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**Sunday, November 5, 2023**



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass:  
5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday Masses:  
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM  
1:15 PM - Spanish

Daily Masses:  
Monday—Friday  
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM



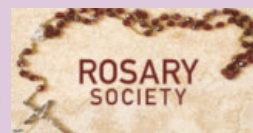
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>November 4</u>
5:30 pm	Jill Verga Tabor
7:00 pm (Español)	All Souls Novena
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>November 5</u>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	All Souls Novena
10:30 am	Thomas Menezes
12:00 pm	The Addon Family
1:15pm (Español)	Todas las almas del Purgatorio
3:00pm	Special Needs Inclusive Family Mass
5:30 pm (Tagalog)	Special Intention
<b>Monday</b>	<u>November 6</u>
7:00 am	All Souls Novena
9:00 am	Kevin Charles Pineda
7:30 pm	Alice Jairam—Birthday in heaven
<b>Tuesday</b>	<u>November 7</u>
7:00 am	Kevin Charles Pineda
9:00 am	All Souls Novena
7:30 pm	Socorro Anora
<b>Wednesday</b>	<u>November 8</u>
7:00 am	Laura Citarella—15th Anniversary
9:00 am	Kevin Charles Pineda
7:30 pm	All Souls Novena
<b>Thursday</b>	<u>November 9</u>
7:00 am	All Souls Novena
9:00 am	Kevin Charles Pineda
7:30 pm	Sp. Int.: Tahir Jairam—Birthday
<b>Friday</b>	<u>November 10</u>
7:00 am	Patricia Sutherland
9:00 am	Rosanne & Jerry Ryan
7:30 pm	Mildred Lobaton
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>November 11</u>
7:00 am	Socorro Anora
9:00 am	In Honor of St. Gertrude
5:30 pm	Pastora Tan
7:00 pm (Español)	Rafael Tobias Alzate
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>November 12</u>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Aurelio Diaz
10:30 am	Domenic E. Francisco
12:00 pm	The Miller Family
1:15pm (Español)	Para La Protección de los No Nacidos y sus Familiares



**Knights' Muffin Sale and Recruitment Drive**

St. John's Knights of Columbus are selling muffins after all Masses **next weekend of November 11-12**, all proceeds going to the parish. They are also looking for a few good men to join this Catholic fraternal order that supports the Church while providing opportunities to grow in faith, help our community, and enjoy social activities.

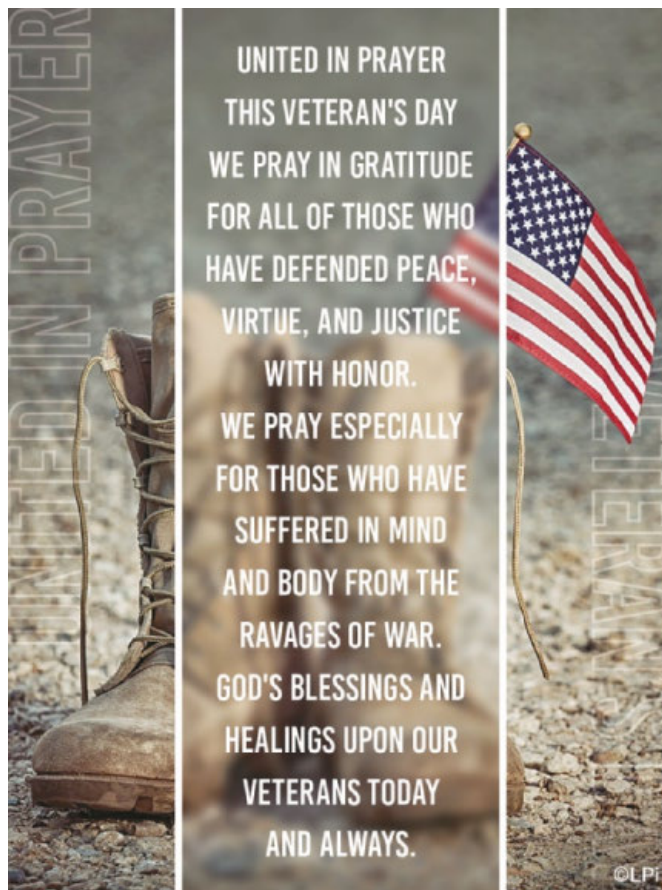
Rosarians will gather for the 9am Mass on Monday, November 6, and pray the rosary together after Mass. All are invited to join in the Rosary.



*Prayers for the Deceased*  
Please remember Joan M. Hartman  
in your prayers.

**SPECIAL NEEDS ALL-INCLUSIVE FAMILY MASS**

This monthly Mass will be this Sunday, November 5th, at 3pm, especially for individuals with disabilities and their families, but all are welcome!



## A Reflection From Our Pastor

*Dear Brothers and Sisters*



Replica of the Chair of Moses,  
Korazim, Israel

“The scribes and Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example”. (Matt. 23, 1)

The ‘Chair of Moses’ refers to the juridical office of Moses, who was judge for the people of God.

The poor guy had to listen to so many cases he needed to sit down, hence the ‘seat’, or ‘chair’ of Moses. His juridical role, being too much for one person to handle, was shared with others: the beginning of the Levitical priesthood.

In Jesus’ day it was the High Priest and the Pharisees who sat ‘in the chair of Moses.’

If you came to Mass the past few Sundays, you would have heard Jesus lambasting the scribes and Pharisees for their hypocrisy. How is it that he now tells us in today’s Gospel to follow their teachings?

Recent discovery of an ancient Hebrew manuscript of the Gospel of Matthew, written in 1380 by a Spaniard, Shem Tob ben Isaac, sheds light on what Jesus meant. The Hebrew text of Matthew reads:

“Upon the seat of Moses the Pharisees and Sages sit, and now, all which HE (Moses) will say unto you-keep and do; but THEIR ordinances and deeds do not do, because THEY say and do not.”

Our modern English translation loses the nuance between what HE (Moses) says and what THEY (the religious leaders) say and do. By using the singular –“He will say,” Jesus’ hearers are directed to keep and do whatever Moses (i.e. the Law, the Torah) says to them, but NOT to follow the ordinances and deeds of the religious leaders of the day.

In plain English, actions speak louder than words. This Gospel passage speaks directly to me, a priest, and a ‘religious leader’. But it is also proclaimed in the hearing of all of us here today, who are, by Baptism, a priestly people. As individuals and as a community, we have been called by God to be guides for our generation.

Do we pay lip service to the Gospel, but our lives portray something else? Are we nominally Christian, but with no difference in our actions/behavior to others who are not?

What difference has the Gospel made in our lives? In the lives of our children?

It’s not the habit (the outward appearance) that makes the monk!

All of us, in one way or another, sit on the chair of Moses. Are we authentic or phony? Are we real or fake?

*Fr. Sean*



## Una Reflexión de Nuestro Pastor

*Queridos hermanos y hermanas*



"Los escribas y fariseos han tomado su asiento en la silla de Moisés. Por lo tanto, hagan, pues, y observen todo la que les digan; pero no imiten su conducta, porque dicen y no hacen". (Mat. 23, 1)

La 'Cátedra de Moisés' se refiere al oficio jurídico de Moisés, quien fue juez por el pueblo de Dios.

[Réplica de la Cátedra de Moisés, Korazim, Israel](#)

El pobre tenía que escuchar tantos casos que necesitaba sentarse, de ahí el 'asiento', o 'silla' de Moisés. Su papel jurídico, siendo demasiado para una persona, fue compartido con otros: el comienzo del sacerdocio levítico.

En los días de Jesús fue el Sumo Sacerdote y los fariseos que se sentaron 'en la silla de Moisés.'

Si hubieras venido a Misa los últimos domingos, habrías escuchado a Jesús criticando a los escribas y fariseos por su hipocresía. ¿Cómo es que ahora nos dice en el Evangelio de hoy que sigamos sus enseñanzas?

El reciente descubrimiento de un antiguo manuscrito hebreo del Evangelio de Mateo, escrito en 1380 por un español, Shem Tob ben Isaac, arroja luz sobre lo que Jesús quería decir. El texto hebreo de Mateo dice:

"Sobre la sede de Moisés se sientan los fariseos y los sabios, y ahora, todo lo que ÉL (Moisés) os dirá-guardaréis y haréis; pero SUS ordenanzas y obras no hacen, porque ELLOS dicen y no hacen."

Nuestra traducción al inglés moderno pierde el matiz entre lo que ÉL (Moisés) dice y lo que ELLOS (los líderes religiosos) dicen y hacen. Al usar el singular -"Él dirá," los oyentes de Jesús son dirigidos a guardar y hacer lo que Moisés (i.e. la Ley, la Torá) les dice, pero NO seguir las ordenanzas y obras de los líderes religiosos del día.

En un lenguaje sencillo, las acciones hablan más que las palabras. Este pasaje del Evangelio me habla directamente a mí, a un sacerdote y a un 'líder religioso'. Pero también se proclama al escuchar a todos los aquí presentes, que somos, por el bautismo, un pueblo sacerdotal. Como individuos y como comunidad, hemos sido llamados por Dios a ser guías para nuestra generación.

¿Rendimos servicio de labios al Evangelio, pero nuestras vidas retratan algo más? ¿Somos nominalmente cristianos, pero sin ninguna diferencia en nuestras acciones/ comportamiento hacia otros que no lo son?

¿Qué diferencia ha hecho el Evangelio en nuestras vidas? ¿En las vidas de nuestros hijos?

¡No es el hábito (la apariencia exterior) lo que hace al monje!

Todos nosotros, de una manera u otra, nos sentamos en la silla de Moisés. Somos auténticos o falsos?

*Fr. Sean*

### Grow in Your Faith!

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*St. John's Respect Life Ministry*



### St. John's Prayer Groups

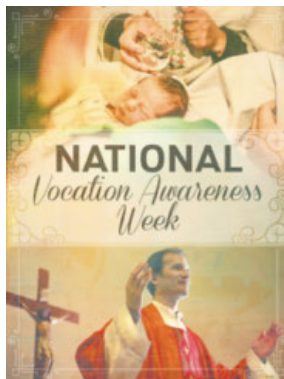
Legion of Mary — Meets each Saturday, 9:30am-11:00am in the Lower Church (English)

Padre Pio Prayer Group—Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month, 3pm—5pm in the Lower Church.

St. John's Youth Group — Meets on Sunday 7pm-9pm, Youth Room, Lower Church. For more information contact Eric Acosta, [ericacosta7@msn.com](mailto:ericacosta7@msn.com)

EL Shaddai DWXI-PPFI Bergenfield Cell Group Meets 2nd & 4th Saturday 1:30pm-5:30pm in the Lower Church. Come & Be Blessed by the "Healing Message". For more info, contact Lhot Liwanag at 201.233.8235 or John Teopengco at 201.658.4032.

Anointing Fire Ministry Group — Meets Mondays 7pm-10pm in the Parish Life Center Chapel. Also, meets the 2nd Friday of the month from 10pm—6:30am for Eucharistic Adoration & Praise, in the Lower Church.



### Weeds & Wheat Ministry

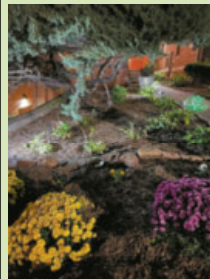
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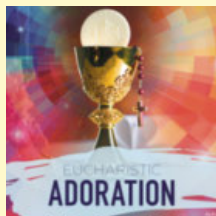


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### Come & Pray

Adoration This Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
12pm—6:30pm



Penance - Saturdays: 1:00pm-2:00pm in the Church.

Baptisms - English - 3:00pm — 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month  
Spanish—2:45pm—4th Sunday of the month

Instructions for parents will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month in English at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center Basement and the 3rd Sunday of the month in Spanish at 2:45pm in the Parish Life Center Gathering Room for parents having their first child baptized. All parents must be registered parishioners and present the child's birth certificate at the time of arranging the baptism. Godparents must be practicing Catholics, at least sixteen years of age, who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist, and, if married, the Sacrament of Matrimony. Sponsor certificate must be presented at least one week before Baptism. Please call the Rectory at 201-384-0101 for information.

Matrimony—Arrangements for a wedding should be made at least one year in advance. Please contact one of the priests, 201-384-0101.



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**Virgen Maria**  
en el  
**Templo**

Sábado

Noviembre  
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2023

5:00 AM

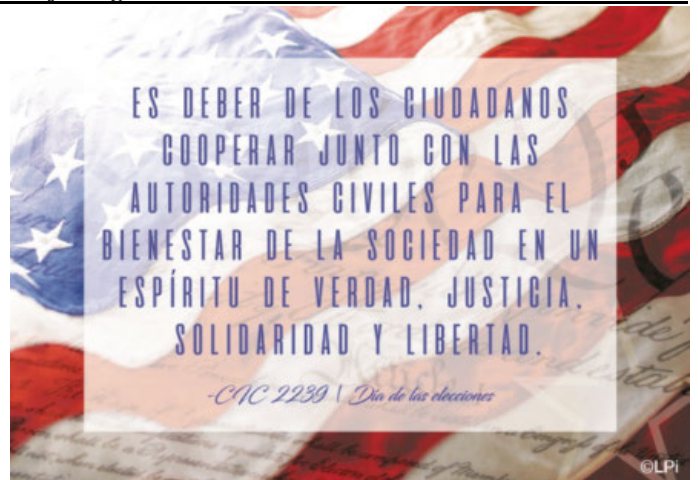
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*Ven y Ora*

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento

Horario de esta semana:  
martes, miércoles  
y jueves  
12pm—6:30pm



“  
CON HUMILDAD  
TODO SE  
CONSIGUE.  
”



-SAN FRANCISCO JAVIER

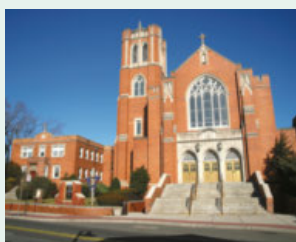
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HE ENCONTRADO

*Psalm.*

SALMO 131



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POR TODOS AQUELLOS  
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**Grupos Parroquiales**

La Palabra ~ lunes, Iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Legión de Maria ~ martes, Capilla del Parish Life Center de 6:00pm ~ 7:30pm

Tienda del Encuentro ~ martes, Basement del Parish Life Center de 7:00pm ~ 10:00pm

Emaús Mujeres ~ miércoles, Iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Emaús Hombres ~ miércoles, Basement del Parish Life Center de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Grupo de Oración Luz y Vida ~ jueves, Iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Devoción a la Preciosa Sangre de Cristo ~ viernes, Basement del Parish Life Center de 8:00pm ~ 9:00pm

Ministerio Matrimonios Con Cristo ~ tercer viernes del mes, iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:45pm



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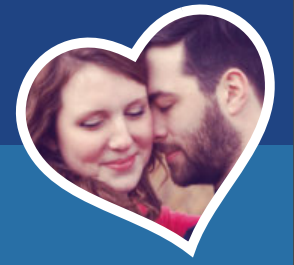
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