



St. Joseph Catholic Church

FRANCISCANS OF MARY

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Sunday, February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday - 10:00 a.m. (English) / 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekdays - Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
and Thursday 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Eucharistic Adoration all day on Thursdays
from 10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

~Masses with the Anointing of the sick~

First Wednesday of the month - English at 9:30 a.m.
with the Litany to St. Joseph.

First Thursday of the month - Spanish at 6:30 p.m.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday - from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday - from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday - from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday - from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Sunday - from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Weekdays - Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.

Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

and from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Spiritual Direction - By appointment

~English Mass dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus~

First Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

and coffee & donuts after Mass



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A SPIRITUAL DROP FROM OUR PASTOR FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I think we have forgotten something important in our relationship with the Lord: it's not about becoming holy on our own but about allowing Him to make us holy. St. Augustine said that even the desire to be holy has been put in our hearts by God. Of course, our human participation is essential; we need to work hard to reach holiness, but at the end of the day, as St. Paul reminds us, "all is grace" (cf. 2 Corinthians 9:8) Our human freedom is enriched, and strengthened by the grace of God.

Miracles don't happen if we don't give the Lord TOTAL control of our lives. I know it is not easy, which is why we need to be alert and stay very close to Him every single moment so as not to lose our way. Even when we sleep, we must be alert.

Let it go, and give all the control to Him.

God loves you with great tenderness, Happy Sunday!



Creo que hemos olvidado algo importante en nuestra relación con el Señor, que es: esto no se trata de ser santo, se trata de permitir que Él nos haga santos. San Agustín decía que incluso el deseo de ser santos ha sido puesto en nuestros corazones por Dios. Por supuesto, nuestra participación humana es esencial, necesitamos trabajar duro para alcanzar la santidad, pero al final del día "todo es gracia" nos dice San Pablo (cf. 2 Corintios 9:8) Nuestra libertad humana es enriquecida y fortalecida por la gracia de Dios. Los milagros no suceden si no le damos el control TOTAL de nuestras vidas al Señor. Sé que no es fácil de hacer, por eso debemos estar alerta y muy cerca de Él en todo momento para no perder el rumbo. Incluso cuando dormimos, debemos estar alerta. Déjalo ir, dale todo el control a Él.

Dios te ama con mucha ternura, ¡Feliz Domingo!

Fr. Osman Ramos, fm

Pastor

osmanramosguzman@hotmail.com



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Mass time & Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Saturday Feb 15th - 5:00 p.m.	⇒ Ruby Ballines ⇒ Ellen Heiny	⇒ Nathan Stroup	⇒ Marilyn Morton	⇒ Mike Keith ⇒ Anita Keith
Sunday Feb 16th - 10:00 a.m.	⇒ Gaby Medina ⇒ Paige McDonald	⇒ Lily Jagoda	⇒ Tom McCue	⇒ Osvaldo Mendoza ⇒ Anna Mendoza
Domingo 16 de febrero - 12:30 p.m.	⇒ David Granados ⇒ Jesus Garcia	⇒ Maria Anicua ⇒ Jazlyn Garcia	⇒ Manuel Bernal ⇒ Pedro Flores ⇒ Julio Luna	⇒ Aurelio Luna ⇒ Francisco Garcia ⇒ Elena Garcia ⇒ Adriana Alvarez

WORD OF LIFE

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: At Least Build a Haystack

“When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, ‘Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.’ For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all with him... Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.’” (Lk 5:8-10)

Before any miracle, before the irruption* of God into our lives, there are always two positions: that of running away in terror because we intuit that, after knowing God, we must change our lives, and that of prostrating ourselves at the feet of the Lord asking for help to do what our conscience tells us to do. The first one, who runs away, knows deep down that he is a sinner but he doesn't want anyone to tell him so nor does he want to admit it to himself. The second one knows it as well but has decided to stay, with God's strength, in order to give to the Lord what He has the right to.

However, after conversion, the one who has opted to stay with Christ often finds himself in a routine: a routine that consists of repeating the same sins. It seems, then, that the conversion was false or that sins are so rooted in one's nature that any effort to eradicate them seems useless. This experience of repeating one's sins leads many to discouragement and, consequently, to giving up and becoming estranged from the Lord.

Maybe one should be more humble in order to persevere: the humility of those who knowing they cannot build the cathedral that the Lord deserves, decide to offer Him at least a haystack. They will not be able to give a hundred percent, no matter how hard they try, but they are determined to give Him everything they can, even if it is only a little. Only the humble persevere. Only those who accept defeat, win. Only those who continue to go to confession, even though they don't experience dramatic changes, end up attaining sanctity.

ASPIRATIONS:

Go to Confession even if you know you might fall again. Renew your relationship with your neighbor by asking for forgiveness or by forgiving, while there is still the possibility of a solution.

Fr. Santiago Martin, FM
Founder of the Franciscans of Mary Community



PALABRA DE VIDA

5to. Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario: Construye al menos un pajar

“Al ver esto, Simón Pedro se arrojó a los pies de Jesús, diciendo: ‘Apártate de mí, Señor, que soy un pecador’... Jesús dijo a Simón: ‘No temas: desde ahora serás pescador de hombres.’” (Lc 5, 8-11)

Ante el milagro, ante la irrupción de Dios en la propia vida, siempre hay dos posturas: la de echar a correr despavorido, porque se intuye que tras conocer a Dios hay que cambiar de vida, y la de postrarse a los pies del Señor pidiendo ayuda para poder hacer lo que la conciencia te está diciendo que tienes que hacer. El primero, el que huye, en el fondo sabe que es un pecador, pero no quiere que se lo digan y ni siquiera desea decírselo él mismo. El segundo también lo sabe, pero ha decidido quedarse para, con la fuerza de Dios, darle al Señor lo que Él tiene derecho a encontrar.

Sin embargo, con frecuencia, tras la conversión, el que ha optado por quedarse junto a Cristo experimenta la rutina. Una rutina que consiste en ver cómo los pecados se repiten. Parece entonces que la conversión ha sido falsa o que los pecados están tan arraigados en la propia naturaleza que es inútil cualquier esfuerzo por suprimirlos. Esta experiencia del propio pecado reiterado conduce a muchos al desánimo y, como consecuencia, al abandono de la lucha y al alejamiento.

Quizá habría que ser más humilde para poder perseverar. La humildad de aquellos que, al comprobar que no pueden construirle a Dios la catedral que merece, deciden ofrecerle al menos un pajar. No podrán dar el cien por cien, por mucho que lo intenten, pero están decididos a darle todo lo que puedan, aunque sea poco. Sólo los humildes perseveran. Sólo los que aceptan las derrotas vencen. Sólo los que siguen confesándose, aunque no experimenten grandes cambios, terminan por alcanzar la santidad.

Propósito: Confesarse aunque se sepa que se va a volver a caer. Volver a empezar en la relación con el prójimo, pidiendo perdón o perdonando, mientras haya una posibilidad de solución.

P. Santiago Martin, FM
Fundador de los Franciscanos de Maria



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CATECISMO DE LA IGLESIA CATOLICA

524 When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.²⁰⁰ By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."²⁰¹

The Christmas mystery

525 Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family.²⁰² Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest.²⁰³ The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night: The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal and the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible. The angels and shepherds praise him and the magi advance with the star, For you are born for us, Little Child, God eternal!²⁰⁴



524 Al celebrar anualmente la liturgia de Adviento, la Iglesia actualiza esta espera del Mesías: participando en la larga preparación de la primera venida del Salvador, los fieles renuevan el ardiente deseo de su segunda Venida (cf. Ap 22, 17). Celebrando la natividad y el martirio del Precursor, la Iglesia se une al deseo de éste: "Es preciso que él crezca y que yo disminuya" (Jn 3, 30).

El misterio de Navidad

525 Jesús nació en la humildad de un establo, de una familia pobre (cf. Lc 2, 6-7); unos sencillos pastores son los primeros testigos del acontecimiento. En esta pobreza se manifiesta la gloria del cielo (cf. Lc 2, 8-20). La Iglesia no se cansa de cantar la gloria de esta noche: «Hoy la Virgen da a luz al Transcendente. Y la tierra ofrece una cueva al Inaccesible. Los ángeles y los pastores le alaban. Los magos caminan con la estrella: Porque ha nacido por nosotros, Niño pequeñito el Dios eterno»

(San Romano Melodo, Kontakion, 10)



PRAYER REQUEST

Please remember to pray for those who are sick or suffering. If you have any prayer request and you would like us to post it in the Bulletin please contact the Parish Secretary. We are here to pray for you and your needs!

PETICIONES DE ORACIÓN

Por favor, recuerden orar por aquellos que están enfermos o sufriendo. Si tienen alguna petición de oración y desean publicarla en el Boletín, pónganse en contacto con la Secretaria Parroquial. ¡Estamos aquí para orar por usted y sus necesidades!

- ⇒ Kevin Beuret
- ⇒ Rene Rangel
- ⇒ Cristel Martinez
- ⇒ Fabiola Prado

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekend of February 1 & 2

Saturday and Sunday Masses	\$2,835.00
Franciscans of Mary	\$199.00
Votives	\$65.25
Bishop's Appeal	\$300.00
Charity Box	\$5.00
Hispanic Campaign	— — —
Total:	\$3,404.25



Cena de San Valentin

14 FEBRERO 2025

MUSICA EN VIVO!

Cena romantica para matrimonios y parejas

Parroquia de San Jose
Salon Parroquial
6:00pm-9:00pm

El costo por pareja es de \$50
Si desea apartar su lugar, favor de comunicarse con Alma Nieves 260-585-4625



If you are looking for the perfect Valentine's present, sign up to reserve a spot for this special dinner by calling Alma Nieves at 260-585-4625



Si usted esta buscando por el regalo perfecto para el dia de San Valentin, aparte su lugar para la cena de este dia especial llamando a Alma Nieves al 260-585-4625

MASS INTENTIONS - 2025

Saturday, February 8th
- 5:00 p.m. *All Souls in Purgatory*

Sunday, February 9th
- 10:00 a.m. *People of the Parish*
- 12:30 p.m. *(Spanish)* +Ulises Rodriguez

Tuesday, February 11th
⇒ 9:30 a.m. **NO MASS TODAY**

Wednesday, February 12th
- 9:30 a.m. +Robert and Luella Offerle

Thursday, February 13th *(Eucharistic Adoration) All day*
- 9:30 a.m. +Maria del Refugio Alvarez Lira
- 6:30 p.m. *(Spanish)* . +Maria Muñoz y +Rafael Lopez



OFFERING MASS INTENTIONS

Remember that you can offer intentions for your deceased, sick relatives or for any other intention by coming to the Parish Office during office's hours. According to Canon Law, the bishops of a Providence determine the offering amount the offering amount that seems appropriate. The bishops of the Indiana Providence have determined that the appropriate offering is \$10.00.

OFRECER INTENCIONES PARA LA MISA

Recuerde que puede ofrecer intenciones por sus difuntos, familiares enfermos o por cualquier otra intención viniendo a la oficina Parroquial durante el horario de oficina. Según el Derecho Canónico, los obispos de una Providencia determinan el monto de la ofrenda que les parece apropiado. Los obispos de la Providencia de Indiana han determinado que la ofrenda apropiada es de \$10.00.



2025 ON SALE SOON!
REKINDLE THE FIRE



MARK HART JUSTIN FATICA MICHAEL GORMLEY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

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2025 February 22nd, 2025 in Ft. Wayne, IN at the Allen County Coliseum. Featuring Justin Fatica, Mark Hart, Michael Gormley, & Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

MEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

REKINDLE THE FIRE MEN'S CONFERENCE
 Calling all men join us for the **14th Annual Rekindle The Fire Men's Conference** on **Saturday, February 22, 2025**, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. This powerful event features inspiring speakers, including **Mark Hart, Mike Gormley, and Justin Fatica**. The day includes fellowship, Eucharistic Adoration, and opportunities for confession.
 Registration is only **\$50 for adults** and **\$20 for students**. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your faith and strengthen your relationship with Christ!
 Visit Rekindlethefire.net for more details and to register.



TICKETS ON SALE

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WHERE: Mirro Center
 10622 Parkview Plaza Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46845

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



ANUNCIOS

- ⇒ **No morning Mass on Tuesday, February 11th due to a Funeral Mass in Angola.**
- ⇒ **ST. VALENTINE'S DINNER.** Our parish will host a Valentin'es dinner on Feb. 14 at 6:00pm. The cost is \$50 per couple and you can reserve your spot by contacting Alma Nieves (260)585-4625
- ⇒ **OLD BLESSED PALMS** -Please bring your old blessed palms to Church, and place them in the basket that is in the gathering area, so we can make ashes with them that we will use on Ash Wednesday.
- ⇒ **REMINDER:** Please return your baby bottle filled with spare change to (the parish drop off location either the weekend of February 8 and 9 OR February 15 and 16.. The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne is grateful for your generosity and support .
- ⇒ **EXODUS 90 Lenten Journey for men.** If you are looking to deepen in your relationship with God this Lenten season, download the Exodus 90 on your phone or laptop and start your journey. There is a group of men already on the way to develop a better relationship with God. They meet on Wednesdays at St. Gaspar's Church in Rome City starting with Adoration at 5:00p.m. followed by fellowship at 6:00p.m. This is open to all men. Come and join us!
- ⇒ Fr. Jorge will be in Guatemala from February 14 to February 27. He has been chosen to represent our Superior General at the Priestly ordination of one of our Franciscans of Mary deacons . He will also be attending the installation Mass of the Benevolent Bishop of our Religious Community in his new Archdiocese in Los Altos, Guatemala.
- ⇒ Fr. Donaciano Adamavi will be visiting our Parish from February 17 to February 27. He is originally from Togo, Africa and he serves the church in Houston, TX. He will be helping Fr. Osman and Fr. Raul with the masses and confessions. Let's welcome him with open arms.
- ⇒ **Youth Group will meet today Sunday, February 9 at 5:00pm.**

- ⇒ **No habrá misa por la mañana del Martes, 4 de febrero debido a un funeral en Angola.**
- ⇒ **CENA ROMANTICA DE SAN VALENTIN.** Con motivo del día de San Valentín, se les invita a todos los matrimonios, parejas comprometidas y novios a una cena romántica que se realizara el día 14 de febrero en el salón parroquial. El costo por pareja es de \$50. Si desea apartar su lugar, favor de comunicarse con Alma Nieves (260) 585-4625
- ⇒ **PALMAS BENDITAS DEL AÑO PASADO**
Por favor traiga sus palmas bendecidas a la Iglesia, y colóquelas en la canasta que está en el área de reunión, para que podamos hacer cenizas con ellas que usaremos el Miércoles de Ceniza.
- ⇒ **RECORDATIO:** No olviden traer el biberón a la parroquia y depositarla en las cajas marcadas en la entrada de la parroquia. Tiene hasta el 15 y 16 de febrero para donar a esta noble causa. La Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne se lo agradecerá profundamente.
- ⇒ El P. Jorge estará en Guatemala del 14 al 27 de febrero. Durante estos días, estará asistiendo a la ordenación sacerdotal de uno de nuestros diáconos Franciscanos de María. También participa en la toma de posesión del nuevo Arzobispo de la Arquidiócesis de los Altos, Guatemala, que es al mismo tiempo el Obispo Benevolente de los Franciscanos de María.
- ⇒ El P. Donaciano Adamavi nos estará visitando del 17 al 27 de febrero. El P. Donaciano es un franciscano de María originario de Togo, África y esta sirviendo como sacerdote en la comunidad de Houston, Texas. Durante los días que estará en nuestra parroquia, estará ayudando al P. Osman y al P. Raúl con las confesiones y la eucaristía. Démosle la bienvenida con los brazos abiertos.
- ⇒ **El Grupo Juvenil se reunirá el día de hoy domingo 9 de febrero a las 5:00pm**

ST. JOSEPH PARISH - FRANCISCANS OF MARY**STAFF:****Pastor:** Fr. Osman Ramos, FM - (osmanramosguzman@hotmail.com)

His office hours are: Wednesday and Thursday from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

(If you want to talk to him, please make an appointment by calling at the Parish Office)

Parochial Vicars:

Fr. Raúl Marroquin, FM - (raul@frmaria.org)

Fr. Jorge Sis Garcia, FM - (jorge@frmaria.org)

(If you want to talk to them, please make an appointment by calling at the Parish Office)

Parish Secretary & DRE: Lupita Hurtado (secretary@saintjosephlagrange.org)

***** She is out of the office on Maternity Leave, please reach Anna Mendoza for any office needs. Thank you *****

Business Manager: Anna Mendoza (accountant@saintjosephlagrange.org)**Her office hours are: Monday and Tuesday 8:00-am-12:00pm, Wednesday and Thursday 4:00pm-8:00pm****Sacristan & Cleaning:** Veronica Montoya**Maintenance:** Tom McCue**Saturday evening Pianist:** Kevin Ramer**VOLUNTEERS:**

Sunday morning Pianist: Elizabeth Rogers

Spanish Choir Coordinators: Luz Piña / Miguel Muñoz

Dear Parishioner,

If you would like to make a donation for the works of charity of our Franciscans of Mary priests, you can contact our Parish Secretary. Thank you for your generosity!

**Campana****“Nuestra familia ama y cuida a nuestra Parroquia”**

Si aun no han participado, todavía pueden hacerlo. Tenemos sobres disponibles en la oficina parroquial por si necesitan. También pueden hacer su donación por internet entrando a nuestra pagina:

www.saintjosephlagrange.org

¡Agradecemos mucho de su apoyo y ayuda!

Recuerden que la mitad de este dinero se usará para terminar de pagar la deuda económica a la Diócesis y la otra mitad para los gastos básicos de nuestra parroquia.

**Annual Bishop's Appeal #38**

Dear Parishioners,

As your pastor, I'm reaching out to you once again to ask for your generous support.

Our parish has many repair needs and expenses that we must make, and we simply couldn't do anything without your help. We

still need to reach our goal! **There are only 36 families who have participated, and we have 220 who have not yet participated.** You can donate from \$1.00, \$5.00, or whatever you can. The important thing is to participate and reach our goal together!

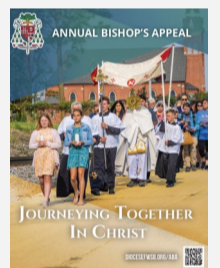
Queridos feligreses,

Como su párroco, me dirijo a ustedes una vez más para pedirles su generoso apoyo. Nuestra parroquia tiene muchas necesidades de reparación y gastos que debemos hacer, y simplemente no podríamos hacer nada sin su ayuda.

¡Todavía necesitamos alcanzar nuestra meta!

Solo hay 36 familias que han participado, y tenemos 220 que aún no han participado. Pueden donar desde \$1.00, \$5.00, o lo que puedan. ¡Lo importante es participar y llegar juntos a nuestra meta!

Att: Fr. Osman Ramos, FM - Pastor

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