

8TH Saint Joseph

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

VIGESIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO (A)

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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.

ANOIDING 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.
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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READINGS FOR THE 20TH WEEK OF O.T. (A)

Mon. August 17

Ez 24:15-23
Mt 19:16-22

Tue. August 18

Ez 28:1-10
Mt 19:23-30

Wed. August 19

Ez 34:1-11
Mt 20:1-16

Thur. August 20

Saint Bernard
Ez 36:23-28
Mt 22:1-14

Fri. August 21

Saint Pius X
Ez 37:1-14
Mt 22:34-40

Sat. August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ez 43:1-7ab
Mt 23:1-12

Sun. August 23
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 22:19-23
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20



The Saints of the Week

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153) was a Cistercian monk, abbot, preacher, and Doctor of the Church whose profound love for Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary shaped medieval spirituality. Known for his humility, wisdom, and powerful preaching, he worked tirelessly for the renewal of the Church and taught that authentic love of God must transform the heart and lead to charity.

Saint Pius X (1835–1914) was born Giuseppe Sarto and served as a parish priest, bishop, and eventually Pope. His motto, *Instaurare omnia in Christo*—"To restore all things in Christ"—expressed his desire to renew the Church. He promoted frequent reception of Holy Communion, encouraged early First Communion for children, strengthened catechetical formation, and supported the renewal of sacred music and the liturgy. He was canonized in 1954.

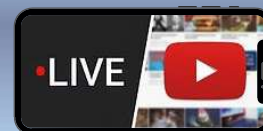
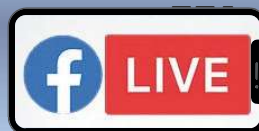
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated on August 22, honors Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth because of her unique union with Christ, her Son and King. Established as a feast by Pope Pius XII in 1954, it reminds us that Mary's greatness is found in humble service, obedience, and complete trust in God. As Queen and Mother, she continually leads us to Christ.

AUGUST 16 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Take a moment and look around you at Mass today. Are there people present whom you have never met or who may come from a different culture? In what way might you be a welcoming presence to the stranger or immigrant or the seeker who is in your midst? Today's scripture makes clear that the message of God's love is not meant to be kept to ourselves. It is not only for those longtime parishioners or certain groups – it is for everyone! Ask God for the grace to do your part to make people feel welcome. Your smile, or word of welcome will help make your parish a place where all feel welcome and at home!

LIVE STREAMING

Join us for Mass!
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Just search for: **Saint Joseph, Saint Croix**

Mass will be "Live" on Saturdays at 4:30 pm and on Sundays at 7 am, 9 am (Spanish), and 11 am.

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



MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Sat. 15	4:30 pm	+Francisco Quiñones Velez	req. by Juanita Migueles Mitchel.
	6:00 pm	For the good of the people of St. Joseph Church.	
Sun. 16	7:00 am	+Dorita Felix	req. by the family.
	9:00 am	Birthday blessings for Lee F., Steve IV and Elaine Harrell	req. by Juanita Migueles Mitchel.
	11:00 am	+Fiel Jude and +Rizalina Frigillano	req. by Sheena Blanco.
Tue. 18	6:30 am	Anniversary blessings for Ileana and Steve Harrell II	req. by Juanita Migueles Mitchel.
Wed. 19	6:30 am	+Carmen Nayda Huertas and +Julio A. Cruz	req. by Luis G. Huertas.
Thu. 20	6:00 pm	Birthday blessings for Marilyn Arroyo	req. by his parents.
Fri. 21	6:30 am	Birthday blessings for Christopher and Kevin Mitchel	req. by his parents.

From the Pastor's Pen



TO: Clergy, Religious, and Faithful of the Diocese of St. Thomas

FROM: Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio, Bishop of St. Thomas

DATE: August 5, 2026

SUBJECT: **Official Announcement of Upcoming Diaconate Ordinations and Prayer for Vocations**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It brings me great joy to announce to our diocesan family the upcoming Diaconate Ordinations of four of our seminarians as they take their final major step toward Holy Orders:

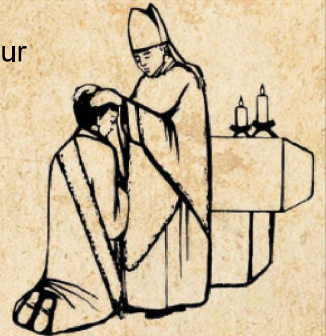
- August 22, 2026: Mr. Ulrich Gildas Donfack, Mr. Narcisse Tchate Njannou, and Mr. Arrey Elvis Besong will be ordained to the diaconate in the Diocese of Obala, Cameroon.
- September 16, 2026: Mr. Paul Prince Nnamdi Duru will be ordained to the diaconate here in our diocese, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, St. Croix.

As these men prepare for ordination, I ask our entire diocesan community across St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John to hold them in special prayer. May the Holy Spirit strengthen them in faithful, humble service to God's holy people.

I also take this opportunity to remind us of our urgent need to foster vocations within our own local Church. Of the 9 seminarians currently preparing to serve our diocese, only two are native to the Virgin Islands. Please continue to pray fervently for all our current seminarians, encourage and accompany our local young men as they discern a calling to the priesthood, and support the Bishop's Appeal, which directly funds their education and formation. Let us rejoice in the Lord's continued goodness to the Diocese of St. Thomas!

Fraternally yours in Christ,

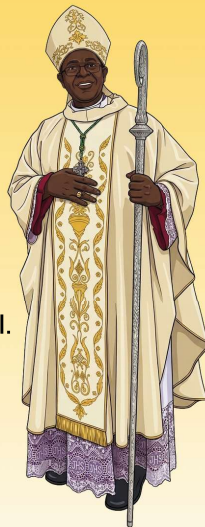
Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio
Bishop of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands



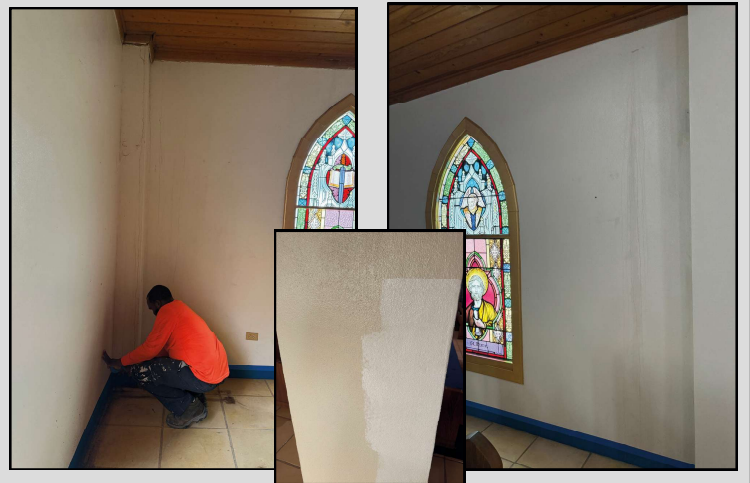
As of today, our Parish contributed to the Bishop's Appeal for a total of \$13,271.67.

Our goal this year is \$25,000.00. We are still missing \$11,728.33 to Achieve Goal. For this reason, this week we will have a special Second Collection towards the Bishop's Appeal.

I ask you to be generous, as the Appeal supports Catholic Charities, our seminarians, our religious sisters, and programs that strengthen our faith community, from youth ministry to adult faith formation, and much more.



CHURCH PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE



CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL AND AMY!

May your marriage reflect Christ's-abundant love for His Church, bringing peace, joy, and holy strength to your lives each day.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will soon begin our Religion Education Classes. Have you received all the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion)?



Do you know somebody who still needs to receive them? What about your children, grandchildren, and godchildren?

Please contact the Parish Office to register them or for more information.

**SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
JULY 1, 2026 TO JULY 31, 2026**

INCOME

Offertory \$16,666.51
2nd Collections \$1,477.00
Donations \$3,486.78

TOTAL INCOME \$21,630.29

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EXPENSES

Administrative (\$9,631.04)
Benefits (\$2668.92)
Taxes (\$2,689.33)
Office Expenses (\$489.62)
Maintenance (\$3,480.00)
Insurance (\$370.03)
Utilities (\$1408.64)
Broadcasting (\$350.00)
Lawnmower (\$5,227.00)

**TOTAL EXPENSES
(\$25,314.58)**

INCOME-EXPENSE (\$4,684.29)

Please note that the parish has
acquired a new Toro Rider 22 HP 50"
Riding Lawn Mower, which is
necessary for the proper
maintenance and care of our parish
grounds. Thanks



*Catholic Questions
— Answered —*

**Why Do Catholics Believe That Jesus Is
Truly Present in the Eucharist?**

Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is truly, really, and
substantially present in the Eucharist because He Himself
taught this. At the Last Supper, He said: "This is my Body...
This is my Blood" (Mt 26:26–28), not "this represents my
body." In His discourse on the Bread of Life, He also
declared: "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink"
(Jn 6:55). Many of His disciples left Jesus because these
words were difficult to accept, but He did not change His
teaching or say that He was speaking only symbolically.

From the earliest centuries, the Church has preserved this
faith. At every Mass, through the action of the Holy Spirit
and the words of consecration spoken by the priest, the
bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ.
Although the appearances of bread and wine remain, their
deepest reality has changed. The Church calls this mystery
transubstantiation.

Therefore, the Eucharist is not merely a symbol or a
reminder of Jesus. It is the same risen Lord who gives
Himself to us as food for our salvation. Every Mass makes
present the one sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, allowing us
to participate in its fruits. For this reason, we adore the
Eucharist with profound reverence, because Jesus Christ is
truly present in it.

*References: Mt 26:26–28; Jn 6:51–69; 1 Cor 11:23–29;
CCC 1373–1381; Sacrosanctum Concilium 7; Ecclesia de
Eucharistia 15; Mysterium Fidei.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION - For the Bishop's
Appeal 2026. Thank you for your generosity.

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

PROLIFE ROSARY - Every Friday at 4:30 pm, in Saint
Michael's Chapel. All are welcome.

DIACONAL ORDINATIONS - As announced by our
Bishop, the Diocese of St. Thomas will soon celebrate the
Diaconate Ordinations of four of our seminarians.
Because of the importance of this moment, Bishop
Jerome Feudjio has asked Fr. Andrea to travel to
Cameroon this Sunday to represent our diocese at these
ordinations and to accompany our seminarians on behalf
of our diocesan family. Father Andrea will be in Cameroon
for approximately 10 days. Let us keep him, our
seminarians, and all those preparing for Holy Orders in
our prayers - as well as Fr. Andrea!

St. Joseph's Gem

WISDOM ON OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER



"God entrusted to Saint Joseph the secret
hidden from ages: the mystery of the
Incarnation. Joseph guarded this mystery with
reverence, silence, and unwavering faith. He
was chosen to accompany Mary in her virginal
motherhood and to protect the Child who came
to save the world. The greatness of Joseph is
seen not in worldly glory but in his faithful
service to Jesus and Mary. Through his
humility he became powerful before God, and
through his silence he spoke eloquently of
obedience and trust."

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

A COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

OFF ISLAND:

**Michael Farhig, Vinilia Nicholas, Ginny Garcia,
Alessandro Filippucci, Dustin Genovese, Luis
Secundino-Roman, Doris Darden, Tina Darden,
Deborah Nellthropp, Calista Julien, Mary Toussaint,
Deacon Conrad Williams.**

AT HOME:

**Leo Clifford, Kathy King, Deacon Charles, Felicila
Hernandez, Mrs. Sackey, Madona Remy, Clair
Marshall, Agneta Bailey, Encilma Christian, Florabel
Miller, Elroy Hall Sr., Florabel Miller, Betty Nielsen.**

(Please call the Church Office to add or remove
names to/from this list)

Desde la pluma del parroco



PARA: Clero, Religiosos y Fieles de la Diócesis de Santo Tomás

DE: Reverendísimo Monseñor Jerome Feudjio, Obispo de Santo Tomás

FECHA: 5 de agosto de 2026

ASUNTO: **Anuncio Oficial de las Próximas Ordenaciones Diaconales y Oración por las Vocaciones**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Me llena de gran alegría anunciar a nuestra familia diocesana las próximas Ordenaciones Diaconales de cuatro de nuestros seminaristas, quienes darán un paso importante y definitivo hacia el Sacramento del Orden:

- 22 de agosto de 2026: El Sr. Ulrich Gildas Donfack, el Sr. Narcisse Tchate Njannou y el Sr. Arrey Elvis Besong serán ordenados diáconos en la Diócesis de Obala, Cameroon.
- 16 de septiembre de 2026: El Sr. Paul Prince Nnamdi Duru será ordenado diácono aquí, en nuestra diócesis, en la Iglesia Católica Holy Cross, St. Croix.

Mientras estos hombres se preparan para recibir la ordenación, pido a toda nuestra comunidad diocesana en St. Thomas, St. Croix y St. John que los encomiende especialmente en sus oraciones. Que el Espíritu Santo los fortalezca para servir con fidelidad y humildad al santo pueblo de Dios.

Aprovecho también esta oportunidad para recordar nuestra urgente necesidad de promover las vocaciones dentro de nuestra propia Iglesia local. De los 9 seminaristas que actualmente se preparan para servir a nuestra diócesis, solamente dos son originarios de las Islas Vírgenes. Sigamos orando fervientemente por todos nuestros seminaristas, animemos y acompañemos a nuestros jóvenes de las Islas Vírgenes que estén discerniendo una posible llamada al sacerdocio, y apoyemos la Campaña del Obispo (Bishop's Appeal), que contribuye directamente a financiar su educación y formación. ¡Alegrémonos en el Señor por su continua bondad y sus bendiciones sobre la Diócesis de Santo Tomás!

Fraternalmente en Cristo,

Reverendísimo Monseñor Jerome Feudjio
Obispo de Santo Tomás en las Islas Vírgenes



16 DE AGOSTO VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Tómese un momento y mire a su alrededor durante la Misa de hoy. ¿Hay personas presentes a quienes nunca ha conocido o que quizá provienen de una cultura diferente? ¿De qué manera puede usted ser una presencia acogedora para el extranjero, el inmigrante o la persona que está buscando a Dios y se encuentra entre nosotros?

Las lecturas de hoy dejan claro que el mensaje del amor de Dios no está destinado a ser guardado para nosotros mismos. ¡No es solamente para los feligreses de muchos años ni para determinados grupos: es para todos! Pidamos a Dios la gracia de hacer nuestra parte para que cada persona se sienta bienvenida. Una sonrisa, una palabra amable o un sencillo gesto de acogida pueden ayudar a que nuestra parroquia sea un lugar donde todos se sientan recibidos, valorados y como en casa.

AGOSTO 2026 - SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

16 de agosto 2026 - Campaña del Obispo 2026
30 de agosto 2026 - Mantenimiento



Hasta el día de hoy, nuestra parroquia ha contribuido a la Campaña del Obispo con un total de \$13,271.67.

Nuestra meta para este año es de \$25,000.00. Todavía nos faltan \$11,728.33 para alcanzar nuestro objetivo. Por esta razón, esta semana tendremos una segunda colecta especial destinada a la Campaña del Obispo.

Gracias por su generosidad y por su compromiso con la misión de nuestra Iglesia diocesana.

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



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ANUNCIOS

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE HOY - Campaña del Obispo 2026. Gracias por su generosidad.

ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO - Martes de 7:00 am a 5:00 pm, en la Capilla de San Miguel.

ROSARIO PRO-VIDA - Todos los viernes a las 4:30 pm en la Capilla de San Miguel. Todos son bienvenidos.

ORDENACIONES DIACONALES – Como anunció nuestro Obispo, la Diócesis de Santo Tomás celebrará próximamente las Ordenaciones Diaconales de cuatro de nuestros seminaristas. Debido a la importancia de este momento, el Obispo Jerome Feudjio ha pedido al Padre Andrea que viaje a Cameroon este domingo para representar a nuestra diócesis en estas ordenaciones y acompañar a nuestros seminaristas en nombre de toda nuestra familia diocesana. El Padre Andrea estará en Cameroon aproximadamente 10 días. Mantengamos en nuestras oraciones al Padre Andrea, a nuestros seminaristas y a todos aquellos que se preparan para recibir las Órdenes Sagradas. ¡Y recemos también por el Padre Andrea durante su viaje!



Preguntas Católicas Respondidas

¿Por qué los católicos creen que Jesús está realmente presente en la Eucaristía?

Los católicos creemos que Jesucristo está verdadera, real y sustancialmente presente en la Eucaristía porque Él mismo así lo enseñó. Durante la Última Cena dijo: «Esto es mi Cuerpo... Esta es mi Sangre» (Mt 26,26–28), no «esto representa mi cuerpo». Además, en el discurso del Pan de Vida afirmó: «Mi carne es verdadera comida y mi sangre es verdadera bebida» (Jn 6,55). Muchos de sus discípulos abandonaron a Jesús porque estas palabras les parecían difíciles de aceptar, pero Él no cambió su enseñanza ni dijo que hablaba solo en sentido simbólico.

Desde los primeros siglos, la Iglesia ha conservado esta fe. En cada Misa, por la acción del Espíritu Santo y las palabras de la consagración pronunciadas por el sacerdote, el pan y el vino se convierten verdaderamente en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Aunque permanecen las apariencias del pan y del vino, su realidad más profunda ha cambiado. La Iglesia llama a este misterio transubstanciación.

Por eso, la Eucaristía no es solamente un símbolo ni un recuerdo de Jesús. Es el mismo Señor resucitado que se entrega como alimento para nuestra salvación. Cada Misa hace presente el único sacrificio de Cristo en la Cruz, permitiéndonos participar de sus frutos. Por esta razón adoramos la Eucaristía con profunda reverencia, porque en ella está realmente Jesucristo.

Referencias: Mt 26,26–28; Jn 6,51–69; 1 Co 11,23–29; CIC 1373–1381; Sacrosanctum Concilium 7; Ecclesia de Eucharistia 15; Mysterium Fidei.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Pronto comenzaremos nuestras clases de educación religiosa.

¿Ha recibido todos los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana (Bautismo, Confirmación, Primera Comunión)?

¿Conoces a alguien que aún necesite recibirlos?

¿Y sus hijos, nietos y ahijados?



Para inscribirse o recibir más información, le invitamos cordialmente a comunicarse con la Oficina Parroquial.

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SABIDURÍA SOBRE NUESTRO PADRE ESPIRITUAL



“Dios confió a San José el secreto escondido durante siglos: el misterio de la Encarnación. José custodió este misterio con reverencia, silencio y fe inquebrantable. Fue escogido para acompañar a María en su maternidad virginal y proteger al Niño que vino a salvar al mundo. La grandeza de José no se ve en la gloria terrenal sino en su servicio fiel a Jesús y María. Por su humildad llegó a ser poderoso ante Dios, y por su silencio habló elocuentemente de obediencia y confianza.”

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux



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A PRAYER TO INSPIRE PRAYER TO HEAL STRESS AND ANXIETY

Heavenly Father, I come before you seeking your calming presence to bring peace to my troubled heart. My soul feels like a restless sea, tossing and turning with worries. Please grant me the inner strength and clarity of mind to discover my purpose and follow the path you have planned for me. I place my trust in your boundless love, knowing that you will heal the stress and anxiety that weights me down and burdens me. Light up the darkness Lord and let your light shine the way for me. Amen.

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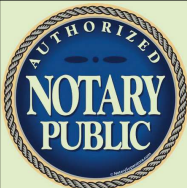


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tongues with songs of
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PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

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.

HURRICANE SEASON PRAYER

God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, natural disasters and all acts of terrorism. May we be secure in your protection and always feel the presence of your love as you turn our fears into praise of your goodness. 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 EN TEMPORADA DE HURACANES

Padre, todos los elementos de la naturaleza obedecen a tu mandato. Libranos de los peligros de huracanes, inundaciones, terremotos, desastres naturales y de todos los actos de terrorismo. Que nos sintamos seguros en tu protección y que siempre sintamos la presencia de tu amor. Cambia nuestros miedos en alabanzas a tu bondad. Bendice a nuestras familias y trae la paz a todas las naciones. Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.



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