



Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church

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The Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

El Vigésimo de Tiempo Ordinario

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The disciples of Jesus frequently faced a challenging reality when they listened to the Lord: while the crowds hailed Jesus as Messiah, they knew his journey would end in suffering, death, and a new life they had not yet begun to understand completely. This was the experience of many prophets before Jesus, as Jeremiah describes in today's first reading. They suffered imprisonment and death because they denounced the oppression of the powerful kings. The Letter to the Hebrews inspired the early Christians to focus their life on Jesus and not on how they suffered in the face of death for bearing witness to their faith. Jesus did not come to divide us, but his presence does cause divisions among those who do not want to listen to his message and those who want to follow him.

Los discípulos de Jesús se enfrentaban con frecuencia a una realidad desafiante cuando escuchaban al Señor: mientras las multitudes aclamaban a Jesús como Mesías, sabían que su viaje terminaría en sufrimiento, muerte y una nueva vida que aún no habían comenzado a comprender por completo. Esta fue la experiencia de muchos profetas antes de Jesús, como describe Jeremías en la primera lectura de hoy. Sufrieron prisión y muerte porque denunciaron la opresión de los reyes poderosos. La Carta a los Hebreos inspiró a los primeros cristianos a centrar su vida en Jesús y no en cómo sufrieron ante la muerte por dar testimonio de su fe. Jesús no vino a dividirnos, pero su presencia sí causa divisiones entre quienes no quieren escuchar su mensaje y quienes quieren seguirlo.

Attendance at Sunday Mass

Collection/Colección: \$3,275.00

Asistencia de la Misa de Domingo:

Office Hours:

Saturday/Sabado 4PM : 38

9:00 am-2:00 pm

Sunday/Domingo 9 AM: 80

Monday-Friday

Sunday/Domingo 12 PM: 238

Clases de Bautismo sera el 22 de Agosto a las 6pm en el edificio de de Santa Bernadette (Cafetería)

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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St. Ann's Band: Melody Hoobler

Dear Parish Family,

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks words that can unsettle us: "I have come to bring fire to the earth... Do you think I have come to bring peace? No, but division." At first glance, this seems at odds with the Jesus we know as the Prince of Peace. But He is speaking of the fire of God's love—a fire that purifies, transforms, and calls for decision. True discipleship is not always comfortable. To follow Christ often means swimming against the current, standing for truth when it is unpopular, and living out the Gospel even when it causes misunderstanding—even within our own families. Jesus' "division" is not about sowing hatred, but about making a clear choice for Him, no matter the cost. We see this courage in the prophet Jeremiah, who was thrown into a cistern because his message was inconvenient. We also hear the Letter to the Hebrews urging us to run with perseverance, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, even when faced with trials. Our world today needs Christians who are willing to live with this kind of clarity and courage—people who let the fire of the Holy Spirit burn away fear and selfishness, so that only love remains. This week, let us ask the Lord to set our hearts ablaze with His fire, so that we can witness to His truth with both conviction and compassion. And when following Him brings difficulty, may we remember His promise: those who remain faithful will share in His victory.

With prayers and blessings,

Rev Jose Raphy Ambooken

Administrator, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



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. <u>Catechism will begin at 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM. Please contact the Church office at (205) 836-2274 if you or your child needs to register for classes.</u>	Prayer for the Sick Father God, we lift up all 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 Cauasito Martha Eisendurg Daniel Brown Rick Wilcox Jessica Murfee Sandra Brewster	Prayer Group Every Saturday from 6:45 pm to 9 pm the prayer group come together to listen to the Word of God and lift up our voices in prayer, worship, and hymns of praise. Come and join us at this feast of Our Lord! After the service, there is also clean-up. Any help provided is also appreciated. <i>For any questions, please contact Triny Pesina (205) 774-4650</i>
Prayer for Priests Lord Jesus Christ, in your communion with <i>Father Jose Ambooken</i> 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 a 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.	Confession Before 4 pm Mass on Saturday, Father Jose' will do half an hour of Confession <i>Confession in Spanish will be the 1st Saturday of every Month 6:30 pm-8:30 pm</i>	The Co-Responsibility of the Treasury <i>One of God's most precious gifts is family.</i> The people God has placed in our lives are the most precious gift we have. This gift is varied and different for each person. As Christian stewards, God has entrusted us to be custodians of this precious gift.	Part Three: Life in Christ Section One Chapter One, Article 8: Sin I; Mercy and Sin 1848 As St. Paul affirms, "Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." But to do its works grace must uncover sin so as to convert our hearts and bestow on us "righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Lista de oraciòn Llame a nuestra oficina para agregar a su enfermo y difunto a nuestra lista de oracion. Permaneceràn en la lista que el Padre leyò durante 2 semanas y luego se colocò en la lista que no se menciona, pero aùn se ora en silencio.	Nuestro programa de catecismo para los grados 1 a 8 clases de RCIA para adultos en español <u>El catequismo comenzará de 10:30 AM a 11:45 AM. Comuníquese con la oficina de la Iglesia (205) 836-2274 si usted o su hijo necesitan registrarse para clases.</u>	Oraciòn por los enfermos Padre Dios, levantamos a todos los que hoy enfrentan enfermedades. Te pedimos que traigas sanaciòn, consuelo, y paz a sus cuerpos. Calma sus miedos y dèjales experimentar el poder sanador de tu amor. En el nombre de Jesus. Amen. Christian Bernal Daniel Brown Felite Cauasito Rick Wilcox Martha Eisendurg Daniel Brown Jessica Murfee Snadra Brewster	Grupo de Oraciòn Todo los Sabados de 6:45 pm a 9 pm, el Grupo de Oraciòn se reùne para escuchar la Palabra de Dios y elevar nuestras oraciones en oraciòn, adoraciòn e himnos de alabanza. ¡Ven y ùnete a nosotros en esta fiesta del Señor! Despuès del servicio, tambien se hace la limpieza. Se agradece cualquier ayuda. <i>Para cualquier pregunta, comuníquese con Triny Pesina (205) 774-4650</i>
Oraciòn para los Sacerdotes Señor Jesucristo, en tu comuniòn con el <i>Padre José Ambooken</i> 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 tentaciòn. Sé alegría y compaía, consuelo y consuelo, y guíalos para siempre por el camino estrecho que conduce a tu Reino Eterno. Padre Eterno, en tu infinita misericordia, olvida mis pecados y faltas, y escucha mi oraciòn.	Confesiòn Antes de la misa de las 4 pm del Sábado, el Padre José hará media hora de confesiòn. <i>Confesiòn en Español será el primer Sábado de cada mes de 6:30 pm-8:30 pm</i>	La Corresponsabilidad del Tesoro <i>Uno de los dones más preciosa de Dios es la familia</i> Las personas que Dios ha puesto en nuestras vidas son el don más precioso que tenemos. Este don es variado y diferente por cada persona. Como corresponsables cristianos Dios nos ha encomendado de ser conserjes de este precioso don.	Tercera parte: La Vida en Cristo Sección uno, Capítulo uno, Artículo 8: El Pecado I; Misericordia y Pecado 1848 Como afirma San Pablo: «Donde abundó el pecado, sobreabundó la gracia». Pero para que la gracia pueda obrar, debe descubrir el pecado para convertir nuestros corazones y otorgarnos «la justicia para la vida eterna por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor».