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NATIONAL SHRINE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

JANUARY 31, 2026

+ INTRODUCTORY RITES +

Entrance Hymn: Here I am Lord by Dan Schutte.

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide. Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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Penitential Act & Collect: Mass of Renewal by Curtis Stephan.

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Primera Lectura

Sophonias 2:3, 3:12,13

Busquen al Señor, ustedes los humildes de la tierra, los que cumplen los mandamientos de Dios. Busquen la justicia, busquen la humildad. Quizá puedan así quedar a cubierto el día de la ira del Señor.

“Aquel día, dice el Señor, yo dejaré en medio de ti, pueblo mío, un puñado de gente pobre y humilde. Este resto de Israel confiará en el nombre del Señor. No cometerá maldades ni dirá mentiras; no se hallará en su boca una lengua embustería. Permanecerán tranquilos y descansarán sin que nadie los moleste”.

Salmo

Salmo 145:7, 8-9, 9-bc-10

“Dichosos los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos”

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God.

It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

Alleluia

Mateo 5:12a

"Alégrese y salten de contento, porque su premio sera grande en los cielos"

Evangelio

Mateo 5:1-12a

En aquel tiempo, cuando Jesús vio a la muchedumbre, subió al monte y se sentó. Entonces se le acercaron sus discípulos. Enseguida comenzó a enseñarles, hablándoles así:

"Dichosos los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos.

Dichosos los que lloran, porque serán consolados.

Dichosos los sufridos, porque heredarán la tierra.

Dichosos los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia, porque serán saciados.

Dichosos los misericordiosos, porque obtendrán misericordia.

Dichosos los limpios de corazón, porque verán a Dios.

Dichosos los que trabajan por la paz, porque se les llamará hijos de Dios.

Dichosos los perseguidos por causa de la justicia, porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos.

Dichosos serán ustedes cuando los injurien, los persigan y digan cosas falsas de ustedes por causa mía.

Alégrese y salten de contento, porque su premio será grande en los cielos"



ANNUAL COMMITMENT CEREMONY

A Vincentian Promise and Prayer

Archbishop Bellisario: Let us ask the Holy Spirit to be with us as we once again renew our Vincentian Commitment to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

All: Come Holy Spirit, live within our lives. And strength us by Your Love.

Archbishop Bellisario: Send forth your spirit and new life will be created.

All: And the whole face of the earth will be renewed.

Archbishop Bellisario: In response to the call of Christ who invites you to follow him, do you promise to be a witness to his boundless love for the poor, the lonely, the suffering and deprived, those without faith and those who feel unloved?

All: I do, and I ask for the grace to grow in holiness of life and to share in a longing for spiritual growth and enrichment.

Archbishop Bellisario: Do you firmly resolve to treasure the warm friendship and unity which was from the beginning a hallmark of our Society?

All: I do, and I ask for the grace to grow in humility and simplicity so that true friendship may grow in my heart.

Archbishop Bellisario: Do you promise to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived so that you can bring them your love.

All: I do, and I ask for the grace to be sensitive to their vulnerability, to respect and not to judge or blame them.

Archbishop Bellisario: Do you promise to be generous with your time, your possessions and yourself in your mission of charity.

All: I do, and I ask for the grace to always serve in justice and charity so that I can be an advocate and a voice for the poor.

Vincentian Promise and Prayer

Archbishop Bellisario: Do you promise to persevere in regarding your home visits as a sacred trust?

All: I do, and I ask for the grace to be more aware of the blessings I receive from those I visit.

Archbishop Bellisario: Let us seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of our Society, and let us ask for the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederic Ozanam to fill our hearts as we pray together:

All: Lord Jesus, you who willed to become poor, give us eyes and a heart directed toward the poor. Help us to recognize you in them—in their hunger and thirst, their loneliness and suffering.

Enkindle within us the fire of love that burned in the hearts of St. Vincent and Blessed Frederic, so that we will live our mission and core values with integrity.

Grant us the grace to be faithful to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, so that we will grow in spirituality, friendship and service to our suffering brothers and sisters. Amen.

+ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST +

Offertory Hymn: Christ be Our Light by Bernadette Farrell.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to You. Make us Your own, your holy people. Light for the world to see

Refrain: Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light. Shine in your church gathered today

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, Walls made of living stone

Many the gifts, many the people. Many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another. Making Your kingdom come
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Communion Hymn: Table of Plenty by *Dan Schutte*.

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth, Come to the table of plenty,
God will provide for all that we need, Here at the table of plenty.

Come and sit at my table, where saints and sinners are friends. I wait to
welcome the lost and lonely, to share the cup of my love.

Come and eat without money, Come to drink without price. My feast of gladness
will feed your spirit, with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you, through days of sorrow and war. My wine will
flow like a sea of gladness, to flood the depths of your soul.

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Closing Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessings by *Omer Westendorf*.

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from
this dwelling take leave. God's sacrifice ended, O now be extended, the fruits of
this mass in all hearts who believe.

The seed of Christ teaching, our inner souls reaching, shall blossom in action
for God and for all. God's grace shall incite us, in love shall unite us, to further
God's Kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and Thanksgiving to God who is living, the tasks of our everyday
life we embrace. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, we claim as our
family all those of each race.

One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us, unite us as one in the life
that we share. Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving, give honor
to Christ and his name that we bear.

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