

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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27th Sunday Ordinary Time / 27º Domingo Tiempo Ordinario



Mass

Schedule:

Monday – Friday

6:30 pm

Martes

7:30 pm en español

Saturday 5 pm

8 pm (Parish Hall)

Neocatechumenal Way

Sunday

9 & 11 in English

1 & 6 en español

Confessions:

30 minutes before
each weekend mass or
call the office

Adoration:

Friday: 7:15 pm

“But from the origin of creation, God made them male and female” Mark 10:6

“Pero desde el origen de la creación, Dios los hizo varón y hembra”

Marcos 10:6

Your special
invitation



Invitación
especial para ti



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

Saturday, October 5th *Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*
St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
 Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16
 5:00 pm Margie Lendel, † CelinaTosta de Matheus

Sunday, October 6th *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Respect Life Sunday
 Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16
 9:00 am St Lawrence Parish and parishioners
 11:00 am †
 1:00 pm † Autreberta Campos Roque
 6:00 pm †

Monday, October 7th *Our Lady of the Rosary*
 Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
 6:30 pm † Marta Gonzalez

Tuesday, October 8th
 Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
 6:30 pm †
 7:30 pm †

Wednesday, October 9th *St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest*
 Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
 6:30 pm †

Thursday, October 10th
 Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
 6:30 pm †

Friday, October 11th *St. John XXIII, Pope*
 Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
 6:30 pm † Maria Elsa Moreno Fernandez

Collection 9/28 to 9/29 2024			
Mass	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Census
5:00 PM	358.00	-	42
9:00 AM	1,121.00	-	82
11:00 AM	505.00	-	196
1:00 PM	1,218.00	-	241
6:00 PM	741.00	-	205
Subtotals (1) (2)	3,943.00	-	
2nd Collection:			
Daily Masses			
Tuesday 6:30 pm 9/24/24	17.00		20
Tuesday 7:30 pm 9/24/24	97.00		42
Wednesday 6:30 pm 9/25/24	20.00		19
Thursday 6:30 pm 9/26/24	30.00		28
Friday 6:30 pm 9/27/24	30.00		19
Monday 9/30/24	35.00		21
Subtotals (3)	229.00		
Candles	140.00		
Offertory by mail	265.00		
Parish Improvements by mail	20.00		
Offertory (online giving)	1,918.50		
Parish Improvements (online giving)	52.50		
Subtotals (4)	2,396.00		
Total (1)+(2)+(3)+(4)	6,568.00		

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PARISH STAFF:

Clergy:
 Rev. Fr. Cletus O. Omode - Pastor
 Rev. Mr. Clyde McFarland - Permanent Deacon

Parish Manager – Ana Maria Jara

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 PreK2- 8th Grade

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Amendment 4: Know Before You Vote

Wednesday, Oct 16, 2024 at 7:45 PM - English



Dr. Felipe Vizcarrondo, pediatric cardiologist with a master's degree in bioethics; president of the Miami Guild of the Catholic Medical Association, will present facts and information regarding Amendment 4 and the need to Vote No on 4.

Registration Open for:
Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation
Marriage Preparation

Inscripciones abiertas para:
Bautismo, Primera Comunion, Confirmación
Preparación Matrimonial

Contact: Moises Franchi at 305-932-3560 or
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Location	More Information
St. Catherine Of Siena Catholic Parish	Melba Enriquez
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GOSPEL MEDITATION:

Brothers and sisters, today, the Lord speaks to us through His word, offering us an opportunity for conversion. Jesus seizes every moment to guide us toward the truth that sets us free. Today, after teaching us about marriage, He reveals God's original plan for humanity. This plan is simple: to make us happy. Yet, in our brokenness, we often resist.

Christ takes this moment to speak about something deeper through the image of children approaching Him. He says, "Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." What does this mean for us? It means that the Kingdom of God comes to us as something new, something fresh, something we are not fully prepared for, because we are crafty. Yes, we are crafty in faith. How often do we come to church, hear the Word, and think, "I already know this, I've heard it all before"? But the truth is, we know nothing! We are full of pride, like the Pharisees who thought they had it all figured out. But Jesus invites us today to become like children, free of trickery and full of wonder.

To receive the Kingdom like a child means to acknowledge that we don't know how to enter it. You don't know. I don't know. None of us can lead ourselves into the Kingdom of God. This is why we need a shepherd, and that Shepherd is Jesus Christ. He alone knows the way, and He calls us to follow Him with child-like trust. Yet, we resist. We filter everything He says through our own criteria, picking and choosing what suits us. Brothers and sisters, we must let go. We must let ourselves be led.

Christ speaks to us today to shatter our spiritual pride. He says to each of us, "Stop being Pharisees. Break your patterns. Let go of your tricks and schemes." If we don't, we will never enter the Kingdom of God. We will remain stuck, miserable, clinging to the old ways that cannot contain the new wine of His love. Jesus tells us today that the old wineskins of our pride, our preconceived notions, our judgments, cannot hold the new wine He offers. If we don't become new wineskins, we will burst under the pressure. We will complain, argue, grow bitter, and miss out on the life He offers.

This new wine, brothers and sisters, is the love of God. It is His mercy, His forgiveness, His grace. And children can receive this. Those who are humble, who are open, who say, "Lord, I don't know how to do this. Lead me, and I will follow." This is the attitude of the child, and it is the attitude that opens the doors of the Kingdom.

Today, Jesus invites us to be like children. To say, "Lord, I am yours. Do with me what You will. Break my old patterns and create something new in me." This is the path to freedom. We are not called to fix ourselves, to figure it all out. We are called to receive, to let the Lord work in us what He has promised.

Brothers and sisters, we come to church not to ask God to fix all the things we don't like, but to receive what He gives us. To trust that even in our trials, He is working for our salvation. This is what it means to be a child in the Kingdom of God. To say, "Your will be done, Lord, in my life."

Let us pray that the Lord may give us the grace to become like children. May He help us to receive the Kingdom with open hearts and to follow the Good Shepherd with trust and humility, letting Him guide us into life eternal.

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA:

Hermanos, hoy el Señor nos habla con Su Palabra, dándonos una oportunidad para cambiar. Jesús siempre aprovecha cada momento para guiarnos hacia la verdad que nos libera. Hoy, después de hablarnos sobre el matrimonio, nos muestra el plan original de Dios para la humanidad. Ese plan es sencillo: hacernos felices. Pero muchas veces, en nuestra debilidad, lo resistimos.

Cristo usa esta ocasión para decirnos algo más profundo a través de la imagen de unos niños que se le acercan. Él dice: "El que no reciba el reino de Dios como un niño, no entrará en él". ¿Qué significa esto para nosotros? Significa que el Reino de Dios llega como algo nuevo, fresco, algo para lo que no estamos del todo preparados, porque somos astutos. Sí, somos astutos en la fe. ¿Cuántas veces venimos a la iglesia, escuchamos la Palabra y pensamos: "Ya sé esto, ya lo he escuchado"? Pero la verdad es que no sabemos nada. Estamos llenos de orgullo, como los fariseos que creían tenerlo todo claro. Pero hoy Jesús nos invita a ser como niños, sin trucos, llenos de asombro. Recibir el Reino como un niño significa aceptar que no sabemos cómo entrar. Tú no sabes. Yo no sé. Ninguno de nosotros puede entrar al Reino de Dios por su cuenta. Por eso necesitamos un pastor, y ese Pastor es Jesucristo. Solo Él conoce el camino, y nos llama a seguirlo con confianza de niños. Pero resistimos. Filtramos todo lo que Él nos dice según nuestros propios criterios, eligiendo lo que nos conviene. Hermanos, tenemos que soltar. Tenemos que dejar-nos guiar.

Cristo hoy nos habla para romper nuestro orgullo espiritual. Nos dice a cada uno: "Deja de ser fariseo. Rompe tus esquemas. Suelta tus trucos y estrategias". Si no lo hacemos, nunca entraremos al Reino de Dios. Seguiremos atascados, infelices, aferrándonos a los viejos caminos que no pueden contener el vino nuevo de Su amor. Jesús nos dice hoy que las viejas vasijas de nuestro orgullo, nuestras ideas preconcebidas y juicios no pueden contener el vino nuevo que Él nos ofrece. Si no nos volvemos vasijas nuevas, vamos a explotar bajo la presión. Vamos a quejarnos, discutir, amargarnos y perdernos de la vida que Él nos ofrece. Ese vino nuevo, hermanos, es el amor de Dios. Es Su misericordia, Su perdón, Su gracia. Y los niños pueden recibirlo. Los que son humildes, los que están abiertos, los que dicen: "Señor, no sé cómo hacer esto. Guíame, y te seguiré". Esta es la actitud de un niño, y es la actitud que abre las puertas del Reino.

Hoy Jesús nos invita a ser como niños. A decir: "Señor, soy tuyo. Haz conmigo lo que quieras. Rompe mis viejos patrones y crea algo nuevo en mí". Ese es el camino hacia la libertad. No estamos llamados a arreglarnos a nosotros mismos, a tener todo claro. Estamos llamados a recibir, a dejar que el Señor haga en nosotros lo que ha prometido.

Hermanos, venimos a la iglesia no para pedirle a Dios que arregle todo lo que no nos gusta, sino para recibir lo que Él nos da. Para confiar en que, incluso en nuestras pruebas, Él está trabajando para nuestra salvación. Eso es lo que significa ser como un niño en el Reino de Dios. Decir: "Señor, hágase tu voluntad en mi vida".

Pidamos al Señor que nos dé la gracia de ser como niños. Que nos ayude a recibir el Reino con el corazón abierto y a seguir al Buen Pastor con confianza y humildad, dejando que Él nos guíe hacia la vida eterna.

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