

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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21st Sunday Ordinary Time / 21 Domingo Tiempo Ordinario



It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no use. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. John 6, 63

El Espíritu es quien da vida; la carne no sirve para nada. Las palabras que os he dicho son espíritu y vida. Juan 6, 63

Mass Schedule:

Monday – Friday 6:30 pm

Martes misa en español 7:30 pm

Saturday 5 pm & 8 pm (Parish Hall)

Sunday 9 & 11 in English 1 & 6 en español

Confessions:

30 minutes

before each weekend mass

Adoration:

Friday: 7:15 pm

Mass Intentions / Readings of the Week
Intenciones de Misa / Lecturas de la Semana

Saturday, August 24th *St. Bartholomew, Apostle*
Jos 24:1-2, 15-17, 18/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/
Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69
5:00 pm Carlos & Amalia Muñoz, † Iris Figueroa

Sunday, August 25th *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Jos 24:1-2, 15-17, 18/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/
Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69
9:00 am St Lawrence Parish and parishioners
11:00 am † Abulkashem Husi, David Mary Cesar
1:00 pm Julia Tosi
6:00 pm † Miguel Guevara, † Teresa Millan, † Eddy Gruyos,
† Francisco Gonzalez, James Parker, Bruno Sesego, Maria Guevara,
Claudia Obrian

Monday, August 26th
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22
6:30 pm †

Tuesday, August 27th *St. Monica*
2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
6:30 pm † Francisco Gaturian
7:30 pm †

Wednesday, August 28th *St. Augustine, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church*
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32
6:30 pm † William Vasquez, † Adriana Montalvo

Thursday, August 29th *The Passion of
St. John the Baptist*
1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29
6:30 pm

Friday, August 30th
1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
6:30 pm †

PARISH STAFF:

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Parish Groups
Grupos Parroquiales

Legion of Mary / Legión de María
Mondays 7:30pm - Office Chapel

Cursillos de Cristiandad
Mondays 8:00pm - Old Building

Divina Misericordia después de la misa
dominical de 1:00pm - Church

Grupo de Oración
Friday 8:00pm - Parish Hall

Parish Ministries

Lectors, Ushers
Eucharistic Ministers, Choir,
Altar Servers,
Catechists for Religious Education

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Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the
flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the
Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for
the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless
cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure
expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your
glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in
us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures
of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of
our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and
praise for ever.

Amen

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, "Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing." In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could be loving about that?

We notice the context is Jesus' teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, **"This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" (John 6:60).** We shouldn't imagine we'd do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, **"Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him" (John 6:66).** Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus' disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense of this is love. Jesus is God's love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either.

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA:

Algunos de los seguidores de Jesús no pudieron creer lo que les dijo. Era demasiado para ellos: **"Mi carne es verdadera comida y mi sangre es verdadera bebida" (Juan 6:55).** A pesar de que Jesús lo explicaba de muchas maneras, algunos decidieron abandonarlo. Él no hizo nada por detenerlos, los dejó libres respetando su decisión. Después de esos acontecimientos de abandono, Jesús pregunta directamente a los doce:

"¿Quieren marcharse también ustedes? Pedro le contestó: Señor, ¿a quién iríamos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna. Nosotros creemos y sabemos que tú eres el Santo de Dios" (Juan 6:67-69).

Ahora, en la realidad que vivimos tan llena de ruido y modernidad, ¿sabemos a dónde vamos, a quién dirigirnos? Pedro, lo supo y el deseo de la Iglesia es que sepamos que solo Jesús tiene palabras de vida eterna. Y que su Pan de Vida se nos da gratuitamente en la Eucaristía.

"La Eucaristía y la cruz son piedras de tropiezo. Es el mismo misterio, y no cesa de ser ocasión de división. ¿Quieren marcharse también ustedes? (Juan 6:67): esta pregunta del Señor resuena a través de las edades, como invitación de su amor a descubrir que sólo Él tiene palabras de vida eterna (Juan 6:68), y que acoger en la fe el don de su Eucaristía es acogerlo a Él mismo". (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, numeral 1335).

Hagamos la prueba y veremos qué bueno es el Señor, como nos dice el Salmo de la liturgia de este domingo.

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Mass	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Census
5:00 PM	176.00	59.00	34
9:00 AM	745.00	103.00	108
11:00 AM	376.00	81.00	120
1:00 PM	1,195.00	289.00	254
6:00 PM	554.00	157.00	227
Subtotals (1) (2)	3,046.00	689.00	
2nd Collection: Seminary Burse			
Daily Masses			
Tuesday 6:30 pm 8/13/24	186.00		28
Tuesday 7:30 pm 8/13/24	74.00		28
Wednesday 6:30 pm 8/14/24	93.00		51
Thursday 6:30 pm 8/15/24	227.00		72
Friday 6:30 pm 8/16/24	65.00		40
Monday 8/19/24	34.00		32
Subtotals (3)	679.00		
Candles	213.00		
Offertory by mail	581.00		
Parish Improvements by mail	-		
Offertory (online giving)	1,353.50		
Parish Improvements (online giving)	32.50		
Subtotals (4)	2,180.00		
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