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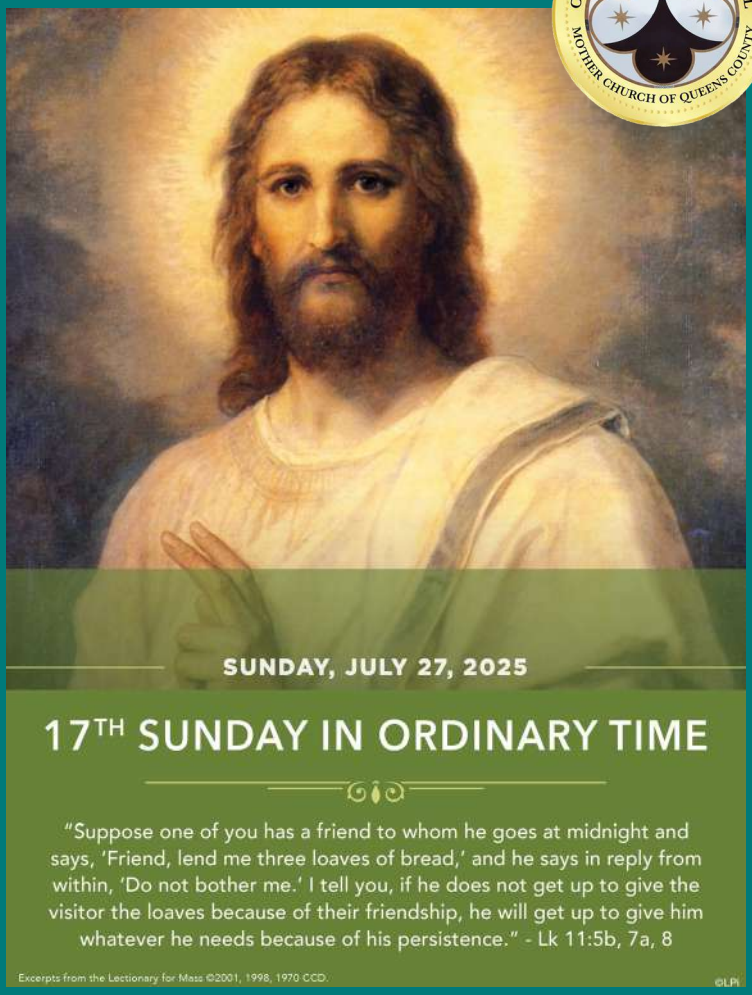

Mass Times

Saturday	5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	Main Church: 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Bilingual) 11:00 AM (English) 12:30 PM (Spanish) 3:00 PM (Vietnamese) Chapel: 9:00 AM (Italian) *Every Second & Fourth Sunday* 10:30 AM (Czech-Slovak)
Weekdays	8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
Saturday	8:00 AM
First Fridays	7:30 PM (Spanish)
Holy Days	8:00 AM, 12 PM (English) and 7:30 PM (Bilingual)
Holidays	Only one Mass at 9:00 AM

Live-streamed Masses can be accessed on our website

Church Hours

Weekday: 7:00am—7:00pm
Saturday: 7:00am—6:00pm
Sunday: 7:00am—4:00pm

Office Hours

Weekday:
9:00am—12:00 Noon
1:00pm—8:30pm

Saturday:
9:00am—5:00pm

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RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

BECOME A CATHOLIC: Adults interested in becoming Catholic, or completing their First Communion and Confirmation, or general catechesis, may enroll in the OCIA program. Please call the office and ask for Deacon Jacob Rodriguez or Ms. Nelly Gutierrez.

INFANT BAPTISMS: Please see a list of scheduled baptism dates in this bulletin. You may call the parish office to schedule an appointment with Deacon Jacob Rodriguez for the initial intake and to answer any additional questions.

PRE-ADMISSION ANOINTING: If you know you will be entering the hospital for elective surgery, it is appropriate and recommended to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick ***BEFORE*** entering the hospital. Please call the office and ask to speak with the priest on duty to schedule an appointment before admission.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Call the parish office to arrange for a Priest or Eucharistic Minister to bring Communion to the homebound. In case one's health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age, please let the receptionist know so that they can let a Priest on duty know to administer the sacrament of the Anointing of the sick.

MARRIAGES: Couples should make arrangements with a priest or deacon at the parish office at least six months in advance.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions are heard every Saturday in the Chapel from 3:30pm to 4:30pm prior to the 5:00pm English Mass.

RECIBIENDO LOS SACRAMENTOS

HAZTE CATÓLICO: Adultos interesados en hacerse Católicos, completar su Primera Comunión o Confirmación, o para recibir formación catequética general, pueden inscribirse en el programa de RICA. Favor de llamar al Diacono Jacob Rodriguez or la Sra. Nelly Gutierrez.

BAUTISMOS INFANTILES: Por favor vea una lista de fechas para bautizos en este boletín. Puede llamar a la oficina parroquial para hacer una cita con el Diacono Jacob Rodríguez para la entrevista inicial y para responder cualquier pregunta adicional.

UNCIÓN ANTES DE INGRESO AL HOSPITAL: Si usted sabe que será ingresado al hospital para una cirugía programada, es apropiado y recomendado recibir el sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos **ANTES** de la hospitalización. Por favor llame la oficina parroquial y pida hablar con el sacerdote disponible para hacerle una cita antes del ingreso al hospital.

CUIDADO PASTORAL DE LOS ENFERMOS: Llame a la oficina parroquial para coordinar un sacerdote o ministro de la Eucaristía para llevar Comunión a las personas que no pueden salir de casa. En caso de que la salud de alguien esté seriamente afectada por enfermedad o edad avanzada, deje saber al recepcionista para que un sacerdote administre el sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos.

MATRIMONIOS: La pareja debe hacer los arreglos con un sacerdote o un diacono en la oficina parroquial seis meses en avance.

CONFESIONES: Confesiones son escuchadas cada sábado en la capilla de 3:30pm a 4:30pm antes de la misa en Ingles a las 5:00pm.

OUR PARISH ALSO OFFERS

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAININGS: Coordinated by Ms. Nelly Gutierrez, an awareness education is required for all staff and volunteers who interact or come into contact with minors and recommended for all. Please visit *www.virtusonline.org* to register for a class and present the completion certificate to the parish office.

QUINCEAÑERA/SWEET SIXTEEN MASS: Please make an appointment with Ms. Nelly Gutierrez by calling the parish office. The young lady should have received Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. The family must live within our parish boundaries and be officially registered in the parish.

NUESTRA PARROQUIA TAMBIEN OFRECE

ENTRENAMIENTO DE AMBIENTE SEGURO: Coordinadora: Sra. Nelly Gutiérrez. Se requiere educación de concientización para todo el personal y voluntarios que interactúan o tienen contacto con menores, y es recomendada para todos. Por favor visite *www.virtusonline.org* para registrarse y presente el certificado de compleción a la oficina parroquial.

MISA DE QUINCEAÑERA/ SWEET SIXTEEN: Favor hacer una cita con la Sra. Nelly llamando la oficina parroquial. La muchacha debe haber recibido los sacramentos de Bautismo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación. La familia debe vivir dentro de los confines de la parroquia y ser miembros oficialmente registrados.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 26 ***(Saints Joachim & Anne)***
5:00pm For Our Youth Jubilee Pilgrims, Salomon Mendoza

SUNDAY, JULY 27 ***(17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)***
8:00am Jeny D'Souza
9:00am Saint Anne, Raffaele Carullo & Bernardino Petruso
9:30am Gregorio Rosendo & Fernanda Linares
11:00am Carmela Moretti & Josephine McManus
12:30pm José Flavio Santos, Juana Templos, Juan García Solís, Pedro Hernández Vázquez, Blanca Jarrin de Lavayen *(12 Aniversario)*, Leticia Margarita Yauri Inga, Arturo Roldan, Por nuestros Jóvenes Peregrinos del Jubileo Daniel García Hernández *(15 Cumpleaños)*
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JULY 28
8:00am In Thanksgiving to God
12:00pm Guillermo Macias Castillo & For Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, JULY 29
8:00am Adolfo Mont'Etna
12:00pm John Thu Pham

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30
8:00am Anna Hue & John Phuong
12:00pm John Duy Pham

THURSDAY, JULY 31
8:00am Deceased Members of the Min & Suh Families
12:00pm Anna Doan Hat

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1
8:00am Purgatorial Society
12:00pm Ida Petrolino
7:30pm Ruben Vargas Angel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
8:00am Gaspare Barretta
5:00pm Msgr. Celsus Collini, For the safe return of our Jubilee Pilgrims

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3
8:00am Carol Gigante *(3rd Anniversary)*
9:30am Living & Deceased Members of our Parish's Rosary Society
11:00am Eugene Browne
12:30pm Ricarda Delfina Rivas Perez, Lucia Puente, Ricardo Gutierrez Alvarez, Leonor Gutierrez Paz, En celebración por los 18 años de Kimberly Raymundo, En Honor a San Judas Tadeo por Beneficios Recibidos
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

July 27, 2025— There will be a second collection after communion or our parish air conditioning expenses. Your generosity keeps our church spaces cool for your use during these hot summer months.

August 17, 2025– There will be a second collection after communion for Fr. PJ's mission school in Nigeria. If you can't make a donation during today's Masses, visit the parish office to drop it off in an envelope marked for Fr. PJ or ask to see him. Thank you for your generosity.

WEEKLY MASS OFFERINGS

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JULY 19-20

Last Sunday: $5,859
Same Week Last Year: $4,927
Texas Relief: $2,190

2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We ask each family to consider making a tax-deductible gift today. Our goal is to receive an offering from every family, no matter the amount, so that we can reach our goal! **As of July 21, 2025, 122 donors have pledged $54,426 from which $47,070 has been received.**

Please call the office to make an appointment to speak with Deacon Jacob to register your child for Baptism.

Preparation Meeting Tuesday-6:00pm-Institute	**Baptism Ceremony 12:00pm-Main Church**
August 19, 2025	August 23, 2025
September 23, 2025	September 27, 2025
October 21, 2025	October 25, 2025
November 18, 2025	November 22, 2025
December 23, 2025	December 27, 2025

Reunion de Preparacion Martes-6:00pm-Instituto	**Ceremonia de Bautismo 12:00pm-Iglesia Principal**
5 de Agosto 2025	9 de Agosto 2025
9 de Septiembre 2025	13 de Septiembre 2025
7 de Octubre 2025	11 de Octubre 2025
4 de Noviembre 2025	8 de Noviembre 2025
9 de Diciembre 2025	13 de Diciembre 2025

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

July 27, 2025

We've all been there—standing at Mass, reciting the *Our Father*, maybe thinking about what's next in the liturgy or what's waiting for us after church. We say the words... but do we *pray* them?

Maybe today, the Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we can try something different.

Let me begin with a story that's funny at first—but also surprisingly insightful: A young boy named Benjamin desperately wanted a baby sister, so he wrote God a letter: *"Dear God, I've been a very good boy..."* But he paused, unsure. That wasn't exactly true. He started again: *"Dear God, most of the time I've been good..."* Still not convincing enough. So he came up with a new strategy: he gently took the family's statue of the Blessed Virgin, wrapped her in a towel, placed her in a drawer, and wrote: *"Dear God, if you ever want to see your mother again..."*

It's an outrageous move, but one that might reflect more truth than we think. Benjamin believed someone was really listening. He believed prayer was *personal*. And in his childlike way, he understood something we sometimes forget—that we can approach God boldly, honestly, and persistently, because He is our Father.

That's exactly what Jesus teaches us in this Sunday's Gospel, when the disciples ask, *"Lord, teach us to pray."* Jesus responds by giving them a prayer many of us know by heart: the *Our Father*. However, just because we know it doesn't mean we always *think* about it. We often rush through it—at Mass, before meals, or as part of a routine—without realizing what we're truly saying. The *Our Father* is not just a prayer to recite. It's a spiritual roadmap. A lifeline. A call to relationship.

It begins with *God*—His name, His kingdom, His will. And then it moves to *us*—our need for daily sustenance, our need for forgiveness, and our need for strength and protection. In this simple structure, the Lord's Prayer teaches us how to desire rightly. It helps us order our lives. As St. Thomas Aquinas said, it's the *"most perfect of prayers"*—because it shows us not only what to ask for, but the *order* in which we should desire it.

Let us not miss the power of that first word: *Our*. Not "my" Father. *Our* Father. The prayer reminds us that we are part of a family—God's family. When we say the Lord's Prayer, we are praying not just for ourselves, but for each other. That's what makes it so fitting that this Gospel is paired with the first reading from Genesis, where Abraham pleads with God not for himself, but for the sake of others. And the Gospel parable that follows—about the persistent friend knocking at midnight—is also about intercession. Prayer isn't just about *me*. It's about *us*.

So, dear brothers and sisters, what if, today, you made a choice to slow down and really pay attention during the Lord's Prayer at Mass? What if you meant every word?

When you say *"hallowed be Thy name,"* do you long for God to be honored in your life? When you ask for *daily bread*, are you trusting Him with both your groceries and your soul? When you ask for *forgiveness*, are you also ready to forgive that person who's still on your mind? When you pray *"deliver us from evil,"* are you remembering that the battle isn't just "out there" in the world—but sometimes right within our own hearts?

The Our Father isn't a magic formula—it's a way of seeing the world and living in it. It reorients us toward trust, humility, intercession, and surrender.

If you're married, consider praying the *Our Father* together with your spouse—perhaps even once a day. You'll be amazed at how much strength that simple act can bring to your relationship. As St. John Paul II wisely said, *"A family that prays together stays together."* Prayer nurtures the bond between husband and wife and strengthens the foundation of family life.

"Lord, teach us to pray," the disciples asked. And He did. Now, let's ask for the grace to truly *pray* what we've been given— Not just with our lips, but with our lives.

Yours in Christ,

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham

DEL CORAZON DEL PASTOR

27 de Julio, 2025

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¿Cuántas veces hemos estado en Misa, rezando el *Padre Nuestro*, mientras nuestra mente está en otra parte? Quizá pensando en lo que falta del rito, en lo que hay que hacer después, o simplemente repitiendo las palabras sin detenernos a pensar. Lo decimos... pero, ¿realmente lo *rezamos*?

Quizás hoy, el Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, el Evangelio nos invita a hacer algo distinto.

Les quiero contar una historia simpática que, aunque da risa, también nos hace reflexionar. Un niño llamado Benjamín quería tener una hermanita. Así que escribió una carta a Dios: *"Querido Dios, he sido un niño muy bueno..."* Pero se quedó pensando. Eso no era del todo cierto. Entonces volvió a empezar: *"Querido Dios, casi siempre me he portado bien..."* Tampoco le convencía. Entonces hizo algo atrevido: tomó la imagen de la Virgen María que su mamá tenía en la sala, la envolvió en una toalla, la metió en un cajón, y escribió: *"Querido Dios, si quieres volver a ver a tu mamá..."*

Gracioso, ¿verdad? Pero también muy profundo. Este niño entendía algo que muchos de nosotros hemos olvidado: que la oración es algo personal. Que podemos hablar con Dios con confianza, con insistencia, con sinceridad… porque Él es nuestro Padre. Y los hijos pueden hablar con su papá con el corazón abierto.

Eso es justo lo que Jesús nos enseña este domingo cuando los discípulos le dicen: *"Señor, enséñanos a orar."* Y Él les da el *Padre Nuestro*. Una oración sencilla, pero profunda. Muchos de nosotros la sabemos de memoria… pero a veces, de tanto repetirla, olvidamos saborearla.

El *Padre Nuestro* no es una fórmula mágica. Es un camino espiritual. Nos enseña a poner a Dios en el centro —su Nombre, su Reino, su Voluntad— y luego nos ayuda a presentar nuestras necesidades: el pan de cada día, el perdón, y la fuerza para resistir el mal. Como decía Santo Tomás de Aquino, es la oración más perfecta porque nos enseña no solo *qué* pedir, sino *cómo* ordenarlo.

Y no olvidemos la fuerza de esa primera palabra: *Padre nuestro*. No dice "Padre mío". *Nuestro*. Porque somos familia. Cuando rezamos esa oración, no lo hacemos solos, lo hacemos unidos como hermanos. Por eso tiene tanto sentido que la primera lectura de hoy nos muestre a Abraham intercediendo por otros. Y que Jesús nos cuente una parábola sobre un amigo que toca con insistencia la puerta por alguien más. La oración no es solo para mí. Es para todos.

Por eso, quiero hacerte una propuesta: ¿Qué tal si este domingo rezas el *Padre Nuestro* más despacio? ¿Qué tal si lo haces con el corazón?

Cuando digas *"santificado sea tu Nombre,"* ¿deseas que Dios sea honrado con tu vida? Cuando pides el pan de cada día, ¿confías en que Dios no solo te da de comer, sino que alimenta tu alma? Cuando pides perdón, ¿estás dispuesto tú también a perdonar? Y cuando dices *"líbranos del mal,"* ¿reconoces que esa lucha no es solo contra el mal que vemos en el mundo, sino también contra el mal que a veces llevamos dentro? ¿Estás dispuesto a dejar que Dios te cambie a ti también, para que seas parte del bien que el mundo necesita?

Si estás casado o casada, ¿por qué no rezar el *Padre Nuestro* con tu esposo o esposa al menos una vez al día? Te aseguro que ese gesto puede transformar tu hogar. San Juan Pablo II decía: *"La familia que reza unida, permanece unida."* La oración en familia fortalece el amor, la fe y la esperanza en los momentos buenos… y también en los difíciles.

Los discípulos le dijeron a Jesús: *"Señor, enséñanos a orar."* Él lo hizo. Ahora nos toca a nosotros orar con todo el corazón… no solo con los labios, sino con toda nuestra vida.

Con cariño y en Cristo,

Mons. Cuong M. Pham

GROUPS AND SOCIETIES AT OUR PARISH INSTITUTE

Sunday, July 27		
9:30am—10:30am	Grupo de Amistas #14	*Nazareth*
9:30am—11:00am	Grupo de Amistad #5	*Assumption*
10:00am—11:00am	Grupo de Amistad #9	*Balcony*
10:00am—12:30pm	Cursillo	*Guadalupe A/B*
10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	*Lourdes A/B*
2:00pm—3:00pm	Grupo de Amistad	*Fatima*
3:00pm—6:00pm	Cursillo Meeting	*Lourdes A/B*
Monday, July 28		
7:00pm—9:00pm	Practica de Coro	*Guadalupe A/B*
Tuesday, July 29		
5:30pm—7:00pm	Mariachi Practice	*Upper Room*
6:00pm—9:00pm	Marriage Encounter	*Guadalupe A/B*
7:00pm—9:00pm	Practica de Coro	*Nazareth*
7:30pm—9:00pm	Clase de Guitarra	*Lourdes A/B*
Friday, August 1		
6:30pm—9:00pm	Practica de Coro de Niños	*Lourdes A/B*
Saturday, August 2		
8:00am-2:00pm	AA Meeting	*Guadalupe A/B*
10:00am-12:00pm	Practica de Coro de Niños	*Lourdes A/B*
5:00pm—7:00pm	Bilingual Choir Practice	*Nazareth*
5:00pm—7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	*Fatima*
Sunday, August 3		
9:30am—11:00am	Grupo de Amistad #5	*Assumption*
10:00am—11:00am	Grupo de Amistad #9	*Balcony*
10:00am—12:30pm	Cursillo	*Guadalupe A/B*
10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	*Lourdes A/B*
2:00pm—3:00pm	Grupo de Amistad	*Fatima*

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

We remember our deceased loved ones by having them prayed for at Mass on every first Friday of the month (the day traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus) as a meaningful way to express our love. Enrollment is $10 per name. Those enrolled the Purgatorial Society will be remembered for a whole year.

Currently enrolled: **Emilna Vales, Donald Patrick, Manuel J. Estevez, Milagros Estevez, Sonia Salerni, Kevin O'Lenahan, John C. Immordino, Esther Solorzano, John C. Immordino, Ann Bruno, & Carol Gigante.**

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spiritual writers speak of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as "the Mass held in contemplation." Devotion to the Eucharist will take place on **Friday, August 1, 2025**. Exposition and Adoration will take place right after the 8:00am Mass and will conclude with Solemn Benediction before the start of the 12 Noon Mass.

NO ROSARY SOCIETY MEETINGS– SUMMER

There will be no Rosary Society meetings until September 7, 2025. We wish all Rosarians a happy, healthy and blessed summer.

JORNADA RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

The Jornada weekend is a structured, Christ-centered Diocesan retreat that challenges individuals to examine themselves, their relationships with others and God's place in their lives.

The weekend begins on Thursday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. The talks and activities are presented by lay and religious leaders, followed by group discussions. Mass and Reconciliation are offered during the weekend as well as time for prayer and reflection.

If you would like your child to go live this encounter please speak with Luis Sanchez at the parish office for more information. The new Jornada year starts in September.

Prior to living the retreat, we invite the youth to participate in our parish youth group that will meet every Friday starting September after Labor Day to get to know one another and build stronger, faith-filled friendships.

RETIRO JUVENIL JORNADISTA

La Jornada es un retiro diocesano estructurado y centrado en Cristo que reta a los participantes a examinarse a sí mismos, sus relaciones con los demás y el lugar de Dios en sus vidas.

El fin de semana comienza el jueves por la noche y concluye el domingo por la tarde. Las charlas y actividades son presentadas por líderes laicos y religiosos, seguidas por momentos de discusión en grupo. Durante el fin de semana se ofrece la Santa Misa y el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, y tiempo para la oración y la reflexión.

Si desea que su hijo(a) participe en este encuentro, por favor comuníquese con Luis Sánchez en la oficina parroquial para obtener más información. El nuevo año de Jornada comienza en septiembre.

Antes de vivir el retiro, invitamos a los jóvenes a participar en nuestro grupo juvenil parroquial que se reunirá todos los viernes a partir de septiembre, después del Día del Trabajo, para que puedan conocerse mejor y fortalecer amistades llenas de fe.

CORONILLA CANTADA
LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Coronillas en la Iglesia Principal a las 6:30pm

23 de agosto
20 de septiembre
25 de octubre
29 de noviembre

Estan todos invitados a la coronilla cada mes en las fechas anunciadas arriba. Los esperamos!

NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL MONTE CARMELO
23-25 NEWTOWN AVENUE, ASTORIA 11102

JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE UPDATE

Please join in praying for our pilgrims who will be leaving today, Sunday July 27, 2025 and returning on Monday, August 4, 2025.

Amy Vu
Timothy Vu
Michelle Macias
Izel Bermejo
Aranza Sanchez
Brendaliz Leon
Michael Cordova
James Cordova
Daniel Bueno

Ryan Lobo
Luis Miguel Robles
Felicity Morel
Jasmine Huerta
Marcos Valle
Luis Sanchez
Nelly Gutierrez
Dayonel Mejia

Thanks to the generosity of the people and friends of the parish and families of the pilgrims, we were able to achieve the goal to support these youth members in this journey. The money raised through our fundraisers (Car Wash, Food Sales, Dinner Dance, Flea Market, Raffles and the GoFundMe) went toward travel expenses and other rising costs associated with the trip. Without the parish's support, this would not be possible. Every dollar raised is a prayer for our youth and each traveler will pray in a special way for all those who supported them.

Pray for our pilgrims as they leave today and as they journey in faith and know that their prayers are with you all.

NOTICIAS SOBRE EL PEREGRINAJE JUVENIL

Les pedimos que se unan en oración por nuestros peregrinos, quienes partirán el domingo 27 de julio de 2025 y regresarán el lunes 4 de agosto de 2025.

Amy Vu
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Gracias a la generosidad del pueblo, los amigos de la parroquia y las familias de los peregrinos, pudimos alcanzar nuestra meta de apoyar a estos jóvenes en su viaje. El dinero recaudado por medio de nuestros eventos (Lavado de Carros, Ventas de Comida, Cena-Baile, Venta al aire libre, Rifas y GoFundMe) se destinó a los gastos de viaje y otros costos crecientes asociados con la peregrinación. Sin el apoyo de la parroquia, esto no hubiera sido posible. Cada dólar recaudado es una oración por nuestra juventud, y cada peregrino orará de manera especial por todos los que los apoyaron.

Oren por nuestros peregrinos mientras estén en camino y mientras caminan en la fe, y sepan que sus oraciones están con todos ustedes.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Prayer is one of the most powerful tools we have. It's a way for us to communicate with God and obtain His divine intervention. It can help sick people get well again and also gives us the strength in our own weakness and suffering.

To add names to our Prayer List, please contact the parish office. There is no cost for enrolling people onto this list. Currently enrolled: **Angel Garcia, Max Borilla & Doglaci Schiochet, Malou Reformina & Bryan Morales**

VOTIVE OFFERINGS AND MEMORIALS

Mass Intentions	$20
Purgatorial Mass with Booklet	$20
Purgatorial Mass with Card	$15
Weekly Altar Flowers:	$100.00
Weekly Altar Bread and Wine:	$40.00
Weekly Sanctuary Lamp:	$30.00
Weekly Altar Candles:	$20.00

The Tree of Life: Please visit the parish office.
Gift categories include:

Silver Leaf:	$ 500.00
Gold Leaf:	$1,000.00
Gold Rock at Base of Tree:	$2,500.00

PARISH REGISTRATION

We encourage all who worship with us to consider registering to our parish. Please return this form in the collection or drop it off at the parish office. Your participation will strengthen your sense of belonging in God's family.

Name(s): _____

Address:_____ Apt_____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

PLEASE MARK ONE:
[ ] New Registration [ ] Change of Address
PLEASE MARK ONE:
[ ] I prefer envelopes [ ] I prefer E-giving

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

Registrarse permite que nuestra parroquia les pueda servir sus necesidades espirituales. Por favor devuelva este formulario en la colecta o déjelo en la oficina parroquial. Su participación fortalecerá su fe y su sentido de pertenencia en la familia de Dios.

Nombre(s): _____

Dirección:_____ **Apt**_____

Ciudad:_____ **Estado**_____ **C. Postal**_____

Teléfono: _____

E-mail: _____

POR FAVOR MARCAR:
[ ] Nueva Registración [ ] Cambio de dirección
POR FAVOR MARCAR:
[ ] Prefiero Sobres [ ] Donaciones en línea

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

- Father John Muir

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REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES NOW!

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3 or more children (same parents)- $160

Must bring certificates of prior sacraments received and birth certificate if this is their first time being registered at our religious education program.

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2 Niños- $120

3 o mas Niños (mismos padres)- $160

Debe traer los certificados de cualquier sacramento ya recibido y el acta de nacimiento si esta es la primera vez registrando en nuestra parroquia para el programa.

PREPARING FOR FR. PJ'S SUMMER VISIT TO OUR PARISH
UPDATES ON ARCHBISHOP HEERY SCHOOL IN NIGERIA

Greetings from Father PJ in Nigeria!

Thanks to the support of our parishioners, Father PJ has been able to slowly realize a project for disadvantage school children which remains dear to his heart.

This project will enable the children and young people to have a better learning environment for their Religious Education. Essentially, it consists in the construction of a shrine dedicated to the Infant Jesus within Archbishop Heery's school campus. This shrine will serve as a chapel, where students can go and pray before the Blessed Sacrament after the construction.

In the future Fr. PJ would love to build another shrine in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary there. He hopes to continue counting on your generosity.

The images below show the new school poultry farm that is still under construction. This small farm grows chickens to provide for the needs of students.

Below shows the new school building under construction with the help of their alumni and other benefactors. It will include a living space for the Principal, a hall for school events and offices.

This is the wall that is being built around the future kitchen. Your kind help this summer will provide for necessary furniture like kitchen cabinets, refrigerator, etc. Fr. PJ hopes to personally share with you the stories of how your friendship to this school has made a difference to needy children there.

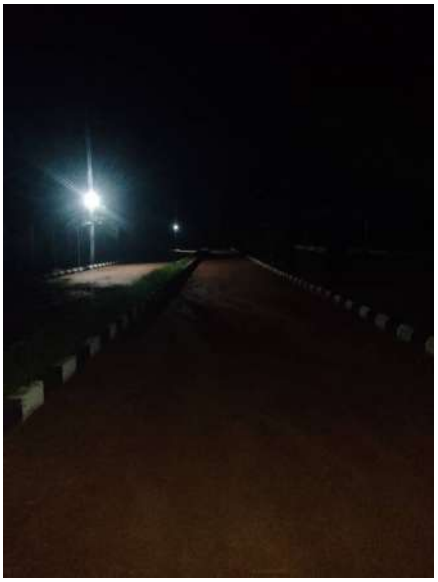
Below shows photos of the student who won the State Spelling Bee Competition along the teachers who coached him. Archbishop Heery School has outstanding teachers and mentors as well as its students!

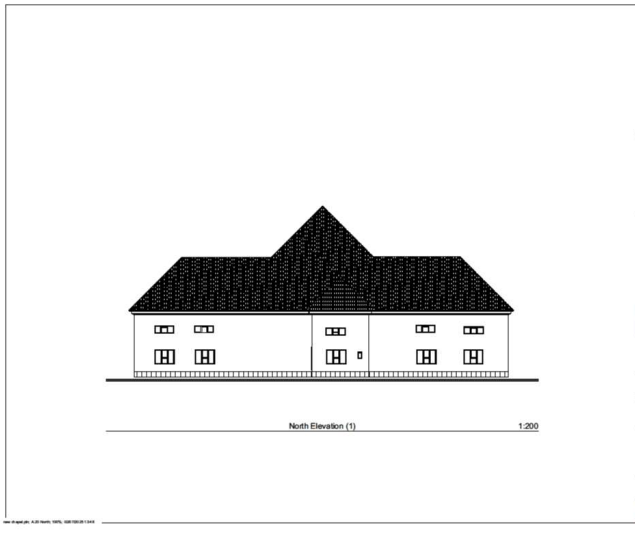
This year Fr. PJ will focus on addressing an electrical, lighting and student safety issue along with your help! The school has a large property of about 40 acres, which counts with a boarding house for students. In the night, most of the property is dark because of lack of electricity and which makes it unsafe.

Fr. PJ proposes to use lights that are solar powered to give light to the school property to make sure it is safe for students and staff to walk during the night.

In the photo on the right, you can see how dark the school is at night. Fr. PJ placed one solar light on the avenue leading into the school but there is need for many more to be installed for its effectiveness.

One solar night cost 150 dollars and we will need about 20. The goal for this project is $3,000. It is a very important project for the school and therefore are appealing for donations to carry out the project.





Another challenge is that of the spiritual growth and development of the students. As a priest he cares for the spiritual needs of all his students. Most students are Catholic and they desire of house of prayer, a place to celebrate Holy Mass.

Students currently pray on the field because there is no house of prayer. Father PJ is working on building a small church/chapel where the Blessed Sacrament will be in the tabernacle for the celebration of the Eucharist and for adoration, prayer and personal devotion, which will benefit the student's spiritual life and development.

The picture on the left is the architectural plan of the building. Your generosity throughout the years have made it possible for Archbishop Heery to be an outstanding school and with your continuous support it will reach further achievements.