Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church

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The Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Vigésimo Tercer de Tiempo Ordinario
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Today's readings teach that God's wisdom leads us on counter-cultural paths. In the second reading, Paul writes his friend Philemon from prison, asking him to forgive his slave Onesimus, who had escaped from Philemon's household. Onesimus ended up in the same jail with Paul for committing robbery, had an encounter with Christ, and asked Paul to be baptized. In justice, Paul demands that Onesimus return to his master, Philemon, but he also requires Philemon to break their master-slave relationship and accept Onesimus, now baptized, as a brother. This week, the Gospel helps us to understand how the Lord's cross enriches and transforms our lives with the glory of God, as a victorious sign that forgiveness always prevails.

Las lecturas de hoy enseñan que la sabiduría de Dios nos lleva por caminos contraculturales. En la segunda lectura, Pablo escribe a su amigo Filemón desde la cárcel, pidiéndole que perdone a su esclavo Onésimo, quien se había escapado de su casa. Onésimo terminó en la misma cárcel que Pablo por robo, tuvo un encuentro con Cristo y le pidió que se bautizara. En justicia, Pablo exige que Onésimo regrese con su amo, Filemón, pero también le exige que rompa su relación de amo-esclavo y acepte a Onésimo, ahora bautizado, como hermano. Esta semana, el Evangelio nos ayuda a comprender cómo la cruz del Señor enriquece y transforma nuestras vidas con la gloria de Dios, como señal victoriosa de que el perdón siempre prevalece.

Attendance at Sunday Mass
Asistencia de la Misa de Domingo:

Saturday/Sabado 4PM : 45
Sunday/Domingo 9 AM: 87
Sunday/Domingo 12 PM: 277

Collection/Coleciòn: **$2,712.00**

Office Hours:
9:00 am-2:00 pm
Monday-Friday

*Big gratitude to those who participated and helped in our festival of Labor Day, we raised **$7,594.00**. We greatly appreciate the effort given, may we continue forward with the success.*
Agradecemos enormemente a quienes participaron y ayudaron en nuestro festival del Día del Trabajo. Recaudamos **$7,594.00**. Agradecemos enormemente el esfuerzo realizado. Esperamos que sigamos cosechando éxitos.

Church is open everyday for visitation

La Iglesia esta abierta todos los dias para visitas.

MASS & ROSARY

Sunday
9 AM English
12 PM Spanish

Monday/Lunes
8:30 AM Rosary/Rosario

Tuesday/Martes-Friday/Viernes

8:00 AM Rosary/Rosario
8:30 AM English Mass

Saturday/Sabado
3:15-3:45 PM Confession
4 PM English Mass

Confesion en Español sera el primero Sabado de cada mes de 6:30pm-8:30pm

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Young At Heart: Linda Funderburke
Boy Scout Liaison: Jon Ryan
St. Ann's Band: Melody Hoobler

Dear Parish Family,

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who took part in the Labor Day celebration on August 30th. Your presence, cooperation, and joyful spirit made the event truly special. It was a beautiful reminder that when we work together as a parish family, we reflect God's love in
both service and fellowship.
September 8th, we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a feast that reminds us of Mary's unique role in salvation history. Her birth brought us closer to the dawn of redemption, as she became the Mother of our Savior. Let us be in our prayer to honor her and seek her maternal intercession for our families and parish.

Looking ahead, I warmly invite you to join in the upcoming celebration. On Saturday, September 13th, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m., we will celebrate the Independence Day of Central America and Mexico. This joyful cultural event will bring together music, traditional dance, food, and community spirit. I encourage everyone to participate, not only to support our brothers and sisters from these communities but also to strengthen the bonds of unity in our parish family.

This weekend, we gather on the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, reflecting on Jesus' words in Luke 14:25–33. Our Lord reminds us that discipleship is not a half-hearted choice but a total commitment. To follow Christ is to place Him at the very center of our lives, above all else, and to carry our daily cross with courage and love. May this Gospel inspire us to renew our dedication to Christ with generous hearts.

May the Lord continue to bless our parish with faith, hope, and love.

In Christ
Fr Jose

Prayer List *Please call our office to add your sick and deceased to our prayer list. They will remain on the list that Father read for 2 weeks and then placed on the list that is unspoken but still prayed for silently.*	**Our Catechism Program for Grades 1-8. Adult RCIA Classes in Spanish.** Catechism will begin to **10:15 AM** to **11:45 AM**. Please contact the Office *(205) 836-2274* if you or your child needs to register for classes.	**Prayer for the Sick** Father God, we lift up those facing illness today. We ask that you bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. In the name of Jesus. Amen. **Christian Bernal** **Felite Causasito** **Martha Eisendurg** **Daniel Brown** **Rick Wilcox** **Jessica Murfee** **Sandra Brewster**	**Mass Intentions** We have dates available for those who wish to have a **Mass requested** for loved ones, living (Birthday, Wedding Anniversary, Thanks Giving) or deceased. Contact the Parish office.	**Confession** Before 4pm Mass on Saturdays, Father Jose' will do half an hour of Confession. Confession in Spanish will be the 1st Saturday of every Month 6:30 pm-8:30pm **Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament is the 1st Saturday of every month at 7pm-9pm**
St Ann's Band St. Ann's Bible Study sessions will resume this **Thursday, Sept 4 at 10AM** in the **St. Bernadette Hall.** They will be study the Gospel of John in the *Six Weeks With the Bible* series. They have a monthly meetings, good food and great times! Call Melody Hoobler (205)706-8771 for more details or to order a book.	**The Independence of Central America and Mexico** "The group *Voices of Suyapa* invites you with great excitement to join the celebration of our homeland independence. This special day is perfect to share with family and strengthen in our children the civic values that unite us. We prepare for you a day full of joy and tradition: exciting dramas, marimba that will make us dance, the presence of ladies in this picture and dance and many more surprises that you can't miss." The event will be **4pm to 9pm.** For more information, visit our website!	**Part Three: Life in Christ Section One Chapter One, Article 8: Sin III; *The Different Kinds of Sins*** ***1852 "***There are a great many kinds of sins. The Letter of Galatians contrasts the works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit: "Now the works of the flesh with are plain: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, factions, envy, drunkness, carousing, and the like, I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God."	***Prayer for Priests*** *Lord Jesus Christ, in your communion with Father Jose Ambooken and all your priests throughout the world, I ask you to bless and sanctify them and make them holy. Strengthen and protect them against evil and temptation. Be a joy and companion, a comfort and a consolation, and lead them forever on the narrow path that leads to Your Eternal Kingdom. Eternal Father, in your infinite mercy, overlook my sins and failings and hear my prayer.*	**The Co-responsibilty of the Treasury** **Continuing..** You are a member of the Church family too. Meet new friends, attend more Church functions, join Church ministries where you can see God at work, or perhaps start a ministry. Be kind, reach out to a needy person in the parish or neighborhood. Every act of kindness is an act of stewardship. Together we can grow together with God, our family and His family—His kingdom here on earth.

Lista de Oración *Llame a nuestra oficina para agregar a su enfermo y difunto a nuestra lista de oracion. Permanecerán en la lista que el Padre leyó durante 2 semanas y luego se colocó en la lista que no se menciona, pero aún se ora en silenco.*	**Nuestro Programa de Catecismo para los grados 1 a 8 clases de RCIA para adultos en Español** El Catequismo comenzará de **10:15AM** a **11:45AM**. Comuníquese con la oficina de la Iglesia (205) 836-2274 si usted o su hijo necesitan registrarse para clases.	**Oración por los Enfermos** Padre Dios, levantamos a todos los que hoy enfrentan enfermedades. Te pedimos que traigas sanación, consuelo, y paz a sus cuerpos. Calma sus miedos y déjales experimentar el poder sandor de tu amor. En el nombre de Jesus. Amen. **Christian Bernal** **Daniel Brown** **Felite Cauasito** **Rick Wilcox** **Martha Eisendurg** **Jessica Murfee** **Sandra Brewster**	**Intenciones de Misa** Tenemos fechas disponibles para quienes deseen solicitar una Misa por sus seres queridos, ya sean vivos (Cumpleaños, Aniversario de Bodas, Acción de Gracias) o fallecidos. Contacten con la oficina parroquial.	***Confesión*** Antes de la Misa de las 4pm del los Sábados, el Padre Jose hará media hora de Confesión. *Confesión en Español será el primer Sábado de cada mes de 6:30pm-8:30pm* **Adoración a Santísimo es el primer Sábado de cada mes a las 7pm-9pm**
St Ann's Band Las sesiones de estudio bíblico de Santa Ana se reanudarán este Jueves 4 de Septiembre a las 10:00 a. m. en el Salón Santa Bernadette. Estudiarán el Evangelio de Juan en la serie *"Seis Semanas con la Biblia"*. ¡Ofrecen reuniones mensuales, buena comida y momentos inolvidables! Llame a Melody Hoobler (205)706-8771 para obtener más información o para pedir un libro.	**La Independecia de Centro America y Mexico** "El grupo *Voces de Suyapa* los invita con gran entusiasmo a unirse a la celebración de la independencia de nuestra patria. Este día especial es perfecto para compartir en familia y fortalecer en nuestros niños los valores cívicos que nos unen. Les preparamos un día lleno de alegría y tradición: emocionantes dramas, marimbas que nos harán bailar, la presencia de damas en esta imagen y baile, y muchas sorpresas más que no se pueden perder." El evento se realizará de **4pm a 9pm**	**Tercera parte: La Vida en Cristo** **Sección Uno, Capitulo Uno, Artículo 8: El Pecado III; *Los Diferentes Tipos de Pecados*** **1852** "Hay una gran variedad de pecados. La Carta a los Gálatas contrasta las obras de la carne con el fruto del Espíritu: «Ahora bien, las obras de la carne son evidentes: fornicación, impureza, libertinaje, idolatría, hechicería, enemistad, pleitos, celos, ira, egoísmo, disensiones, facciones, envidias, borracheras, orgías y cosas semejantes. Os advierto, como ya os advertí antes, que quienes practican tales cosas no heredarán el Reino de Dios.»	**Oración para los Sacerdotes** Señor Jesucristo, en tu comunión con el *Padre José Ambooken* y todos tus sacerdotes del mundo, te pido que los bendigas, los santifiques y los hagas santos. Fortalécelos y protégelos contra el mal y la tentación. Sé alegria y compañia, consuelo y guíalos para siempre por el camino estrecho que conduce a tu Reino Eterno, en tu infinita misericordia, olvida mis pecados y faltas, y eschucha mi oración.	**La Corresponsabilidad del Tesoro** ***Continuando..*** Tú eres un miembro de la familia de la Iglesia también. Conoce amigos nuevos, asiste a más funciones de la Iglesia, únete a ministerios de la Iglesia donde uno puede ver a Dios funcionando o quizás puedas empezar un ministerio. Sé bondadoso, da la mano a una persona necesitada en la parroquia o en el vecindario. Cada acto de bondad es un acto de la corresponsabilidad. Juntos poedemos crecer en conjunto con Dios a nuestra familia y Su familia- Su reino aquí en la tierra.