!

Giáo xứ thân mời quý vị tham gia buổi thử giọng vào:

**Chúa Nhật, ngày 12/7/26, và Chúa Nhật, ngày 19/7/26,
ngay sau Thánh Lễ 11h00 sáng, tại phòng 18.**

Đây là cơ hội tuyệt vời để quý vị thể hiện tài năng, gặp gỡ bạn bè, và góp phần làm cho chương trình năm nay thêm phong phú và đầy cảm hứng. Nếu có bất kỳ thắc mắc nào, xin vui lòng liên lạc với cô Kara Ford, Giám đốc âm nhạc của giáo xứ.



CHƯƠNG TRÌNH ĐẠI HỘI THÁNH MẪU LA VANG

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THỨ NĂM

9/7/2026

7:00 AM - 11:00 PM

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM | Châu Thánh Thể tại Nhà Nguyễn Thánh Callistus

6:00 PM | Nghi Thức Khai Mạc

7:00 PM | Thánh Lễ Đại Trào - Khai Mạc do ĐGM Phêrô Bùi Đại - Chủ tế

9:00 PM | Rước Kiệu Trọng Thể

THỨ SÁU

10/7/2026

7:00 AM - 11:00 PM

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM | Châu Thánh Thể tại Nhà Nguyễn Thánh Callistus

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Hội Thảo 1 | Lm. Matthêu Nguyễn Khắc Hy thuyết giảng tại Nhà thờ Chính Tòa

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Hội Thảo 2 | Lm. Bartôlômêô Phạm Đức Thịnh thuyết giảng tại Nhà thờ Chính Tòa

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Hội Thảo 3 | Lm. Gioan Baotixita Phương Đình Toại thuyết giảng tại Nhà thờ Chính Tòa

7:00 PM | Thánh Lễ Đại Trào Kính Các Thánh Tử Vi Đạo tại Việt Nam

THỨ BẢY

11/7/2026

7:00 AM - 11:00 PM

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM | Châu Thánh Thể tại Nhà Nguyễn Thánh Callistus

8:00 AM | Thánh Lễ Kính Đức Mẹ / Chữa Lành

ĐGM. Phêrô Nguyễn Văn Khảm thuyết giảng tại Nhà thờ Chính Tòa

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Hội Thảo 4 | Lm. Matthêu Nguyễn Khắc Hy thuyết giảng tại Nhà Arboretum

Lm. Gioan Baotixita Phương Đình Toại thuyết giảng tại Lầu 1 - Tháp Chuông

Lm. Bartôlômêô Phạm Đức Thịnh thuyết giảng tại Lầu 2 - Ca Đoàn

ĐGM. Phêrô Nguyễn Văn Khảm thuyết giảng tại Nhà thờ Chính Tòa

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Hội Thảo 5 | Lm. Matthêu Nguyễn Khắc Hy thuyết giảng tại Nhà Arboretum

Lm. Gioan Baotixita Phương Đình Toại thuyết giảng tại Lầu 1 - Tháp Chuông

Lm. Phêrô Nguyễn Huy Bảo thuyết giảng tại Lầu 2 - Ca Đoàn

4:00 PM | Rước Kiệu Kính Đức Mẹ La Vang

7:00 PM | Thánh Lễ Chúa Nhật Tuần 15 Mùa Thường Niên

9:00 PM | Xổ số và Kết thúc Đại Hội

Trong 03 ngày Đại Hội, Cộng Đoàn có Gian Hàng Ẩm Thực với Chả Giò - Bún Thịt Nướng - Gỏi Cuốn.
Kính mời quý ông bà anh chị em tham dự đồng đạo và ủng hộ Quây Ấm Thực của cộng đoàn.



Welcome

FATHER FRANCIS
to our family here at St. Polycarp

**COME MEET & GREET
@ THE WEST PATIO
AFTER THE 9 AM & 11 AM MASSES**

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

Also, please join us in congratulating
Sister Mary Anne
on the joyful occasion of her Final Vows.
A special celebration will be held in her honor in the Parish Hall
immediately following the 4:00 PM Mass.

We will announce a welcome for Fr. Jaime and Sister Silvia at a
later date.





2026 ST. POLYCARP FIESTA RAFFLE TICKET SALE

GO TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR GO TO YOUR MINISTRY/GROUP
COORDINATORS TO BUY TICKETS

GRAND PRIZE:
\$2,500.00

2ND PRIZE:
\$1,000.00

THIRD PRIZE
(5 WINNERS EACH WILL
WIN \$100.00)

PROMOTION SALE
7/1/26-8/15/26
\$2.00 A TICKET
BUY A BOOK OF 10
TICKETS, GET FIVE FREE

**THE FINAL DRAWING WILL BE ON THE LAST DAY OF THE FIESTA
SUNDAY SEPT 13, 2026 @ 8 P.M.**

St. Polycarp Church presents:

BLAST FROM THE PAST

TALENT SHOW 2026



HAVE FOOD, RAFFLE PRIZES, AND SPECIAL GUESTS!

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st
6:00PM**

Saint Polycarp School Courtyard

Auditions: July 12th & 19th
To RSVP, scan the QR code or contact
karafora@stpolycarp.org



SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 11, 12 & 13 2026

St. Polycarp Fiesta

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English/Spanish Religious Education
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Monday/Thursday	2PM - 6PM
Saturday	9AM - 1PM

Confirmation Programs
(714) 890-5200

Tuesday	1PM - 3PM
Wednesday	1PM - 5:30PM
Friday	1PM - 5PM
Sunday	8AM - 2:30PM

Vietnamese Religious Education
(714) 620-7895

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

Pray for the Sick

Jason Minton
Ngoc Tran
Richard Saragosa
Rosa Garcia
Anaid Serrato
Brenda Barrios
Natalia Aguilar
Judy Andrade
Tran Tan Ngan
Neha
Salomon Jr. Villa
Huong Tran


JOIN US IN THE
 Dedication of the Church and Altar
 of Poong Jesus Nazareno
 at the Filipino Catholic Center



officiated by Bishop Kevin W. Vann, JCD, DD.

JULY 21, 2026 @ 5 PM
 3700 W Orange Ave.
 Anaheim, CA 92804

Dedication Mass & Fellowship

Owned and administered by
 the Religious Institute of the Alagad ni Maria

Big crowd is expected. Carpooling is highly recommended.


BACKYARD THEOLOGY
Evangelize Now
 5:30pm Potluck Dinner
 7:00pm Speaker

JULY 7 - Fr. Scott Borgman
JULY 14 - Fr. Ben Tran
JULY 21 - Fr. Domenico DiRaimondo
JULY 28 - Summer Concert in the Courtyard



Give your spouse the gift of time.
 Learn tools to improve your
 communication and keep your love
 shining brightly!
Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Experience this summer!

July 25-26, 2026



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**marriage
 encounter**

ANGELS NIGHT: Catholic Family Night on June 27 was a home run! Thank you to the families and friends from across Southern California who joined us for a lively tailgate hosted by the Orange County chapter of the Knights of Columbus, a first pitch by Fr. Michael Nguyen and an exciting game that ended in a win for the Angels. A special thank you to the Office of Youth & Young Adults for helping make this night possible.



Catechesis. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. III. Constitution *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. 4. *The Mystery of the Eucharist*

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

We will continue our catechesis on the documents of [the Second Vatican Council](#), particularly the Constitution [Sacrosanctum Concilium](#) ([SC](#)) on the Liturgy.

When Saint Augustine wanted to explain the mystery of the Body of Christ to those who were newly baptized, he took up the passage from Saint Paul that we have just heard: “Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it.” (1 Cor 12:27). He adds: “It is your own mystery that you receive. To what you are, you respond: Amen, and your response is like your signature. You are told, ‘The Body of Christ,’ and you reply, ‘Amen.’ Be therefore members of the Body of Christ, so that your Amen may be true. [...] Be what you see, and receive what you are” (*Sermon* 272: PL 38, 1247).

Immediately after recalling Jesus’ Last Supper, the Constitution on the Liturgy speaks of the Eucharist in these Augustinian terms. For Christians, taking part at the Lord’s table means being “instructed by God’s word and ... nourished ... [giving] thanks to God” (cf. [SC](#), 48). It is by receiving Him in His Word and in the Eucharist that we become what we receive. We become the Body whose Head is the risen Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father (cf. Col 1:18), who prepares a place for us in heaven (cf. Jn 14:3). Thus, the Eucharist is the sacrament of the Kingdom that is to come. It is the Bread for the journey that leads us to our heavenly homeland, until that blessed day when “God will be all in all” (1 Cor 15:28).

The liturgical assembly offers the Sacrifice “not only through the hands of the priest, but also with him” ([SC](#), 48). From this perspective, the Eucharist is the form of the spiritual sacrifice of Christians (cf. Heb 13:16; Rom 12:1), as the path to union with God and with one another. By participating in it, they learn “to offer themselves; through Christ the Mediator, they should be drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and with each other” (*ibid.*). Thus, by incorporating us into Christ, the Eucharist teaches us to adopt the very style of life of the Lord Jesus, which was marked by the free gift of Himself. This gift draws us into the dynamic of unity, offering a powerful antidote to the forces of division that undermine our world, our communities, our families, and our hearts (cf. [SC](#), 47).

Dear brothers and sisters, when we participate in the Eucharist, we are invited to listen to the Word of God and to be nourished at the Lord’s table, where He offers Himself to the Father. These two parts of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, “are so closely connected with each other that they form but one single act of worship” ([SC](#), 56).

With regard to the Word of God, it is important to remember that it is not merely a matter of acquiring intellectual knowledge of the Scriptures, but of receiving the Word that is “living and effective” (Heb 4:12), spoken by God to everyone and at the same time to each individual. This Word nourishes and sustains us together with the Eucharistic Bread and leads us from the decay of sin to new life in Christ. “The Eucharist opens us to an understanding of Scripture, just as Scripture for its part illumines and explains the mystery of the Eucharist.” (Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, 55).

[The Second Vatican Council](#) called for the treasures of the Bible to be opened more abundantly, so that a richer fare from the table of God’s Word might be provided for the faithful (cf. [SC](#), 51). The liturgical reform translated this request into the treasure that is the *Lectionary*, the book that gathers all the biblical readings for liturgical celebrations. This richness has been drawn from the purest source of the living Tradition, which combines fidelity with tradition; with openness to legitimate progress (cf. [SC](#), 23).

The beginning of Chapter II of [the Constitution on the Liturgy](#) is woven with references to the great river of Tradition, that continues from the Fathers of the Church down to us. I will quote from it: “At the Last Supper, on the night when He was betrayed, our Saviour instituted the eucharistic sacrifice of His Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the centuries until He should come again, and so to entrust to His beloved spouse, the Church, a memorial of His death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet in which Christ is eaten, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.” ([SC](#), 47).

Dear brothers and sisters, let us draw with faith from this source of divine life and allow ourselves to be transformed by the mystery we celebrate.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

See, your king shall come to you;
a just savior is he,
meek, and riding on an ass,
on a colt, the foal of an ass. (Zec 9:9)

Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For if you live according to the flesh, you will die,
but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,
you will live. (Rom 8:13)

Gospel:

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves. (Mt 11:29)

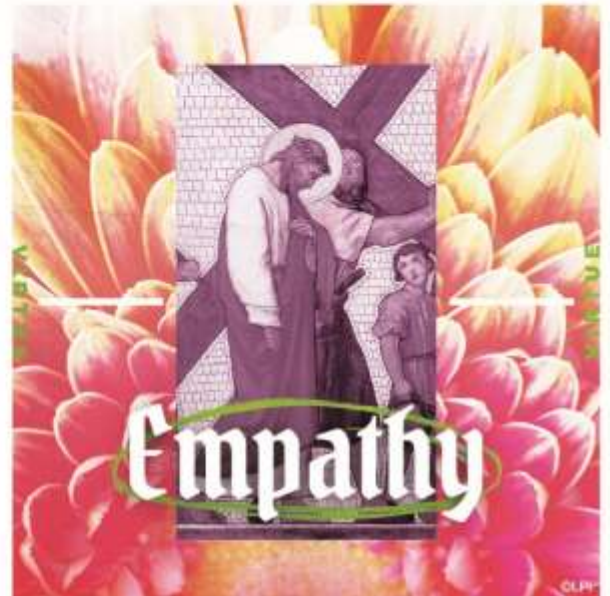
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

These days, everyone's an expert. We have a world of information at our fingertips. But some answers can't be found in newspapers or even history books. What God hides from the wise, He reveals to the little ones. Are you looking in the right place?

Observances for the week of July 5, 2026

Sunday:	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday:	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Saturday:	St. Benedict, Abbot
Next Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Empathy describes our ability to connect emotionally with the suffering of others, as Christ connected emotionally with our suffering in original sin. This virtue flows directly from the virtue of charity, and growth in charity will enable growth in empathy.

Blessing for Our Country

Dear God,
Bless this land that we love, a land
You created, in love.
We are at our best when we're
close to You.
Please inspire, guide, and govern
our leaders and our vision,
that our greatness may be
founded in and defined in You.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Smallness of Great Faith

My children attend Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for their faith formation. Because of its Montessori basis, CGS atriums, which are something like classrooms, contain lots of objects made from real materials — authentic glass, wood, and ceramic.

This is a polite way of saying there are lots of breakable things in there.

So when my four-year-old entered the atrium on her first day of CGS, my whole body tensed, wondering what she would shatter first. I had to restrain myself from crying out, “Don’t touch anything!” She spotted the prayer table — the low, wooden stand which holds an open Bible, candles, a vase with flowers and a statue of the Good Shepherd. It’s the centerpiece of every atrium.

She knelt before the table. She made the sign of the cross. And she sat there, still and silent.

I stopped dead in my tracks. How had she known to come here? And where did she learn to make the sign of the cross? (Obviously we’ve tried to teach her, but she does it wrong every time!) And why was she sitting there so quietly, so expectantly, in front of a book she can’t read?

A thought came to me so clearly: *Well, Colleen, you can read that book. But can you understand it?*

It is so easy for us to forget that great faith does not require great intelligence. It does not require great knowledge of the world and its workings. Great faith does not require the believer to possess any answers.

Great faith only requires the believer to know his own smallness.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What’s correct?

Answer:

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong with these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us: “Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others” (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.



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