

# St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Mission Statement

To love God and neighbor by sharing our belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through prayerful celebration of His Sacraments, ministering to all in need, protecting life, and welcoming all who come to us.

## Weekend Masses

Saturday 8:00 am

## Saturday & Sunday

4:30 pm, 9:00 & 11:00 am; 1:00 pm  
(Spanish) & 5:30 pm

## Weekday Masses: Monday - Friday:

6:45 am & 12:10 pm

**Confessions:** Saturdays 10:00 am  
& 3:15 pm

## Adoration: Monday - Friday:

7:30 am—8 pm in the Chapel

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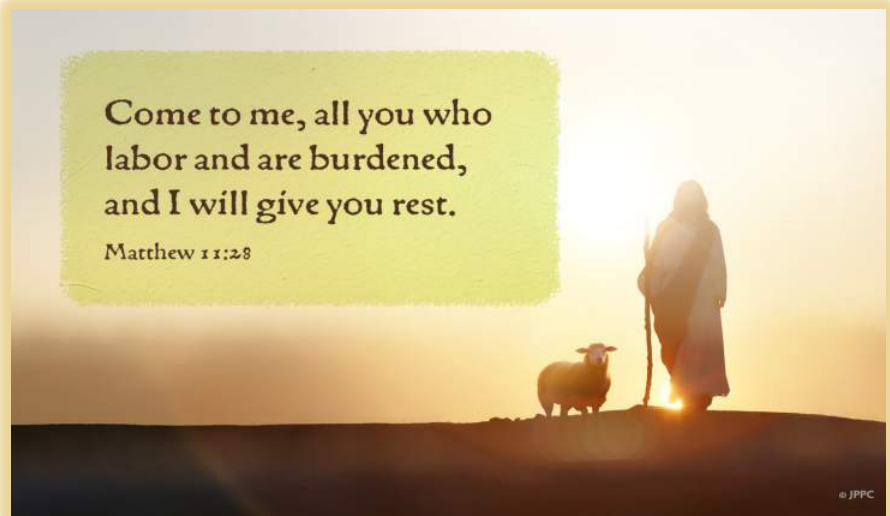
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Office Hours: **Mon.** 9am-12:30pm  
(Closed for lunch) 1pm to 5pm,

**Tues.—Thurs.** 9am-12:30pm (Closed for  
lunch) 1pm-4pm, & **Friday** 9am—1pm

(Asistencia en español durante estas  
horas.)

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † JULY 5, 2026



## Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 7/05/26** Knights of Columbus Breakfast ticket sales after Masses
- Mon. 7/06/26** 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Mercy Hall
- Tues. 7/07/26** 9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room  
7pm Spanish Charismatic Group in the Church  
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel
- Wed. 7/08/26** 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room  
4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel
- Thurs. 7/09/26** 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
- Friday. 7/10/26**
- Sat. 7/11/26** 8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group in the Church  
10am Confessions in the Church  
9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall  
3:15pm Confessions in the Church
- Sunday 7/12/26**

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

**Reflection:** The Catechism of the Catholic Church presents to us Christ's whole life as a mystery (CCC 414-521). In CCC 517 we read, "Christ's whole life is a mystery of *redemption*. Redemption comes to us above all through the blood of his cross, but this mystery is at work throughout Christ's entire life:

- already in his Incarnation through which by becoming poor he enriches us with his poverty;
- in his hidden life which by his submission atones for our disobedience;
- in his word which purifies its hearers;
- in his healings and exorcisms by which "he took our infirmities and bore our diseases";
- and in his Resurrection by which he justifies us."

The readings allude to our reception of this mystery. Only the children are able to grasp the mysteries of the Kingdom of God. The 1<sup>st</sup> reading speaks to us through the lips of prophet Zechariah that God overturns the concept of kingship. The king is not the one who is served but one who puts others at the center of his attention. The weak are not to be submissive to him; he puts himself at their service. His strength is what people considered weakness.

The gospel challenges the good and righteous (the wise and the intelligent) who are rooted in human logic and criteria that God is friend only to them. The Father of Jesus (and of all of us) instead goes to recover those that we throw in the trash; the public sinners, because they are the most in need of God's love.

Pope Benedict taught "Jesus' gaze seems to extend to this day, to our world. Today, too, it rests on so many people oppressed by difficult living conditions and lacking valid reference points to find a meaning and a purpose for their existence. Jesus promised he would give everyone "rest", but on one condition: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart". What is this "yoke" which lightens instead of burdening, which instead of oppressing, uplifts? The "yoke" of Christ is the law of love; it is his commandment which he bequeathed to his disciples (cf. Jn 13:34; 15:12)." (Angelus, July 3, 2011)

### Welcome Father Joseph Ben Thien Ho:

The diocesan administration is gracious enough to provide us with an additional priest. Officially Father Joseph will start his ministry in our parish on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July. There will be a special welcome gathering at Mercy Hall on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> after the 11am Mass. Please join us in welcoming Father Joseph.

### Earthquake Relief (Special Collection on July 27/28)

On the weekend of July 27/28, We will have a special second collection for the Archdiocese of Davao in Philippines. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck the southern coast of Mindanao in the Philippines. At least 77 people died, over 1300 were injured and 31 were reported missing. Our diocesan administrator Fr. Jay Toborowsky has given permission to parishes to take up this collection. The collection will be sent to the diocese to be sent to the Archdiocese of Davao in the Philippines.

### Diocese Still Without Bishop?

This is what we hear from our Diocesan Administrator Fr. Jay Toborowsky: "*We are approaching 7 months of being a Vacant See. Please consider asking your people to continue to keep the selection of our new Bishop in their prayers, particularly at Mass. Between us, as for "when", I've brought up before the precedent of the Diocese of Belleville and their recent 10-month wait. FYI - Abp. Caccia (the new Apostolic Nuncio) has settled in DC and presented his credentials to the President, so he is in place. If anyone does ask, remind them that besides dioceses like ours that are vacant because of transfers, there are a number of dioceses whose Ordinary is close to or already past 75 years of age. Like the Motor Vehicles, we wait and hope.*"

### Diocesan Programs in the near future:

Save the Date heads up that this year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. the 2026 Children's Choir Sumer Camp (Aug. 10-14, 16), PCL Formation Days (Sept. 1, Oct. 8), the Hispanic Heritage Mass (Sept. 18), OCIA Formation Days (Sept. 26, Nov. 14 and Jan. 23) and the Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration (Oct. 18).

Fr. Antony

# Masses For The Week



## Liturgical Ministry Schedule



### SUNDAY, July 5<sup>th</sup> – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Agnes Wilson by Family  
 11:00am – Janet Earley (A) by Catalli Family  
 1:00pm – (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Mary & Steve Ignatz by Maryann

### MONDAY, July 6<sup>th</sup> – *St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr*

6:45am – Robert Swope by Swope Family  
 12:10pm – Ann Quinn by Nancy Fitzgerald

### TUESDAY, July 7<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Henryk Dzielak by Family  
 12:10pm – Joseph J. Janci by Janci Family

### WEDNESDAY, July 8<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Wilard Shibley by Charlie Swope  
 12:10pm – Deceased Members of the Simonetta Family by Dolly

### THURSDAY, July 9<sup>th</sup> - *St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs*

6:45am – William Coyle by Merrie Mulrine  
 12:10pm – Marian Manasseri by Family

### FRIDAY, July 10<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Valerie Bates by Ann Foose  
 12:10pm – Souls in Purgatory by Gomes-Aversa Family

### SATURDAY, July 11<sup>th</sup> – **St. Benedict, Abbot**

8am – William Hanisek (A) by Jan Hanisek  
 4:30pm – Grace Ajhar by Volk Family

### SUNDAY, July 12<sup>th</sup> – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – For the People  
 11:00am – Karen Connolly by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua  
 1:00pm – (SP) – Miguel Servin & Lucia López by Leah Loreaux  
 5:30pm – Chris S. Parker by Jeannine Riotto

July 11<sup>th</sup>  
 4:30pm    Acolyte    Andrew Sretenovic  
               Lector         -  
               Minister    Ed Socci  
               Minister    Tom Casey  
               Server        Gino Siano  
               Server        -

July 12<sup>th</sup>  
 9am        Acolyte    Anthony Stefano  
               Lector         -  
               Minister    Paul Juliano  
               Minister    Karen Juliano  
               Server        Erin Case  
               Server        -

11am       Acolyte    Adam Sretenovic  
               Lector         -  
               Minister    Kevin Kassick  
               Minister    Carol Bevilacqua  
               Server        Gabriel Sretenovic  
               Server        Luke Srentenovic

1pm        Acolyte    Kaley Bustemante  
               Lector         -  
               Lector         -  
               Minister    -  
               Annoncements -  
               Server        Gregory Cano  
               Server        Aaron Cano

5:30pm    Acolyte    -  
               Lector         -  
               Server        Leah Blanes  
               Server        Noah Blanes

### **2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$78,000.00</b>
<b>Total Pledged:</b>	<b>\$42,480.25</b>
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>\$40,199.00</b>
<b>Over/under Goal:</b>	<b>(\$35,519.75)</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Pledged:</b>	<b>54.46%</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Received:</b>	<b>51.54%</b>
<b>Avg. Gift Amt.:</b>	<b>\$240.00</b>

### **Stewardship**

**June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Due to early bulletin deadline, the Stewardship information will be included in the next bulletin.**

## Around the Parish

### Pray FOR THE SICK

James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Theresa Adams, The Quesada-Rocha Family, Janet Duran, Bob Hoesley, Steven Hille, Richard Dalrymple, Mauricio Castro, Grace Epo, Kevin Stannard, Jennie Rossetti, Terry LaBar, Jack Kane, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Caceres Family, Gustavo Caceres, Connie Sartini, Michael Burke, Hannah Paxton, Ruth Ann, Scott Visco, Ann Janasek Visco, Lynn Trimmer, Russell Perna, & Angel.

### Pray for our Military ☆☆☆

Jack Pike, Michael Vega, Gianni Luzzetti, Lt. Colonel Abigail Gage, James B. Collins, Spec. Theodore Bill, Billy Erz, Bryan Malizzi, Paul C. Hesch, Luis Quizhpi, Jason Erz, Staff Sergeant Kevin Jiorle, Lt. Commander Dominique D'Anthony, Major Joseph Skopowski, Airman Seth Reyes, Marine LCpl Chad Bruckman, Angelo Luzzetti Army, Marine LCpl Steven Fulse, & Robby Anselmo.



Please help us keep both prayer lists up to date, contact the parish office when changes occur.

Thank you & God Bless.

### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on August 7<sup>th</sup> (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.

### “Could you not watch one hour with me?”



We need adorers for **1pm & 5pm on Tuesdays; 8am, 2pm, & 5pm on Wednesdays; 12noon & 2pm on Thursdays; and 8am & 11am on Fridays.** Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-319-2719**.

### SPSJ NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, we hold Mass at the following nursing homes, 10:30am the First Tuesday at Complete Care also known as Brakeley Care Center, 10:30am the Second Tuesday at Lopatcong nursing home, and 10:30am the Third Tuesday at Phillipsburg nursing home. During this time sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick are available to the Catholic residents who desire them. In addition, Holy Communion is distributed to the Catholic residents of these facilities every Sunday. If you would like to participate in the ministry and pray with our elderly residents, please contact the Legion of Mary or Deacon Enock.

### NURSING HOME SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS



**Lopatcong Nursing Home:** 7/5 Ron Rossini, 7/12 Anne Coyle, & 7/19 Bettina Socci

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 7/5 Melody Talpas, 7/12 Eileen Dean, & 7/19 Bill Casey & Milagros Dionisio

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 7/5 Beth Dispoto, & 7/12 & 7/19 Lisa Spanopolous



MH. Thank you!

Your generosity allows us to continue to feed the hungry in our community. The Soup Kitchen is in need of bottled water, cookies, and puddings cups. Any help is appreciated. It can be dropped off Saturday mornings from 9am-12noon in

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus will sponsor Breakfast on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12:30pm in the church hall at St. Mary's in Alpha. Suggested Donation \$8 per Adult. [Children Free] Advance tickets available after Masses.

## DEACON'S CORNER

Take my Yoke

The Gospel reading for the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time invites us to embrace humility, accept God's grace in our weakness, and find rest in Christ when we are burdened. This bridges our human limits with the comforting presence of God.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus offers the beautiful and well-known invitation; "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." He invites us to trade the heavy burdens of self-reliance, anxiety, and social expectations for His yoke. Jesus's yoke is described as "easy" because it is rooted in love and aligned with God's will. If we accept *His rest*, we must acknowledge our limitations and recognize our need for God.

"Take my yoke" is an invitation from Jesus to submit to His teachings and walk in partnership with Him. It means surrendering self-reliance and legalism in exchange for a relationship where Jesus guides our life and shares our burdens.

In the ancient world, a yoke was a heavy wooden harness placed across the necks of two oxen to pull heavy loads together. By asking us to take His yoke, Jesus promises to stand right beside us, pulling the weight and setting the direction. Jesus extends this invitation specifically to the "weary and heavy-laden." Believers agree that putting on Jesus' yoke shifts the focus from trying to earn salvation through perfect behavior to simply resting and learning from Him. Ultimately taking Jesus' yoke means choosing to align our will with His and trusting that He provides the strength needed to navigate life's challenges.

What specific burdens or anxieties are we carrying on our own?

Where in our lives do we need to stop trying to be "perfect" and instead lean on God's grace in our weakness?

Are we humble enough to ask Jesus for rest and peace?

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

† God Bless America and God Bless You †

Deacon Larry

## MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

July 5<sup>th</sup> - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*July 6, Mon - Optional Memorial of St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr.*

*July 9, Thu - Optional Memorial of St. Augustine Zhao, Priest & Co, Martyrs*

**July 11, Sat - Memorial of St. Benedict, Abbot**



**Fr. Joseph Introduces himself to all of us...**



My name is Joseph Thien Ban Ho. I was born in Dak Lak which is a province in the South of Viet Nam. I am the youngest of five children in my family.

I graduated from the Science University and Sai Gon university in Viet Nam.

Then, I joined the Society of Jesus (SJ) in Viet Nam to begin my vocation of priesthood.

In 2017, I joined the Diocese of Metuchen as a seminarian.

I studied English (ESL) at Rutgers University for a year. I studied philosophy in Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA. Later, I was transferred to Seton Hall University to study theology. I graduated Master of Divinity at Seton Hall in 2024.

I was ordained to priesthood on June 8, 2024 by Bishop James F. Checchio and become a priest of Diocese of Metuchen.

After the ordination, I was assigned to Immaculate Conception parish in Spotswood, NJ.

Fun things: I love photography and sports.

## "EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"



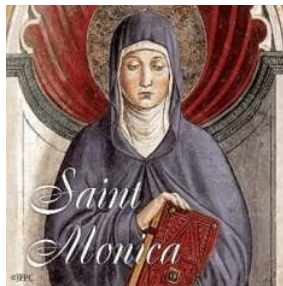
...discussion Group meetings will be on the following dates: **July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, & Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** in Mercy Hall. Light Refreshments will be served! The July topic will be "Ethical Use of

Technology". **OUR MISSION:** To build our *Knowledge* of the Faith; to help us *Explain* the Faith; & to encourage us to *Share* the Faith!!! No membership, no dues, no obligations! **Let Us Answer Your Questions.**

## 4 - Day WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Great Meadows, NJ will host a spiritual 4-day Walking Pilgrimage on August 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from our church in NJ to Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA. Walkers range from infants to people well into their 70's. You may join our spiritual trip any day of the journey and for as many days as you wish. Registration by mail starts June 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit our website for discounts and churches in your area that also register in person. Info call 908-637-4269 or visit [www.walkingpilgrimage.us](http://www.walkingpilgrimage.us).

## ST. MONICA PRAYER MINISTRY



The **St. Monica Ministry** is dedicated to offering hope and support to the families and friends of fallen-away Catholics. Like St. Monica, its members pray unconditionally for loved ones who have left the Church. St. Monica prayed for 20+ years for her wayward son and her prayers were answered. St. Monica's great faithfulness was rewarded as her son, St. Augustine, converted and went on to become one of the greatest theologians in Church History and was declared a Doctor of the Church. This is a testimony to perseverance in prayer!!! ***NOTHING IS FAR FROM GOD!!!***

**Please join us on Wednesday's at 4:00pm in the Adoration Chapel for the St. Monica Prayer Ministry.**

## LAZARUS MINISTRY

The **Lazarus Ministry** is a function of the Legion of Mary and is designed to assist the **Souls of the Faithful Departed** and their families by praying the Rosary prior to a **Viewing or Funeral Mass**. If you would like this devotion to be performed for your deceased loved one, please send your request to: [lazarusministry@spsj.org](mailto:lazarusministry@spsj.org).

This is a *free ministry* that will greatly assist your loved one on their journey toward heaven!

***St. Padre Pio on the Rosary, "Its costs so little and is worth so much to a precious soul!!!"***

## BLUE ARMY PRAYER CELL

"Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end to the war." - Our Lady of Fatima. Please join the Blue Army (Our Lady of Fatima prayer group) in the chapel on Thursday evenings at 7pm to honor our Lady's request. We pray one Mystery of the Rosary, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, the Fatima prayers, consecration prayers, and offer up our personal intentions. Stop in and receive spiritual blessings.

## SACRED LINENS MINISTRY

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers of the Sacred Linens Ministry. Over the years, they have dedicated countless hours to ensure that our parish has clean and ready-to-use linens for our liturgical celebrations. I am confident that God will continue to bless and reward them for their efforts. Thank you to the following volunteers for their support of the Linens Ministry: Gwen Fisk, Jane Hanisek, Kelechi Odimma, Donna Thomas, Gladys Jauridez (Team Captain), Luisa Tacuri, Maria Rubi, Deydania Anyelina Rodriguez, and Virginia Garcia. We are still in need of volunteers. If you are interested in joining us, please do not hesitate to call me at 908-310-7264. Angela M. Hardison – Coordinator.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
Diocese of Metuchen

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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## Diocesan News


### METUCHEN SUMMER CHORAL FESTIVAL

Participants in the NPM (National Assoc. of Pastoral Musicians) Metuchen Summer Choral Festival will present a concert entitled Be Joyful in the Lord on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 390 County Rd. 523, Whitehouse Station. A reception will follow. A freewill offering benefits the NPM Metuchen Chapter.

Three conductors have honed this Festival Choir and Orchestra over five days to present extraordinary sacred choral music including works by John Rutter, Joel Raney, G.F. Handel, Elaine Hagenberg, Randall Thompson, J.S. Bach, Mack Wilberg and many others.

Come and be nourished by the joyful, contemplative, prayerful, and celebratory aspects of our faith and our music. For more information see [www.npmmetuchen.org](http://www.npmmetuchen.org) or contact Festival Director, Jim Cole at [npmchoralfestival@gmail.com](mailto:npmchoralfestival@gmail.com).

### "AGING WELL: A LIFE IN FULL"



# Celebrate Life

*A Morning for Grandparents & Seniors (55+)*

*Aging Well:  
A Life in Full*


with guest speaker, Joanie C. Lynn, APN  
of Saint Peter's University Hospital

All grandparents and seniors are welcome for a morning of joy and renewal, including breakfast, fellowship, an uplifting presentation, and Holy Mass.

**Thursday, July 23, 2026**  
**9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center,  
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ

The event is free, but registration is required.  
Scan the QR code to register →  
Email [magnese@diometuchen.org](mailto:magnese@diometuchen.org) or  
call (732) 562-1543 with any questions.



**JULY 4  
2026**

# 250 YEARS

1776 ~ 2026

## United States of America's Birthday

**NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL  
ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY  
14º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

¡Querida familia!

**Reflexión:** El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos presenta que toda la vida de Cristo es un misterio (CIC 414-521). En el CIC 517 leemos: «Toda la vida de Cristo es misterio de redención. La redención nos llega ante todo mediante la sangre de su cruz, pero este misterio actúa a lo largo de toda la vida de Cristo:

- ya en su Encarnación, mediante la cual, al hacerse pobre, nos enriquece con su pobreza;
- en su vida oculta, en la que, con su sumisión, repara nuestra desobediencia;
- en su palabra, que purifica a quienes la escuchan;
- en sus curaciones y exorcismos, con los que «tomó nuestras debilidades y cargó con nuestras enfermedades»;
- y en su Resurrección, mediante la cual nos justifica.

Las lecturas aluden a cómo acogemos este misterio. Solo los niños son capaces de comprender los misterios del Reino de Dios. La primera lectura nos habla, a través del profeta Zacarías, de cómo Dios trastoca el concepto de la realeza. El rey no es quien recibe servicio, sino quien coloca a los demás en el centro de su atención. Los débiles no han de someterse a él; es él quien se pone a su servicio. Su fortaleza reside en aquello que la gente consideraba debilidad.

El Evangelio desafía a los buenos y justos —a los sabios y entendidos—, quienes, arraigados en la lógica y los criterios humanos, creen que Dios es amigo solo de ellos. En cambio, el Padre de Jesús (y de todos nosotros) sale al encuentro de aquellos a quienes nosotros desechamos —los pecadores públicos—, pues son ellos quienes más necesitan el amor de Dios.

El Papa Benedicto enseñó: «La mirada de Jesús parece extenderse hasta el día de hoy, hasta nuestro mundo. También hoy se posa sobre tantas personas oprimidas por condiciones de vida difíciles y carentes de puntos de referencia válidos para hallar un sentido y un propósito a su existencia. Jesús prometió dar a todos "descanso", pero con una condición:

"Tomad mi yugo sobre vosotros y aprended de mí, que soy manso y humilde de corazón". ¿Cuál es este "yugo" que aligera en lugar de agobiar, que en vez de oprimir, eleva? El "yugo" de Cristo es la ley del amor; es el mandamiento que Él llegó a sus discípulos (cf. Jn 13, 34; 15, 12)». (Ángelus, 3 de julio de 2011)

**Bienvenido, Padre Joseph Ben Thien Ho:**

La administración diocesana ha tenido la gentileza de asignarnos un sacerdote adicional. El Padre Joseph comenzará oficialmente su ministerio en nuestra parroquia el 6 de julio. Se celebrará un encuentro especial de bienvenida en Mercy Hall el domingo 12 de julio, después de la misa de las 11:00am. Les invitamos a acompañarnos para dar la bienvenida al Padre Joseph.

**Ayuda para los damnificados por el terremoto (Colecta especial del 27 y 28 de julio)**

Durante el fin de semana del 27 y 28 de julio, realizaremos una segunda colecta especial destinada a la Arquidiócesis de Davao, en Filipinas. El 8 de junio, un terremoto de magnitud 7,8 sacudió la costa sur de Mindanao, Filipinas. Al menos 77 personas perdieron la vida, más de 1300 resultaron heridas y 31 fueron reportadas como desaparecidas. Nuestro administrador diocesano, el P. Jay Toborowsky, ha autorizado a las parroquias a llevar a cabo esta colecta. Los fondos recaudados se enviarán a la diócesis para su posterior remisión a la Arquidiócesis de Davao, en Filipinas.

**¿La diócesis sigue sin obispo?**

Esto es lo que nos comunica nuestro administrador diocesano, el P. Jay Toborowsky: «*Nos acercamos a los siete meses de sede vacante. Por favor, consideren pedir a sus fieles que sigan incluyendo en sus oraciones —especialmente durante la Misa— el proceso de elección de nuestro nuevo obispo. En cuanto a la cuestión del "cuándo", ya he mencionado anteriormente el precedente de la Diócesis de Belleville y su reciente espera de diez meses. A título informativo: el arzobispo Caccia (el nuevo nuncio apostólico) ya se ha instalado en Washington D. C. y ha presentado sus cartas credenciales al presidente, por lo que ya está en funciones.*

Si alguien pregunta al respecto, recuérdense que, además de las diócesis como la nuestra que están vacantes debido a traslados, hay varias diócesis cuyo obispo diocesano está cerca de cumplir los 75 años o ya ha superado esa edad. Al igual que cuando vamos a la oficina de vehículos a motor, solo nos queda esperar y mantener la esperanza».

**Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:**

Reserve la fecha: le informamos que este año se conmemora el **25.º aniversario de los ataques terroristas del 11 de septiembre, el campamento de verano del coro infantil de 2026** (del 10 al 14 y el 16 de agosto), las jornadas de **formación para coordinadores de catequesis** (1 de septiembre y 8 de octubre), la **Misa de la Herencia Hispana** (18 de septiembre), las jornadas de **formación del OCIA** (26 de septiembre, 14 de noviembre y 23 de enero) y la celebración de **aniversarios de plata y oro** (18 de octubre).

P. Antony

**¿TE SIENTES INSEGURO PORQUE NO CONOCES MUCHO DE LA BIBLIA?**

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**ESCUELA BÍBLICA HISPANA**

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