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# Saint Joseph

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (A)**

**DOMINGO DE RAMOS DE LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR (A)**

### PARISH STAFF



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### MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIOS DE MISA

Monday/Lunes: No mass  
Tuesday/Martes: **6:30 AM** (English) - CHAPEL  
Wednesday/Miércoles: **6:30 AM** (English) - CHAPEL  
Thursday/Jueves: **6:00 PM** (Spanish) - CHAPEL  
Friday/Viernes: **6:30 AM** (English) - CHAPEL

Saturday/Sábado: **4:30 PM** (English) CHURCH  
**6:00 PM** (English) LOUNGE  
*Neocatechumenal Way*

Sunday/Domingo: **7:00 AM** (English) CHURCH  
**9:00 AM** (Spanish) CHURCH  
**11:00 AM** (English) CHURCH

### CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES

SATURDAYS: 3:30 pm in the Church or any time by appointment.  
SABADOS: A las 3:30 pm en la Iglesia o llame para una cita.

### FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Monday through Friday. Please contact the Parish Office.  
De Lunes a Viernes. Favor de contactar la Oficina Parroquial.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK / UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

Please contact one of the priests if you are going to the hospital.  
Llamar al sacerdote cuando se necesite y si vas al hospital.

### BAPTISMS / BAUTIZOS

On the last Saturday of the month, at 3 pm. Please contact the Parish Office. - El ultimo sabado del mes, a las 3 pm. Favor de contactar la oficina parroquial.

### MARRIAGE / MATRIMONIO

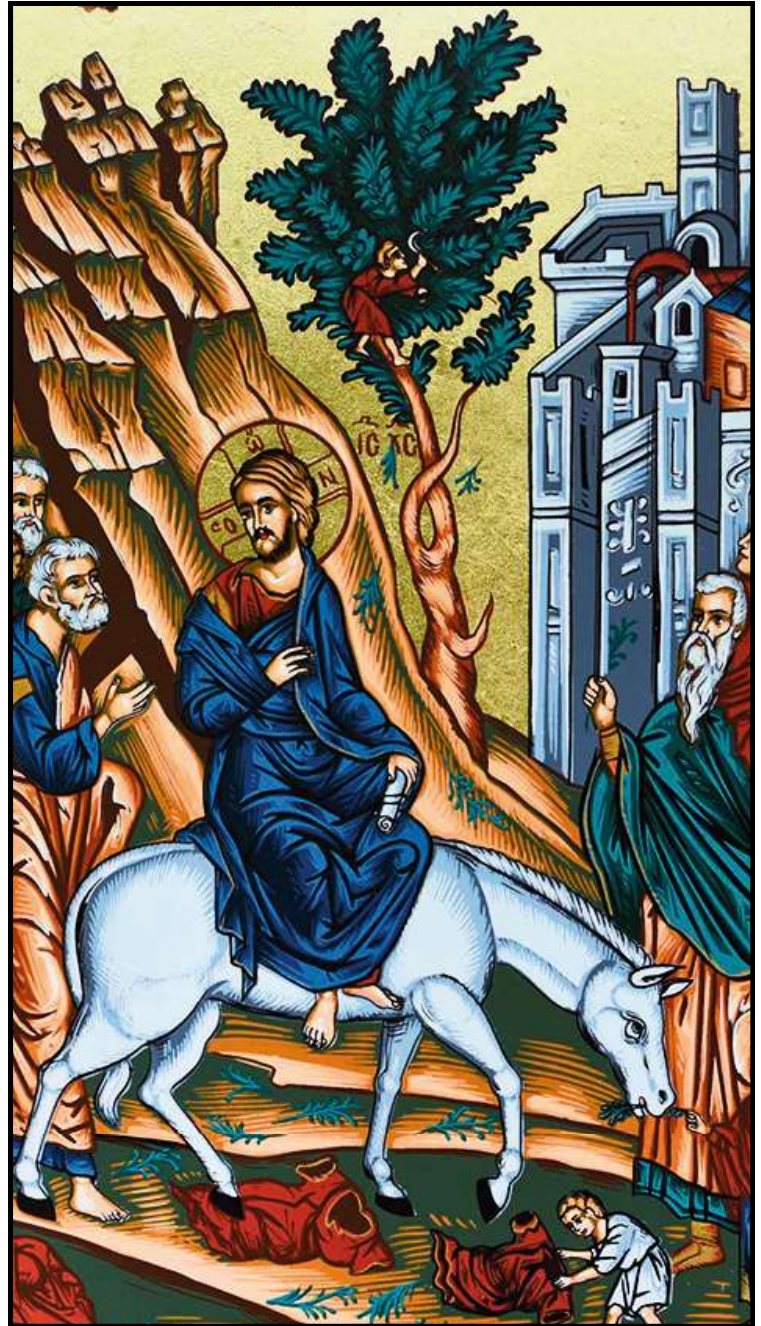
Please contact the priests at least 6 months before your wedding.  
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**READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK (A)**

**Mon. March 30**

Is 42:1-7  
Jn 12:1-11

**Tue. March 31**

Is 49:1-6  
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wed. April 1**

Is 50:4-9a  
Mt 26:14-25

**Thur. April 2**

**Holy Thursday**

*Chrism Mass*  
Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9  
Rv 1:5-8  
Lk 4:16-21

**Holy Thursday**

*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:*  
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14  
1 Cor 11:23-26  
Jn 13:1-15

**Fri. April 3**

**Good Friday**

Is 52:13—53:12  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
Jn 18:1—19:42

**Sat. April 4**

*Easter Vigil*  
Gn 1:1—2:2  
Gn 22:1-18

Ex 14:15—15:1  
Is 54:5-14  
Is 55:1-11

Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4  
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28  
Rom 6:3-11  
Mt 28:1-10

**Sun. April 5**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Col 3:1-4  
Jn 20:1-9

# The Paschal Triduum

The *Paschal Triduum* is the most sacred period in the Catholic liturgical year. The word *triduum* comes from Latin and means “three days.” It commemorates the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Triduum begins on the evening of Holy Thursday, continues through Good Friday, and concludes with the celebration of Easter Sunday.

The roots of the Triduum go back to the earliest centuries of Christianity. Early Christians gathered every Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. By the second century, they began observing an annual celebration of the resurrection called Easter, often preceded by fasting and prayer to remember Christ’s suffering.

In the fourth century, after Christianity was legalized under Constantine the Great, Holy Week celebrations became more organized, especially in Jerusalem. Pilgrims visited the places associated with Jesus’ final days and participated in special liturgies. The pilgrim Egeria recorded these ceremonies, which influenced Christian worship in other regions.

Over time, the Church developed distinct liturgies for each day of the Triduum. Today, these celebrations remain the center of the Catholic faith, remembering Christ’s sacrifice and celebrating the hope of resurrection.

*Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes!*

# PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

*Join us for a procession through the streets of Frederiksted!*

**MEETING PLACE:**

**ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**MARCH 29, 2026 - 3:00 PM**

**The Catholic Parishes in St. Croix, VI**  
**Holy Cross - St. Ann - St. Joseph - St. Patrick**

The Chrism Mass is a powerful sign of unity within the diocese, gathering clergy and faithful around the bishop. During this liturgy, priests renew their promises and holy oils for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing, and Holy Orders are blessed.

Attending deepens faith and strengthens communion.

Tuesday, March 31, 5:00 pm, Holy Cross, St. Croix.



**CHRISM MASS**

**MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS**

Sat. 28	4:30 pm	Birthday blessings for Diana Duparl	req. by her mother.
	6:00 pm	Special intentions for Eldrige J. Raymond	req. by the family.
Sun. 29	7:00 am	+Ethel Stewart	req. by Tracy Sanders.
	9:00 am	Reylam Guerra	req. by Barbara Guerra.
	11:00 am	For the good of the people of St. Joseph Church.	
Tue. 31	6:30 am	Birthday blessings for H. Steve Harrell III and Joshua Warren	req. by Juanita Migueles Mitchel.
Wed. 1	6:30 am	+Manuela Encarnación	req. by Juanita Migueles Mitchel.
Thu. 2	7:00 pm	For the good of the people of St. Joseph Church.	
Fri. 3	3:00 pm	No mass - Good Friday	

# From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have entered Holy Week! I hope this Lenten season has been a grace-filled time for each of you, helping us to renew our hearts and re-center our lives in Christ.

This week promises to be truly special. We will begin with the Chrism Mass on Tuesday at 5:00 pm at Holy Cross, celebrated with all the priests of the diocese and Bishop Jerome. On Thursday, we will gather at 7:00 pm for the Mass of the Lord's Supper, including the washing of the feet. On Friday, we will pray the bilingual Stations of the Cross at 1:30 pm, followed by the Liturgy of Good Friday at 3:00 pm. Then on Saturday evening, we celebrate the Easter Vigil at 7:00 pm, beginning with the blessing of the fire outside.

I am especially happy to share that Bishop Jerome will be the main celebrant at our Easter Vigil. In addition to this being the most important Mass of the year, he will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon five of our brothers and sisters who have been preparing with Sister Floriane. I warmly encourage all of you to attend. The Easter Vigil is the "mother of all vigils," the "night of all nights," and its importance cannot be overstated. Please make every effort to be present for this beautiful and profound celebration.

Saint Joseph, pray for us!

*Fr. Andrea*

## MARCH 29 PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (A)

The challenge before us this weekend is to listen attentively to the message in our readings because we know well the end of the story. Believing, as we do that the word of God is ever new, try to listen as if hearing of these events for the first time. Notice how quickly the mood of the crowd changes from "Hosanna" to "Crucify him! Crucify him!" What words or actions linger in your heart as you walk with Jesus in his passion? As one of his disciples, with whom are you standing, with the frightened disciples or with Mary, Jesus' mother? This week we come face to face with Jesus' choice to endure death for our sake and to save us from our selfishness and sin. What will you say to Jesus in response to his extraordinary act of love for you?

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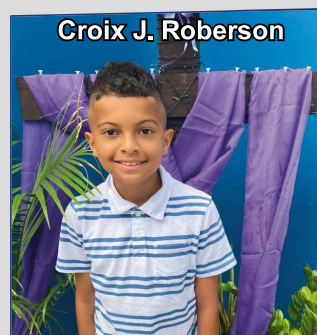
Four young members of our community have been faithfully gathering every Saturday for the past two years, guided by our dedicated catechist, Ms. Joanna JnBaptiste. Through their commitment and preparation, they have grown in faith and understanding, and are now ready to take this important step in their spiritual journey. We are pleased to share that they will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist on May 17, 2026, at 11:00 am.



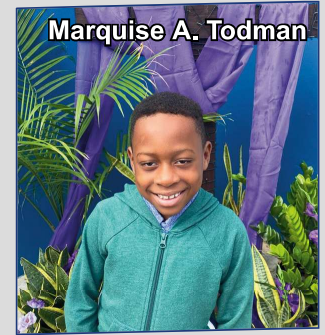
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## Liturgical Corner

### Liturgical Colors and Their Meaning

The Church uses different liturgical colors throughout the year to express the character of each season and celebration. These colors are not decorative but symbolic, helping to teach the faith visually. Green represents growth and hope during Ordinary Time. Purple signifies repentance and preparation during Advent and Lent.

White is used for feasts of joy, such as Christmas and Easter, symbolizing purity and glory. Red recalls the fire of the Holy Spirit and the blood of martyrs, used on Pentecost, Palm Sunday, and martyr feasts. Rose may be used on Gaudete and Laetare Sundays as a sign of joyful anticipation.

By paying attention to liturgical colors, we become more aware of the rhythm of the Church year. These visual signs help draw us into the spiritual meaning of each season and deepen our participation in the Church's worship.

References: GIRM 346; Ecclesiastes 3:1.

### PARISH PASTORAL WORK

- Pro-Life Rosary - Fridays @ 4:30 pm
- Santo Niño - First Saturday @ 4:00 pm
- Divine Mercy - Every Other Saturdays @ 4:00 pm
- Sacred Heart Society - First Sunday @ 8:30 am
- Cursillo de Cristiandad - Sundays @ 10:00 am
- Our Lady of Fatima - First Saturday @ 7:00 am
- Neocatechumenal Way - Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm
- Grief and Loss Seminar - Last Tuesdays @ 1:00 pm



March 29th, 2026

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - Due to the Chrism Mass, there will be no adoration this Tuesday. Thanks

**GRAND ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE** - If you would like a book of tickets or if you would like to return your sold tickets, please see the volunteer at the back of the church after Mass or visit the Parish Office. Thank you for being an ambassador of St. Joseph's!

**BISHOP'S APPEAL 2026** - Our goal for the Bishop's Appeal 2026 is \$25,000. This appeal is an important opportunity for us, as a parish family, to support the wider mission of the Church and to assist those ministries that serve so many people in need throughout our diocese. Please take an envelope at the entrance of the church, complete it at home, and return it in the collection basket next week. Your participation is essential, and together, as one community, we can reach—and even surpass—our goal.



**PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION** - Today is Palm Sunday! We will meet in Saint Patrick, Frederiksted, at 3 pm, for an Island-wide Palm Sunday procession! I hope you can make it!

**CHRISM MASS IN HOLY CROSS** - This year the Chrism Mass will be at Holy Cross, on Tuesday, March 31 at 5:00 pm. Please join the Bishop and all the priest of the Diocese for this great occasion!

**HOLY THURSDAY BILINGUAL MASS** - Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm. After the mass, there will be Adoration in the Hospitality Lounge where we will have the adoration until 12:00 am.

**GOOD FRIDAY** - Bilingual Stations of the Cross Friday, April 3rd. We will walk around the school grounds, starting at 1:30 pm. For those who are not able to go outside the Stations will be inside the church at 2:00 pm. The Liturgy of Good Friday begins at 3:00 pm.

**THE EASTER VIGIL** - The bilingual Easter Vigil Mass is on Saturday, April 4th at 7:00 pm. Bishop Jerome will be with us and will Confirm five adults from our parish. Don't miss the most important night of the year!

### PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

**OFF ISLAND:** Michael Farhig, Vinilia Nicholas, Ginny Garcia, Alessandro Filippucci, Dustin Genovese, Luis Secundino-Roman, Florabel Miller, Doris Darden, Tina Darden, Deborah Nelthropp, Calista Julien, Mary Toussaint, Deacon Conrad Williams, Tanasha Roebuck.

**AT HOME:** Leo Clifford, Kathy King, Deacon Charles, Felicita Hernandez, Mrs. Sackey, Madona Remy, Clair Marshall, Agneta Bailey, Encilma Christian, Elroy Hall Sr.,

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# Desde la pluma del parroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

¡Hemos entrado en la Semana Santa! Espero que este tiempo de Cuaresma haya sido para cada uno de ustedes un tiempo lleno de gracia, ayudándonos a renovar nuestros corazones y a reorientar nuestras vidas en Cristo.

Esta semana promete ser verdaderamente especial. Comenzaremos con la Misa Crismal el martes a las 5:00 pm en Holy Cross, celebrada junto con todos los sacerdotes de la diócesis y el Obispo Jerome. El jueves nos reuniremos a las 7:00 pm para la Misa de la Cena del Señor, que incluye el lavatorio de los pies. El viernes rezaremos el Vía Crucis bilingüe a la 1:30 pm, seguido de la Liturgia del Viernes Santo a las 3:00 pm. Luego, el sábado por la noche celebraremos la Vigilia Pascual a las 7:00 pm, comenzando con la bendición del fuego en el exterior.

Me alegra especialmente compartir que el Obispo Jerome será el celebrante principal en nuestra Vigilia Pascual. Además de ser la Misa más importante del año, conferirá el Sacramento de la Confirmación a cinco de nuestros hermanos y hermanas que se han estado preparando con la Hermana Floriane. Los animo cordialmente a todos a participar. La Vigilia Pascual es la "madre de todas las viglias", la "noche de todas las noches", y su importancia no puede ser exagerada. Por favor, hagan todo lo posible por estar presentes en esta celebración tan hermosa y profunda.

¡San José, ruega por nosotros!

P. Andrea

*¡Hosanna! ¡Bendito el que viene!*

## PROCESIÓN DEL DOMINGO DE RAMOS

*¡Únete a nosotros para una procesión por las calles de Frederiksted!*

**LUGAR DE ENCUENTRO: IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SAN PATRÍCIO  
29 DE MARZO DE 2026, 3:00 PM**

**Parroquias católicas en Saint Croix, VI  
Holy Cross - Santa Ana - San José - San Patricio**

March 29th, 2026

## 29 DE MARZO DOMINGO DE RAMOS (A)

El reto que tenemos este fin de semana es escuchar atentamente el mensaje de nuestras lecturas, pues conocemos bien el final de la historia. Creyendo, como lo hacemos, que la palabra de Dios es siempre nueva, tratemos de escuchar como si oyéramos estos acontecimientos por primera vez. Observen cuán rápidamente el ánimo de la multitud cambia de "¡Hosanna!" a "¡Crucificalo! ¡Crucificalo!". ¿Qué palabras o acciones permanecen en su corazón mientras acompañan a Jesús en su pasión? Como uno de sus discípulos, ¿con quién se encuentran: con los discípulos atemorizados o con María, la madre de Jesús? Esta semana nos enfrentamos a la decisión de Jesús de sufrir la muerte por nosotros y salvarnos de nuestro egoísmo y pecado. ¿Qué le dirán a Jesús en respuesta a su extraordinario acto de amor por ustedes?

La Misa Crismal es un signo poderoso de unidad dentro de la diócesis, reuniendo al clero y a los fieles en torno al obispo. Durante esta liturgia, los sacerdotes renuevan sus promesas y se bendicen los santos óleos para el Bautismo, la Confirmación, la Unción y el Orden Sacerdotal.

Asistir profundiza la fe y fortalece la comunión.  
Martes, 31 de marzo, 5:00 pm., Holy Cross, St. Croix.



Nos complace anunciar que ahora hemos instalado cámaras en nuestra iglesia y que todas las Misas se transmiten en vivo por Facebook.

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Usted puede ver la Santa Misa en directo o volver a escuchar las homilias en cualquier momento. Esto puede ser especialmente útil si está de viaje, si está enfermo y no puede asistir, o si desea escuchar nuevamente los mensajes de nuestra parroquia. Por favor agréguelos como amigo en Facebook con el nombre de usuario: Saint Joseph, St. Croix.

A través de esta página podrá mantenerse conectado con la comunidad parroquial, ver la Misa y escuchar las homilias cuando lo desee. Muchas gracias.



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Por favor, oren por el éxito de la Campaña del Obispo de 2026 mientras trabajamos para renovar la esperanza en las Islas Vírgenes.



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Gracias por su generosidad.



## Rincón Litúrgico

### Colores Litúrgicos y su Significado

La Iglesia utiliza diferentes colores litúrgicos a lo largo del año para expresar el carácter de cada estación y celebración. Estos colores no son decorativos, sino simbólicos, y ayudan a enseñar la fe visualmente. El verde representa el crecimiento y la esperanza durante el Tiempo Ordinario. El morado significa arrepentimiento y preparación durante el Adviento y la Cuaresma.

El blanco se utiliza en festividades de alegría, como Navidad y Pascua, simbolizando pureza y gloria. El rojo evoca el fuego del Espíritu Santo y la sangre de los mártires, y se usa en Pentecostés, Domingo de Ramos y festividades de los mártires. El rosa puede usarse en los domingos de Gaudete y Laetare como signo de alegre anticipación.

Al prestar atención a los colores litúrgicos, nos volvemos más conscientes del ritmo del año litúrgico. Estos signos visuales nos ayudan a comprender el significado espiritual de cada estación y a profundizar nuestra participación en el culto de la Iglesia.

Referencias: IGMR 346; Eclesiastés 3:1.

### TRABAJO PASTORAL

Rosario Pro-Vida - Viernes @ 4:30 pm

Santo Niño - Primer Sábado @ 4:00 pm

Divina Misericordia - Cada otros Sábados @ 4:00 pm

Sagrado Corazon - Primer Domingo @ 8:30 am

Cursillo de Cristiandad - Domingos @ 10:00 am

Nuestra Señora de Fatima - Primer Sabado 7:00am

Camino Neocatecumenal - Miércoles @ 6:00 pm

Duelo y pérdida - Últimos martes @ 1:00 pm



## ANUNCIOS

**NO HAY ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO** - Debido a la Misa Crismal, no habrá adoración este martes.

**RIFA DEL GRAN ANIVERSARIO** - Si desea un libro de boletos o devolver los que vendió, por favor, contacte con el voluntario en la parte atrás de la iglesia después de la misa o visite la Oficina Parroquial. ¡Gracias por ser un Embajador de San José!

**CAMPAÑA ANUAL DEL OBISPO 2026** - Nuestra meta para la Campaña del Obispo 2026 es de \$25,000. Por favor, recoja un sobre en la entrada de la Iglesia y devuélvalo en la canasta de la colecta la próxima semana. ¡Juntos podemos alcanzar la meta!



**PROCESION DOMINGO DE RAMOS** - ¡Hoy es domingo de ramos! ¡Nos reuniremos en San Patricio, Frederiksted, a las 3 pm, para una procesión del Domingo de Ramos para toda la isla! ¡Espero que puedas venir!

**MISA CRISMAL EN HOLY CROSS** - Este año la Misa Crismal será en Holy Cross, el martes 31 de marzo a las 5:00 pm. ¡Unase al Obispo y a todos los sacerdotes de la Diócesis en esta gran ocasión!

**LA MISA BILINGÜE DEL JUEVES SANTO** - Jueves 2 de abril a las 7:00 pm. Después de la misa llevaremos al Santísimo al Salón de Hospitalidad donde tendremos la adoración hasta las 12:00 am.

**VIERNES SANTO** - El Vía Crucis bilingüe será el próximo viernes 3 de abril. Lo haremos alrededor de la iglesia y de la escuela, comenzando a la 1:30 pm. Para los que no pueden caminar se hará en la iglesia a las 2:00 pm. La Liturgia del Viernes Santo empieza a las 3:00 pm.

**VIGILIA PASCUAL** - La misa bilingüe de la Vigilia Pascual es el sábado 4 de abril a las 7:00 pm. El Obispo Jerome estará con nosotros y confirmará a cinco adultos de nuestra Parroquia. ¡No se pierdan la noche más importante del año!

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## A PRAYER TO INSPIRE

### A TRADITIONAL PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, when you entered Jerusalem, great crowds waved palm branches and cried "Hosanna." Save us now from our sins, and make us to rejoice in you, our only Redeemer; through your mercy, O our God, you are blessed, and live and govern all things, now and forever. Amen.



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## PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER HURRICANE SEASON

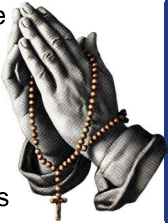
God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. We praise you and thank you for your protection during hurricane season. We ask again to guide us through a new year free of earthquakes, floods, natural disasters and all acts of terrorism. Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

## ORACIÓN A SAN MIGUEL ARCÁNGEL

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y acechanzas del demonio. Reprímelo Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tú, Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial, arroja al infierno con el divino poder, a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

## ORACIÓN DE ACCION DE GRACIAS

Padre, todos los elementos de la naturaleza obedecen tu mandato. Te alabamos y te damos gracias por tu protección durante la temporada de huracanes. Nuevamente te pedimos que nos guíes a través de un nuevo año libre de terremotos, inundaciones, desastres naturales y de todos actos de terrorismo. Bendice nuestras familias y trae la paz a todas las naciones. Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo nuestro Señor que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, y es Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.



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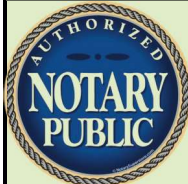
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