



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm
Sunday 9.30 am
11.00 am
(Spanish Mass) 12.30 nn

6.30 pm
Mon to Sat 10am & 6.30 pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am
6.00 – 6.30 pm
Mon – Fri 6:15 – 6:30 pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

Rosary

Every Wednesday after
10am Mass followed by Tea
in the Founders Room.

- Rosary also held on Sundays at
3pm in the Colonnade.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday after 6:30 pm mass
in the Prayer Room.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month after
10am Mass. The **Blessed
Sacrament** will be exposed for
Rosary, Litany Divine Mercy &
Benediction.

Safeguarding Office

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Saints Days

Mon 8th – Nativity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Tue 9th – St. Peter Claver
Wed 10th – St. Thomas of Villanova
Thu 11th – St. Cyprian
Fri 12th – Most Holy Name of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 13th – St. John Chrysostom



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
Healing is on **24th September
2025** (Wednesday) at 6:30pm.

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Exposition of this Relic on every
Monday after our 10am Mass.
Blessed Carlo, Pray for us.

Reflection

The Gospel of this 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year C is taken from Luke 14:25-33. Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. He knew that suffering, rejection and death awaited him at the end of that journey. But it seems that some Galileans regarded it as a victory march of the Messiah. In no uncertain terms Jesus disillusioned them.

Essentially, Jesus teaches that those who follow him must count the costs of discipleship and make discipleship their life's first priority. The choice to follow after Jesus can't be made casually. One must first assess the risks, then fully pursue the taste, and finally complete the goal.

Jesus must hold the disciple's allegiance over all else, including family. The word 'hate' is a Semitic expression; 'Love less' would be nearer to what Jesus had in mind. He was telling his disciples that they must be ready, if needs be, to sacrifice the dearest thing in life.

The decision for discipleship requires that we first assess the costs. Jesus says that one must assess whether one is ready to take on the personal commitment and sacrifice required to follow him.



1. **Canonisation of Bl. Carlo Acutis** – today, 7th September 2025.
2. **150th Anniversary Programs** – Souvenir items for 150th Anniversary of our Parish are on sale at the colonnade. You may still post at our 150 Acts of Kindness.
3. **Thanksgiving Mass** – for the Canonisation of St. Carlo Acutis will be celebrated on 13th September 2025 (Saturday) at 3:00 pm with His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols.
4. **Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Dolours / 150th Anniversary Mass** – Everyone is invited to join in our International Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Dolours on 14th September 2025 at 11:00 am which is the celebration of the parish 150th Anniversary. Wear your traditional attire and share a dish from your country as we rejoice in our diversity.
5. **The Feast day of St. Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila** – will be celebrated on 28th September (Sunday) at 3pm. The Novena will be from 19th Sept. to 27th Sept. every evening at 7:00 pm except on 19th Sept. in which the mass starts at 6:30 pm.
6. **Altar Servers Training** – will be on 13th September 2025 at 12:00 noon in preparation for the Thanksgiving Mass.
7. **Faulty Electrical Lighting System** – Our parish church is in urgent need of major repairs to the electrical lighting system. We sincerely appeal for your generous support in this important project. Thank you for your kindness and valuable assistance in helping keep our church safe and bright.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025

*Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to You:
Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in You.*

1. Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people find a light within Your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a home in Your dear Son.
2. Dio ci guarda, tenero e paziente: nasce l'alba di un futuro nuovo.
Nuovi Cieli Terra fatta nuova: passa i muri Spirito di vita.
3. Ang Diyos ay ating nadarama, kahit di natin nakikita.
Naging tao para sa buong mundo, susunod ako sa'n man s'ya patungo.



FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom 9:13-18b

What human being can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthly tent burdens the mind full of thoughts. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90:3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. R1

R. O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

1. You turn man back to dust, and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, or like a watch in the night. **R.**
2. You sweep them away like a dream, like grass which is fresh in the morning. In the morning it sprouts and is fresh; by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

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3. Then teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Turn back, O Lord! How long? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

4. At dawn, fill us with your merciful love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us; give success to the work of our hands. O give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

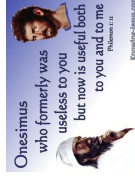
SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



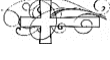
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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees.

Alleluia.



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 14:25-33

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'if anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you,

Lord Jesus Christ.



I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*All bow for following three lines*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.