

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

01/26/25

Presentation of Our Lady Church



He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture in your hearing has been fulfilled."

Saturday Mass

4:30 pm (English)

Sunday Masses

8:30 am (English)

10:30 am (Bilingual)

12:00 pm (Spanish)

5:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekday Masses

8:00am

Tuesdays

8:30 am

Do you need confession, spiritual guidance or just talk?

Call the office to schedule an appointment.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

Anointing of the sick

Last Rites

Please call

720-473-9053 anytime

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Presentation of Our Lady Catholic church, are inspired by the holy spirit to live out Christ's commandments by showing love to ALL people, though the gifts God has given each of us. We commit ourselves to the virtues of faith, hope and love by worshipping God, in word and sacrament. Strengthened by God the Father, we shall strive to live out the Gospel in serving the needs of our parish faith family and the global community.

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:30am to 12:30 p.m.

Fridays 8:30am to 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00am to 5:00 pm.

Closed-Sundays & Mondays

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Presentation of Our Lady/Presentación de Nuestra Señora

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please register as a member of the parish. Forms are always available at the church entrance or at the parish office. Return forms to an usher or the parish office.

Moving?

Please notify the parish office.

For Religious

Education, Adult

Inquirer's classes,

Baptism classes, or

Marriage preparation

call the Parish office

for more information.

The Holy Spirit and the Mystical Body of Christ

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January 26th, 2025

Last Sunday, we reflected on the connection between the mission of the Holy Spirit and the physical body of our Lord as the most important Temple of the New Covenant. Today, we want to highlight how the same Spirit is responsible for giving life to the mystical body of Christ, that is, the Church.

We should consider the interesting question of the origin of the Church. We usually say that the Church was born on the day of Pentecost. Nevertheless, following the analogy between the Church and human life, we all know babies do not come into this world at birth but before, at the moment of their conception.

The period between conception and birth is a time of *gestation*. Similarly, we can consider the mystery of the Church. Before Pentecost, the mystical Bride of Christ was being gestated. Moreover, we could say that the Church has always existed in God's heart. God does not learn or forget. He knows all He knows eternally. His providence does not change. We cannot think of the history of salvation as God implementing His plan B for humanity after the fall of Adam and Eve.

Despite the similarities with the conception, gestation, and birth of human persons, the Church is a peculiar mystery, and the analogy has dissimilarities. In a sense, we have to say that God created the Church from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, just as God created Eve from the heart of Adam. The Fathers of the Church beautifully point out this mystery, commenting on the open heart of our Lord on the Cross from which water and blood flowed, signifying the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist by which we are born and fed as children of God.

Recently, I listened to a talk by a Catholic Bible scholar who pointed out a beautiful detail in the narration of Eve's creation. The biblical text from Genesis does not say that Eve was made but *built*. Interestingly, the word used by the Word of God is the same word we would use to state that an edifice or a temple has been constructed. Likewise, the Church is built by God from the open heart of Christ.

Yet, we have to say that the Church, conceived from the heart of Jesus, began gestating a moment after the fall of Adam and Eve. How is that possible? Our first parents were forgiven and received grace after their sins. Before Original Sin, our first parents were created in a state of grace. Nonetheless, Original Grace was not the fruit of Christ's sacrifice or connected to it.

However, the grace Adam and Eve received when they were forgiven and received the promise of salvation is clearly connected to the Mystery of Christ. The promise of the Proto-Gospel talks about a mysterious descendant of the woman defeating the serpent. That promise foretells Jesus' sacrifice. Hence, Adam and Eve received forgiveness and grace in anticipation of Christ's merits.

From that moment on, the Old Testament is the story of the mystery of grace preparing the redemptive Incarnation of the Son of God and the birth of the Church. The Old Testament is the time of the Church's gestation. Everything in the Old Testament is oriented towards the mystery of the Incarnation in the fullness of time by the work of the Holy Spirit and the day of Pentecost in which the Church is born and presented before the world.

The image of the fire in the Acts of the Apostles speaks about the presence of the Holy Spirit and the public manifestation of the Father's acceptance of Jesus' sacrifice for His mystical Bride. The Apostles' transformation on that day also testifies to the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord and Giver of Life filled the Apostles with Christ's life. The grace of the Head of the Church was communicated astonishingly to His mystical body. From then on, the disciples preached, worked miracles, forgave sins, cast out demons, etc. As the Giver of Life, the communicator of the sanctification, the Holy Spirit is the principle of the life of the Church as the temple of God that prolongs the humanity of our Lord so that we,

the members of Christ, can also worship in spirit and truth. In this mysterious manner, Christ continues to save people by close contact through His mystical body and the sacraments.

Father Israel



**3rd Sunday
in ordinary time**

Presentation of Our Lady Church	
<u>Weekend of January, 18 and 19, 2025</u>	
<u>Offertory</u>	
4:30 Mass Regular Collection	\$76.00
4:30 Mass Second Collection	\$10.00

8:30 Mass Regular Collection	\$388.00
8:30 Mass Second Collection	\$21.00

10:30 Mass Regular Collection	\$371.00
10:30 Mass Second Collection	\$31.00

12:00 Mass Regular Collection	\$ 965.48
12:00 Mass Second Collection	\$210.23

5:00pm Mass Regular Collection	\$353.00
5:00pm Mass Second Collection	\$24.00

Regular Collection	Total: \$ 2,153.48
Second Collection	Total: \$296.23

Candles	Total: \$148.00
Special Needs	Total: \$68.75

Ordinary Time				
Day	Date	Time	Intentions	Offered by
Sat.	Jan. 25	4:30 p.m.	+Maximiliano Lopez Marcos	Max Lopez
Sun.	Jan. 26	8:30 a.m.	For our Parishioners living and deceased	The Parish
		10:30 a.m.	+ Fredy Bautista	Family
		12:00 a.m. Spanish	+Maria Santa Villalobos	Esmeralda Santana
		5:00 p.m. Spanish	+Adan Gallardo Ricaldy	Family
Mon.	Jan. 27	8:00 a.m.		
Tues.	Jan. 28	8:30 a.m.		
Wed.	Jan. 29	8:30a.m		
Thur.	Jan. 30	8:00 a.m		
Fri.	Jan. 31	8:00 a.m.		
Sat.	Feb. 01	4:30 p.m.		


PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY CHURCH

GRUPO DE ORACION CORAZONES UNIDOS


No faltes Jesus y Maria te esperan para llenarte de su amor.

CADA MIERCOLES EL SANTO ROSARIO, ALABANZA, TEMA BIBLICO, ORACION.

7:00 pm a 9:00 pm



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival



Will **YOU** Answer the Call?

Do you remember?

Who has walked with you on your journey of faith?

This year, God is inviting us to walk together as disciples. The **Walk with One** campaign is a beautiful way to say "yes" to His call by accompanying someone on their faith journey.

How to Begin:

1. Pray for guidance to identify one person God is calling you to walk with.
2. Invite them (in a way *they* can receive) to join you in prayer, conversation, or attending Mass.
3. Encourage and support each other with intentional moments of connection: coffee, phone calls, texts, and gatherings.

Imagine the transformation God will bring through your "yes"! Here's how to take your first step: www.eucharisticrevival.org.

This is your year to walk with another in faith!

In the Eucharist,
The Eucharistic Congress Team



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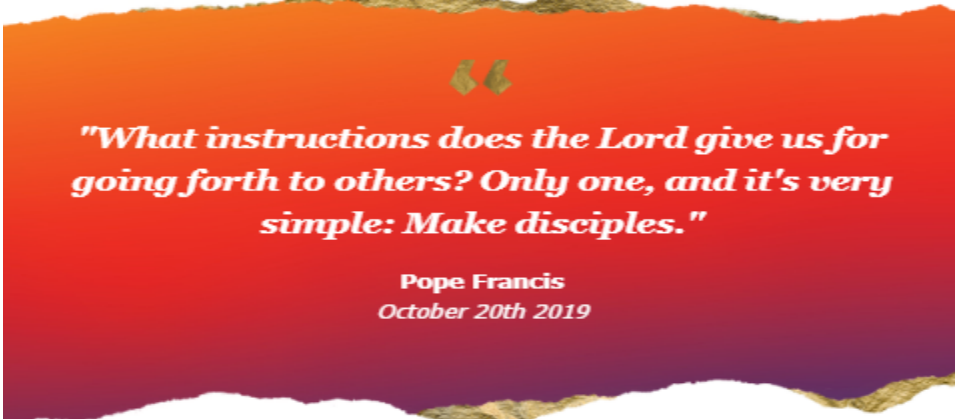
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Pray the rosary
and the
Chaplet of Mercy,
every Friday.
In the church.
At 5:00 pm.
Painful mysteries



“What instructions does the Lord give us for going forth to others? Only one, and it's very simple: **Make disciples.**”

Pope Francis
October 20th 2019

