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Sunday, January 28, 2024

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"COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND
BURDENED AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST" - Mt 11:28

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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, 6:30 PM
Tuesdays 6:30 PM Spanish



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| Saturday | January 27 |
| 5:30 pm | Cecilia Bordado Agay |
| 7:00 pm (Español) | Policarpa Arias |
| Sunday | January 28 |
| 7:30 am | The People of the Parish |
| 9:00 am | Sp. Int.: Fredy Barsatan— Birthday Thanksgiving |
| 10:30 am | Marie Picone |
| 12:00 pm | Claire Cialone |
| 1:15pm (Español) | Rosalio Sosa |
| Monday | January 29 |
| 7:00 am | Gladys G. Sullivan |
| 9:00 am | Sitang E. Paez—2nd Anniversary |
| 6:30 pm | Chuck Pagharion |
| Tuesday | January 30 |
| 7:00 am | Lina Carvajal |
| 9:00 am | Rosario Legarda Kahn |
| 6:30 pm (Español) | Sp. Int.: Wedding Anniversary— Mr.&Mrs. Alberto Valdenarro |
| Wednesday | January 31 |
| 7:00 am | Marcela Garcia |
| 9:00 am | Mark Giordano |
| 6:30 pm | Candelaria Piccio |
| Thursday | February 1 |
| 7:00 am | The Dzadik Family |
| 9:00 am | Mark Giordano |
| 6:30 pm | Ferdinand Dimitri |
| Friday | February 2 |
| 7:00 am | Laurie A. Knott |
| 9:00 am | Sp. Int.: Ignacio & Virginia Imperial |
| 6:30 pm | John Rube—11th Anniversary |
| Saturday | February 3 |
| 7:00 am | Virgilio Dalisay |
| 9:00 am | John Cirone—2nd Anniversary |
| 5:30 pm | Giovanina Bufano |
| 7:00 pm (Español) | Roberto Taborda, Jr. |
| Sunday | February 4 |
| 7:30 am | The People of the Parish |
| 9:00 am | Cornelio Z. Guevarra |
| 10:30 am | The LoPiccolo Family |
| 12:00 pm | Floriza and Francisco Benson |
| 1:15pm (Español) | Sp. Int.: Enrique and Irene Ramirez— 50th Wedding Anniversary |

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember Andrea Mendoza, Delia Larriu, Matthew J. Connell, Linda S. Tabuzo and Margaret M. Bloomer in your prayers.

Used Palm—Palm blessed last year may now be brought to the church and placed in the special baskets at the doors of the church these will be burned and used for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14.

What's HAPPENING?

Blessing of Candles—Feb. 2
Blessing of Throats — Feb. 3
 See page 5



First Friday Holy Hour on Feb. 2nd—7pm—8pm.
 8pm—midnight silent adoration.
 Friday midnight—Saturday 6am adoration led by the Anointing Fire Ministry in the Main Church.
 Saturday 6am-7am adoration led by Rosario del Aurora. 6:45am Benediction.

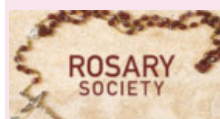


Join us—Feb. 3rd

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 6:30am—4:30pm
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SPECIAL NEEDS ALL-INCLUSIVE FAMILY MASS

This monthly Mass will be on **Sunday, February 4th at 3pm**, especially for individuals with disabilities and their families, but all are welcome!



Rosarians will gather for the 9am Mass on **Monday, February 5th** and pray the rosary together after Mass. All are invited to join in the Rosary.

MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Next Saturday, we will have a WORKSHOP for all EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS & USHERS (ministers of hospitality).

This Workshop is for all who are currently serving in these Ministries, and also for those who desire to do so. This Workshop is for both English and Spanish speaking ministers.

DATE: FEB 3RD / TIME: 9:30AM til 12:30PM
PLACE: CONLON HALL

A Reflection From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



This coming Friday, February 2nd is a wonderful day in the Church’s liturgical calendar: The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

Forty days after his birth, Jesus was brought to the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses. Forty days after Christmas, we celebrate this fact. Jesus was presented in the Temple to be redeemed, meaning to be ‘bought back,’ or to be offered to God. Joseph and Mary were fulfilling the precept of the Book of Exodus:

"Sanctify to Me every firstborn, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me." Ex. 13:2

At the Passover the firstborn of the Egyptians, both man and animal, were killed, but Israel’s firstborn sons and animals were spared. Henceforth, the firstborn belonged to God.

There is a great wisdom in this. Our children are not our own, they do not belong to us; their true identity is that of being children of God. A dad once told me how he came to the realization that he had, for many years, done a poor job as a parent because he thought his son was his, and not God’s.

A child’s greatest freedom and security comes from their knowing that they do indeed belong to God. Mary and Joseph knew this very well, and took their new born to the temple to redeem him, to offer him to God. Being poor they did not have a lamb for the offering, so they instead gave the offering of the poor – two turtledoves.

This Feast day also used to be called the Purification of the Virgin, recalling the ancient tradition whereby mothers were purified after birth.

Why were they purified? Because they had lost blood in the act of giving birth, and blood is holy, is life itself. The act of Purification acknowledged that God is the author of all life, and that all life is sacred. This Purification was once also known amongst Catholics as ‘churching,’ whereby a mother, having given birth, was welcomed back into the church. The mother would hold a lighted candle, and be led into the church from the vestibule, with prayers of gratitude being said for her safe delivery.

Hence Candlemas Day. Traditionally today was also known as Candlemas Day, and signified the end of the Christmas Season. It was the day in which candles were blessed and distributed for use throughout the year.

In today’s world life is increasingly cheapened, and blood is all too easily shed. Bloodshed is has also been legalized by abortion laws, and for our youth bloodshed is glorified in video games; it has become a multi-million dollar industry. The Feast of the Presentation redresses this, declaring life for what it is – a gift of God, and to be respected.

Christ is the light of the nations, and he enters today into his Temple. May he be presented in our Temple, in each one of us, as we acknowledge our life as coming from him, and dedicate ourselves to him.

Fr. Sean

Request for Church Contribution Statement 2023

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Statements will be mailed in early February.

Una Reflexión de Nuestro Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,



El próximo viernes 2 de febrero es un día maravilloso en el calendario litúrgico de la Iglesia: la Solemnidad de la Presentación del Señor.

Cuarenta días después de su nacimiento, Jesús fue llevado al Templo de acuerdo con la Ley de Moisés. Cuarenta días después de Navidad, celebramos este hecho. Jesús fue presentado en el Templo para ser redimido, significando ser 'comprado de nuevo,' o ser ofrecido a Dios. José y María estaban cumpliendo el precepto del Libro del Éxodo:

"Conságrame todo primogénito, todo primer parto entre los israelitas, tanto de hombres como de animales; es mío." Ex. 13:2

En la Pascua los primogénitos de los egipcios, tanto hombres como animales, fueron asesinados, pero los primogénitos de Israel y los animales se salvaron. En adelante, el primogénito pertenecía a Dios.

Hay una gran sabiduría en esto. Nuestros hijos no son nuestros, no nos pertenecen; su verdadera identidad es la de ser hijos de Dios. Un padre me dijo una vez cómo se dio cuenta de que, durante muchos años, había hecho un mal trabajo como padre porque pensaba que su hijo era suyo, y no de Dios.

La mayor libertad y seguridad de un niño viene de su conocimiento de que realmente pertenecen a Dios. María y José lo sabían muy bien, y llevaron a su recién nacido al templo para redimirlo, para ofrecerlo a Dios. Siendo pobres no tenían un cordero para la ofrenda, por lo que en cambio dieron la ofrenda de los pobres - dos tórtolas.

Esta fiesta también solía llamarse la Purificación de la Virgen, recordando la antigua tradición por la cual las madres eran purificadas después del nacimiento.

¿Por qué eran purificados? Porque habían perdido sangre en el acto de dar a luz, y la sangre es santa, es la vida misma. El acto de Purificación reconoció que Dios es el autor de toda vida, y que toda vida es sagrada. Esta Purificación fue una vez también conocida entre los católicos como cuando una madre, habiendo dado a luz, fue bienvenida de nuevo a la iglesia. La madre sostenía una vela encendida, y era llevada a la iglesia desde el vestíbulo, con oraciones de gratitud por su entrega segura.

Por lo tanto, el Día de la Candelaria. Tradicionalmente también hoy se conoce como el Día de la Candelaria, y significaba el final de la temporada de Navidad. Era el día en que las velas eran bendecidas y distribuidas para su uso durante todo el año.

En el mundo de hoy la vida es cada vez más barata, y la sangre se derrama con demasiada facilidad. El derramamiento de sangre también ha sido legalizado por las leyes del aborto, y para nuestra juventud el derramamiento de sangre se glorifica en los videojuegos; se ha convertido en una industria multimillonaria. La Solemnidad de la Presentación corrige esto, declarando la vida por lo que es - un don de Dios, y deber ser respetado.

Cristo es la luz de las naciones, y entra hoy en su templo. Que sea presentado en nuestro Templo, en cada uno de nosotros, y que reconozcamos que nuestra vida proviene de él, y nos dedicamos a él.

Fr. Sean

Solicitud de Declaración de Contribución de la Iglesia 2023

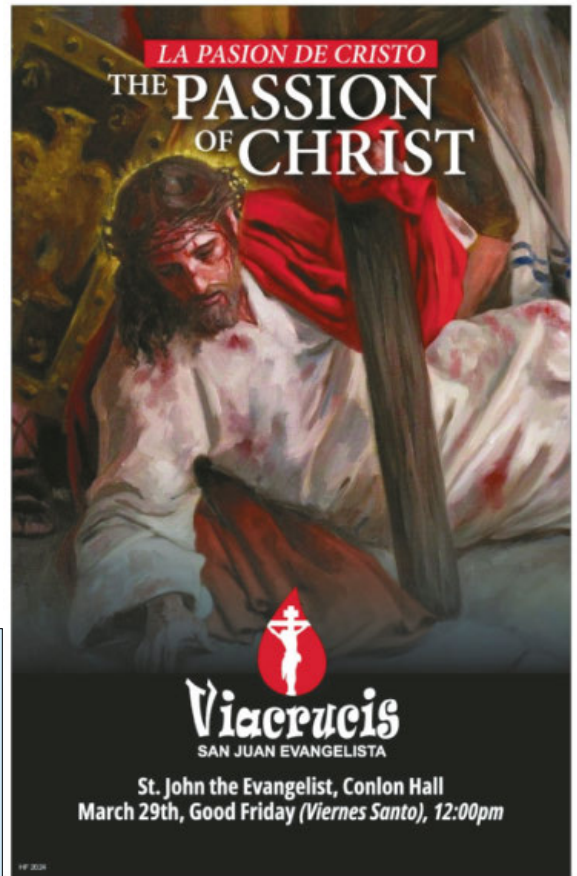
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Por favor, complete, separe y coloque en la canasta de la colecta o devuélvala a la rectoría.
Las declaraciones serán enviadas por correo a principios de Febrero.



Parishioner Alfonso Made was formally instituted as an acolyte last Sunday by Bishop Michael Saporito. This was the next step in his preparation to become a permanent deacon. Let us all continue to pray for him!



Mass of Healing—Knights of Columbus

Come celebrate a Mass of Healing at the Society of African Missions *23 Bliss Ave. Tenafly at 3:00 PM on February 4th.* Our Chaplin, Fr. Dermot Roache, will celebrate the Mass, and all are invited. Those with a need for the Sacrament of Healing are especially welcome as the sacrament will be administered during the Mass.

Blessing of Candles

On Friday, February 2nd, we commemorate the “Presentation” of Jesus in the temple and the purification of Mary 40 days after His birth. Candles have been blessed this day since the 11th century. The Blessing of Candles will take place at all the Masses. Candles for home use will be available after all the Masses on February 2nd and are also available at the Rectory during the year. An offering of \$5.00 per set of 2 is requested.



Blessing of Throats On Saturday, February 3rd at the end of all Masses. The practice of Blessing of Throats originated with St. Blaise whose feast day is February 3rd. As legend has it, a mother came to St. Blaise because her young son had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At St. Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone. We pray through the intercession of St. Blaise that God delivers us from throat ailments and from every other evil.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support the essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support enables us to carry out the important work we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus. **Our Parish Goal is \$102,661.33 and our Stretch Goal is \$104,591.00.** If we reach our Stretch Goal in cash by June 30th 2024, our Parish is eligible for a **2% assessment rate reduction** on our fiscal obligations to the Archdiocese. If we go over the Stretch Goal in pledges as of June 30th, 2024, and those pledges are fulfilled by December 31, 2024, we will be eligible for a rebate, which comes back to our Parish, unassessed, to be used at our own discretion. We could, for example, use this money, to fund the building of a new bathroom in the church lobby.

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I have made my gift to the Appeal. Please consider participating in this year’s Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. If you have not already done so, please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code below, **or join us for In-Pew Weekend next weekend, February 3rd-4th.**

Thank you for your time and consideration. You are in my prayers. Please pray for the success of the Annual Appeal.

Fr. Sean



Llamada Anual 2024

La Llamada Anual del 2024 ha comenzado! Cada año estamos invitados a participar en la Llamada Anual, que es una oportunidad para apoyar los ministerios y programas esenciales de nuestra Arquidiócesis. Su apoyo sacrificial nos permite llevar a cabo el importante trabajo que estamos llamados a hacer como discípulos misioneros de Jesús. **Nuestra meta parroquial es \$102,661.33 y nuestra meta de estiramiento es \$104,591.00.**



Por favor considere participar en la Llamada Anual de este año para ayudar a hacer una diferencia significativa en muchas vidas dentro de nuestra Arquidiócesis. Haga una donación en línea hoy visitando rcan.org/llamada, escaneando el código QR, o **únase a nosotros para el fin de semana, In Pew, el próximo fin de semana, 3 al 4 de febrero.** Gracias, Padre Sean

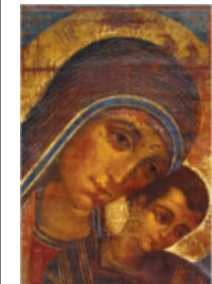


Feligres Alfonso Made fue formalmente instituido como un acólito el domingo pasado por el Obispo Michael Saporito. Este fue el siguiente paso en su preparación para convertirse en un diácono permanente. ¡Sigamos todos orando por él!

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Este Taller es para todos los que están sirviendo actualmente en estos Ministerios, y también para aquellos que deseen hacerlo. Este taller es para los ministros que hablan inglés y español.

FECHA: FEBRERO 3 / HORA: 9:30AM hasta las 12:30PM / LUGAR: CONLON HALL

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