



Saint Joseph

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

VIGÉSIMO OCTAVO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO (C)

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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 último sábado 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.
Por favor, haga una cita con el sacerdote.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday to Friday: **8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

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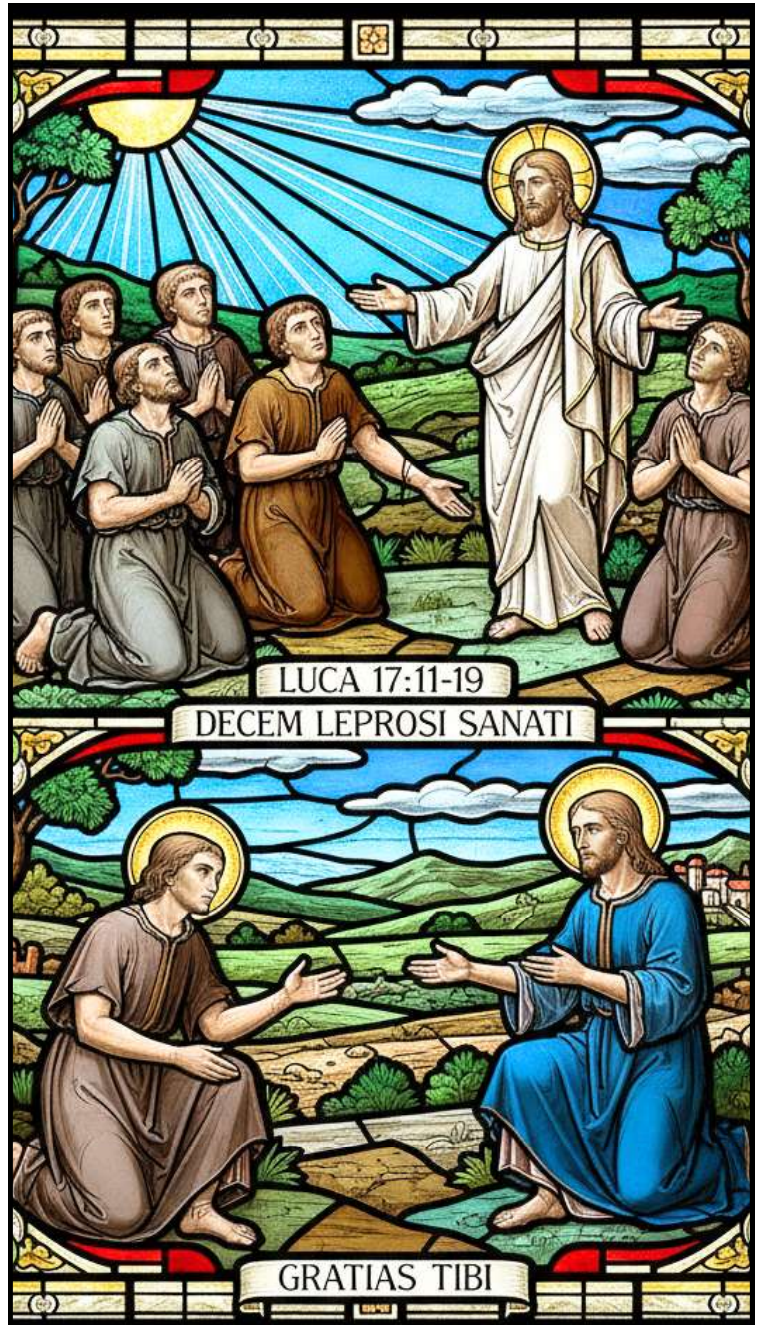
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From the Pastor's Pen



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As many of you know, I flew to Italy because of a family emergency. On September 25, my 10-month-old nephew, Alessandro, choked on a chestnut while at the park with his mother. She did everything she could to help him, but the chestnut was lodged deep in his little throat and no oxygen could pass. She ran to a nearby pharmacy, and soon after, the ambulance arrived. The paramedics managed to remove the chestnut, but Alessandro had been without sufficient oxygen for nearly 20 minutes. Once at the hospital, he was intubated and sedated.

The situation was extremely critical. Medical examinations revealed extensive brain damage due to the lack of oxygen, and he began to suffer frequent seizures. During all this time, I was here on STX, praying for him. But on October 3, my sister Anna—who is a doctor—called me and said they didn't know what else to do. There was no hope for Alessandro. They needed to reduce his sedation and anti-seizure medications, which were beginning to cause organ failure. But as soon as they lowered the doses, he would face severe seizures. She told me, "Either he dies from organ failure or from a brain seizure. You need to come."

After speaking with the Bishop, I knew I had to go. I flew home immediately. That same day, Alessandro was transported by helicopter to Rome, although the doctors said there was very little hope. As soon as I landed, I went straight to the hospital and was able to anoint him. It was incredibly difficult.

But then, something extraordinary happened. In Rome, they extubated him, and he responded far better than anyone expected! They gradually removed his seizure medications, and to everyone's amazement, he didn't have another seizure. It was a true miracle. As the sedation wore off, he slowly began to regain some small but beautiful abilities—sucking on a pacifier, holding a hand, even crying.

There is still a long and painful road ahead. The brain injuries are serious and significant, but it truly seems that God has spared him. I don't know what the future holds, but I know that God exists—and that He does miracles. I want to thank all of you who prayed for Alessandro. I told my brother Paolo and his wife Miriam that people all over the world were praying for them—across China, Africa, Japan, Europe, the U.S.—a global chorus of love and faith.

I left for Italy with fear in my heart, convinced I was going to celebrate a funeral. But instead, it seems God allowed me to witness a glimpse of Eternal Life.

Father Andrea

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Como muchos de ustedes saben, viajé a Italia debido a una emergencia familiar. El 25 de septiembre, mi sobrino de 10 meses, Alessandro, se atragantó con una castaña mientras estaba en el parque con su madre. Ella hizo todo lo posible por ayudarlo, pero la castaña quedó profundamente atascada en su pequeña garganta y no podía pasar el oxígeno. Corrió a una farmacia cercana, y poco después llegó la ambulancia. Los paramédicos lograron extraer la castaña, pero Alessandro había estado sin suficiente oxígeno durante casi 20 minutos. Una vez en el hospital, fue intubado y sedado.

La situación era extremadamente crítica. Los exámenes médicos revelaron un daño cerebral extenso debido a la falta de oxígeno, y comenzó a sufrir frecuentes convulsiones. Durante todo ese tiempo, yo estaba aquí en STX, rezando por él. Pero el 3 de octubre, mi hermana Anna —que es doctora— me llamó y me dijo que ya no sabían qué más hacer. No había esperanza para Alessandro. Necesitaban reducir la sedación y los medicamentos anticonvulsivos, que ya estaban provocando un fallo orgánico. Pero en cuanto redujeran las dosis, él sufriría convulsiones muy graves. Ella me dijo: "O muere por un fallo orgánico o por una convulsión cerebral. Tienes que venir." Después de hablar con el Obispo, supe que debía ir. Volé a casa de inmediato. Ese mismo día, Alessandro fue trasladado en helicóptero a Roma, aunque los médicos dijeron que las esperanzas eran mínimas. En cuanto aterricé, fui directamente al hospital y pude ungirlo. Fue increíblemente difícil.

Pero entonces sucedió algo extraordinario. En Roma, lo extubaron y respondió mucho mejor de lo que nadie esperaba. Poco a poco fueron retirándole los medicamentos anticonvulsivos, y para sorpresa de todos, no tuvo más convulsiones. Fue un verdadero milagro. A medida que le quitaban la sedación, comenzó lentamente a recuperar pequeñas pero hermosas funciones: succionar un chupete, sostener una mano, incluso llorar.

Todavía queda un camino largo y doloroso por delante. Las lesiones cerebrales son graves y extensas, pero realmente parece que Dios lo ha salvado. No sé qué nos depara el futuro, pero sé que Dios existe y que Él hace milagros. Quiero agradecer de corazón a todos los que rezaron por Alessandro. Le conté a mi hermano Paolo y a su esposa Miriam que personas de todo el mundo estaban orando por ellos: en China, África, Japón, Europa, Estados Unidos... un verdadero coro mundial de amor y fe.

Viajé a Italia con miedo en el corazón, convencido de que iba a celebrar un funeral. Pero, en cambio, parece que Dios quiso permitirme presenciar un pequeño destello de la Vida Eterna.

Padre Andrea

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Sat. 11	4:30 pm	Birthday blessings for Anthony, Andrew and Penelope Rios	req. by Eulalia Cordero.
	6:00 pm	For the good of the people of St. Joseph Church.	
Sun. 12	7:00 am	+Carmen Nayda Huertas and +Julio A. Cruz	req. by Luis G. Huertas.
	9:00 am	+Ramon Antonio Zayas	req. by Cecilia Griffin.
	11:00 am	In honor of Our Lady of Fatima	req. by Joanna JnBaptiste.
Tue. 14	6:30 am	+Porfirio, +Leonor and +Jannyna Cordero	req. by Eulalia Cordero.
Wed. 15	6:30 am	Birthday blessings for Bridget Ingles	req. by Audrey Schuster.
Thu. 16	6:00 pm	Birthday blessings for Mizrain and Amelie Cordero	req. by Eulalia Cordero.
Fri. 17	6:30 am	Birthday blessings for Alicia Joseph and Shawn Pryce	req. by the Parrilla family.

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PASTORAL WORK / TRABAJO PASTORAL

Pro-Life Rosary - Fridays @ 5:00 pm
Rosario Pro-Vida - Viernes @ 5:00 pm



Santo Niño - First Saturday @ 4:00 pm
Santo Niño - Primer Sábado @ 4:00 pm



Divine Mercy - Every Other Saturdays @ 4:00 pm
Divina Misericordia - Cada otros Sábados @ 4:00 pm



Sacred Heart Society - First Sunday @ 8:30 am
Sagrado Corazon - Primer Domingo @ 8:30 am



Cursillo de Cristiandad - Sundays @ 10:00 am
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Our Lady of Fatima - First Saturday @ 7:00 am
Nuestra Señora de Fatima - Primer Sabado 7:00am



Neocatechumenal Way - Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm
Camino Neocatecumenal - Miércoles @ 6:00 pm



Grief and Loss Seminar - Last Tuesdays @ 1:00 pm
Duelo y pérdida - Últimos martes @ 1:00 pm



READINGS FOR THE 28th WEEK OF OT (C)

Mon. Oct. 13

Rom 1:1-7
Lk 11:29-32

Tue. Oct. 14

Rom 1:16-25
Lk 11:37-41

Wed. Oct. 15

Saint Teresa of
Avila
Rom 2:1-11
Lk 11:42-46

Thur. Oct. 16

Rom 3:21-30
Lk 11:47-54

Fri. Oct. 17

Saint Ignatius of
Antioch
Rom 4:1-8
Lk 12:1-7

Sat. Oct. 18

Saint Luke
2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9

Sun. Oct. 19
TWENTY-NINTH
SUNDAY IN
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Ex 17:8-13
2 Tm 3:14—4:2
Lk 18:1-8



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR SEMINARIO VIDA EN EL ESPÍRITU

All are invited and encouraged to attend New Life – The Life in the Spirit seminar, beginning Friday, October 17th to December 12, 2025 at 6:00PM in St. Gerard's Hall.

The Seminar is divided into seven meetings, each consisting of a teaching and a personal-pastoral testimony on the theme of the day. The goal of this seminar is that many may discover the love of Jesus Christ through a personal encounter with the Savior. Please do not miss this wonderful opportunity of blessings.

For more information or questions, please call Anastasia Doward 340-277-9816. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church.

Estas invitado a asistir al seminario Nueva Vida – Vida en el Espíritu, que comienza el viernes 17 de octubre y termina el 12 de diciembre de 2025 a las 6:00 pm en el Salón San Gerardo.

El seminario se divide en siete reuniones, cada una con una enseñanza y un testimonio personal-pastoral sobre el tema del día. El objetivo de este seminario es que muchos descubran el amor de Jesucristo a través de un encuentro personal con el Salvador. No se pierdan esta maravillosa oportunidad de recibir bendiciones aunque sea en ingles.

Para más información o preguntas, llamen a Anastasia Doward al 340-277-9816. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en la parte trasera de la iglesia.



Alessandro Lives!!!

CONCERT IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

For the ninth consecutive year, there will be a FREE concert in honor of the Blessed Mother and the Rosary on Sunday, October 19th at 3pm in the Marian Hall at St. Ann's church. This event aims to bring our community together in prayer and song, celebrating our devotion to the Blessed Mother. It will be a beautiful and meaningful gathering for everyone involved. All are invited.

For those interested in participating in the concert please contact Joanna Jn-Baptiste at 340-473-6737 or 340-772-3398.



*Keep calm
and pray the Rosary*

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A PRAYER TO INSPIRE SAINT DENNIS

O God, You gave saving faith to the people of France through St. Denis, Your bishop and martyr, and confirmed him with many miracles. Through his intercession, may the faith he preached guide our lives, preserve us from guilt, and lead us to true repentance. Grant me also, through his merits, the petition I now place before You, saying with trust: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Amen



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TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION - For the Maintenance of the Parish. Thank you.

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE HOY - Para el mantenimiento de la parroquia. Gracias.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Tuesday from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 pm, in Saint Michael's Chapel.

ADORACION DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO - Martes, de 7:00 am hasta las 5:00 pm en la capilla de San Miguel.

CONCERT IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER - Sunday, October 19th at 3pm in Marian Hall, St. Ann's.

CONCIERTO EN HONOR A LA SANTÍSIMA MADRE - Domingo 19 de octubre a las 3:00 pm en el Salón Mariano de la iglesia de Santa Ana.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR - Oct. 17-Dec. 12, Fridays at 6 PM in St. Gerard's Hall. Discover the love of Jesus through teachings and testimonies. Register at the back of the church or call Anastasia Doward at 340-277-9816.

SEMINARIO VIDA EN EL ESPÍRITU - Del 17 de octubre al 12 de diciembre, los viernes a las 6:00 PM en el Salón San Gerardo. Descubre el amor de Jesús a través de enseñanzas y testimonios. Inscríbete en la iglesia o llama a Anastasia Doward al 340-277-9816.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION - For World Mission Sunday. Thank you

LA SEGUNDA COLECTA DE LA PRÓXIMA SEMANA - Para la Domingo Mundial de las Misiones. Gracias.



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