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THE END OF THE WORLD?

We've all heard predictions about the impending end of the world. We are often fascinated with the possibility of the end of the world, but this interest can easily become distorted and misconstrued. When we obsess over trying to solve the puzzle of when the world is going to end, we miss the Gospel message the Jesus was really preaching.

In our readings for this Sunday, the Church invites us to reflect on this call to approach each day as our last, to strive continually to hold absolutely nothing back from the Lord because we assume we'll have another chance tomorrow.

First Reading Reflection Daniel 12:1–3

The short reading from Daniel is often interpreted to refer prophetically to the end of time. If we consider the number of TV shows and movies that concern the end times, we might be tempted to think that we are overly obsessed with thinking about the end of the world. This preoccupation, however, does not properly reverence the Second Coming of Christ. The Benedictine liturgist Adrian Nocent, in commenting on this passage from Daniel, gives us a profound insight into the proper Catholic orientation toward the end of time:

"Christians today do not think enough about the parousia, or second coming of Christ; we tend

to reflect exclusively on our death and our appearance before the judgment seat of God. This is because we are not sufficiently conscious that we belong to a Kingdom that must someday enter its final and definitive state. This does not mean, of course, that we should be uninterested in our individual, personal salvation.



tion; it means only that we should view this in the perspective of the final and all-embracing passage of this world to its final state and condition at the last judgment.

The 'last judgment' is in any case more than simply a judgment and should not be approached purely in a spirit of fear lest we be punished. It is also God's great act of reconstruction, and we can be sure that God will produce something unimaginably new and great. The Christian expectation of final redemption should take the form of a lively, joyous hope of that great act of reconstruction" (The Liturgical Year, vol. 4, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, 1977).

This prophecy of final redemption from Daniel is given to Israel in the midst of exile in Babylon. She will face further conquests by other powerful nations, Daniel is told, but in the end, "The wise will shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament." There is a twofold coming prophesized here. The first is the coming of Christ into the world, who will bring redemption to the people. The second is the Second Coming of Christ at the end of the world. Despite the fact that those hearing this prophecy in Daniel's times would not live to see the final vindication of Christ at the end of the world, there is still the great hope that we will rise again with Christ someday.

Second Reading Reflection Hebrews 10:11–14, 188

The author of Hebrews contrasts the priests in the Temple who make a daily offering with Christ, who, after his one sacrifice of his life on the Cross "took his seat forever at the right hand of God" (Heb. 10:11-12). Christ, as the High Priest of the New Covenant, offers only a single sacrifice that is sufficient for the redemption of all our sins. The merit of the sacrifice of God's eternal Son is of infinite value. What could possibly be added to an infinite sacrifice?

Christ's sacrifice is once and for all. Nothing could add to it; complete atonement has been made, and we have received forgiveness of all sins through the merits of Christ's sacrifice on Calvary. So why do priests offer up the Mass daily? Does this not re-

peat the sacrifice of Calvary? The Mass does not repeat Christ's sacrifice, but rather re-presents the one and same sacrifice on the Cross. In such a way, the priest does not re-sacrifice Christ. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states this clearly:

"The redemptive sacrifice of Christ is unique, accomplished once for all; yet it is made present in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Church. The same is true of the one priesthood of Christ; it is made present through the ministerial priesthood without diminishing the uniqueness of Christ's priesthood: 'Only Christ is the true priest, the others being only his ministers'" (art. 1545).

Gospel Reflection Mark 13:24–32

Some commentators believe that this passage, along with its parallels in Matthew 24 and Luke 21 as demonstrating Jesus's confusion about the end of time. "I assure you that this generation shall not pass away until all these things take place." Some argue that Jesus was here indicating that the end of the world would come soon, even though that did not actually happen, which proves that Jesus

did not fully understand when the world would end. This interpretation, however, ignores the internal evidence of the text. Chapter 13 begins with the disciples and Jesus discussing the destruction of the Temple (not the world), and the disciples ask when this destruction will occur. Jesus replies that it will occur within a generation; at this time, a "generation" was thought to be forty years. This was the length of time, for example, that it took for the "generation", which had defied Yahweh in the exodus from Egypt, to die off before Israel could enter into the Promised Land. So Jesus was suggesting that within forty years of that time (roughly 30 A.D.) the Temple would be destroyed. And indeed, the destruction of the Temple did occur in 70 A.D.

Why then does Jesus speak of the sun and moon being darkened and the stars falling from the sky? One commentator suggests that, since the Jewish people (as did all ancient people) identified the heavenly bodies as the governors of time (see Gen 1:14-19), such calamities in the heavens would suggest an end of an age. Unusual astronomical occurrences may have accompanied the destruc-

tion of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., but there is probably a symbolic significance to Jesus's words here as well. Even though Jesus did not come in judgment at the destruction of the Temple, did this mean that he was not predicting the end of the world in Mark 13?

Well, not quite. For the Jews, the Temple and Jerusalem were understood to be symbols of God's whole creation. The early Church absorbed this understanding and saw in the events of the period we've been discussing the end of one world and the beginning of a new world, the Christian world or age. We still divide time into two ages: "B.C." and "A.D.", which mean, "Before Christ" and "Anno Domini" ("The Year of the Lord"). And so, when the Church looks ahead to the return of Christ at His Second Coming, she believes that the events of that time will parallel the events of 70 A.D. Just as the old world passed away with the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, the whole world will pass away at some future time, the day and the hour of which remain unknown to all but God.

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Opening the Word Discussion

Watch a short video reflection and respond online (or in person with a friend) to the discussion questions.

Find the Opening the Word Discussion on FORMED.org and click the "Community" tab on the top of the page.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 11/17

- 8:30am Patricia Bellavia †
- 5:00pm Medardo Vitalicia †
- 7:00pm Nosadini, Osorno, Garcia and Caranza Families †

Sunday 11/18

- 6:45am Ramino Resendiz †
- Hector & Sofia Hernandez †
- 8:00am Joseph & Marvel Valent †
- 9:30am Larry Thomson †
- 11:00am Antonio & Irene Ragasa
- 12:30pm Sandra Gomez †
- 6:00pm Mass for Our Parish

Monday 11/19

- 8:30am Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 11/20

- 8:30am Arturo B. Gorospe †

Wednesday 11/21

- 8:30am Ramu Ramanathan †
- 7:00pm Luis Alberto Muñoz †

Thursday 11/22

- 8:30am Richard, Julie & Emile Boerger †

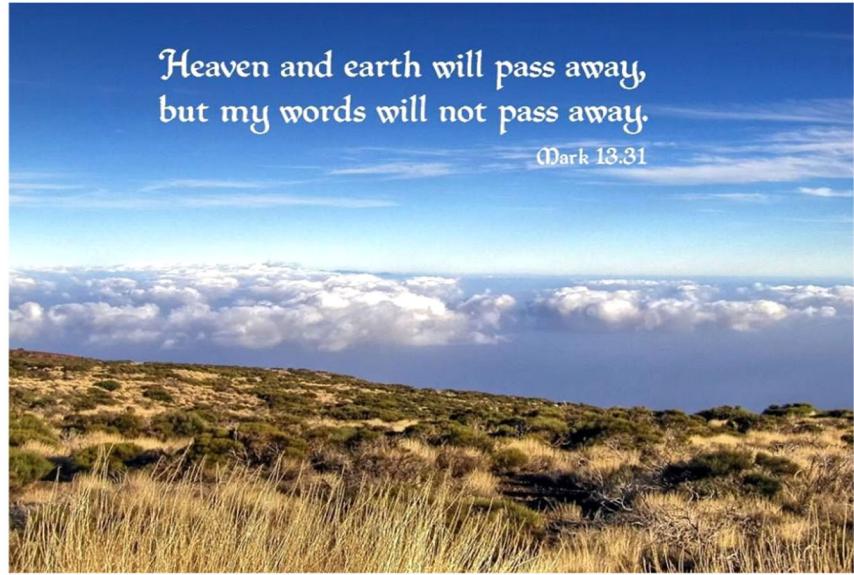
Friday 11/23

- 8:30am Mildred Egan †

To arrange a Mass intention, please visit the Church Office. The suggested donation of \$10 per intention goes to the priest who celebrates the Mass.

Effective October 3, each month, from October through December, parishioners can request up to two Mass intentions only.

Mass intentions will not be accepted through the mail and will only be taken in the Church Office.



Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

Mark 13:31

PRAYER

Return to the Gospel for this week. Jesus is not only prophesying about their specific generation, but he is also asking them to consider the fleetingness of this world.

Take the word that comes to mind and reflect on what it means to you personally. For example, the phrase, "my words will not pass away," might have stuck out to you. Consider what this means in your own life. We often rely on material things for our stability, even though these things will one day disappear. Ask the Lord for the grace to put all your trust in him.

RESOLUTION

We are called to consider our inevitable death but also the hope of the Resurrection. Even Jesus didn't suffer for the sake of suffering, but rather, "for the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross." We cannot face our death without the virtue of hope.

Hope is one of the three theological virtues; the other two virtues are faith and charity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines hope as, "the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (art. 1817).

Hope is the gift that enables us to face our death and to grow in happiness for the day when we will be with God in heaven! Ask God for the increase of hope in your life, as you anticipate your death and look forward to eternal life with God.

Send your prayer requests to
Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com

About Anointing of the Sick



In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising. The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

~from the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*

Does a person have to be dying to receive this sacrament? No. The Catechism says, "The anointing of the sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as a member of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived" (CCC 1514).

At St. Michael's we are blessed to have an Anointing of the Sick every first Saturday of the month after the 8:30 am Mass.

However, we need to know that this Anointing is only for those who are in danger of death, those who are dying (hospice) and those who are frequently sick due to old age or a chronic illness that endangers one's life.

Those who are also preparing for a major surgery are encouraged to receive the Sacrament.

In connection with this, I would like to commend the effort of our homebound ministry and those who minister to the sick, especially those praying with and administering Holy Communion to them. Ministering to the sick and dying is also ministering to Jesus Himself (Mt 25:36-40).

If you know of people, friends and family members who are homebound and who need the Sacrament of Anointing, please call our office and set an appointment with one of our priests for a visit. We will be glad to meet the sick, pray

with them and offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

I would like to convey this message to all who are sick and dying: It is one of my priorities as your Pastor to make sure that you are prepared spiritually and receive the sacrament of God's healing and peace. Let us pray together:

Priest: Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen

Priest: May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.

R. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Carl



Learn more about the Sacrament of Anointing by viewing this short video on FORMED.org:

Symbolon: Living the Faith, session 4 "Penance and Anointing of the Sick"

Find it under "Study" then "Faith Formation"

ADVENT

Dear Parish Family,

Are you ready for Advent and Christmas? This is my first Advent and Christmas with you as your new pastor, and I am excited to celebrate this joyful season with you all. I invite you all to join me in prayer and in thanksgiving for the Incarnation of the God in our world... "When the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

The following are the liturgies and prayer opportunities that we have for the season. Please cut out this section below and keep it handy! Let us gather together and celebrate as one family and parish!

Fr Carl



Immaculate Conception

(Holy Day of Obligation)

December 8

Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7
6:00 pm in English
7:30 pm in Spanish

Mass on Saturday, December 8
8:30 am English, 11 am Spanish

Simbang Gabi

Filipino Novena Masses

December 16-24

Mass at 5:30 am each day.

Who is Jesus?

3-Part Online Advent Series

Is Jesus just a nice, moral teacher? Was he just like all the other religious founders? What was different and special about him?

This 3-part Advent mini-course by Bishop Robert Barron will help you encounter the real Jesus, to know him and love him, and to learn why he still matters today.

You will receive a short video per week (fewer than 10 minutes each) and an opportunity to share your thoughts and reflections. This is an easy way to embrace the season of Advent!

December 6 - Who is Jesus?

December 13 - Why Did Jesus Have to Die on the Cross?

December 20 - Why Does the Resurrection Matter?

Flocknote.com/StMichaelLivermore/WhoisJesus

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

December 9-11

Triduum (Spanish)

December 12

4:00 am Mananita
5:00 am Mass (Spanish)
8:30 am Mass (English)
7:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

Posadas

December 16 - Courtyard at 7 pm
December 16-22 in homes
December 23 - Courtyard at 7 pm



Christmas Masses

Monday, December 24

3 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm (Spanish)

Tuesday, December 25

12:00 midnight, 6:45 am, 8:00 am,
9:30 am, 11:00 am, and
12:30 pm (Spanish)

Mary, Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Mass on Monday, Dec 31 at
6:00 pm in English and
7:30 pm in Spanish

Mass on Tuesday, January 1

8:30 am in English and
11:00 am in Spanish

Parish Offices Closed Dec 24th – Jan 1st

MONDAY, NOV 19

Readings: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Stained Glass Window Tour at 10 am in the Church.

Parish Reconciliation Service at 6:30 pm in the Church.

Are you following us? Find St Michael Livermore on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

THURSDAY, NOV 22

St. Cecilia; Thanksgiving Day

Readings: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Parish Offices Closed

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:30 am. All are invited to bring your bread and beverages for a blessing.

May God bless you and your family! If you are traveling, please stay safe.

SUNDAY, NOV 25

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Readings: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

The Feast of Christ the King was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism. Secularism is a way of life in which one leaves God out of one's thinking and living and instead organizes his life as if God did not exist.

TUESDAY, NOV 20

Readings: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

What better place to be thankful than in the Adoration Chapel? This season, make it a priority to schedule time with Jesus in the Chapel. Souls are changed in the presence of Jesus!

Sign up for a regular Holy Hour by sending an email to Adoration@StMichaelLivermore.com

FRIDAY, NOV 23

St. Clement I; St. Columban

Readings: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Parish Offices Closed

Canon 1250 states that the days and time of penance for the whole Church are the Fridays of the entire year. Abstaining from meat is the preferred method, but other forms of penance, piety or acts of charity may be performed.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28

Parish Offices close at noon for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Confession at 2:30 pm in the Convent. This is the last Confession opportunity before Thanksgiving.

SATURDAY, NOV 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions

Readings: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Confession at 9:15 am, 3:45 pm and 6:45 pm (Spanish)

Do you have an Advent plan? It's easy to get caught up in the busy time of year. Take a moment now to schedule a prayer practice to keep you centered on preparing for Jesus.

Welcome, Monsignor Peter!

Monsignor Peter Mondejar Correa will be staying with us until January. He is a former Associate Professor at St. Patrick Seminary, Menlo Park (2004 - 2009) and is currently on sabbatical as the Vice-Rector and Dean of Studies at St. Joseph Regional Seminary in the Philippines.

He loves to play tennis and watch movies! When you see him, please give him a warm St Michael's welcome.





Family Movie Night: The Polar Express

**Friday, November 30, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Large Hall**

Our Knights of Columbus will host a Family Movie Night for all families of St. Charles and St. Michael's parishes and present "The Polar Express", a Christmas movie about a boy's rail adventure to the North Pole.

There is no charge for this fun event. Please come to enjoy this entertaining show with your fellow parishioners. Our Knights will have popcorn, water, and lemonade for all. Bring the whole family, blankets and snacks to share.

St Michael School Boutique Faire

**Friday, November 30, 5:30 pm—7:30 pm
St. Michael's Small Hall**

Before the movie starts, stop by the boutique for a plate full of yummies and to browse for presents sure to delight those hard-to-shop-for friends. Proceeds benefit St Michael School.

Make Homemade Christmas Cards

**Sunday, December 2, after 9:30 and 11:00 Masses
Small Hall**

All parishioners are invited to make Christmas cards to attach to Santa's Secret Service presents. This is a great way for even the tiniest of hands to spread joy this Christmas! Bring your family and let's introduce ourselves. Contact Karen at Families@StMichaelLivermore.com

Beware of Email Scams

Several parishioners have received emails from someone impersonating Fr Carl, asking for gift cards. This is not Fr Carl! Please do not respond, and delete the email. The authorities have been contacted.

If you have received the impersonating email after Nov 9, please contact TinaGregory@StMichaelLivermore.com

Training for New Readers

Starting January 7, 2019

Do you hear the call to proclaim Sacred Scripture at Mass? Come attend 5 training and practice sessions to be held on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm starting on January 7. These sessions will be held in the Sacristy and altar area of the church.

Please register in advance at 925-667-4095 or email Liturgy@StMichaelLivermore.com.

HOME Campaign

Since 1974, Lawrence Livermore Lab employees have donated generously to support various charitable causes through the HOME Campaign, their annual employee-based charitable drive for Helping Others More Effectively (HOME). If you are a Lab employee, please consider giving to St Michael Church and St Vincent de Paul Society.

Give to the Bishop's Appeal

By sharing your time, talent and treasure with our sisters and brothers and our Church of the East Bay, you are making a sacrifice and returning to God a small portion of the many gifts he has given to you. By embracing Lighting the Way through the 2018 Bishop's Appeal, you are contributing greatly to building up the Kingdom of God here in the Church of the East Bay.

If you have already made a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, thank you! If you have not yet offered a gift, please visit oakdiocese.org/giving/bishops-appeal

Number of Donors	160
Month-to-Date	\$39,719
Parish Goal	77,500
Percentage Reached	69.83%



“En el Sacramento de la Iglesia de la Unción de los Enfermos, a través del ministerio del sacerdote, es Jesús quien toca a los enfermos para curarlos del pecado, y algunas veces incluso de dolencias físicas. Sus curas fueron signos de la llegada del Reino de Dios. El mensaje central de su curación nos habla de su plan para vencer el pecado y la muerte al morir y resucitar.

El Rito de la Unción de los enfermos nos dice que no hay necesidad de esperar hasta que una persona esté a punto de morir para recibir el Sacramento. Un juicio cuidadoso sobre la gravedad de la enfermedad es suficiente.

Cuando se da el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, el efecto esperado es que, si es la voluntad de Dios, la persona se sane físicamente de la enfermedad. Pero incluso si no hay curación física, el efecto principal del Sacramento es una curación espiritual mediante la cual la persona enferma recibe el don de paz y valor del Espíritu Santo para enfrentar las dificultades que acompañan a una enfermedad grave o la fragilidad de la vejez.

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~ Del Catecismo Católico de Estados Unidos para Adultos.

Sobre la unción de los enfermos

¿Una persona tiene que estar muriendo para recibir este sacramento? No. El Catecismo dice: "La unción de los enfermos no es un sacramento solo para aquellos que están al punto de la muerte. Por lo tanto, tan pronto como un miembro de los fieles comienza a estar en peligro de muerte por enfermedad o vejez, el momento oportuno para que reciba este sacramento ciertamente ya ha llegado "(CCC 1514).

En St. Michael's, tenemos la bendición de tener una Unción de los Enfermos cada primer sábado del mes después de la misa de las 8:30 am.

Sin embargo, necesitamos saber que esta Unción es solo para aquellos que están en peligro de muerte, aquellos que están muriendo (hospicio) y aquellos que con frecuencia están enfermos debido a la vejez o a una enfermedad crónica que pone en peligro la vida. Aquellos que también se están preparando para una cirugía mayor también se les anima a recibir el Sacramento.

En relación con esto, me gustaría felicitar el esfuerzo de nuestro ministerio en el hogar y de aquellos que atienden a los enfermos, especialmente a aquellos que oran con ellos y les administran la Sagrada Comunión. Ayudar a los enfermos y a los moribundos también es ministrar a Jesús mismo (Mt 25: 36-40).

Si conoce a personas, amigos y familiares que están confinados en su hogar y que necesitan el Sacramento de la Unción de los enfermos, llame a nuestra oficina y haga una cita con uno de nuestros sac-

erdotes para una visita. Estaremos encantados de encontrarnos con los enfermos, orar con ellos y ofrecerles el Sacramento de la Reconciliación y la Eucaristía.

Me gustaría transmitir este mensaje a todos los que están enfermos y moribundos: es una de mis prioridades como Pastor asegurarme de que estén preparados espiritualmente, y de que reciban el sacramento de la sanidad y la paz de Dios. Oremos juntos:

Sacerdote: A través de esta santa unción. Que el Señor en su amor y misericordia te ayude con la gracia del Espíritu Santo.

R. Amen

Sacerdote: Que el Señor te libere del pecado te salve y te resucite

R. Amén.

Tuyo en cristo

P. Carl



Para más información, vea este breve video en FORMED.org:

Symbolon: Viviendo La Fe, sesión 4 “Reconciliación y Unidad de los Enfermos”

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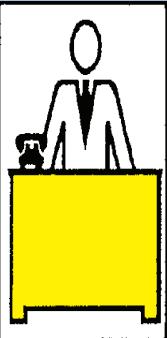
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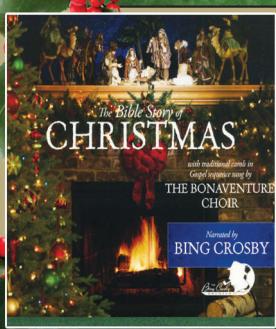
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Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa 8:30 am

Wed | Mi 7:00 pm (español)

First Friday | Primer viernes

12:00 pm in the chapel
en la capilla

Sat Vigil | Vigilia del Sábado

5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (español)

Sunday | Domingo

6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,
12:30 pm (español), 6:00 pm

Sign Language | Lenguaje por Señas

1st Sun, 11:00 am
Primer domingo a las 11:00 am

Vietnamese | Vietnamita

4th Sun, 3:30 pm
Cuarto domingo a las 3:30 pm

Confession | Confesión

Saturday, in the church | Sábado en la iglesia

9:00 am & 3:45 pm in English
6:15 pm en español

Monday & Friday in the church |

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7:30 am in English & español

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2:30 pm in English

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