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Fridays/Viernes
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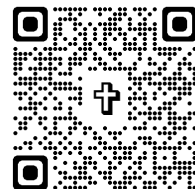
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September 7, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b | Phlm 9-10, 12-17 | Lk 14:25-33

Grow:

I am particularly struck by this line from Solomon's prayer in today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom: "Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high?" Solomon doesn't seem to be seeking direct answers to the questions he presents today, but rather, uses them as a sort of poem of praise to honor God in all his glory. In modern language, we could rephrase his questions: *What do we know that God has not instilled into our minds? What wisdom do we have that was not infused by the Holy Spirit?* There are many things that we cannot understand without the wisdom God gives us. May we, like Solomon, praise and thank God for this gift. Let us trust that where our feeble, corruptible humanity falters, our heavenly Father is our refuge in every age.

Go:

Today's Gospel is certainly one that we need God's wisdom to understand. This reading always makes me do a double take or a read-over. "What did Jesus just say?!" His words today are stark and can feel disconcerting. "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." When I encounter a challenging Scripture such as this one, I try to immediately root myself in concrete truths about the Lord. First, I acknowledge that he is good and desires my good. He is all-knowing, all-powerful and all-loving. After centering on those realities, I can look at this Gospel again, but this time through a clearer lens. Ultimately, this Gospel is a piercing reminder of the radical renunciation desired by the Lord. It is a rubric for the narrow road and for sanctity. Jesus does not mince his words, nor does he seek to confuse or confound: to follow Jesus is to release our hearts from earthly attachments, to embrace our cross and to set our lives in proper order. Clear and direct? Certainly. Easy? Not at all. But doing this in union with Jesus? *Absolutely possible.*

Prayer List ♦ Lista de Oración

♦ Amanda Sanchez	♦ María del Rosario Espinoza
♦ Gloria Wilcox	♦ Mateo Sánchez
♦ Jack Obrian	♦ Martin Medina
♦ José Luis Rocha Valdez	♦ Muñoz Campos Family
♦ Julio Padilla Sr.	♦ Oscar Ruiz
♦ Juan Partido	♦ Raul Orozco
♦ Marlene Alderete	♦ Robert Castillo
♦ Maria Asunción Alvarado	♦ Thomas Martínez

Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa

SATURDAY/SÁBADO ♦ September 6 de Sept., 2025

5PM: Family of Sister Suchita (SI), Joachim & Susano Xalxo (†)

7PM: Arturo Morales Vasquez (IE), Cirila Vasquez Basan (IE), Clara Rodriguez (IE), Maria Cano (IE), Martin Placencia Jr.(IE), Luna y Lorenzo Ortiz(IE), Luis Martin, Miguel y Ricardo Zaragoza (IE), Carmen Alonso (†), Eulogia Huerta (†), Maria de Jesus Ruiz (†), Maria Guadalupe Jimenez (†), Martin Placencia (†), Ramon Martin (†), Avelina y Samuel Campos (†), Maria Elena y Javier Gómez(†)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO ♦ September 7 de Sept., 2025

8AM:

10AM: Rodolfo & Fernando Vasquez (†)

12PM: Janet Cisneros Maravilla (C), Arturo Morales Vasquez (IE), Cirila Vasquez Basan (IE), Jose Luis Martinez (IE), Maria Cruz (IE), Miguel Huerta (IE)

7PM: Clara Rodriguez (IE), Giovani Zaragoza (IE), Maria Cano (IE), Martin Placencia Jr. (IE), Martin Zaragoza (IE), Luna y Lorenzo Ortiz (IE), Jenifer y familia (IE), Martin Placencia (†)

TUESDAY/MARTES ♦ September 9 de Sept., 2025

8AM:

WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES ♦ September 10 de Sept., 2025

8AM:

THURSDAY/JUEVES ♦ September 11 de Sept., 2025

5:30PM: Maria Cano (IE), Martin Placencia Jr (IE), Flor Zaragoza y familia (IE), Martin Placencia (†)

FRIDAY/VIERNES ♦ September 12 de Sept., 2025

5:30PM: Maria Cano (IE), Martin Placencia Jr (IE), Rosa Maria Zaragoza y familia (IE), Martin Placencia (†)

6PM: Confessions / Confesiones

A: Aniversario/Anniversary
B: Birthday
C: Cumpleaños
M: Matrimonio/Matrimony

IE: Intención Especial
SI: Special Intention
†: Difunto/Deceased

Religious Education ♦ Educación Religiosa		
With great joy, we have begun this new Catechetical Year 2025-2026! We extend a warm and cordial welcome to all our catechists and volunteers. Your willingness & commitment to accompany our children, youth, adults, and their families on their faith formation journey is deeply appreciated. We are also incredibly grateful to all the parents who have shown such a strong interest in the religious education of their children by enrolling them in our programs. We are thrilled to share that this year, nearly almost 500 students have already enrolled in our catechism classes, which reflects the vibrancy of our faith community. We look forward to a blessed and fruitful year of learning and spiritual growth for everyone involved. Sr. Suchita		Con gran entusiasmo y alegría, comenzamos este nuevo Año Catequético 2025-2026. Damos una cálida y cordial bienvenida a todos nuestros catequistas y voluntarios. Agradecemos profundamente su disposición y compromiso para acompañar a nuestros niños, jóvenes, adultos y sus familias en su camino de formación en la fe. También estamos profundamente agradecidos a todos los padres que han demostrado un gran interés en la educación religiosa de sus hijos al inscribirlos en nuestros programas. Nos complace compartir que este año, casi 500 alumnos ya se han inscrito en nuestras clases de catecismo, lo que refleja la vitalidad de nuestra comunidad de fe. Esperamos un año bendecido y fructífero de aprendizaje y crecimiento espiritual para todos los participantes. Sr. Suchita
Perpetual Candle Sponsor ♦ Patrocinador de la Vela Perpetua		
Would you like to sponsor the perpetual candle in our chapel? This is a beautiful way to honor a loved one, offer thanksgiving, or pray for a special intention. For more information, please contact our parish office.		¿Le gustaría patrocinar la vela perpetua en nuestra capilla? Es una manera hermosa de honrar a un ser querido, dar gracias o pedir por una intención especial. Para más información, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.
Altar Society Fundraiser ♦ Recaudación de fondos de la Sociedad de Altar		
Please join us on September 21, 2025 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Richard's Hall Adults \$10.00 Kids 12 and under \$5.00 100% of the proceeds go to our parish's much-needed repairs. If you would like to donate items for the silent auction, rummage sale, or bake sale, it would be greatly appreciated!		Acompáñanos el 21 de septiembre de 2025 de 8 a.m. a 2 p.m. en Richard's Hall Adultos \$10.00 Niños de 12 años o menos \$5.00 100% de las ganancias se destinarán a las necesarias reparaciones de nuestra parroquia. Si deseas donar artículos para la subasta silenciosa, la venta de garaje o la venta de pasteles, ¡te lo agradeceremos mucho!
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Every Thursday 9am - 5pm		Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento Cada Jueves de 9am a 5pm
Weekly collection ♦ Colecta semanal		
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