



SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

8100 Chapman Avenue, Stanton CA 90680 | (714) 893-2766 | www.stpolycarp.org

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.

CLERGY

PASTOR

Rev. Viet Peter Ho

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Francis Ang

Rev. Jaime Hernandez

DEACONS

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)

SUPPORT STAFF

BUSINESS MANAGER

Tom H. Ma

FAITH FORMATION

(ENGLISH OCIA/SPANISH RCIA)

Sister Silvia Frias

(VIET OCIA/ Giáo Lý Tân Tòng)

Sister Maria Trang Nguyen

FAITH FORMATION

(VIETNAMESE)

Sister Mary Anne Thiên

Hương Nguyễn

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Sister Anna Anh Trâm Trần

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Kara Ford

YOUTH COORDINATOR

Joseph Do

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

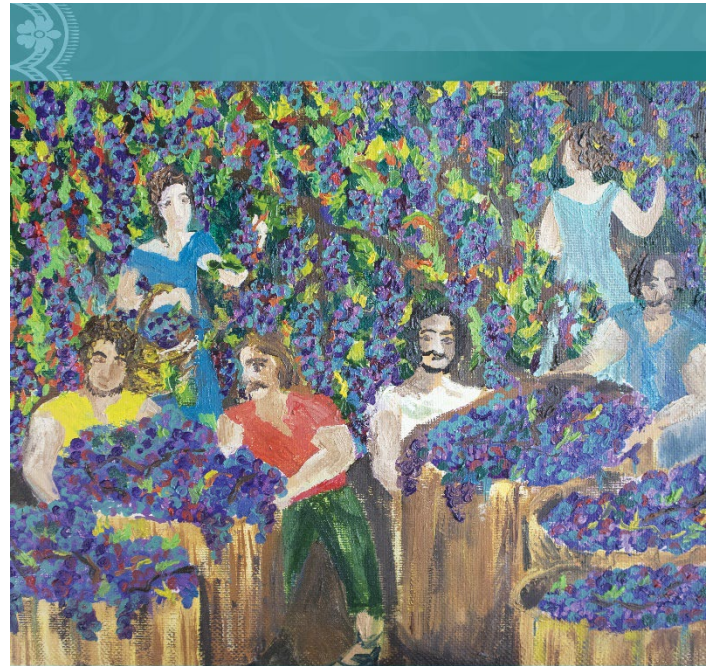
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM,

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM



25th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Jesus told his disciples this parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard.'" Matthew 20:1-2



POPE'S INTENTION - SEPTEMBER

For the Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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September 20, 2026

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

Saturday, September 19, 2026

5:00 PM Cecilia Sumarinas✠; Gloria J. Minjkives✠
7:00 PM Ana Truong Thu Van✠;
Thanks to the Holy Family &
Special Family Intentions

Sunday, September 20, 2026

7:30 AM Peter Trap Mai✠ & All Ancestors;
All Souls in Purgatory
9:00 AM Adrian Basilio Torrez✠;
Maria Eugenia Reynoso✠; Ramon Avalos✠;
Erasto Guzman✠
11:00 AM All Souls
1:00 PM Maria de La Luz Valencia Mendoza✠;
Santos Diaz Abarca✠
4:00 PM Dominic Quan Van Tran✠;
Anna Truong Thu Van✠
6:00 PM Ruben Rosales Carlos✠;
Jocelyn Torres Gaspar✠

Monday, September 21, 2026

6:30 AM All Souls
8:30 AM All Souls
6:30 AM Souls in Purgatory & Maria Luisa (Health)

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

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

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

6:30 AM Father Peter Nguyen✠ & Van Nhuan;
All Souls
8:30 AM Dominic Vu✠, & Van Viet;
Special Family Intentions

Thursday, September 24, 2026

6:30 AM Anthony Tong Nguyen; Thanksgiving
8:30 AM Lentz Sy Go✠; All Souls✠

Friday, September 25, 2026

6:30 AM Debbie Nguyen (Birthday) &
Jesus Romo Contreras✠
8:30 AM Catarina Hong Pham; Salvador D. Muldong
6:30 PM Giuce Pham Xuan Truong✠ (8th Anniversary
of death)

Saturday, September 26, 2026

8:30 AM Blanca Elva Lopez &
Maria de Carmen Lopez; Thanksgiving &
All Souls

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/
Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34,
35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104,
163/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and
17bc/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/
Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,
14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

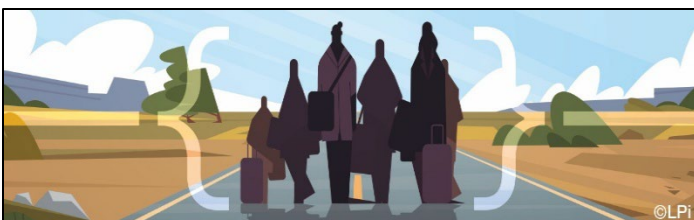


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September 12/13 Masses \$ 18,703.00
September 12/13 Online \$ 1,805.97
Total collection: \$ 20,508.97

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



Las lecturas de la semana del 20 de septiembre

Domingo: Is 55, 6-9/Sal 144, 2-3. 8-9. 17-18/
Flp 1, 20-24. 27/Mt 20, 1-16
Lunes: Ef 4, 1-7. 11-13/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5/Mt 9, 9-13
Martes: Prov 21, 1-6. 10-13/Sal 118, 1. 27. 30. 34. 35.
44/Lc 8, 19-21
Miércoles: Prov 30, 5-9/Sal 118, 29. 72. 89. 101. 104.
163/Lc 9, 1-6
Jueves: Ecl 1, 2-11/Sal 89, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14 y 17/
Lc 9, 7-9
Viernes: Ecl 3, 1-11/Sal 143, 1 y 2. 3-4/Lc 9, 18-22
Sábado: Ecl 11, 9-12, 8/Sal 89, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14 y 17/
Lc 9, 43-45
Domingo: Ez 18, 25-28/Sal 24, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Flp 2, 1-11 o
2, 1-5/Mt 21, 28-32

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 20 de septiembre

Domingo: 25º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Domingo
Catequético
Lunes: San Mateo, apóstol y evangelista; Semana
Nacional del Migrante
Miércoles: San Pío de Pietrelcina, sacerdote
Sábado: San Cosme y San Damián, mártires
Domingo: 26º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Domingo
del Sacerdocio

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

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

El Porqué

A veces, el Evangelio toma todo lo que crees saber sobre Jesús, lo mete en una caja, lo sacude violentamente, lo tira al suelo, te mira a los ojos y dice: "Límpialo."

Y ahí estás tú, recogiendo los pedazos, preguntándote cómo, después de 2,000 años, alguien puede seguir manteniéndote en la incertidumbre.

Hoy es uno de esos Evangelios. Conocemos a Jesús como un campeón de los pobres. Lo imaginamos como un guerrero por la justicia social. ¿Y ahora está defendiendo el robo de tiempo en el trabajo? Haz que tenga sentido.

Pues bien, en el fondo, el Evangelio de hoy es una historia sobre quién recibe qué. Una historia sobre la comparación, que nos dicen que es la ladrona de la alegría — pero sin comparación, nada se haría jamás. En este mundo, se fijan los salarios, se resuelven los juicios, se trazan fronteras internacionales, todo comparando una entidad con otra y evaluando esa comparación para emitir un juicio.

Lo que este Evangelio no nos dice es el "por qué". Los trabajadores que más tiempo trabajaron en el viñedo se sienten estafados porque los que llegaron después cobran el mismo salario. Esto sería grave, a menos que consideremos que el único criterio utilizado en la comparación es la duración de la jornada laboral. La calidad y eficiencia del trabajo ni siquiera se mencionan. Hasta donde nosotros sabemos, esos trabajadores de día entero podrían haber estado de pie abanicándose, y deberían sentirse afortunados de haber recibido lo que recibieron.

"¿Por qué?" es una pregunta que nos hacemos mucho en esta vida. ¿Por qué murió mi padre? ¿Por qué me dio cáncer? ¿Por qué mi esposo perdió su trabajo? Al recoger los pedazos del Evangelio de hoy, deberíamos preguntarnos esto: cuando sabemos lo que sabemos sobre quién decide quién recibe qué, ¿tenemos que saber el "por qué"? ©LPi

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

"Buenos días, Señor, a ti el primero encuentra la mirada del corazón, apenas nace el día: Tú eres la luz y el sol de mi jornada. Buenos días, Señor, a ti te busco, levanto a ti las manos y el corazón, al despertar la aurora: quiero encontrarte siempre en mis hermanos. Buenos días, Señor resucitado, que traes la alegría al corazón que va por tus caminos ¡vencedor de tu muerte y de la mía! (Liturgia de las Horas). Mientras tengamos vida, debemos ir en la búsqueda de Dios hasta encontrarlo, recordando siempre que sus proyectos no son los nuestros y que sus planes son muy distintos a los nuestros (cf. Isaías 55).

El Evangelio de hoy es una muestra de cómo Dios ama a todos sus hijos e hijas por igual. Él los busca a distintas horas del día para que entren a formar parte de su Reino y, al trabajar en su viña, todos convivan como hermanos. Sin embargo, el relato nos dice que, al momento del pago, los trabajadores de la primera hora se quejaron, pues esperaban recibir más que aquellos contratados al final de la jornada. La enseñanza es clara: Dios es desconcertante, bondadoso y trata a todos por igual. Lo merezcamos o no; su amor no tiene precio ni medida. ¡Gracias Dios por tu bondad! ¿Qué actitudes egoístas debo quitar de mi vida para entender la bondad de Dios? ¿Dónde veo su misericordia en el mundo, a pesar de las adversidades que nos rodean? ¡Vamos todos a trabajar en la viña del Señor, Él nos espera! ©LPi

GHI DANH LỚP GIÁO LÝ DỰ TÒNG

Lớp Giáo lý Dự tòng vẫn tiếp tục nhận ghi danh.
Quý anh chị em có nhu cầu lãnh nhận các Bí tích Khai Tâm
hoặc muốn tìm hiểu đức tin Công Giáo,
Xin liên lạc **Sơ Maria Trang Nguyễn - (562) 275-2848**
Xin quý vị giới thiệu rộng rãi đến thân nhân
và những người quan tâm.

MỜI HỌP HỘI ĐỒNG MỤC VỤ

Kính mời quý thành viên Hội Đồng Mục Vụ
tham dự buổi họp vào
Chúa Nhật, ngày 20/9/26
lúc 1:00 trưa tại phòng St. Polycarp.
Kính mong quý vị sắp xếp thời gian
tham dự đầy đủ.

TẾT TRUNG THU

Đoàn Thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể trân trọng kính mời quý phụ huynh và các em thiếu nhi tham dự chương trình
Vui Hội Trăng Rằm vào **Chúa Nhật, ngày 27/9/26, sau Thánh Lễ 4:00 PM, tại Hội Trường Giáo Xứ.**

Chương trình sẽ có nhiều sinh hoạt vui tươi và hấp dẫn:

Múa lân; Phát lồng đèn miễn phí cho các em;

Thi đua làm lồng đèn với các phần thưởng khích lệ; Có bán thức ăn để gây quỹ...

Kính mời các gia đình đến tham dự để cùng vui đón Tết Trung Thu,
tạo những kỷ niệm đẹp trong tình thân ái của cộng đoàn.

THÁNH LỄ MỪNG 35 NĂM THÀNH LẬP

Cộng Đoàn sẽ cử hành Thánh Lễ Tạ Ơn Kỷ Niệm Mừng 35 Năm Thành Lập
vào lúc **4:00 PM, Chúa Nhật ngày 11 tháng 10 năm 2026.**

Kính mời quý cộng đoàn cùng hiện diện và hiệp dâng lời tạ ơn Thiên Chúa.

Sau lễ sẽ có tiệc mừng và văn nghệ karaoke tại Hội trường.

Kính mời quý cộng đoàn ở lại chung vui.

THAM DỰ GIỜ LẮN HẠT MÂN CÔI - ROSARY RALLY

Để đáp lại lời mời gọi của Đức Mẹ Fatima, Hội Đền Tạ Trái Tim Mẹ, Hội Legio Mariae và Hiệp Sĩ
Columbus trân trọng kính mời quý cộng đoàn tham dự giờ lần hạt Mân Côi cầu nguyện cho
hòa bình thế giới, cho nước Mỹ, cho Giáo Hội và giáo xứ.

Thời gian: **12:00 PM, Thứ Bảy, ngày 10 tháng 10 năm 2026**

Địa điểm: **Khuôn viên Nhà thờ Thánh Polycarp (sân parking Văn phòng Giáo xứ)**

Chương trình

Rước Kiệu Cung Nghinh MẸ MÂN CÔI

Thứ Sáu - Ngày 02 tháng 10 năm 2026

Bắt đầu 6h00 chiều:
2/10/26

Lần Chuỗi và Rước Kiệu

Có 4 Kiệu: Đức Mẹ Fatima - Đức Mẹ Guadalupe - Đức Mẹ La Vang và Đức Mẹ Lộ Đức được rước vòng quanh nhà thờ.
Xin các hội đoàn mặc đồng phục, đem theo cờ, và xin có mặt lúc 5:30 pm để chuẩn bị.

Sau khi rước kiệu:

Thánh Lễ Trọng Thể - Ba ngôn ngữ

Sau Thánh Lễ:

Chầu Thánh Thể:

Thánh Thể sẽ được rước xuống Hội Trường và bắt đầu **chương trình Chầu Thánh Thể liên tục trong 48 giờ.**
(Sẽ không có Thánh Lễ Việt Nam lúc 6:30pm)

Múa Dân Hoa Kính Mẹ trước Thánh Lễ ngày 3 và 11/10/2026.

Cộng Đoàn sẽ phát hành **Chuỗi Kinh Mân Côi Liên Kết** trong Tháng 10 và Tháng 11.

Chúa Nhật - Ngày 04 tháng 10 năm 2026

Sau Thánh Lễ 4 giờ chiều,

Cha chủ tế sẽ rước kiệu Thánh Thể từ Hội Trường vào Nhà Thờ.

Kết thúc Chầu Thánh Thể.





ADORATION HOURS



10/2/2026 - 10/4/2026



8:15 PM FRIDAY - 5:15 PM SUNDAY
IN OUR PARISH HALL

ST. POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH
 8100 CHAPMAN AVE. STANTON, CA 90680



ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

The Filipino Community of St. Polycarp invites everyone to come to the church every Wednesday at 4 PM to help celebrate a perpetual novena to Our Mother Mary.



Please join us!

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FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS
English/Spanish Faith Formation
Sister Silvia Frias
(714) 892-3158
 Monday/Thursday/Friday 2 PM - 6 PM

Confirmation 1 & 2 Programs
(English/Español/Tiếng Việt)
Sister Anh Tram Tran
(714) 890-5200
 Tuesday 2 PM - 5 PM
 Wednesday/Friday 1 PM - 5 PM
 Sunday 8 AM - 3 PM

Vietnamese Religious Education (Giáo Lý Việt Ngữ)
Sister MaryAnne Thiên Hương Nguyễn
(714) 620-7895
 Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday 1 PM - 5 PM

Pray for the Sick
 Maximus Pedraza (10 years old)
 Robert "Bob" Henning
 Vincent Anthony
 Teresa Cortes
 Aileen Solorio
 Leslie Correa
 Jose Guadalupe Alvares
 Fr. Peter's Father
 Jose San Pedro
 Blanca Estela Rocha
 Salvador Reyes
 Antonia Armas
 Lilia Martinez

Funerals
 Tomasa Quiroz Hailes (9/21 @ 11 AM)
 Maria Le Thi Kim Lien (9/22 @ 10 AM)

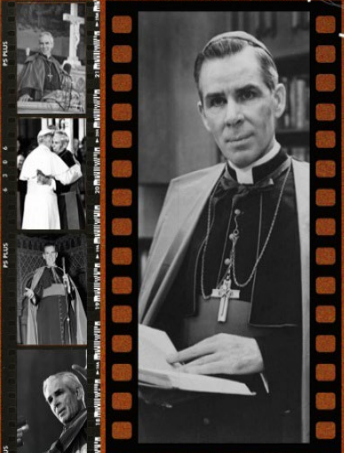
Wedding
 Maria de Jesus Reyna Ramirez
 and
 Jose de Jesus Cabrera Gonzalez

Pro Sanctity Movement

Join our 8 week faith-sharing series on Thursdays:

- September 24
- October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- November 5, 12

Refreshments & Fellowship following the 8:30 am Mass
Cost: Donation

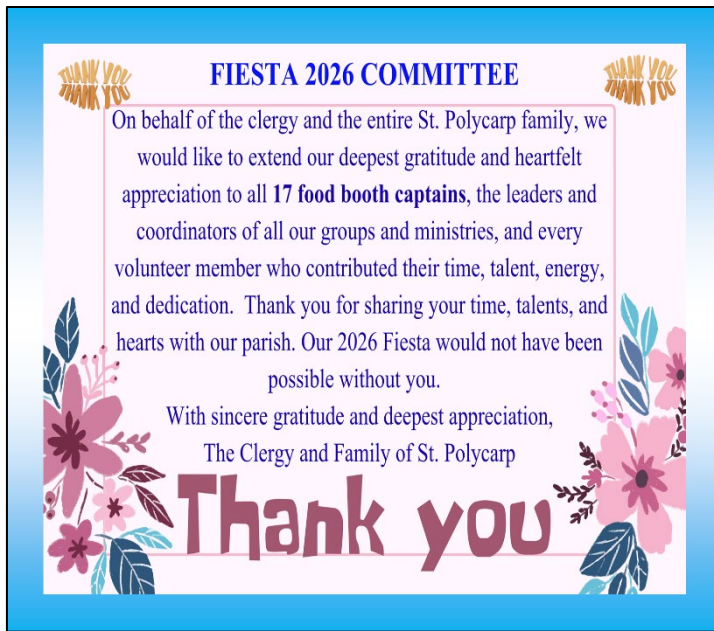


LIVING HOLINESS WITH FULTON SHEEN

St. Polycarp Room
St. Polycarp Catholic Church
8100 Chapman Ave.
Stanton, CA 90680

Register:
Text/Call Cathy
714-496-9597
cathy@prosancity.org

Pro Sanctity is an international Catholic lay movement founded by the Servant of God, Guglielmo Giametta, in 1947. Its mission is to lead our brothers and sisters on the path of holiness and to elicit in everyone a total response of love to God's infinite love. Pro Sanctity offers people specific spiritual opportunities to help them respond to this universal call in three ways: personal holiness, communal holiness, and societal holiness. The Apostolic Oblates are consecrated women who support and spread the message of Pro Sanctity, assisting in bringing about a "world of saints, a world of brothers and sisters."



American Red Cross



Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
Help save lives.

Give blood.

**Red Cross Blood Drive
Sponsored By
Knights of Columbus at
St. Polycarp Church**

St. Polycarp Room
8100 Chapman Ave
Stanton, CA 90680

**Sunday, September 27, 2026
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

To schedule your lifesaving appointment, sign up online
at RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: stpolycarp or contact
Ralph Gonzalez at 714-761-3089.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass
to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

**Fall into the habit of donating! Get a \$15 e-gift card
when you come to give blood Sept. 21-Oct. 18.**




1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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St. Polycarp Fiesta



 **done sangre**
DONE VIDA

 **Cruz Roja
Americana**

Donación de sangre
St. Polycarp Catholic Church & School

Lugar: St. Polycarp Room
8100 Chapman Ave., Stanton, CA 90680

**Domingo, 27 de septiembre de 2026
8:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.**

Para programar su cita para salvar vidas, visite RedCrossBlood.org
y use el código del patrocinador: KACC O llame al 1.800.733.2767



Optimize su experiencia de donación y ahorre hasta 15 minutos visitando RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass para completar
su lectura previa a la donación y sus preguntas sobre su historial médico el día de su cita.
Dona sangre del 21 de septiembre al 18 de octubre y recibe una tarjeta de regalo electrónica de \$15. (2026-APL-0427)

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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2026 FIESTA RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

GRAND PRIZE: NGA BIEN #09303

2ND PRIZE: TIEN PHAM #07666

THIRD PRIZE: \$100 EACH (5 WINNERS)
LINDA DO #10321
ANGELA GARCIA #13078
DONATION TO CHURCH #16118
TIEN PHAM #06742
LAM NGUYEN #11534

Congratulations

St. Polycarp Catholic Church
Fiesta 2026 Committee

Featuring the voices of renowned artist, Mariyana Dainoff





Please join us for the 2026

Blue Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | 5:45 PM
AT CHRIST CATHEDRAL

A Mass for **Law Enforcement, Fire-Rescue and Emergency Personnel** who serve in Orange County.

Presided over by
Very Rev. Bao Thai,
Rector of Christ
Cathedral

All are encouraged to
attend in uniform. Family
and friends welcome.



Please join us for the
38th Annual Celebration

Red Mass

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 | 6 PM
AT CHRIST CATHEDRAL

Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society of Orange County



A special Mass for members
of the legal community
including judges, lawyers,
law students, law faculty,
government officials, court
personnel, as well as their
families and friends.

This gathering aims to
seek the guidance of the
Holy Spirit to strengthen
our resolve as we face the
challenges of our time.



coupletalk
cracking the code
to an amazing relationship

“our best investment was
this time together”

JOIN US @
COUPLETALK

Couples learn healthy, research-proven
communication and conflict resolution
skills! Sessions are fun, interactive, and
include lots of practice time together.

TUESDAY NIGHTS

OCT. 27 – DEC. 1

7:00–9:00PM



St. Vincent de Paul
8345 Talbert Ave. Huntington Beach 92646

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**60TH ANNUAL
ST. BONAVENTURE
FALL FESTIVAL**

RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE: \$20,000 IN CASH!

RAFFLE TICKETS \$5 EACH | 25 RAFFLE TICKETS FOR \$100
Purchase your raffle tickets at our Parish Office today!

Turn in your raffle tickets early for our...

EARLY BIRD BONUS DRAWING
for **\$2,000 in cash** on
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

RAFFLE PRIZES

2nd Prize
\$5,000 in cash

3rd Prize
\$3,000 in cash

FESTIVAL RAFFLE DRAWING WILL BE ON OCTOBER 11, 2026

www.stbonaventure.org/festival

16400 Springdale St.
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the landowner who pays all of the workers of his vineyard a just daily wage, reminding them that "the last will be first and the first will be last."

The Why

Sometimes, the Gospel takes everything you think you know about Jesus, throws it in a box, shakes it violently, dumps it on the floor, looks you in the eye and says: "Clean it up."

And there you are, picking up the pieces, wondering how, after 2,000 years, someone can still keep you guessing.

Today is one of those Gospels. We know Jesus as a champion of the poor. We envision him as a social justice warrior. And now he's advocating for time theft in the workplace? Make it make sense.

Well, at its heart, today's Gospel is a story about who gets what. A story about comparison, which we are told is the thief of joy — but without comparison, nothing would ever get done. In this world, wages are set, court cases are settled, international borders are drawn, all by comparing one entity to another and evaluating that comparison to make a judgment.

What this Gospel doesn't tell us is the "why." The workers who labored longest in the vineyard feel

cheated because those who showed up later earn the same wage. This would be egregious — unless we consider that the only criteria used in the comparison is the length of the work day's duration. Quality and efficiency of work is never even mentioned. For all we know, those all-day workers could have been standing around fanning themselves, and should feel lucky to get what they did.

"Why" is a question we ask a lot in this life. Why did my dad die? Why did I get cancer? Why did my husband lose his job? As we pick up the pieces of today's Gospel, we should ask ourselves this: when we know what we know about Who decides who gets what, do we have to know the "why?"

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Liturgical Life



Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Life Explained

Question

November 9 is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. What is the significance of this feast?

Answer

Every diocese has a mother church, the bishop's cathedral, where the diocesan church gathers and celebrates. The cathedral is the seat of the bishop's authority over the diocese. That authority is intended to be one of service to God's people, shepherding and guiding them in a truly pastoral mode.

The pope is first and foremost the Bishop of Rome, as well as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. St. John Lateran is his cathedral, and its prominence derives from that reality. St. John Lateran Cathedral traces its origins to Emperor Constantine, who converted a portion of the Laterani family palace into a church, and gave it to Pope Sylvester (314–335) as the papal church and residence; St. John refers to the two saints in whose honor the church is dedicated, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It became known as the cathedral of the pope, and its facade's inscription refers to it as "the Mother and Head of all Churches, in the City and of the World." The universal celebration of this feast emphasizes unity among Roman Catholics as they unite with the chair of Peter.

Catholic Trivia

John F. Kennedy, the first Catholic American president and member of the Knights of Columbus, established which distinguished volunteer organization?

Answer: The Peace Corps

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard...When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'" – Mt 20:1, 8

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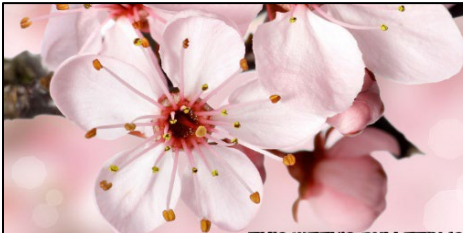
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