

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC PARISH

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 27° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED



“If you have faith....” Luke 17:6

“Si tuvieran fe...,” Lucas 17:6

Mass Schedule

Weekdays
6:30 pm

Martes
7:30 pm en español

Friday:
Adoration: 7:15 pm

Saturday
5 pm
8 pm (Parish Hall)
Neocatechumenal Way

Sunday
9 & 11 in English
1 & 6 en español

Confessions:
30 mins before each
weekend mass or by
appointment

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO REACH OUR GOAL OF USD
100,000 FOR THE NEW AC / GENERATOR FOR OUR PARISH**

Progress as of 10/1/2025

Goal	100,000.00	100%
Pledges	-	0%
Balance	100,000.00	100%

Mass Intentions / Readings of the Week
Intenciones de Misa / Lecturas de la Semana

Saturday, October 4th *St. Francis of Assisi*
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
5:00 pm Matilde Mendez Aizpurua

Sunday, October 5th *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Respect Life Sunday
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
9:00 am St Lawrence Parish and parishioners
11:00 am † Bertha Rodriguez
1:00 pm †
6:00 pm

Monday, October 6th *St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
6:30 pm Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, October 7th *Our Lady of the Rosary*
Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

6:30 pm
7:30 pm † Martita Gonzalez

Wednesday, October 8th
Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

6:30 pm †
Thursday, October 9th *St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest*
Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

6:30 pm †
Friday, October 10th
Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
6:30 pm † Lourdes de Castro

PARISH STAFF:

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Do you feel burdened, tired, or far from God?

Come and listen to a series of evening meetings—a journey to discover the joy of the Gospel.

This is for everyone: young and old, married and single, strong in faith or searching for hope.

When: Mondays and Thursdays, 8 pm
Where: In the Main Church

Come and experience the Good News that changes lives! Come as you are—the Lord is waiting for you! Bring a friend—the Word of God is for all!

¿Te sientes cansado, agobiado o lejos de Dios?

Ven y escucha una serie de encuentros por la tarde—un camino para descubrir la alegrí del Evangelio.

Esto es para todos: jóvenes y adultos, casados y solteros, los que tienen fe fuerte y los que est3n buscando esperanza.

Cu3ndo: Lunes y Jueves, 8:00 pm
D3nde: En la Iglesia Principal

¡Ven y experimenta la Buena Noticia que cambia la vida! Ven tal como eres—¡el Se3or te est3 esperando! Trae a un amigo—¡la Palabra de Dios es para todos!

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Collection 9/27 to 9/28 2025			
Mass	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Census
5:00 PM	729.00	-	46
9:00 AM	694.00	-	85
11:00 AM	480.00	-	129
1:00 PM	1,304.00	-	207
6:00 PM	738.00	-	242
Subtotals (1) (2)	3,945.00	-	
2nd Collection: World Mission			
Daily Masses			
Tuesday 6:30 pm 9/23/25	9.00		21
Tuesday 7:30 pm 9/23/25	83.00		42
Wednesday 6:30 pm 9/24/25	27.00		29
Thursday 6:30 pm 9/25/25	44.00		26
Friday 9 am 9/26/25	58.00		31
Monday 6:30 pm 9/28/25	30.00		29
Subtotals (3)	251.00		
Candles	255.00		
Offertory by mail	1,626.00		
Parish Improvements by mail	-		
Offertory (online giving)	890.00		
Parish Improvements (online giving)	20.00		
Subtotals (4)	2,791.00		
Total (1)+(2)+(3)+(4)	6,987.00		

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

Today, the disciples say to Jesus: “Increase our faith!” And Jesus answers: “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree: be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it would obey you.” The Gospel reading of the past Sundays provokes this.

It is wonderful to see through the answer of Jesus Christ how the God of revelation is different from the god of Man’s reasoning and understanding. The disciples ask for “more faith,” and Jesus tells them that faith is not a question of quantity. It’s not about having more or less. Faith is not measured. Faith is a gift. Either you have it, or you don’t.

And faith is not an idea, nor a feeling. Faith is power. Faith makes possible what is humanly impossible. Look: the mulberry tree has deep roots that no storm can move it. Yet Jesus says: if you have faith—even as small as a mustard seed—you can uproot it and throw it into the sea.

And what are these “trees” in our life? They are the things that seem impossible to change. That wound that never heals. That resentment you cannot forgive. That fear that dominates you. That addiction, that anger, that closed heart that no storm has managed to uproot. Faith makes possible what is impossible for you.

Because faith is not your effort, faith is Christ living in you. And what did Christ do? He became a servant. He made himself the last of all. He gave his life for sinners, enemies—you, me. The cross is the tree planted in the sea of death. And from there, Christ rose. Brothers, sisters, this is the Good News today: you don’t need to produce faith. You don’t need to measure yourself. The Church gives you faith. The faith of the Church sustains you. Walking in a Way like Abraham, listening to the Word, celebrating the Eucharist, little by little, your heart is being opened, grafted into Christ. And then miracles happen. You forgive your husband. You remain faithful in marriage. You welcome a child. You accept sickness with peace. You love an enemy. All of this is impossible—unless Christ is in you.

The righteous will live by faith. And faith means this: to live not by your strength, but by the strength of Christ. To live not for yourself, but as a servant—for your spouse, for your children, for your brothers, for your sisters.

This is the joy of the Gospel: that today the impossible becomes possible. This is the Good News for you today: Christ can give you his Spirit, the Spirit that makes you live differently, that makes you love, forgive, serve, and rejoice even in suffering.

But brothers and sisters, where can you receive this faith? Where can you be formed in it? In the womb of the Church. In a community. That is why in our parish, we have started a series of talks—you could say more than talks. It is the way Mother Church initiates us into the Christian life, where we learn to walk in faith like Abraham through the events of our life.

And so I ask you: Do you feel overwhelmed by life? Are you suffering? Are you anxious or alone? The Lord says to you: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Do not be afraid. Come and listen. Come and see what God wants to do in your life. He can uproot that tree in you—the sin, the wounds, the fears, the addictions—that no storm could ever tear out. He can plant you in the sea of his mercy, in the ocean of his love.

Brothers and sisters, don’t stay outside. Come. Come and listen.

Come and be formed in the faith because Christ wants to give you the only thing that saves today: his life.

Today, Christ comes again to serve you. He hands his life to the Father—and with him, your life too is offered to the Father. This is why you are here: to receive. And receiving, you are transformed into a servant like him.

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA:

Hoy los discípulos le dicen a Jesús: «¡Aumentanos la fe!» Y Jesús responde: «Si tuvieran fe del tamaño de un granito de mostaza, podrían decirle a esta morera: arráncate de raíz y plántate en el mar, y les obedecería».

Es impresionante ver en esta respuesta de Jesucristo cómo el Dios que se revela no es como el “dios” que nosotros inventamos con nuestra cabeza, con nuestras ideas. Los discípulos piden “más fe”, y Jesús les muestra que la fe no se mide en cantidades. No se trata de tener más o menos. La fe no se pesa. La fe es un regalo. O la tienes, o no la tienes.

Y la fe no es una idea, ni un sentimiento. La fe es poder. La fe hace posible lo que humanamente es imposible. Mira: la morera tiene raíces tan profundas que ningún viento la puede arrancar. Y sin embargo, Jesús dice: si tienes fe, aunque sea tan pequeña como una semilla de mostaza, puedes arrancarla y echarla al mar.

¿Y cuáles son estos “árboles” en tu vida? Son esas cosas que parecen imposibles de cambiar: Esa herida que nunca sana. Ese resentimiento que no puedes perdonar.

Ese miedo que te domina. Esa adicción, esa rabia, ese corazón cerrado que ninguna tormenta ha podido arrancar. La fe hace posible lo que para ti es imposible.

Porque la fe no es tu esfuerzo. La fe es Cristo viviendo en ti. ¿Y qué hizo Cristo? Se hizo servidor. Se hizo el último de todos. Dio su vida por los pecadores, por los enemigos—por ti, por mí. La cruz es ese árbol plantado en el mar de la muerte. Y desde allí, Cristo resucitó.

Hermanos, hermanas: esta es la Buena Noticia hoy. No tienes que fabricar la fe. No tienes que medirte. La Iglesia te da la fe. Es la fe de la Iglesia la que te sostiene. Poco a poco, caminando en un Camino como Abraham, escuchando la Palabra, celebrando la Eucaristía, tu corazón se va abriendo, injertado en Cristo.

Y entonces suceden milagros: Perdonas a tu esposo. Permaneces fiel en el matrimonio. Acoges un hijo. Aceptas la enfermedad con paz. Amas a un enemigo. Todo esto es imposible—si Cristo no está en ti.

El justo vivirá por la fe. Y la fe significa esto: vivir no con tus fuerzas, sino con la fuerza de Cristo. Vivir no para ti mismo, sino como servidor: para tu esposo, para tu esposa, para tus hijos, para tus hermanos, para tus hermanas.

Esta es la alegría del Evangelio: que hoy lo imposible se vuelve posible. Esta es la Buena Noticia para ti hoy: Cristo puede darte su Espíritu, el Espíritu que te hace vivir de otra manera, que te hace amar, perdonar, servir y alegrarte incluso en medio del sufrimiento.

Pero hermanos, hermanas, ¿dónde se recibe esta fe? ¿Dónde se forma uno en la fe? En el vientre de la Iglesia. En una comunidad. Por eso en nuestra parroquia hemos comenzado una serie de catequesis, más que simples charlas: es el camino con el que la Madre Iglesia nos inicia en la vida cristiana, donde aprendemos a caminar en la fe como Abraham.

Y te pregunto: ¿Te sientes agobiado por la vida? ¿Estás sufriendo? ¿Tienes ansiedad o te sientes solo? El Señor te dice: «Vengan a mí todos los que están cansados y agobiados, y yo les daré descanso».

¡No tengas miedo! Ven y escucha. Ven y mira lo que Dios quiere hacer en tu vida. Él tiene poder para arrancar ese árbol en ti—ese pecado, esas heridas, esos miedos, esas adicciones—que ninguna tormenta ha podido arrancar. Puede plantarte en el mar de su misericordia, en el océano de su amor.

Hermanos, hermanas, ¡no te quedes fuera! Ven. Ven y escucha. Ven y sé formado en la fe. Porque Cristo quiere darte hoy lo único que salva: su vida.

Hoy Cristo vuelve a servirte. Entrega su vida al Padre—y contigo, tu vida también es entregada al Padre. Por eso estás aquí: para recibir. Y recibiendo, eres transformado en servidor como Él.

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