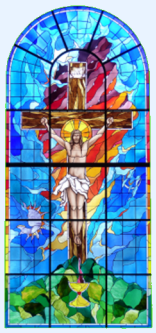

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Immaculate Conception

July 05, 2026 — **14th Sunday Ordinary Time**

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Parish Office Hours
School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

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School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am
Wednesday – 8:15 am
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

Confession Schedule
Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am,
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

Adoration Chapel Hours
Daily, 5 am—9 pm

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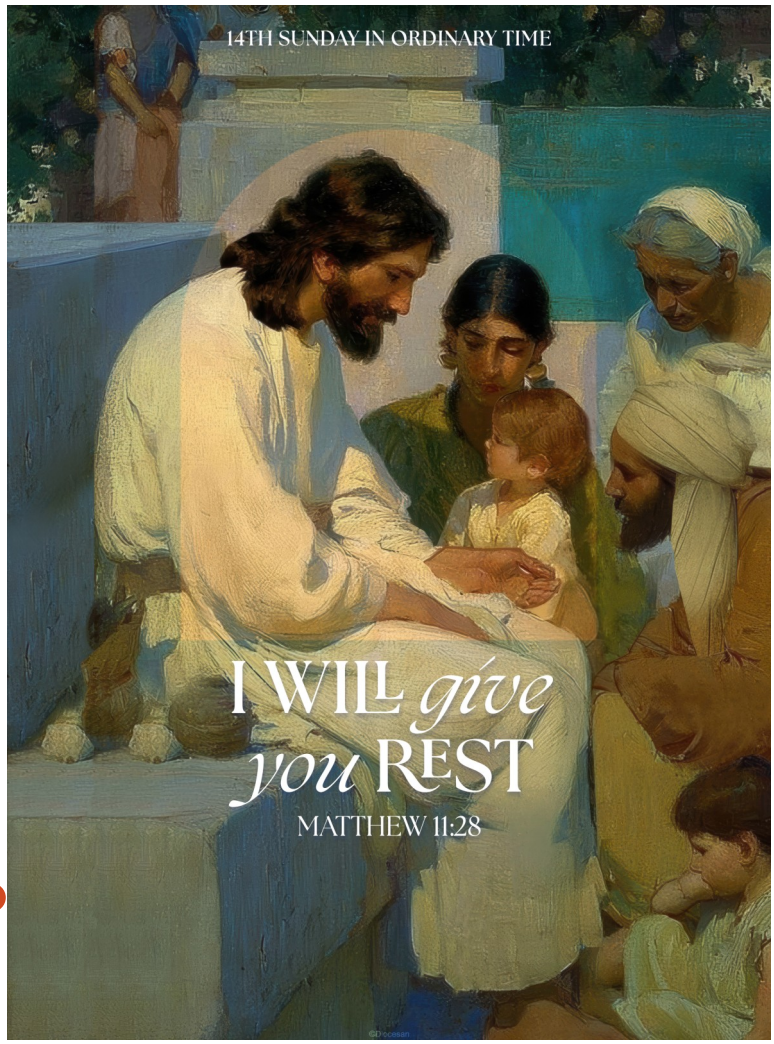
Parish Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-1 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

Sunday Mass Schedule
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

Daily Mass Schedule
Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish



Holy Day Schedule (HC and ICC)
Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

sacraments

Receiving the Sacraments

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

happenings

Summer Hours

Both Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception are on their Summer Hours through Labor Day.

Holy Cross will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm. Office is closed on Friday.

Immaculate Conception will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 9 am to 1 pm. Office is closed on Wednesday and Friday.

Counters Needed

Volunteers Needed! If you have some spare time on Monday mornings, and would like to help the Parish Office count the donations that came during the weekend Masses, please call the Parish Office at 302 -674-5787, ext. 110 to leave your name and contact information. We are hoping to establish several counting teams to help with this task each week.

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Weekly Offering (HC)

Ending June 14, 2026

Offertory Type	Received	Budgeted/ Needed	Difference
Regular	Figueres not available due to early submission.		
YTD			
Needs			

Weekly Offering (ICC)

Ending June 21, 2026

Offertory Type	Received
Regular	$4,294
Second	$698

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A Word from your Administrator…

Happy July 4th Weekend as we celebrate 250 years of our country's founding in 1776 when courageous leaders decided to speak for the people and unite around a single purpose to be free and independent to govern themselves. The Gospel today offers the very familiar invitation from Jesus: "Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome. I will give you rest." It is not much different from the invitation from the Statue of Liberty: ""Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free". From the beginning, our country was inspired by the thoughts and hopes that come from believing that free to make decisions for ourselves, we can achieve the goals we share. We give thanks for the foundation we have been given by the free and brave over 250 years and we give thanks as one nation under God that we have been able to respond to the Lord's invitation as well. In a culture of ever-expanding diversity may we be courageous voices that protect our religious freedom and liberty. For all the good we have achieved as a Nation, we give thanks! For those who fought in many way to create the democracy we enjoy we commit to ensure it. For those who have shed blood, we honor them. And those who shed tears, we tell their story.
Happy 250th USA!

Fr. Carroll

As mentioned last week we have passed our **Faith & Charity Annual Catholic Appeal** target by $12,000. We were challenged to increase our percent of participation. We have almost 1000 parishioners on the list submitted to the Appeal Office. Only 28% have responded to the Appeal thus far compared to 26% last year. I would like to see us at 30% which translates into 20 new givers. There has never been a better time to make a difference. A gift of any amount will tell the story of our success and generosity. There are envelopes in the Gathering Space and you can give online through the Diocesan website: DONATE TODAY
Thank you!

pastor's column

MONDAY July 6
Weekday
Hos 2:16, 17c 18, 21–22
Mt 9:18–26

TUESDAY July 7
Weekday
Hos 8:4–7, 11–13

Mt 9:32–38

WEDNESDAY July 8
Weekday
Hos 10:1–3, 7–8, 12
Mt 10:1–7

THURSDAY July 9
Weekday
Hos 11:1–4, 8e–9 Mt 10:7–15

FRIDAY July 10
Weekday
Hos 14:2–10 Mt 10:16–23

SATURDAY July 11
St. Benedict, Abbot Is 6:1–8 Mt 10:24–33

SUNDAY July 12
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10–11 Rom 8:18–23 Mt 13:1–23 or 13:1–9

HC & ICC Clergy

VT, Rev. Norman P. Carroll	Administrator
Rev. John Enemuo	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Rommel Padilla	Parochial Vicar
Rev. John Hynes	In Residence

HC Clergy

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

HC Staff

Parish Office	302 674 5787
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Vivian Alvarado	Assistant to the Pastor, ext. 113
Darcee Impagliazzo	Business Manager, ext. 119
Rev. Padilla	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. I18
Tammy Korosec	CRE Religious Ed, ext 122
Linda Darling	Youth Ministry, ext. 123
Justin Wurzel	Maintenance Director
Len Dornberger Cemetery	Administrator, ext. 135
Michael Perza	Dir. of Music Ministry, 302 698 9302

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Alicia Poppiti	DRE Religious Ed.
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holycrossdover.org/school

Mallory O'Mara	Principal, ext. 111

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Samaritan's Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of the following: Canned Kidney, Black and Pinto Beans, peanut butter, jelly, hamburger helper, one pound bags of rice, Manwich, Cereal, Jell-O, Chicken Broth. These and small packs of meat or burger can be left in the pantry drop off door behind the rectory.

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church is hosting a pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona - **September 13-22, 2026.** Join Fr. Volodymyr Klanichka and travel to two of the world's most revered pilgrimage sites. Experience the culture and beauty of Portugal, France, and Spain along the way! Double occupancy cost is $4,699 including airfare from Philadelphia and at least one meal each day.

For more information contact Fr. Volodymyr at Vovaklan@gmail.com or visit: https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1392151

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held the weekend of July 31 - August 2, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. An additional program will be the weekend of October 2 - 4. For more information, call 215-766-3944 or visit www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Annual Appeal Update

The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal continues to experience strong support throughout our Diocese. We are grateful to all who have already made a gift or pledge to this year's Appeal.

If you have pledged, please remember that fulfilling your commitment helps provide essential funding for ministries that serve those in need, support Catholic education, assist our parishes, form future priests and deacons, and strengthen the mission of the Church throughout Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

If you have not yet participated, there is still time. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. New and returning donors also help our parish qualify for special rebate opportunities that directly benefit local parish ministries and programs. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.

Newly Baptized

Congratulations to our newly baptized members:

- Madylin Fay Markel

Recently Deceased

Our prayers and condolences to the families who have recently lost a loved one:

- Cornelia Barbetta
- Theresa Ann Market

Welcome New Parishioners

We extend a warm welcome to our newly registered members:

- Janice Yearick
- Lynn Morgan
- Philip and Lynnsey Kallberg
- Louis Lara Jr. &Claudia E. Balbuena, Camila Rose Lara-Balbuena

Mass Intention
JULY

6 Monday
HC 8:00 am Lilia Yude

7 Tuesday
HC 8:00 am Sheila Berniger

8 Wednesday
HC 8:15 am Donald & Steven Peer

9 Thursday
HC 8:00 am Robert Raczynski
ICC 6:00 pm For the People

10 Friday
HC 8:00 am For the People

11 Saturday
HC 9:00 am Paul Janiga
HC 5:00 pm Thomas E. Dodd

12 Sunday
HC 7:30 am Madelene Chandra (LI)
ICC 8:30 am Bernard & Shirley Folker
HC 9:30 am Winfrey's Family
ICC 11:00 am John Carrow
HC 11:30 am For the People
ICC 1:00 pm For the People

Sanctuary Candle in Church is for the intention of parishioners of Holy Cross.

Sanctuary Candle in the Adoration Chapel is for the intention of parishioners of Holy Cross..

faith in action

JULY 11/12, 2026

	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	D. Darling L. Darling	D. Field P. Gerard	T. Tiedemann L. Toto
			LECTORS
			R. Fanelli D. Jones
7:30 AM	A. Fisher J. Fisher	S. Gede M. Jacobs	T. Catipay S. Corpuz
			LECTORS
			K. Meire
9:30 AM	S. Robinson J. Salamone	G. Wessel M. Wessel	P. Cusatis M. Ford
			LECTORS
			R. Alderman J. Amako
11:30 AM	P. Ramirez A. Luna	T. Hernandez	K. Geronimo S. Geronimo
			LECTORS
			G. Hernandez M. Mendoza

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM	E. Costello		
			LECTORS
			T. Woodeshick
11:00 AM	J. Carrow		
			LECTORS
			L. Soule

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or an Altar Server, please all the Parish Office at Holy Cross. Leave your name and contact information.

As always, we can use more volunteers to become ministers to the sick and homebound. This ministry is growing daily and they so appreciate receiving Our Lord especially since they can't come to Mass. Sign up at the office if you are interested in learning more about this ministry.

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ADORATION CHAPEL

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the wellspring of grace. St. John Paul II, April 17, 2003

Open hours:
Sunday: 7-8am, 4-5pm, 5-6pm, 6-7pm, 7-8pm 8-9pm
Wednesday: 8-9pm **Thursday:** 8-9pm
Friday: 5-6pm
Saturday: 5-6am, 12-1pm, 1-2pm, 7-8pm 8-9pm

Please leave all candles lit, these candles will last 7 days. If candles are extinguished, they become difficult to light and break holders.

All Eucharistic ministers should use sanitizer (on rear table of the chapel) before holding the Host. Please contact John Murphy to sign up at jkm2015@verizon.net or call 302-233-1779

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of November 6-8, 2026. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion or miscarriage. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Bernardo-Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com by October

SAINT MARK'S HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976 50TH CLASS REUNION

Save the date: Sept. 25, 6-10 p.m.: Saint Mark's High School Class of 1976 50th Class Reunion, Christiana Hilton. Saint Mark's is also hosting a Welcome Home Celebration and tour of SMH for Class of 1976 Alumni on Thursday, Sept. 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The reunion committee would like to connect with alumni. Contact Patty Curtin White at: patriciacurn@comcast.net or PCurtin@christianacare.org Or Terri Larson

- **La Virgen Peregrina:** La Virgen Peregrina está visitando casas, si usted desea que la imagen de la virgen peregrina visite su casa por una semana, hable con nuestra hermana Marta Espinosa.
- **Jesús te Invita a que pases una hora con El: Capilla de Adoración Eucarística**: «Ven y pase una hora con Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. Para anotarse llame a la oficina parroquial.
- **Educación Religiosa y La Escuela Bíblica de Verano VBS:** Escuela Bíblica de Verano el Programa de Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones 2026 de Holy Cross"¡Aventura en el Desierto a Través de los Sacramentos!" Este programa está diseñado para ayudar a los niños a descubrir la vida y las enseñanzas de Cristo y acercarse más a Él a través de los Sacramentos. ¡Los niños se divertirán aprendiendo un sacramento diferente cada día!. El programa se llevará a cabo del 6 al 10 de julio, de 8:45 a. m. a 12:30 p. m. (nuevo horario). Los niños de Pre-K4 a 4.º grado estarán en el Centro de Aprendizaje Temprano, y los "Santos en Entrenamiento" de 5.º y 6.º grado estarán en las salas Mateo/Marcos y Lucas de la Oficina Parroquial (2.º piso del edificio del ELC).Ya pronto van a estar abiertas las inscripciones.es muy importante que su hijo(a) asista a las clases de Educación Religiosa. La Oficina de Educación Religiosa se encuentra en el segundo piso del ELC. El horario habitual de oficina es de lunes a jueves, de 8:30 a. m. a 3:30 p. m.Cupo es limitado.
- **Las clases de educación religiosa se imparten en la Escuela Primaria Holy Cross Para más información comuníquese con**: Sra. Tammy Korosec Coordinadora de Educación Religiosa email -tkorosec@holycrossdover.org o llame al 302.674.5787 ext 122
- **APOSTOLADO DE LAS SIETE HERMANAS EN LA SANTA CRUZ** ¿Sabías que...? ¡Sin sacerdotes, No hay Sacramentos! Existe un grupo internacional de católicos que rezan diariamente por un sacerdote, y aquí en Holy Cross tenemos un grupo dedicado a nuestro propio sacerdote. Este grupo se basa en que siete mujeres hacen una Hora Santa ante nuestro Sumo Sacerdote Eucarístico, Jesús, por un sacerdote, todos los días, todas las semanas, durante todo un año… de ahí el nombre de Apostolado de las Siete Hermanitas. Nos encantaría que te unieras a esta iniciativa. Al fortalecer al sacerdote, fortaleces a toda la Iglesia Contacto: Delizabeth Díaz-Martínez correo electrónico 7sistersaposto-late2023@gmail.com
- **Voluntarios**: Se necesitan catequistas para el año escolar 2026-2027º si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, ministerio de música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre-Bautismales. Por favor hable con los coordinadores de los ministerios o llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787.

PARROQUIA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION- MARYDEL

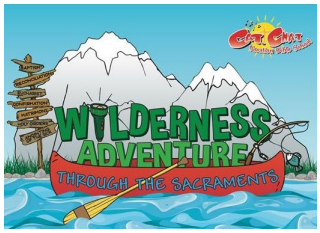
- Inscripciones para la Escuela Dominical: Ya se están recibiendo inscripciones para el próximo año. Por favor, inscriban a sus hijos ahora para asegurar su lugar en una clase aquí en la Inmaculada Concepción. Se necesitan catequistas para el año escolar 2026-2027. Si desean colaborar con la Educación Religiosa o con la Escuela Bíblica de Verano, por favor comuníquense con Alicia Poppiti al 410-482-8939. Ofrecemos clases desde septiembre hasta mayo. Se proporcionará capacitación y formación. Por favor, disciernan si esta es su manera de contribuir con la comunidad de la Iglesia.
- **La Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones:** Ya está en preparación. Se llevará a cabo del 3 al 7 de agosto. Pronto se anunciará la fecha de una reunión de planificación. Avísenles a Meg o a la Sra. Alicia si están interesados en colaborar este año. Nuestro tema será "Rainforest Falls" (Cascadas de la Selva Tropical). Si desean colaborar con la Educación Religiosa o con la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones, por favor comuníquense con Alicia Poppiti al 410-482-8939 o a dre@iccmarydel.org.

faith formation

Religious Ed at Holy Cross

Registration for the 2026-27 Religious Education School Year is now open. Click on the QR Code to go to the website:

Registration open for the 2026-27 Vacation Bible School!



Click the QR Code for Registration information:

If you have any questions please contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

Adult Religious Education Classes

2026-27 Class – Beginning on September 8th

If you have any questions or would like to order the workbook set, please contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

Do you have a love for Jesus and a desire to share that with the next generation? Do you feel called to evangelization?

We are looking for a few good team members for our Holy Cross Religious Education program, Confirmation and Youth Ministry and the Holy Cross Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) team. No experience is needed, just a willing heart to be a witness to your faith to others! If interested, please email Tammy Korosec, Coordinator of Religious Education at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org with your contact information and area of interest. You may also call (302) 674-5787 X 122 with any questions.

Youth Ministry

Registration for Confirmation Preparation 2027: May be found on the church website under Confirmation 2027.

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Religious Education at ICC

Vacation Bible School is in the works. "Rainforest Falls": August 3-August 7. A planning meeting was had and a training date will be set up. Let us know if you are interested in helping out. Let Meg or Ms. Alicia know if you are interested in helping out this year.

SRE: Registrations are being taken now for next year. Please get your children registered now to save their place in a class here at Immaculate Conception.

Catechists, assistants, and aids are needed for the 2026-2027 school year. Kindergarten, Grade 5 and assistants for several grades. We have classes from September -May. Training and formation provided. Please decern whether this is your way of giving back to the Church community. Any questions, please feel free to contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmarydel.org

Immaculate Conception: Religious Education- In need of persons with a desire to broaden your faith while teaching others the Catholic faith. Call Alicia Poppiti 410-482-8939 to inquire. Kindergarten and 5th grade Catechist needed.

Adult Education Opportunities

Catechism in a Year:
https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear

Bible in a Year: In English: Father Mik Schmitz https://media.ascensionpress.com all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/

In Spanish:
Fray Sergio Serrano https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration

Dear Parishioners,

While this week was another calm yet productive week of summer planning here on our campus, it also provides us with an opportunity to pause and reflect on a truly historic milestone. This year, our nation celebrates its 250th birthday. Two hundred and fifty years ago, our country's founders courageously declared that America would be a nation built upon the ideals of freedom, liberty, and opportunity. It is a milestone that few generations have the privilege of witnessing, and one that deserves our gratitude, reflection, and celebration.

Here at Holy Cross School, birthdays are always special occasions. Students celebrate with dress down days, treats shared with classmates, and visits to teachers they have had throughout their years on campus. One of my favorite parts of these celebrations is watching students proudly walk through our hallways sharing treats and receiving words of encouragement from teachers who have helped guide them along the way. Birthdays give us the chance to celebrate growth, recognize milestones, and appreciate the people who have been part of our journey.

In many ways, America's 250th birthday invites us to do the same. It is a time to reflect on our nation's journey, celebrate the blessings we enjoy, and remember those who have sacrificed so much to protect our freedoms. The ability to worship freely, receive an education, gather with family, and live out our faith are gifts that many brave men and women have defended throughout our nation's history. Their service and sacrifice should never be taken for granted.

Throughout this past school year, our students participated in a variety of activities that helped commemorate this historic anniversary. One of my favorite moments came during our spring elementary and junior high performances when students proudly honored our country through song and celebration. These moments served as powerful reminders that patriotism remains an important value to instill in future generations.

Our Military Kids Club, which was established this year to support the many students whose parents serve in the armed forces, also spent time reflecting on the significance of this anniversary. Through discussions and activities, students learned that just as we celebrate the milestones of those we love, we should also take time to celebrate and appreciate the nation we call home.

This anniversary is especially meaningful to me because it reminds me of stories my father often shares. As a student, he created a commemorative plate honoring our country's 200th birthday. To this day, he proudly displays that plate in our home each summer as Independence Day approaches. It serves as a reminder that love of country and appreciation for freedom are values passed from one generation to the next.

As we celebrate this historic 250th anniversary, it is my hope that our students will carry with them the lessons they have learned this year about faith, gratitude, service, and patriotism. May they always remember the significance of this milestone and the responsibility we all share in building a brighter future for our nation.

On behalf of all of us at Holy Cross School, I wish our students, families, parishioners, and community members a joyful and blessed Fourth of July. Enjoy the celebrations with family and friends, but most importantly, take time to thank those who serve our country and offer prayers for their safety and protection.

God Bless America, and God Bless You.
Mrs. O'Mara

Queridos Feligreses,

El profeta Zacarías invita a la conversión. La conversión tiene su origen en el amor de Dios. La conversión es un Don gratuito de Dios. No es un cambio parcial en una persona. El cambio es integral, es decir, total. De hecho, Dios nunca obra a medias. Dios no inicia una obra y la abandona a medio camino. No sólo se convierte el alma; también el cuerpo. La conversión llega el día en que menos lo esperas. Dios no te notifica la fecha de tu conversión. Cuando te das cuenta, ya lo estás sintiendo dentro de ti. Es una sensación plena y maravillosa. No se puede explicar con palabras. San Agustín dijo: "tarde te amé, hermosura tan antigua y tan nueva". Se refería a su conversión. Conoció a Dios cuando él ya era adulto. Dios nunca llega antes de su hora a la vida de una persona. Tampoco llega después de su hora. Dios llega a la hora exacta. Dios no llegó tarde a la vida de San Agustín. Dios llegó a la hora perfecta. No era antes, no era después, era en la hora de Dios. Debemos entender que la conversión es tan extraordinaria y maravillosa, que, al experimentarla, el pensamiento que nos nace es hubiese querido haberla tenido desde el día en que nací. La conversión es un Don sobrenatural, por consiguiente, no depende de nosotros, desear el día y la hora en que la queremos. La conversión es un regalo maravilloso de Dios. No existe nada parecido a la conversión en este mundo. Esta expresión "conversión" es muy parecida a aquella que dicen las mujeres cuando se enamoran. ¿por qué no te conocí antes? ¿por qué no apareciste antes en mi vida? Ellas no logran entender, tampoco comprender, que no era antes, no era después, esa era la hora de conocer a esa persona con la cual se enamora y deciden entregarse mutuamente por el resto de sus vidas. Conocer el amor nos transforma, nos cambia, nos renueva, nos hace fuertes, y nos hace completamente nuevos. Muchos hombres cuando encuentran en sus vidas a una buena mujer inmediatamente cambian sus malos hábitos, se arrepienten de la manera en que eran antes, por ejemplo: dejan de tomar licor, dejan de ser violentos, son más respetuosos y educados, se visten mejor, usas fragancias y cuidan más su apariencia física. Cuando conocemos el amor humano hay un cambio. Hay un cambio de 360 grados cuando conocemos el amor de Dios. Hay personas que dicen yo le tengo miedo a Dios. ¿por qué? Dios no es un monstruo. Dios es un ser lleno de amor y de luz. Dios no asusta a nadie. Los profetas sólo informan el amor de Dios al mundo. Los profetas informan a la humanidad que hay infierno y hay cielo. Cielo e infierno son dogmas de fe. El profeta no manipula. El profeta no exige, no coacciona, no intimida no amenaza, no presiona. Nadie debería usar la Palabra de Dios para amenazar con el infierno a los demás. Dios es Poderoso, a la vez, sencillo y humilde. Nadie cambia de vida después de ser amonestado severamente. Nadie cambia después de una regañada agresiva. Nadie cambia a la fuerza. Sólo el amor nos hace conscientes y capaces de reflexionar. Sólo el amor de Dios puede hacernos cambiar. Dios quiere que todos los hombres se salven y lleguen al conocimiento de la verdad. Ya lo dijo Dios, esto es Palabra de Dios. Surge una pregunta: ¿Quieren los hombres salvarse? ¿Quién puede responder esta interrogante? Sólo cada ser humano. Nadie debe responder esta pregunta en vez de otro. Es una respuesta personal.

Sinceramente,

Padre Padilla