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Open House for Youth Religious Education, formerly known as Faith Formation, is next Sunday, September 6th from 8:45 am - 9:50 am. We look forward to seeing you and beginning another wonderful year of growing together in faith!

Questions can be sent to: mrch7997@gmail.com or joannad.1026@gmail.com

The first day of classes will be September 27 from 8:45 - 10:00 AM Sunday.

El Open House para el programa de educación religiosa juvenil —anteriormente conocido como Formación en la Fe o Catequesis — tendrá lugar el próximo domingo, 6 de septiembre, de 8:45 am a 9:50 am. ¡Esperamos verles y comenzar otro año maravilloso creciendo juntos en la fe!

Si tiene preguntas, puede enviarlas a:

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El primer día de clases será el domingo 27 de septiembre, de 8:45 a 10:00 AM.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation? OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes will begin Sunday, September 20th at 3:00 PM.

Whether you are considering becoming Catholic, have questions about the Catholic faith, or need to complete your Sacraments, we invite you to join us!

Please call Jason Malinsky at [910-740-7417](tel:910-740-7417) or the parish office for more information or to register.

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El próximo fin de semana, la diócesis realizará la colecta nacional para The Catholic University of America. Su apoyo ayuda a formar a los futuros líderes católicos mediante una educación arraigada en la fe y respalda programas de investigación y capacitación que sirven a las diócesis, a las parroquias y a la Iglesia en general. Para obtener más información, visite collection.catholic.edu



September 12th & 13th, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission- a nonprofit organization will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem.

Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have “something” authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. See website: www.landofpeace.org

Los días 12 y 13 de septiembre, nos acompañarán representantes de la misión *Land of Peace* (Tierra de Paz) —una organización sin fines de lucro— para hablar sobre la situación de los cristianos en Tierra Santa y ofrecer a la venta crucifijos, obras de arte religioso y rosarios, todos ellos elaborados con madera de olivo, árbol nativo de Israel y Belén. Dado que el turismo ha disminuido drásticamente, las familias cristianas de Tierra Santa que dependen de esta actividad se han visto gravemente afectadas. El objetivo de esta misión es ayudar a las familias pobres y necesitadas de Belén y Jerusalén. La venta de estos artículos será de gran ayuda para ellas y, al mismo tiempo, le brindará la oportunidad de adquirir algo auténtico de Tierra Santa. Le invitamos a ver y comprar algunos artículos; es una buena causa que también contribuirá a su devoción personal. Consulte el sitio web: www.landofpeace.org



EVERY 40 SECONDS, SOMEONE IN THE U.S. IS HAVING A STROKE! Stroke Scan Plus and St. Francis de Sales Catholic Parish will offer preventive ultrasound screenings on Friday, September 18th in the Social Hall. For \$189, receive all 7 ultrasound screenings: Stroke, AAA, Thyroid, Liver, Kidneys & Gallbladder. Blood testing is available for an additional cost. Insurance is not required, and appointments are limited. Registration will be available at the church September 5th–6th, or call [832-437-7355](tel:832-437-7355) to schedule an appointment for yourself or a loved one. Prevention is the key to quality health!

¡Cada 40 segundos, alguien en los Estados Unidos sufre un derrame cerebral! Stroke Scan Plus y la Parroquia Católica St. Francis de Sales ofrecerán exámenes preventivos de ultrasonido el viernes 18 de septiembre en el salón social. Por \$189, usted recibirá los 7 exámenes de ultrasonido: derrame cerebral, aneurisma de aorta abdominal (AAA), tiroides, hígado, riñones y vesícula biliar. También se ofrecen análisis de sangre por un costo adicional. No se requiere seguro médico y las citas son limitadas. Podrá inscribirse en la iglesia los días 5 y 6 de septiembre, o bien llamar al [832-437-7355](tel:832-437-7355) para programar una cita para usted o para un ser querido. ¡La prevención es la clave para una buena salud!

This week's reflection
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 30, 2026)

We have just heard a very traumatic exchange between Peter and Jesus. I have always found it hard to listen to - and yet it points out very dramatically that suffering cannot be avoided by anyone who would follow Jesus.

Jesus reminds us that God's ways are not our ways - a reminder that we need to hear frequently. Jesus also encourages us to conform our ways to God's.

Jeremiah puts the struggles of a disciple in very emotional terms. He had accepted the role of prophet, but the words of violence and outrage that God had put in his mouth are not happy words. They have brought him pain and suffering and opposition. He feels that God has tricked him - and he knows that he let himself be tricked. Now, even when he tells himself that he isn't going to speak up anymore, the word of the Lord is like a fire burning in his heart, and he gets very weary trying to hold it in.

He has found that obeying God's call to be a prophet is no longer a matter of choice for him, even if it brings him pain. His pain is real, yet it's easier for him to endure his pain than it is to struggle to resist his summons to speak on God's behalf. His emotional outburst offers us great insight into true discipleship. Faith and fervor and the ensuing suffering are made very clear for us.

St. Paul approaches the suffering and sacrifice of a disciple from another point of view. Paul envisions the struggles as a battle between our inclinations and our inspirations. He pleads with us to see things more clearly (to judge what is God's will) - and to depend on our better insights to guide our behavior. Our struggle to do this every day is part of living as a disciple.

The daily sacrifices involved in conforming our ways to God's are the great means we have of taking up our cross daily and following in Jesus' footsteps.

At the end of today's gospel passage, Jesus reminds us that there is a reward for our willingness to conform our ways to God's. We have a sharing in his Father's glory. Taking the time each day to keep in touch with the desire for God burning in our hearts can help us to continue our struggle even when we may feel that we have been tricked by the Lord. Whenever we make the choice to lose our life for the sake of God, then we will find the only life that means anything - life with Jesus.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Readings and Masses for the Week ~ Year A
Lecturas y Misas de la Semana ~ Año A

Saturday (August 29th) Mass 5:00 pm (Deceased members of Robbin Barnhill's family)

Sunday (August 30th) 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Misa 7:20 am (+Paula Mora Tolentino y +Sedronio Cruz Sanchez)
Mass 10:30 am (The Children of Ron & Claire Jolly)
Misa 12:30 pm (+Gregorio Perez Perez y +Sofia Perez Verdugo y +Elario Perez Perez)

Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

Monday (August 31st)

Weekday [22]

1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday (September 1st)

Weekday [22]

1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14 Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday (September 2nd)

Weekday [22] Mass 12:00 noon (Deceased members of Robbin Barnhill's Family)

1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44

Thursday (September 3rd) Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

Mass 12:00 noon (+Victoria Ashton)

1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11

Friday (September 4th)

Weekday [22] Mass 12:00 noon (+David Rich) [NO ADORATION]

1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39

Saturday (September 5th) Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin

Weekday [22]

1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-21 Lk 6:1-5

Parish Financial Record
Registro Financiero Parroquial

August 22nd & 23rd, 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary

1st Collection \$3,353.72
Online Giving \$256.00

2nd Collection* \$727.00
Online Giving \$35.00

(Repair & maintenance of the Church Buildings & grounds/Reparación y mantenimiento de los edificios y terrenos de la iglesia.)

Total: \$4,371.72

Last year \$6,271.61

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August 30 & 31, – September 5, 2026

Jessica Dominguez-Aguilar, Elvira Chavez-Ortiz, Julia Flores Castellanos, Joseph Bragais, Nicholas Rizzo, Catherine Pederson, Benito Carranza-Mota, Solange N Cruz Lopez, Tiffany Powers, Arthur Becerra, Bentley Gallardo, Antonio Tapia Perez, Anthony Tapia Perez, Dulce Sanchez Morales, Jario Perez Miranda, Wilmer Hernandez Lopez, and Shane Rizzo

In Need of Prayer/En necesidad de oración: David & Rhonda Martin, Sandra Rodríguez, Dr. Jerry Devine, Renete Cortez, Lupita Flores Castellano, Fabien, Shelby Young, Cathy Cartrette, Doris Schneider, Doris Warwick, Carolyn Wilkerson, Michelle & James White, Joan Van Huesen, Noelia Powell, Joel Rivera, Kathy Geibert, Mary Lee Wadrose, Juanita Mishoe, Sr Marta Castrejon Flores, Annette Dent, Neal Frazier, Victor Dorais, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, The Dana Family, Rosario Reantaso, Allie Rogers, Lou Rastelli, The Bowen Family, Michael Charkey, Marion Sherman, Jimmy & Marie Davis, Joanne Hayes, Ruth Keen, Myrtle Gudauskas, Valyanna Quarshie, Suzanne Snow, Mary Ann Dysard, Lily DeVillez, Karen Livermore, Therese Morel, Jose Salazar, Christine Joray and Brandon.

Sick and Homebound/Enfermos y confinados en casa: Lydia Yarborough, Josette Terry, Gladys Ortiz, Peggy Malinsky, Lorraine Sinclair, and Rita Delong

Nursing Homes/Residencias de Ancianos: Mary Hammonds and Therese Morel at Wesley Pines (Lumberton), and Elisabeth Oxendine at Carrolton Nursing Home (Fayetteville)

Recently Deceased/Recientemente fallecidos:

*Please notify the office if there is someone you would like us to add to our prayer list. *

Por favor notifique a la oficina si hay alguien que le gustaría que agreguemos a nuestra lista de oración.



VOLUNTEERS needed to serve as CATECHISTS! If you are interested in becoming a catechist, please step out in faith and let us know. We will support, train, and encourage you! Helping our youth to grow in our Catholic Faith is one of the most rewarding and awesome ministries you can participate in and WE NEED YOU! Sign up here:

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Reflexión de la semana
XXII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario (30 de agosto de 2026)

Acabamos de escuchar un intercambio muy traumático entre Pedro y Jesús. Siempre me ha resultado difícil escucharlo; sin embargo, pone de manifiesto de manera muy dramática que nadie que quiera seguir a Jesús puede evitar el sufrimiento.

Jesús nos recuerda que los caminos de Dios no son nuestros caminos, un recordatorio que necesitamos oír con frecuencia. Jesús también nos anima a ajustar nuestra manera de actuar a la de Dios.

Jeremías expresa las luchas de un discípulo en términos muy emotivos. Había aceptado la misión de profeta, pero las palabras de violencia e indignación que Dios puso en su boca no son palabras alegres; le han acarreado dolor, sufrimiento y oposición. Siente que Dios lo ha engañado, y sabe que él mismo se dejó engañar. Ahora, aunque se dice a sí mismo que no volverá a hablar, la palabra del Señor es como un fuego que le arde en el corazón, y se agota tratando de contenerla.

Ha descubierto que obedecer la llamada de Dios a ser profeta ya no es para él una cuestión de elección, aunque le cause dolor. Su dolor es real, pero le resulta más fácil soportarlo que luchar por resistirse a la llamada de hablar en nombre de Dios. Su desahogo emocional nos ofrece una gran perspectiva sobre lo que significa ser un verdadero discípulo; nos muestra con claridad la fe, el fervor y el sufrimiento que ello conlleva.

San Pablo aborda el sufrimiento y el sacrificio del discípulo desde otro punto de vista. Pablo concibe estas luchas como una batalla entre nuestras inclinaciones y nuestras inspiraciones. Nos exhorta a ver las cosas con mayor claridad —a discernir cuál es la voluntad de Dios— y a dejar que nuestras mejores intuiciones guíen nuestra conducta. El esfuerzo diario por lograrlo forma parte de la vida del discípulo.

Los sacrificios cotidianos que implica ajustar nuestra conducta a la de Dios son el gran medio que tenemos para cargar con nuestra cruz cada día y seguir los pasos de Jesús.

Al final del pasaje evangélico de hoy, Jesús nos recuerda que existe una recompensa por nuestra disposición a ajustar nuestra manera de actuar a la de Dios: participaremos en la gloria de su Padre. Dedicarnos cada día a mantener vivo el deseo de Dios que arde en nuestros corazones puede ayudarnos a proseguir nuestra lucha, incluso cuando sentimos que el Señor nos ha engañado. Siempre que elijamos perder nuestra vida por Dios, encontraremos la única vida que realmente importa: la vida con Jesús.

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SFDS Reflections August 2026

St. Marie-Marguerite d'Youville

A Bootlegging, Slaveholding Nun, No Way!



Marguerite d'Youville, SGM 1701 –1771) was a French Canadian widow who founded the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, commonly known as the "Grey Nuns". Her road to canonization reflects a relatively unique vocational path. She was a daughter of poverty, a woman married to a man described as being abusive as well as a bootlegger, a widow, a mother of six children only two of whom survived childhood and was also a slave owner. These are not the usual paths one follows that result in achieving sainthood.

She was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1990, becoming the first native-born Canadian to be declared a saint. She was born Marie-Marguerite Dufrost de Lajemmerais in 1701 at Varennes, Quebec.

Her father died when she was a young girl. Despite her family's poverty, at age 11 Marguerite was able to attend the Ursuline convent in Quebec City for two years before returning home to teach her younger brothers and sisters.

On August 12, 1722, at Notre-Dame Basilica in Montreal, Marguerite married François d'Youville, a bootlegger who sold liquor illegally to Indigenous peoples in exchange for furs. He frequently left home for long periods for parts unknown. The couple had six children together before François died in 1730.

By age 30, D'Youville had suffered the loss of her father, husband and four of her six children, who died in infancy. But she underwent a religious renewal during her marriage. In all these sufferings Marguerite grew in her belief of God's presence in her life and His tender love for every human person. She, in turn, wanted to make known His compassionate love to all. She undertook many charitable works with complete trust in God, whom she loved as a Father.

Marguerite and three other women founded in 1737 a religious association to provide a home for the poor, and it grew as the women raised funds. As their actions went against the social conventions of the day, d'Youville and her colleagues were mocked by their friends and relatives, and even by the poor they helped. Some called them

"les grises", which can mean "the grey women" but which also means "the drunken women", in reference to d'Youville's late husband's career as a bootlegger.

By 1744, the association had become a religious congregation with a rule and a formal community. In 1747, the women were granted a charter to operate the General Hospital of Montreal, which was in ruins and deeply in debt. D'Youville and her fellow workers re-established the financial security of the hospital. Unfortunately it was destroyed by fire in 1765. The congregation rebuilt the hospital soon after. As the congregation expanded to other cities, it became known simply as the "Grey Nuns".

D'Youville has been described as "one of Montreal's more prominent slaveholders". She and the Grey Nuns used enslaved laborers in their hospital. They also purchased and sold both Indian slaves and British war prisoners, including an English slave whom she purchased from the Indians. These men were not captive landowners, resentful of their captors' religion and longing to reestablish themselves at home. They were for the most part young soldiers, many of them conscripts, simply wishing to survive their captivity. However strange they may have found the community that held them and the woman who supervised them, they were probably relieved to find themselves in a situation that offered a strong possibility of survival. They knew their fellow soldiers to be dying in nearby prisons -- places notorious for their exposure to the heat and cold and unchecked pestilence.

Marguerite d'Youville died in 1771 at the General Hospital. In the next century, her status continued to increase, as people cited prayers for her intervention in aiding them. After her spiritual writings were approved by theologians on February 1, 1888, her beatification process was formally opened on April 28, 1890, and she was granted the title Servant of God. She was declared Venerable by Pope Pius XI on June 16, 1931. In 1959, she was beatified by Pope John XXIII, who called her "Mother of universal charity". She was canonized in 1990 by Pope John Paul II. She is the first native-born Canadian to be elevated to sainthood by the Catholic Church. Her feast day is October 16.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Devine
Chair Emeritus Liturgy

September 2026



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Factores de riesgo

- ✓ Presión arterial alta
- ✓ Colesterol alto
- ✓ Antecedentes familiares de derrame cerebral, ataque cardíaco, aneurisma aórtico, cáncer o diabetes
- ✓ Fibrilación auricular
- ✓ Obesidad

Cómo funciona la evaluación

DURANTE LA SESIÓN

Nuestros técnicos de ultrasonido calificados realizan las pruebas usando equipos de última generación, tomándoles de 20-30 minutos para hacer los 7 exámenes.*

*Por favor aparte de 60 a 90 minutos en caso de haber retraso.

RESULTADOS

Los resultados usualmente están disponibles entre 7 a 10 días en línea. Si se detecta patología que potencialmente arriesgue su vida, se agilizarán para darle una respuesta más inmediata. Estos exámenes son interpretados por un radiólogo certificado.

SIGUIENTES PASOS

Si se detecta algún problema, su doctor puede usar los resultados de la evaluación para ordenar las pruebas diagnósticas necesarias, que probablemente cubrirá el seguro o Medicare.

Preparación para las evaluaciones

- ✓ Use un atuendo cómodo de dos piezas, no usar vestidos.
- ✗ No masticar chicle antes de los exámenes.
- ✗ No ingerir comidas grandes o cafeína 4 horas antes de la evaluación.
- ✓ 8 horas de ayuno en caso de hacerse la prueba de colesterol.
- ✓ Si es diabético, asegúrese de comer un refrigerio ligero.
- ✓ Si está tomando medicamento, continúe tomándolo.



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