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## FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME NOVEMBER 9, 2025

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### MASS SCHEDULE

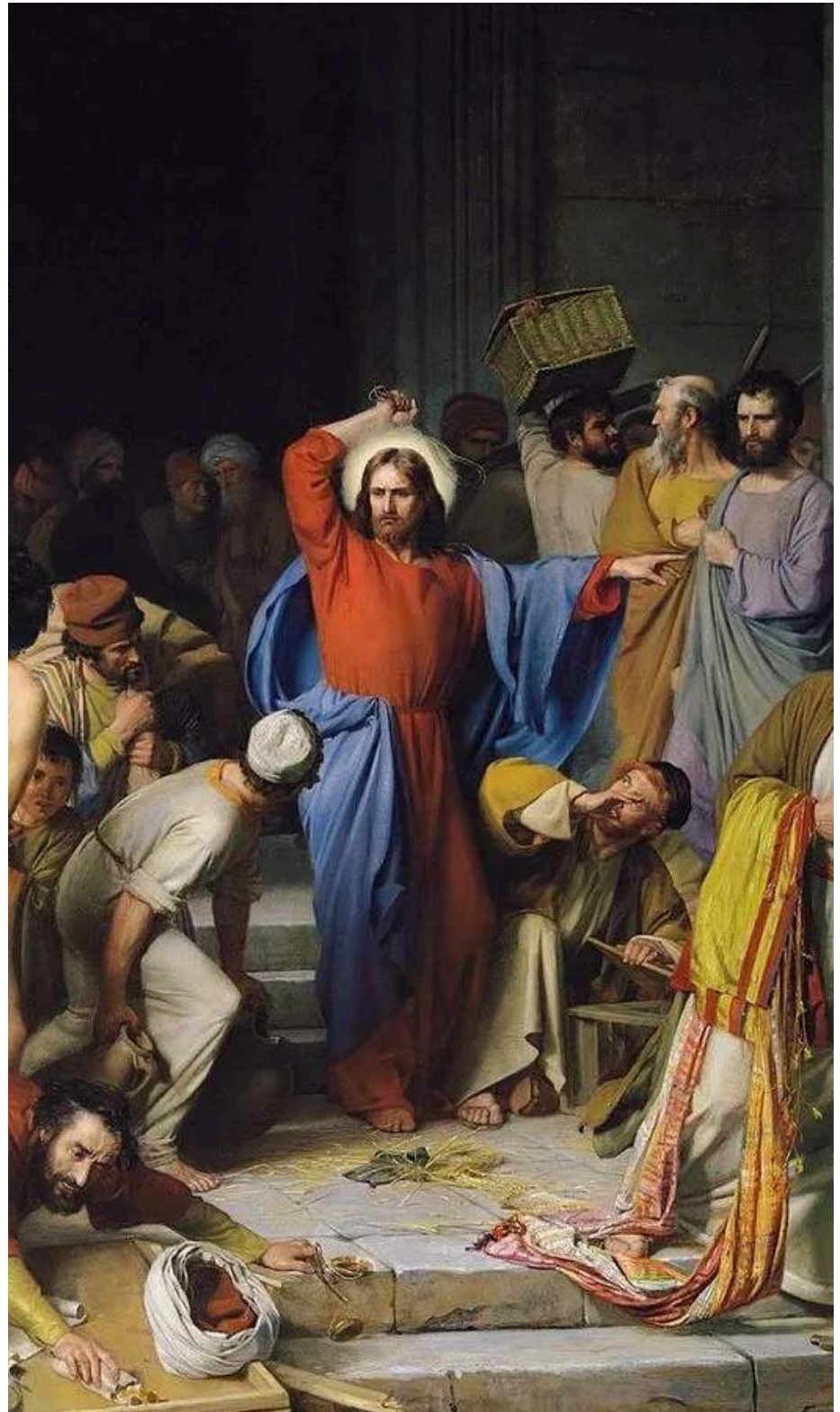
Sat Vigil: 5:30, 7:00 PM (Sp)

Sun Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,  
10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:15 PM (Sp)

Daily (Mon-Fri): 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM,  
6:30 PM (Tues: 6:30 PM Sp)

Sat Masses: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM

Penance (Sat): 1:00 PM-2:00 PM



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

5:30 PM Laura Citarella  
7:00 PM (Spa) All Souls in Purgatory

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:30 AM People of The Parish  
9:00 AM Jeen Joseph & Ancy George (L)  
10:30 AM Novena For All Souls  
12:00 PM William Schweizer  
1:15 PM (Spa) Gisela Astwood

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:00 AM Novena for All Souls  
9:00 AM Amalia & Alfonso Montoya  
6:30 PM Taahir A. Jairam - Birthday

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:00 AM Pelagia Santelices Tabuzo  
9:00 AM Pastora Tan - 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
6:30 PM (Spa) Maria Briceño

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00 AM Rolando Pagcaliwagan  
9:00 AM Danny Ibero, Andrew & Elisea Gabo  
6:30 PM Aurelio Diaz

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00 AM Mary Joseph - In Remembrance  
9:00 AM Malcku Ouano  
6:30 PM John D. Kaberle, Jr.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00 AM Thanksgiving for All Blessings  
9:00 AM Linda Havana - Birthday  
6:30 PM Joseph Zitelli, Mildred (L) & Adela Lobaton

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00 AM Carlos M. Enriquez - 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
9:00 AM Michel Jean Poix  
5:30 PM Marcelino Paras  
7:00 PM (Spa) Rafael Tobias Alzate

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:30 AM People of The Parish  
9:00 AM Julius B. DaSilva, Sr.  
10:30 AM Mario Cadiente  
12:00 PM The Miller Family  
1:15 PM (Spa) Yant Gomez, Jr.

## MASS PRESIDERS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

5:30 PM - Father Sean Manson  
7:00 PM - Father Michael Bollinger

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:30 AM - Father Sean Manson  
9:00 AM - Father Oliver Nilo  
10:30 AM - Father Michael Bollinger  
12:00 PM - Father Sean Manson  
1:15 PM (Spa) - Father Hector Larrea

## Baptism

Call the rectory (201-384-0101) to schedule.

Parent meeting: 1st Sun. 1:30 PM (Eng),  
3rd Sun. 2:45 PM (Sp).

Baptisms: 2nd & 3rd Sun. 3 PM (Eng),  
4th Sun. 2:45 PM (Sp).

Parents **must** be parishioners, provide child's birth certificate, and select Catholic godparents (16+, confirmed, Eucharist, married in Church if applicable).

Sponsor certificates due 1 week prior.

## Marriage

Arrange one year in advance. Call the rectory (201-384-0101) for an appointment with a priest. Please obtain an updated baptismal certificate.

## Recent Collections

November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Parish Giving: 3,551.19  
Envelopes: 15,793.00  
TOTAL: 19,324.19

## Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember  
**Grace DeRubeis**  
in your prayers.

## Prayer for Vocations:

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service.

**Amen.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters



Today we celebrate the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica, the Cathedral of Rome. Yes, the Cathedral of Rome is not St. Peter's, but St. John Lateran, Built on the Lateran hill by the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century, it is the mother Church of all the Churches in Christianity, it is the place of the See of Peter and his successors, the See of the Holy Father Pope Francis. The Basilica is named after St. John the Baptist, who is virgin and martyr.

Virginity and Martyrdom. These are the two essential signs that make the Church present in the world. Without virginity and martyrdom, the Church is not the Church.

When these two signs are lacking; when there are no virgins or martyrs, the Church loses its identity. It becomes indistinguishable from the world, bourgeois; a human institution; a multi-national corporation!

Of course, not everyone is called to a life of physical virginity (although we are called to be virgin until we are married); and not all of us will be called to give their life, shed their blood, in martyrdom.

But each one of us is called to make these two signs, to live these two signs, according to our vocation, our state in life. What does that mean?

The essence of virginity is chastity. Chastity means the right use and exercise of our sexuality. We are all called to live a chaste life: be that as a single person, or married, or priest or religious. It is not only the celibate people who are called to be chaste, but all of us.

The heart of martyrdom is to lay down one's life for others; and not just for those we love, but for our enemies and those who do evil to us.

The martyr hates no one. Martyrs give their lives and offer forgiveness to those who "kill" them, those who destroy them in some way or another.

We can be "killed" by people's judgments, rejection, silence, ridicule, indifference, hatred... As well as by more serious injuries, abuses and injustices.

A Christian makes a martyr's love present in the family, in the place of work, in the community, in all human relationships.

But one thing is certain: Martyrdom and Chastity are beyond the human power of any person, even the strongest among us. Or rather, especially for the strongest among us.

True chastity and love for the enemy cannot be manufactured. They can never be the result of human effort, good intentions, or sheer will-power. No.

We can make resolutions; grit our teeth; clench our fists; flex our spiritual muscles; we can strain with determination; we can try and try again; but to no avail!

Chastity and Martyrdom are not achievements. They are a gift, the grace of Jesus Christ, thru the action of the Holy Spirit. We can receive this grace, but we cannot manufacture it. It is "super" natural - above nature.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the first virgin of the Church who lived in perfect chastity. He is the first martyr of the Church, loving even his enemies and accusers. Lifted high on the cross, his virgin body was broken for us, and his blood poured out for us.

Trying to live like this by effort, is to turn Christianity and the moral life into a huge burden...and with all the guilt that comes when we inevitably fail.

This kind of chastity and love is not something we can win, or earn, or deserve; it is not a prize. It is a gift from God. Free. Gratis. Unmerited. But where can we "get" it? Where? How?

In every Eucharist these gifts are made present again, they flow from the side of Christ, Crucified and Risen.

To live with such a spirit is not a utopian dream. It is possible for all those who, in their poverty, in their humility and weakness, truly desire it, and open their hearts to receive it.

These gifts of Christ were already pre-announced in Saint John the Baptist. Close to Christ in his conception and birth, John goes ahead of him as virgin and martyr.

Today's feast can give us joy, encouragement and hope.

Fr. Sean

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
 ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH PRESENTS OUR SECOND ANNUAL  
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**Saint of The Week - St. Leo the Great**

Saint Leo the Great, Pope from 440 to 461, faithfully defended the Catholic Church's unity and taught the true doctrine of Christ's divinity and humanity. He is honored for his courage in protecting Rome and guiding the faithful with wisdom.

  
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**YOUTH GROUP**  
*Meeting*  
 St. John's is launching a brand new Youth Group, and we want YOU to be part of it!  
 Bring a lunch or snack, wear comfy shoes, and come prepared to enjoy the outdoors.  
**SUNDAY  
 NOV. 9TH, 2025  
 @ 12:30 PM**  
 Conlon Hall  
 All youth welcome!  
 Scan our QR code to register!





**Works Around The Parish  
Church Cleaning & PLC Cleaning**

A big thank you to the volunteers from the Filipino Apostolate and Spanish Apostolate who clean the church and bathrooms on Saturdays. The pews are dusted and polished and the floors swept and mopped. Another big thank you to the Neo-Catechumenal Communities who have volunteered to renovate the classrooms at the rear of Conlon Hall, and also for cleaning the Parish Life Center on a weekly basis.

**Choir Loft**

We have begun cleaning the choir loft with the aim to refinish the wood floor to make this space a fitting place for our choirs to practice and sing. We are blessed to have such a wonderful music ministry and it's fitting to give the choir loft some TLC.

**School Boiler**

After 30 years of use, the boiler finally needed replacing. Michael Cianciotto Plumbing & Heating LLC did an excellent job in removing the old boiler and installing the new one in just a few days. We now have heat in this building which is essential for our Religious Ed classes and the various parish groups who use school for meeting space. The cost of the new boiler is \$59,900.00 We will take up a special collection over the next weeks to help offset the cost.

**Church Heating**

Delta Mechanical did a timely and professional job installing a new air separator and pressure valve system in the church heating system. This was necessary to ensure we get hot air from the blowers in the church. The cost for this work was \$7,000.00 We welcome any benefactor who would like to contribute towards, or cover this cost.

**Church Parking Lot**

Our parking lot was last paved in 2017, and is in need of repair. This week the cracks were filled and sealed before more damage is incurred with winter salting and plowing. Next year we will repair two sinking storm drains, and reseal and repaint the entire lot.

**Wall Repairs**

Thank you to the volunteers, especially Wilson Fabricio and Mike Matthews, who have been repairing some water damaged ceilings and walls in the school and Parish Life Center.

### ***Pre-Cana Courses***

Pre-Cana is a marriage preparation course for couples who wish to be married in a Catholic church. The name is derived from John 2:1–12, the Wedding Feast at Cana in Galilee, where Jesus performed the miracle of turning water into wine. Pre Cana is on Mondays 8:00pm-9:00pm in the classroom at the rear of Conlon Hall.

We will meet every Monday thru December 8th, with a retreat on **Sunday December 14th, 2025.**

**All couples preparing for marriage are invited.**

### ***St. John's Prayer Groups***



#### **Legion of Mary**

Saturdays, 9:30–11 AM, Lower Church (Eng)

#### **Padre Pio Prayer Group**

2nd Sat., 2:00–4:30 PM, Conlon Hall Cafeteria

#### **El Shaddai DWXI-PPFI**

2nd–4th Sat., 1:30–5:30 PM, Lower Church.

Info: Lourdes 201-233-8235 / John 201-658-4032

#### **Anointing Fire Ministry**

Mondays, 7:00–10 PM, Parish Life Center Chapel

2nd Fri., 10:00 PM–6:30 AM, LC (Adoration).

### ***Food Pantry***

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. St. John's food pantry distributed groceries to more than 400 needy families in Sep & Oct. That's a lot more than last year. Please continue giving in Nov & Dec since many people can't count on government assistance. Food Donations may be placed in the Rubbermaid shed behind the Parish Life Center. Cash donations or checks may be mailed to St. John's, put in the collection basket at mass or left at the rectory, so we can purchase sale items and save money.

**If you have any questions, please contact:**

Joe McHale 201-655-1073/[joemc1217@gmail.com](mailto:joemc1217@gmail.com).

Thank you!

### ***A Look Ahead***

**Nov 27: Thanksgiving Day  
only one mass at 9:00 AM**

**Nov 29th: Advent Retreat Spanish Apostolate  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Conlon Hall**

**Dec 6th: Confirmation Retreat  
Lower Church**

**Dec 6th: Tri Valley Brass Fundraiser  
for St. John's Food Pantry, Conlon Hall**

**Dec 8: Immaculate Conception  
7:00 AM 9:00 AM 6:30 PM, 8:00 PM (Spanish)**

**Dec 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
7:00 PM Spanish Mass with Mariachis**

**Dec 13th: Christmas Concert  
6:30 PM in Conlon Hall - Religious Ed  
Families**

#### **Christmas Masses**

**Dec 24: 3:30 PM (Children's Mass), 5:30 PM,  
9:00 PM (Spanish), Midnight**

**Dec 25: 7:30 AM, 9:00AM, 10:30 AM,  
12:00 noon (Spanish)**

**"ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"**  
PRAY FOR OUR 2025-2026 SEMINARIANS

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### ***November is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls of Purgatory***

Join us at the Main Church on Fridays in November from 7–8 PM, after the evening Mass, to pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the Faithful Departed. Let us remember our loved ones and those who have no one to pray for, offering our time for their souls.

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**Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con:**  
**Joe McHale 201-655-1073 /**  
**joemc1217@gmail.com. ¡Gracias!**

- Grupos Parroquiales**
- La Palabra**  
Lunes, 7:30–9:30 PM, Iglesia de abajo
  - Legión de María**  
Martes, 6:00–7:30 PM, Capilla PLC
  - Emaús Mujeres**  
Miércoles, 7:00–9:30 PM, Iglesia de abajo
  - Emaús Hombres**  
Miércoles, 7:00–9:30 PM, PLC Basement
  - Luz y Vida**  
Jueves, 7:00–9:30 PM, PLC Basement
  - Preciosa Sangre de Cristo**  
Viernes, 8:00–9:00 PM, 2do piso de PLC
  - Matrimonios Con Cristo**  
3er Viernes, 7:00–9:45 PM, Iglesia de abajo

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Advento

**Noviembre es el mes dedicado a las Santas Almas del Purgatorio.**

Acompáñanos en la Iglesia Principal los viernes de noviembre, de 7 a 8 p.m., después de la Misa, para rezar el Rosario y la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia por los Fieles Difuntos. Recordemos a nuestros seres queridos y a quienes no tienen quien rece por ellos.

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