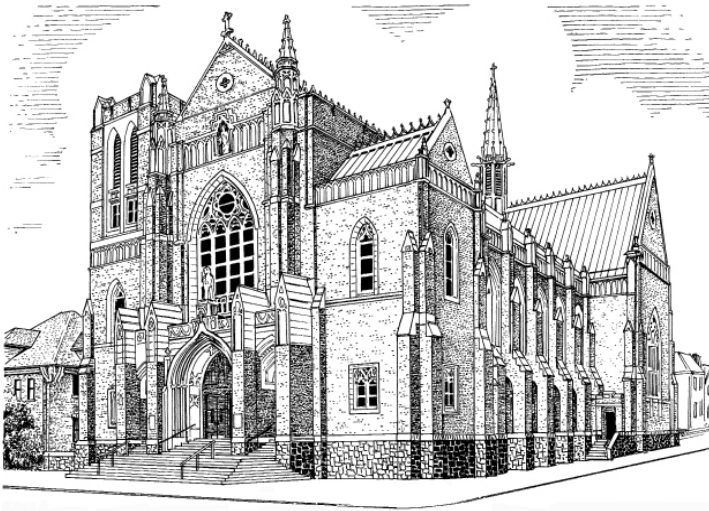


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MASS SCHEDULE - HORARIO DE MISAS

Sunday Mass - Misa Dominical

Saturday: 5:00PM (Vigil Mass English)
7:00PM (Misa de Vigilia Español)
Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM (English)
12:30PM (Español)

Daily Mass - Misa Diaria

Monday - Saturday: 8:00AM (Español, excepto el Miércoles)
8:45AM (English)
Wednesday: 7:30PM (Español)

CONFESSIONS - CONFESIONES

Saturday: 12:00PM-1:00PM

EUCARISTIC ADORATION - ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Thursday: Exposition after the 8:45am Mass
Holy Hour w/ Benediction 6:00PM-7:00PM
Bilingual (English & Español)

THE CHURCH IS OPEN - LA IGLESIA ESTA ABIERTA

Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 7:00AM-3:00PM
Wednesday, Saturday: 7:00AM-8:00PM
Thursday: 7:00AM-7:00PM
Sunday: 7:30AM-2:00PM



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Mk 1:17

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

8:00AM † Resurrección Peñaloza
 8:45AM **Intention Available**
 5:00PM Carol Priolo
 7:00PM Emiliano Cabezas

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 *Third Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8:30AM Giosue Flores Barbaran
 10:30AM Ismery Losada, † Anette Welsman, † Mary Russo, † Blanca Vallejo, Yuliette Family, Nomas Family, Garcon Family, Masilus Family
 12:30PM Legión de María

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024 *Day of Prayer for the Unborn*

8:00AM † Rafael Cepeda
 8:45AM † Angelina Marie Macchia

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

8:00AM Ismery Losada (cumpleaños)
 8:45AM † Stefania & Jan

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024 *Memorial of St. Francis de Sales*

8:45AM † Pedro Barcía
 7:30PM † Angel Ebelio Santana

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024 *Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul*

8:00AM **Intention Available**
 8:45AM The Khanna Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024 *Memorial of Sts. Timothy & Titus*

8:00AM **Intention Available**
 8:45AM The Becker Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

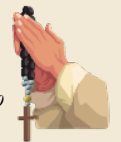
8:00AM **Intention Available**
 8:45AM Jenifer Cristoffers
 5:00PM † Ligia Chacón, † Josephine Mazzini, † Richard Mastraccio, † Frances Bavaro, † Anne Bavaro, † Fay Sevido
 7:00PM Olimpia Espinal (100 Cumpleaños)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 *Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8:30AM The Sagevich Family
 10:30AM † Joanne Bohme
 12:30PM Olimpia Espinal, Girson Gonzalez Jr., † Girson Gonzalez, † Bella Olvero Villanova, † Angela Millan Olvero, † Eduardo Paulino, † Wilson Ortiz



Please Pray for the Sick Oremos por los Enfermos



Rafael Gomez, Jr.	Madeline Avendano
Maria Aviles Cruz	Juango Vazquez
Minerva Rivera	Alan Rodriguez
Alejandro Saldaña	Nereidia Benitez
Ava Marie Martire	Mary Jane Hillmeyer
Simon Woolford	Raul Rodriguez
Anthony Castellano	Ana de la Cruz
Suzanne Hammitt	Christopher Amoros
Victor Crossley	Margaret Visentin

Sacraments at Our Parish

Baptism | Bautismo:



Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation through which one becomes part of the Body of Christ, the Catholic Church. We usually celebrate Baptism on the last weekend of each month. To schedule one, contact the Rectory **a month or more** before to speak with a priest. El bautismo es el primer sacramento de iniciación a través del cual se pasa a formar parte del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia Católica. Generalmente celebramos el Bautismo el último fin de semana de cada mes. Para programar uno, comuníquese con la Rectoría **un mes o más antes** para hablar con un sacerdote.

Holy Matrimony | Santo Matrimonio:



Holy Matrimony is a union of a man and woman capable of knowing and loving each other and God. To schedule a wedding, contact the Rectory **at least six months** before the desired date to speak with a priest and start the preparation process. El Santo Matrimonio es la unión de un hombre y una mujer capaces de conocerse y amarse y a Dios. Para programar una boda, comuníquese con la Rectoría **durante al menos seis meses** antes de la fecha deseada para hablar con un sacerdote e iniciar el proceso de preparación.

Anointing of the Sick | Unción de los Enfermos:



The Anointing of the Sick is available for baptized Catholics who are seriously ill, preparing for a serious surgery, or suffering from the effects of old age. Please call the Rectory to set up an appointment with a parish priest. La Unción de los Enfermos está disponible para los católicos bautizados que están gravemente enfermos, preparándose para una cirugía grave o sufriendo los efectos de la vejez. Llame a la Rectoría para programar una cita con un párroco.

Save the Date! | ¡Reserva La Fecha!

Jan 30 Food Pantry Distribution | Distribución de Alimentos
 Feb 2 Presentation of the Lord Solemn Mass | Misa Solemne
 Feb 4 Women of Hope Blood Drive | Donación de Sangre
 Feb 10 Our Lady of Lourdes Solemn Mass | Misa Solemne
 Feb 14 Ash Wednesday | Miércoles de Ceniza
 Mar 4-8 Lenten Mission in Spanish | Misión Cuaresma en Español
 Mar 11-14 Lenten Mission in English | Misión Cuaresma en Ingles

Second Collection

This Week: Churches in Need

Kids Can Make Us Laugh Los Niños Pueden Hacernos Reír

We were at Mass right before Christmas. My 3-years-old son had been hearing talk from his older siblings about Santa Claus and presents. Also we had seen a few Santa Clauses here and there over the last few weeks with the requisite jingling bells. During the consecration, the priest raised the Body of Christ toward the sky, and the altar boy jingled the bells three times. Well, my son, who had been doodling around down by the kneeler, jumped up before we could react and yelled, "Was that Santa Claus?" That got quite a chuckle from the crowd. We were more prepared a couple of minutes later when the celebrant raised the Blood of Christ toward the sky and the jingling bells started up again.

Estábamos en misa justo antes de Navidad. Mi hijo de 3 años había estado escuchando a sus hermanos mayores hablar sobre Papá Noel y los regalos. También habíamos visto algunos Papá Noel aquí y allá durante las últimas semanas con el tintineo de campanas necesario. Durante la consagración, el sacerdote elevaba el Cuerpo de Cristo hacia el cielo y el monaguillo hacia sonar tres veces las campanas. Bueno, mi hijo, que había estado garabateando junto al reclinatorio, se levantó de un salto antes de que pudiéramos reaccionar y gritó: "¿Era Papá Noel?" Eso provocó una gran risa entre la multitud. Estábamos más preparados un par de minutos después cuando el celebrante elevó la Sangre de Cristo hacia el cielo y el tintineo de las campanas comenzó de nuevo.

Shared by Jim M.

The last day for Mass Intentions to appear in the bulletin is every Tuesday at 4:00PM.
 El último día para que aparezcan las intenciones de misa en el boletín es todos los martes a las 4:00PM.

St. Mary Gate of Heaven

Celebrates Volunteer Appreciation Weekend

January 20-21, 2024

St. Mary Gate of Heaven is proud of its volunteers listed below who not only serve the parish but also the local community as well. The Parish is very fortunate to have so many individuals who volunteer their time and talent to make our liturgies more special, to prepare people to receive sacraments, to educate others in the faith, to assist the needy, to add life to our community and much more. Through their service they also give good example to children and others on how to live a Christian life. We give thanks for their generosity and invite you to express your appreciation directly to them at a reception being held in the church basement after Mass. May God bless them for all the good they do in his name.

Santa María Puerto del Cielo está orgullosa de los voluntarios que se enumeran a continuación, quienes no solo sirven a la parroquia sino también a la comunidad local. La Parroquia es muy afortunada de tener tantas personas que ofrecen su tiempo y talento como voluntarios para hacer que nuestras liturgias sean más especiales. preparar a las personas para recibir los sacramentos, educar a otros en la fe, ayudar a los necesitados, agregar vida a nuestra comunidad y mucho más. A través de su servicio también dan buen ejemplo a los niños y a otras personas sobre cómo vivir una vida cristiana. Damos gracias por su generosidad y lo invitamos a expresarles su agradecimiento directamente en una recepción que se llevará a cabo en el sótano de la iglesia después de la Misa. Que Dios los bendiga por todo el bien que hacen en su nombre.

Parish Volunteer Directory | Directorio de Voluntarios Parroquiales

Ministry of Altar Servers

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 Arisbel Riveras
 Arison Riveras
 Aryan Adams
 Brianna Sarmiento
 Daniel Baez
 Danni Lazzo
 Daryus D'Souza
 David Neri
 Destiny Franqui
 Divya Adams
 Fatima Flores
 Freddy Barrera
 Gianluís Ferreira
 Jake Marasigan
 Jocelyn Tamay
 John Angel
 John Meyo
 Jon-Michael Ocfemia
 Kevin Schpak
 Liam Riley
 Louis Ferreira
 Matthew Mejia Luna
 Melanie Cuchillo
 Nayeli Pomaquiza
 Vishisht Josiah Persaud
 Yenybel Rodriguez

Athletic Association

Chris Scandalis (*Director*)
 Phil Salerno
 Mickey Troll
 Yasmin Ramos
 Coaches: Joe, Steve, Paul,
 Kevin, Andrew, Josh, Larry,
 Mike, Alyssa, Steven, Rich

Baptism Instructors

Deacon Ramon Cruz
 Deacon Bill Velasquez

Catechists

Shirley D'Souza
 Jenny Oviedo
 Mayra Rivera
 Frank Liberti
 Ana Ferreira
 Joana Cruz
 Shirley D'Souza
 Abigail Perez
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 Jeanie Singh
 Melissa Patrick
 Frank Liberti
 Kajol Singh
 Divya Adams
 George Hynes
 Jon Paolo Marasigan
 Deacon Bill Velasquez
 Mayra Santos Torres

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 Jose Rodriguez
 Maria Jimenez
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Geanie Singh
 Juanita Alegre

Decorating Teams

Mariam Skabeikis
 Geanie Singh
 Deisi Mendoza
 Terry Pang
 Fran Gilligan
 Rosie Batres
 Judy Gardens Mango
 Joanna Valente
 Alexandra Batista
 Philip Singh
 Diego Oviedo
 Danny Diaz
 Eric Kouassi
 Salvatore
 Eddie Reyes
 Fernando Silva
 Chris Modeste
 John Schpak
 Kevin Schpak
 Godwin
 Alexandra Batista

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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 Deisi Mendoza (*Coordinator*)
 Alexandra Batista
 Annette Napolitano
 Eddy Reyes
 Epifano Calpo
 Fe Tesoro
 Felicina Lisena
 Fran Gilligan
 Geanie Singh
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 Kajol Singh
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 Geanie Singh
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 Isabel Pujols
 Juanita Lodico
 Laura Acosta
 Lourdes Almonte
 Luz Fonseca
 Margaret Conte
 Maria Toribio
 Mariam Skabeikis
 Mariana Lozito
 Phil Skabeikis
 Sandra Joseph
 Selene Espinoza
 Shirley D'Souza

Teresita DeGuzman
 Venecia Salas

Liturgy Committee

Deacon Ramon Cruz
 Deacon Rich Gilligan
 Deacon Bill Velasquez
 Jon Paolo Marasigan

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Music at the Gate

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 Lourdes Almonte
 Ramona Ferreira
 Celia Heraclio
 Michele King
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 Dominick Liello
 Elaine Monegro
 Miladys Monegro
 Juan Moreno
 Jacqueline Mullen
 Theresa Mulligan,
 Kajol Singh
 Mariam Skabeikis
 Phil Skabeikis
 Rossy Tineo
 Dominic Fernandes

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 Deisi Mendoza
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 Phil Singh
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 Fe Tesoro
 Mickey Troll
 Victor Salas
 Deacon Ramon Cruz
 Deacon Rich Gilligan

Parish Photographer
Toney Mendoza

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Rich Gilligan
Bill Velasquez

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Gloria Lozada
Deisi Mendoza
Fernando Silva
Deacon Rich Gilligan
Fran Gilligan

Sacristans
Juanita Alegre
Geanie Singh
Fe Tesoro

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Mickey Troll
Cyrus D'Souza
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Diego Oviedo

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Diego Oviedo (*Emeritus*)
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Maria Albino
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Mario Rosario
Maria Toribio
Martina Lanzas
Maria Colon
Milton Ortega
Natividad Barrera
Paulina Martinez
Rosemary De La Rosa
Salvador Morales

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Mayra Santos Torres
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Please notify Fr. Jim at frjames@smghparish.org if your name is missing from this directory or if you would like to get involved in one of the areas listed above. We Are a Community That Ministers To One Another.

Por favor notifique al P. Jim en frjames@smghparish.org si su nombre falta en este directorio o si le gustaría participar en una de las áreas mencionadas anteriormente. Somos una Comunidad que se ministra mutuamente

THE BLESSED MOTHER SODALITY'S

Valentines for Veterans

FOR ST. ALBANS VETERANS CENTER

WE ARE ACCEPTING:

body wash, deodorant, tissue, shampoo, hand lotion,
combs, hair brushes, decks of cards, pens, writing
paper, tube socks, t-shirts (size XL ONLY)

ACEPTAMOS:

gel de baño, desodorante, pañuelos desechables,
champú, loción para manos, peines, cepillos para el
cabello, barajas de cartas, bolígrafos, papel para
escribir, calcetines de tubo, camisetas (talla XL
ÚNICAMENTE)

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING:

dental care products, toothpaste,
toothbrushes, floss, lap blankets, razor
blades, powders, wipes, bar soaps, etc.



NO ACEPTAMOS:

productos para el cuidado dental, pasta de
dientes, cepillos de dientes, hilo dental,
mantas para el regazo, cuchillas de afeitador,
talcos, toallitas, jabones en barra, etc.

Cash donations are also accepted. If you wish to make a donation by check please make the check out to:

"Dept. of Veterans Affairs"

Please drop off your donations on Sunday, February 4, in the church basement from 9:30am -12:30pm

OR bring the donations to the Rectory by Monday, February 5.

...A Reflection from our Pastor...

...Reflexión de nuestro Pastor...

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JM



**They went and saw where he lived,
and they stayed with him.**

With the beginning of the preaching of Jesus, the old alliance God gave to the people of Israel in the Old Testament closes; practically everything that was lived, preached, and taught culminates with the fulfillment of the promise, that is, with Jesus Christ. This is why, in the gospel of this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus begins his mission, his preaching, the announcement of the good news, and begins by saying, "The deadline has been met, the kingdom of God is near: convert and believe in the gospel." First, Jesus' preaching begins by announcing the time has been fulfilled. The time the people of Israel have waited for throughout the History of Salvation has included many events: the creation, the fall, the introduction of sin and restoration, the event of Noah and the salvation of his family from the flood, the election of Abraham and all the patriarchs, Isaac, Jacob, the arrival in Egypt and slavery, liberation through Moses, the Mount Sinai, the commandments, the rebellion of the people, the arrival to the promised land, the judges, the kings, the prophets, all those events that more or less happened in 3761 years, and now Jesus comes and says the deadline has been met, with Jesus that deadline is met, after Jesus and with Jesus: God has said everything.

The kingdom of God is near, Jesus says, and we understand that the kingdom is nothing other than accepting Jesus in our lives and hearts, accepting Jesus in our families and our lives of faith. The kingdom of heaven was one of the topics that Jesus continually preached. The people of Israel believed and expected the kingdom of heaven, but they expected it at the end of time; Jesus comes to tell us that the kingdom of heaven is not far away, which is closer than we imagine because the kingdom of heaven consists of saying YES to Jesus, to his word, to his commandments, and to live what he continually teaches us. For Jesus, we do not have to wait to die and resurrect to live it; from Jesus' proposal, the kingdom of heaven begins here and now. To live in this kingdom of heaven, Jesus proposes a path of conversion, repentance, and change, leaving the old man/woman and putting on the new man/woman, the one Jesus presents to us. It is a proposal from Jesus; he invites us to evaluate ourselves from the word of Jesus, to recognize our human fragility, the same that often leads us to error to sin; for this reason, Jesus proposes a path of conversion, let us ask him for the grace to live genuinely. The kingdom of heaven from a path of conversion and grace.

Another fundamental element of the beginning of Jesus' preaching is the call of his first disciples. Last week, we heard the call of the first disciples from the gospel of John; today, we hear this call from the gospel of Mark, which is very similar to the other two synoptic gospels of Matthew and Luke. The gospel tells us that Jesus was walking through the Sea of Galilee when he saw the fishermen Peter, Andrew, James, and John. Jesus invited them to follow him, and they left their profession, work, and parents to follow Jesus. Today, he also invites us to follow him; each of us is invited to reflect on the vocation already given, priesthood, consecrated life, married life, singleness, and widowhood; these are the different paths that Jesus invites us to follow Him. We, adults, are already living some of these states of life; let us ask for the grace of knowing how to continually listen to Jesus, who invites us to continue to be his. We must keep the young people in prayer and discernment, reflect, learn about each vocational proposal, and decide. To say YES to Jesus in any of these states and lifestyles, where you feel inside your heart that Jesus is calling you to be His.

May God bless us all,

Fr.  Baltazar

Fr. Baltazar Sanchez Alonzo
Pastor

**Fueron y vieron dónde vivía,
y se quedaron con él**

Con el inicio de la predicación de Jesús se cierra la antigua alianza dada por Dios al pueblo de Israel en el antiguo testamento, prácticamente todo aquello que se vivió, se predicó, se enseñó culmina con el cumplimiento de la promesa, es decir con Jesucristo. Es por ello por lo que, en el evangelio de este Tercer Domingo del tiempo ordinario, Jesús inicia su misión, su predicación, el anuncio de la buena noticia, e inicia diciendo "Se ha cumplido el plazo, está cerca el reino de Dios: conviértanse y crean en el evangelio". Ante todo, este inicio de la predicación de Jesús comienza anunciando que el se ha cumplido el tiempo, ese tiempo que ha esperado el pueblo de Israel a lo largo de la Historia de la Salvación, cuantos acontecimientos han sucedido, la creación, la caída por el pecado y la restauración, el acontecimiento de Noe y la salvación de su familia frente al diluvio, la elección de Abraham y de todos los patriarcas, Isaac, Jacob, la llegada a Egipto y la esclavitud, la liberación por medio de Moisés, el Monte Sinaí, los mandamientos, la rebeldía del pueblo, la llegada a la tierra prometida, los jueces, los reyes, los profetas, todo esos acontecimientos que mas o menos pasaron en un periodo de 3761 años, y ahora Jesús viene y dice se ha cumplido el plazo, con Jesús se cumple ese plazo, después de Jesús y con Jesús Dios ha dicho todo.

El reino de Dios está cerca, dice Jesús, y entendemos que el reino, no es otra cosa que aceptar a Jesús en nuestras vidas y corazones, aceptar a Jesús en nuestras familias y en nuestra vida de fe. El reino de los cielos fue uno de los temas que Jesús predico continuamente, el pueblo de Israel creía y esperaba el reino de los cielos, pero lo esperaba al final de los tiempos, Jesús viene a decirnos que el reino de los cielos no esta lejos, que esta mas cerca de lo que nos imaginamos, porque el reino de los cielos consiste en decirle SI a Jesús, a su palabra, a sus mandamientos, a vivir lo que continuamente nos enseña. Para Jesús no hemos de esperar morir y resucitar para vivirlo, desde la propuesta de Jesús el reino de los cielos comienza a vivir aquí y ahora. Para vivir este reino de los cielos, Jesús propone un camino de conversión, de arrepentimiento, de cambio, dejar el hombre-mujer viejo y revestirnos del hombre-mujer nuevo, el que nos propone Jesús. Es propuesta de Jesús, nos invita a evaluarnos desde la palabra de Jesús, reconocer nuestra propia fragilidad humana, la misma que muchas veces nos orilla al error, al pecado, por ello Jesús nos propone un camino de conversión, pidámosle la gracia para verdaderamente vivir el reino de los cielos desde un camino de conversión y de gracia.

Otro elemento fundamental del inicio de la predicación de Jesús es el llamado de sus primeros discípulos. La semana pasada escuchamos el llamado de los primeros discípulos desde el evangelio de Juan, hoy escuchamos este llamado desde el evangelio de Marcos, que es muy similar a los otros dos evangelios sinópticos de Mateo y Lucas. Nos dice el evangelio que Jesús caminaba por el mar de Galilea, cuando vio a los pescadores Pedro, Andrés, Santiago y Juan, a ellos Jesús los invito a seguirlo y ellos, dejando su profesión, su trabajo y a sus padres siguieron a Jesús. También hoy a nosotros nos invita a seguirlo, cada uno de nosotros es invitado a reflexionar en la vocación ya dada, sacerdocio, vida consagrada, vida matrimonial, soltería y viudes, son los distintos caminos que Jesús nos invita a seguir para seguir a Él. Los adultos ya estamos viviendo alguna de estos estados de vida, pidámosle la gracia de saber escuchar continuamente a Jesús que nos invita a seguir a ser de él, y jóvenes, en oración y discernimiento, reflexiona, conoce cada una de las propuestas vocacionales y decídetes a decir SI a Jesús en alguno de estos estados y estilos de vida, donde tu sientas ahí en el interior de tu corazón que Jesús te está llamado a ser de Él.

Que Dios nos bendiga.

P.  Baltazar

P. Baltazar Sánchez Alonzo
Pastor

YOU'RE INVITED

to attend an Open Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday January 22 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Mission House Basement. Discussions are usually conducted in English. If you have an issue or a question that you would like the Council to consider discussing, please send it to Fr. Jim at frjames@smghparish.org or call him at 718-838-9084.

Está invitado a asistir a una reunión abierta del Consejo Parroquial el lunes 22 de enero de 7:30pm a 9:00pm en el sótano de la Casa Misión. Las discusiones generalmente se llevan a cabo en inglés. Si tiene algún problema o pregunta que le gustaría que el Consejo considere discutir, por favor envíelo al P. Jim a frjames@smghparish.org o llámelo al 718-838-9084.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN
Last Week to Participate!



Goal | Objetivo: \$46,479.00
Collected | Acumulado: \$46,164.25
Remaining | Restante: \$314.75
Contributing Families: 141

A Women's Brunch Retreat

entitled 'A Muffin ... and A Cup of Love' is being offered by Heart to Heart Ministry on Saturday February 10, 2024 from 9:45am until 12noon at American Martyrs Parish, Sullivan Hall at 79-43 Bell Blvd, Bayside, Queens. For more information or to register, contact Sister Ave Clark at 718-428-2471

Friday Night Bingo

Come Join us on Friday, January 26, 2024
7:00pm | Church Basement

ALL PROFITS GO TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH YOUTH MINISTRIES, SUCH AS OUR ALTAR SERVER AND TEEN GROUPS



ALTAR MEMORIALS

Please consider donating an Altar Memorial in loving memory of a loved one

Bread & Wine for the Week \$50.00
Sanctuary Candle \$25.00



Come See the Kids Play



St. Mary Gate of Heaven Athletic Association invites everyone to come watch the kids play basketball in our gym. The intramural team games are on Saturday between 9am and 7:30 and admission is free. The CYO games are on Sunday from 1pm to 6pm and admission is \$5 per adult and \$2 per child. The Snack Bar is open during games and there is free, though limited, parking. Bring a relative, friend, neighbor or date and cheer the kids on.

Game Results from January 7

Bantam Boys 39	Our Lady of Mercy 40
Rookie Boys A 52	St. Adalbert's 26
Rookie Boys B 35	St. Francis de Sales 30
Park Holiday Tourn. 17	St. Stans 10

The Parish Youth Ministries Present...



Paint and Sip

Middle & High School Students!
You're invited to join us on Sunday, January 28th
anytime from 11:30am to 2:30pm!

This free event will be filled with fun, refreshments, and music! We hope to see you there!

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Life in Our Parish

La Vida en Nuestra Parroquia

- ☉ **Thank You** to all who contributed the \$1,381 to the second collection January 7 for the Diocesan Mission Fund enabling our Bishop to give to various appeals and to those who contributed \$1500 to help defray the costs of heating our buildings.
- ☉ **Feeding the Hungry** — Our Food Pantry Ministry would like to thank Joseph Soraci for a very generous donation in memory of his mother, Norma. These funds go toward purchasing items like apples or roast chickens by the case which are then made available to needy families.

- ☉ **Gracias** a todos los que contribuyeron con los \$1,381 a la segunda colecta del 7 de enero para el Fondo de Misión Diocesana que permitió a nuestro Obispo donar a varias campañas y a aquellos que contribuyeron con 1500\$ para ayudar a sufragar los costos de calefacción de nuestros edificios.
- ☉ **Alimentando a los Necesitados** — Nuestro Ministerio de Despensa de Alimentos desea agradecer a Joseph Soraci por una donación muy generosa en memoria de su madre, Norma. Estos fondos se destinan a la compra de artículos como manzanas o pollos asados por caja, que luego se ponen a disposición de las familias necesitadas.

Statement of Contributions To The Church | Declaración de Contribuciones a la Iglesia

If you use the envelope system to make contributions to the parish, a statement of your 2023 contributions can be obtained by contacting the Parish Office. If you don't receive the envelope packets and wish to, please contact the office as well.

Si utiliza el sistema de sobres para hacer contribuciones a la parroquia, puede obtener un estado de cuenta de sus contribuciones de 2023 comunicándose con la Oficina Parroquial. Si no recibe los paquetes de sobres y desea recibirlos, comuníquese también con la oficina.

Things that hurt more than giving blood #66:

Paper cuts.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Mary Gate of Heaven
Colección de Sangre

When: Sunday, February 4th, 2024
Cuando: Domingo, 4 febrero del 2024
Time/Hora: 8:15am ~ 2:15pm
Where/Donde: Church Basement

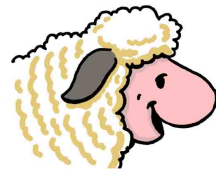
104-06 101 Ave, Ozone Park, NY 11416

Appointments preferred, walk-ins based on capacity



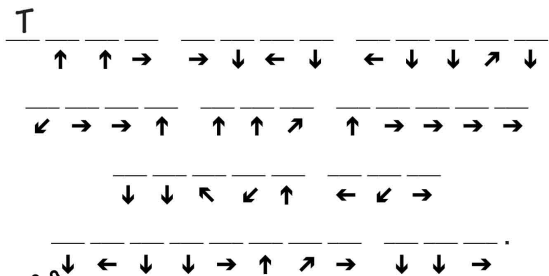
Scan QR code to make an appointment

Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo. Masks are required for all donors regardless of vaccination status. For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit nybc.org/coronavirus.



Jesus called the four fishermen to follow Him. What did they do?

Follow the arrows from letter to letter to fill the blanks.



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