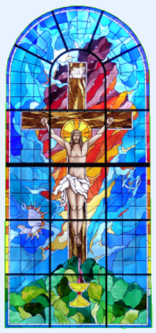

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Immaculate Conception

October 4, 2026 — **27th 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

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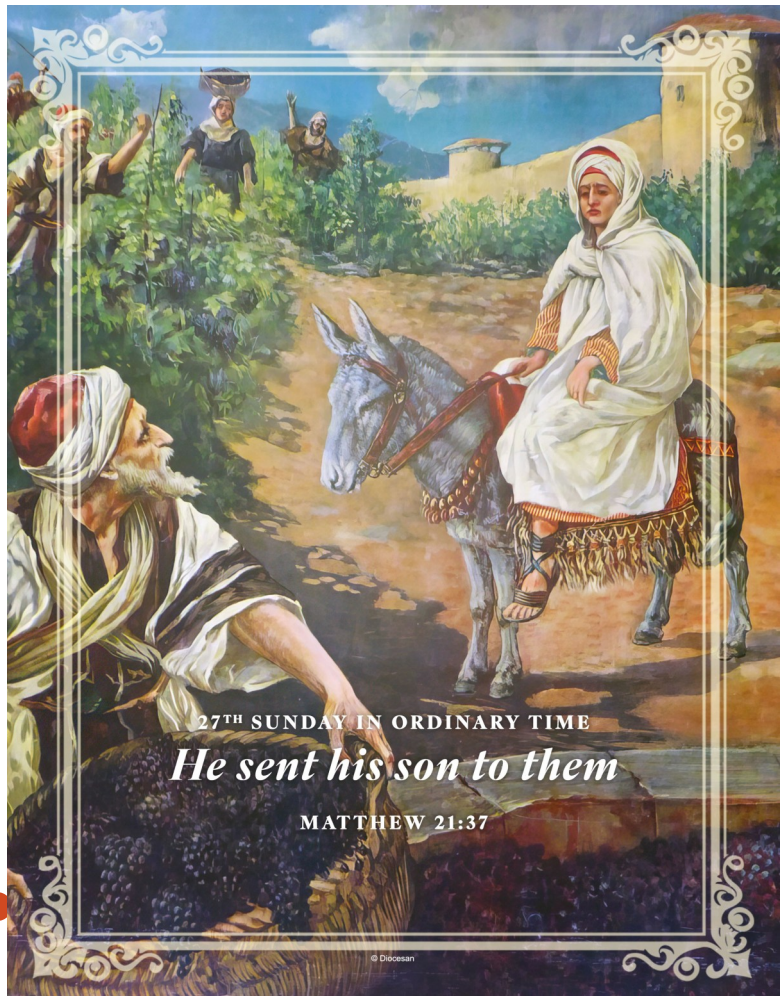
Parish Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-1 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

Sunday Mass Schedule
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1:30 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
Christmas, December 25

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.

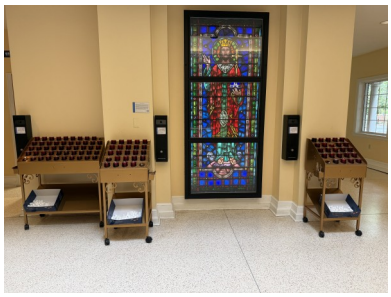
Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

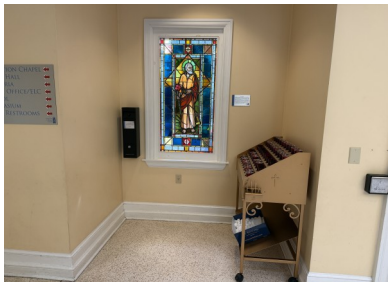
happenings

Candle Boxes: We are grateful to share that new candle donation boxes have been placed at each of our votive candle stations.

A very special and heartfelt **thank you to Deacon Phil Belt** for generously sharing his time, talent, and craftsmanship in creating these beautiful donation boxes for our church. Your thoughtfulness and willingness to give of your talents are truly appreciated.

Thank you, Deacon Phil, for helping make this meaningful addition to our church possible. We are very grateful for all that you do for our parish community!





stewardship

Weekly Offering (HC)

Ending September 27, 2026

Offertory Type	Received
Regular	$11,024.00
Second	$1,048.00

Weekly Offering (ICC)

Ending September 27, 2026

Offertory Type	Received
Regular	$3,544.00
Second	$285.00

Thank you to all advertisers in our bulletin.
We appreciate your support!

If you know of someone who would like to advertise in the bulletin, please contact Diocesan Publications at 800-233-8200.

A Word from your Administrator…

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is designated as *Respect Life Sunday*. This year's theme focuses on the response of Mary, Mother of Life. See more resources at www.respectlife.org.

The Letter to the Philippians today tells us not to have an anxiety and to make your prayers and requests known to God. Watching the news and especially too much of it, can easily produce anxiety today. St. Paul writes that if we stay grounded in whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely and gracious we will know peace. We have to watch what we will ourselves with because it could affect our approach to life and to others. May this October, Respect Life Month be an opportunity to be re-grounded in the basics. May we see every life a sacred, especially ours. When we reverence our own lives we appreciate what our neighbors also desire. See you through another's eyes and then you can see through the eyes of others. Seek truth, honor, justice, purity, love and grace. "Then the God peace will be with you". *Ph 4:9*

Fr. Carroll

pastor's column

Monday
October 12
Weekday
Gal 4:22–24, 26–27, 31—5:1
Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday
October 13
Weekday
Gal 5:1–6
Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday
October 14
Weekday
Gal 5:18–25
Lk 11:42–46

Thursday
October 15
St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Eph 1:1–10 Lk 11:47–54

Friday
October 16
Weekday
Eph 1:11–14
Lk 12:1–7

Saturday
October 17
St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Eph 1:15–23
Lk 12:8–12

Sunday
October 18
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 45:1, 4–6
1 Thes 1:1–5b
Mt 22:15–21

connections

HC & ICC Clergy

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

HC Clergy

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

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faith in action

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.

Adoration Chapel

"A Holy Hour before the blessed sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory." ST. PADRE PIO

You don't need a time if you cannot make a commitment. Please feel free to come in and sit with our Lord, when you can! Contact JOHN MURPHY 302-233-1779, text, or email jkm2015@verizon.net

Times Available are:

Sunday 6-7am 7-8am 5-6 pm 6-7 pm 8-9pm
Tuesday 6-7am 3-4pm
Thursday 6-7am 4-5pm 8-9pm
Friday 1-2pm 2-3pm
Saturday 6-7am 8-9am 12-1pm 6-7pm
7-8pm 8-9pm

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

LAFF (*Living as a Family of Faith Family Catechesis)*; Adult/child Meeting, the first and third Sunday of month 11:00am-1:00pm in the Matthew/Mark Room of the Parish Office. Family works on activities at home in between. (Limited to 25 families-after the max is met a second day/time will be established on a weeknight evening).

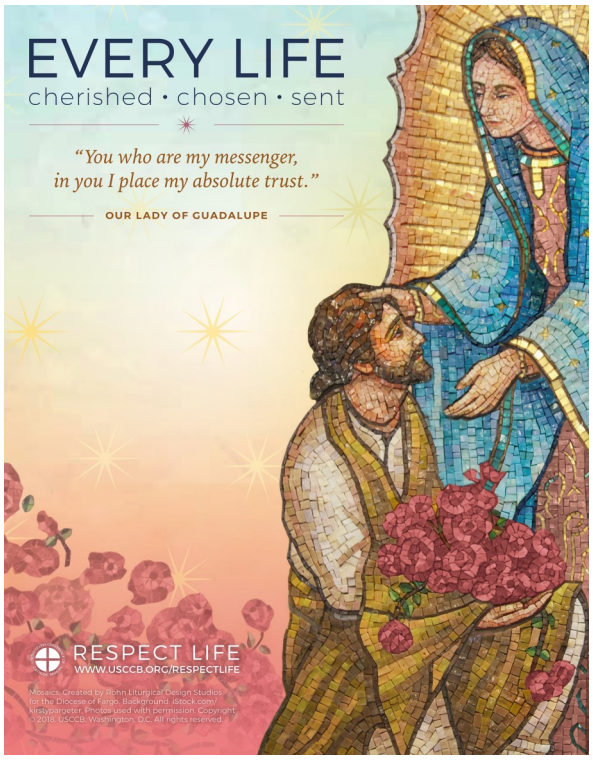
Blessing of the Animals: In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th, there will be a Blessing of The Animals at 6pm back by the Early Learning Center.

Annual Appeal Update:

2026 ANNUAL FAITH & CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL
Church of the Holy Cross
Goal: $235,000.00
Pledges Received: $198,646.30 (84.53%)

Immaculate Conception (Marydel)
Goal: $25,625.00
Pledges Received: $23,510.41 (91.75%)

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 not yet participated, there is still time. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.



Adult Education Opportunities
Catechism in a Year: https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear
Bible in a Year: In English: Father Mike Schmitz https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/

Mass Intention October

5 Monday
HC 8:00 am Dante Coroniti

6 Tuesday
HC 8:00 am Nicole Elliott (LI)

7 Wednesday
HC 8:15 am Theodore Zak

8 Thursday
HC 8:00 am David J. Kaltenbaugh
ICC 6:00 pm For the People

9 Friday
HC 8:00 am Zullo & Rossi Families

10 Saturday
HC 8:00 am Sr. Shirley Ann
HC 5:00 pm Card Pastore

11 Sunday
HC 7:30 am Grace Jara
ICC 8:30 am Matthew & Ruth Gulrich
HC 9:30 am Beau Benson
ICC 11:00 am Lois Ann Ergenzinger
HC 11:30 am Bartolina Rodriguez
ICC 1:30 pm For the People
HC 2:00 pm Hispanic Diocesan Confirmations

Sanctuary Candle in Church Oct 4-10 is for the intentions of Tom Steward, donated by Jo Stewart.

Sanctuary Candle in the Adoration Chapel Oct 4-10 is for the intentions of Filomena & Ida Ranieri, donated by Carolina Ranieri.

Memorials: Please know that Sanctuary Candles, Altar flowers and Mass intentions are available if you would like to donate in Memory or Honor of someone. Just call or stop by the parish office for more information.

Become a registered parishioner today! We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our Parish. If you wish to register please stop by the Parish Office.

October 10/11, 2026

	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	J. Bieker C. Bugglin	M. Casey J. Clendaniel	C. Barrett M. Caskey-Wenck
			LECTORS
			G. Murphy M. Phillips
7:30 AM	M. Thompson C. Brown	J. Davis J. Denney	T. Catipay S. Corpuz
			LECTORS
			A. Wyllie
9:30 AM	V. Pepper C. Robinson	J. Salamone R. Willey	P. Cusatis M. Ford
			LECTORS
			J. Lausten M. Lausten
11:30 AM	P. Ramirez A. Luna	T. Hernandez	K. Geronimo S. Geronimo
			LECTORS
			G. Hernandez M. Mendoza

Immaculate Conception

8:30 AM	B. Lawson		
			LECTORS
			B. Escalante-Garcia
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 home-bound. 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.

Holy Cross High School Invites You! - Holy Cross High School warmly welcomes families to our Open House on Sunday, October 18, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Come discover our faith-filled, academically excellent community. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet our dedicated faculty, tour the campus, and see how our mission inspires students to learn, lead, and succeed. Families who pre-register at hchs.org will be entered to win a $100 gift card. For more information, please contact Christina Klaus, Director of Admissions, at 302-213-1720 or cmklaus@hchs.org.

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PARROQUIA DE LA SANTA CRUZ

El domingo 11 de octubre a las 2:00pm, Holy Cross acogerá la **Confirmación Diocesana de Adultos en español.** Si tienes más de 18 años y necesitas el Sacramento de la Confirmación y hablas español, consulta al P. Padilla para inscribirte.

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.

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.

Conviértete en feligrés registrado hoy! Damos la bienvenida a todos los visitantes y recién llegados a nuestra parroquia. Si desea registrarse, por favor pase por la Oficina Parroquial.

Las clases de educación religiosa se imparten en la Escuela Primaria Holy Cross Para más información co-muníquese con: Sra. Tammy Korosec Coordinadora de Educación Religiosa email -tkorosec@holycrossdover.org o llame al 302.674.5787 ext 122.

Memoriales: Por favor, tengan en cuenta que velas del Santuario, flores del altar y las intenciones de la misa están disponibles si deseas donar en memoria o honor a alguien. Pasar a la oficina parroquial para más información.

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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.

- **Todos están invitados** todos los Jueves a la Santa Misa a las 6pm. A las 7pm Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento y Confesiones.

- **Conviértete en feligrés registrado hoy!** Damos la bienvenida a todos los visitantes y recién llegados a nuestra parroquia. Si desea registrarse, por favor pase por la Oficina Parroquial.

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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:

Adult Religious Education Classes : 2026-27 Class – Started 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.

Adult Confirmation Class:

If you are 18 or older and in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact Tammy Korosec, Coordinator of Religious Education at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

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Youth Ministry

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

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Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Have you received some, but not all, of the Sacraments of Initiation? If so, you are invited to explore the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). OCIA is the process through which adults learn about the Catholic faith and prepare to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Classes meet every Sunday, 1:00pm-3:00pm in the Matthew/Mark room in the Parish Office, Building C, Early Learning Center, 2nd floor (back by the playground). Walk-in's are welcome! For further information, contact Tammy Korosec, Coordinator of Religious Education at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org, or call (302) 674-5787. 122.

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Religious Education at ICC

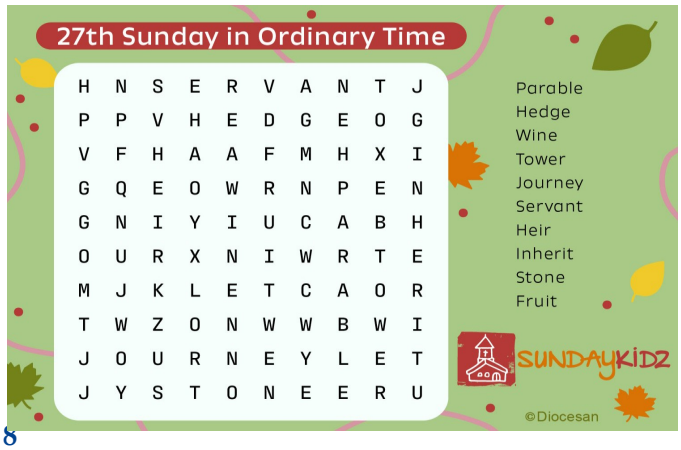
SRE: Religious education classes for the children began on Sunday, September 20th.
Religious Education- In need of persons with a desire to broaden your faith while teaching others the Catholic faith. Call Alicia Poppiti 410-482-8939 to inquire. Catechists, assistants, and aids are needed for the 2026-2027 school year. OCIA, Confirmation Prep, substitutes 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:
Sacraments:

1st Reconciliation: If you have not attended one of the two parent meetings, please contact Alicia Poppiti 410-482-8939 to set up an appointment. Classes for 1st Reconciliation begin on Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please be prompt.

Confirmation: If you have not attended one of the two parent meetings, please contact Alicia Poppiti 410-482-8939 to set up an appointment. Classes begin on Sunday, October 11th.

OCIA is a yearlong process which leads an adult person toward Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation or full communion with the Catholic Church. Interested individuals seeking to enter the Church or individuals interested in serving on a team of individuals should contact **Alicia Poppiti, DRE at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmarydel.org**



It has been another wonderful week at Holy Cross School! Each week, we invite a member of our faculty or staff to share a glimpse of daily life on campus. This week, we thank Ms. Traynor, one of our PreK 4 teachers, for sharing the joy and faith that filled her classroom and our school.

A Message from PreK 4

"Hello everyone! I am Ms. Traynor and I teach preschool in our early learning center building. I am excited to share a recap of the week at our school and in my four year old classroom.

Tuesday evening, our HSA held its first general meeting of the year. Families shared ideas and learned about ways to get involved. We are grateful for the time and care our HSA gives to the events, programs, and fund-raisers that bring our school community together.

On Wednesday, our Early Learning Center held its first Little Book Club meeting for our four year old students. This new monthly club encourages early literacy and a love of reading. We read *Bunny's Book Club*, talked about what it means to be part of a book club, enjoyed bunny cookies, and made bookmarks. The room was full of giggles!

Friday brought our school together for a beautiful Rosary Prayer Service led by Mr. Bauer and his religion students. Our PreK students will begin attending school wide prayer services after the new year, but they watched the older students practicing on the field with great interest. They are already looking forward to being "bigger" and joining in this Holy Cross tradition.

In our classroom, we welcomed fall by exploring the changing season with our five senses. We went on a leaf hunt, made tree rubbings, and read a story together beneath a tree. These simple moments help our students slow down and appreciate the beauty of God's creation.

We also welcomed our eighth grade prayer partners for their first visit. Each eighth grader is paired with a PreK student, and throughout the year they will pray, spend time together, and build a special friendship. It is a gift to see our oldest students serve as examples of faith for our youngest students. They remind us that we all belong to one Holy Cross family.

Our letter of the week was T, so we made homemade tortillas with a tortilla press and griddle. The delicious smell filled our classroom, and the students enjoyed tasting what they had made while we read *A Tortilla Is Round*.

We ended the week with *The Oak Inside the Acorn*, a story that reminds us God has a purpose for each of us. Even our youngest students have gifts to share and wonderful ways to make a difference. As Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us, God's plans give us "hope and a future."

Looking ahead, the Military Kids Club will meet Monday, and Picture Day is Tuesday. Next week is shortened for parent and teacher conferences. Thursday is a half day for students, and there will be no school on Friday.

Thank you for the many ways you support our students and school. May God bless you and your families in the week ahead!"

Yours in Christ,

Ms. Traynor
PreK 4 Teacher

Mrs. O'Mara
Principal

4 de octubre de 2026. Semana 27 del Tiempo Ordinario

La viña del Señor, dice el profeta, es la casa de Israel. (Is 5,7) Ahora bien, esta casa somos nosotros...y pues somos Israel, somos también la viña del Señor. Vigilemos, pues, que no nazca de nuestros sarmientos, en lugar de la uva dulce, el fruto de la cólera. (Ap 14,19), para que no diga: «Esperaba uvas y dio agraces» (cf Is 5,7) ¡Qué tierra tan ingrata! La que tenía que dar a su amo frutos de dulzura, lo atravesó con espinas agudas. Así, sus enemigos, los que tenían que haber acogido a su Salvador con toda la devoción de su fe, lo coronaron con espinas en la pasión. Para ellos, esta corona significaba ultraje e injuria, pero, a los ojos del Señor, era la corona de las virtudes. Prestad atención, hermanos, que no se diga a vuestro propósito: «Esperaba buenos frutos y dieron agraces». Estemos atentos a que nuestras malas acciones no hieran la cabeza del Salvador como espinas crueles. Hay espinas del corazón que han herido hasta la misma palabra de Dios, como lo dice el Señor en el evangelio cuando narra que el grano del sembrador cayó entre espinos, éstos crecieron y ahogaron la semilla. (cf Mt 13,7)... Vigilad, pues, que vuestra viña no produzca espinos en lugar de racimos, que vuestra vendimia no dé vinagre en lugar de vino. Cualquiera que haga la vendimia sin distribuir a los pobres sus bienes, recoge vinagre en lugar de vino. Y aquel que mete su cosecha en los graneros sin dar alimento a los indigentes, no recoge el fruto de la limosna sino el rastrojo de la avaricia.

La viña es la figura del pueblo de Dios, porque, injertado sobre la vid eterna se levanta por encima de toda la tierra. Brote de un suelo ingrato, brota y florece, se reviste de verdor, pareciéndose al yugo de la cruz cuando sus pámpanos se extienden como brazos fecundos de una viña hermosa... Con razón se llama al pueblo de Cristo la viña del Señor, sea porque está marcado con el signo de la cruz (Ez 9,4), sea porque se recoge de él los frutos en la última estación del año, sea porque como los renglones de la viña, pobres y ricos, humildes y poderosos, siervos y amos, todos en la Iglesia tienen una igualdad perfecta. Cuando se ata la viña, ella se reconduce; cuando se la poda, no es para dañarla sino para hacerla crecer. Lo mismo pasa con el pueblo santo; atándolo se hace libre; humillado se vuelve a levantar; recortado recibe una corona. Mejor aún: igual que el brote, cogido de un árbol viejo, es injertado sobre otra raíz, asimismo el pueblo santo... alimentado en el árbol de la cruz... se desarrolla. Y el Espíritu Santo, esparcido en los surcos de una viña, se derrama en nuestro cuerpo, lavando todo lo impuro y levantando nuestros miembros para dirigirlos hacia el cielo.

Esta viña es expurgada por el viñador, es ligada, podada (Jn 15,2)... A veces quema con el sol los secretos de nuestro cuerpo, a veces nos riega con su lluvia. El viñador quiere expurgar la viña para que las zarzas no perjudiquen a los brotes tiernos, vela para que las hojas no hagan demasiada sombra... no priva nuestras virtudes de luz, y no impide la maduración de nuestros frutos.

Por esta predicación los profetas reclamaban los frutos de la justicia. Pero, como esta gente permaneció en la incredulidad, les envió finalmente al Hijo, Nuestro Señor Jesucristo que fue asesinado por lo viñadores malvados. Por esto, Dios confió la viña, -no ya delimitada sino extendiéndola sobre toda la tierra,- a otros viñadores para que le entregaran el fruto a su tiempo... La gloria de la elección se extiende por doquier con su resplandor, porque por todas partes resplandece la Iglesia. Por todas partes está colocado el lagar porque en todas partes viven los que han recibido la unción del Espíritu de Dios.

Por eso el Señor les decía a sus discípulos, para que fueran buenos obreros: "Tened cuidado de vosotros, no sea que se emboten vuestros corazones, con juergas, borracheras y las inquietudes de la vida» (Lc 21,34.36)...; «Tened ceñida vuestra cintura y encendidas vuestras lámparas. Vosotros estad como los hombres que aguardan a su señor» (Lc 12,35-36).

Sinceramente,

Fr. Padilla