



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

We Are Ambassadors for Christ



March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent

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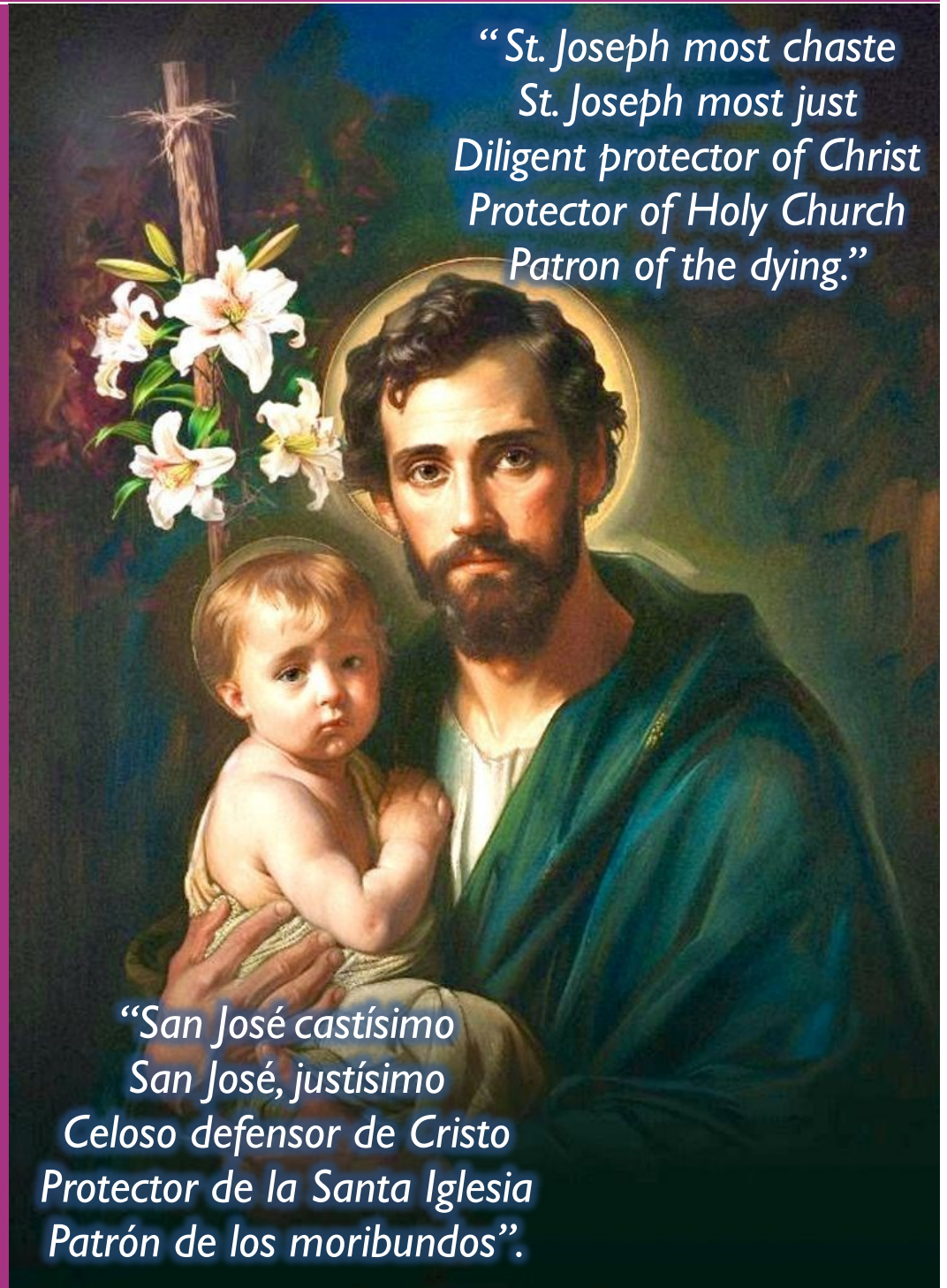
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Thank you for joining us today!
¡Gracias por acompañarnos!



*“St. Joseph most chaste
St. Joseph most just
Diligent protector of Christ
Protector of Holy Church
Patron of the dying.”*

*“San José castísimo
San José, justísimo
Celoso defensor de Cristo
Protector de la Santa Iglesia
Patrón de los moribundos”.*

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MASS SCHEDULE



Parishioners are invited to come celebrate with us the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - Eng.

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday 4:00 PM - Eng.
Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday 6:00 PM - Sp.
Sunday 8:00 AM - Eng. 10:00 AM - Eng.
12:00 PM - Sp. 6:00 PM - Sp.

Confessions:

Saturdays 2:00-3:30 PM, English & Spanish, or by appointment.

Call the Parish Office at (863) 422-4370. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 15, 2025

4:00 PM Intentions of Nelson Torres
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Amparo Gonzalez

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:00 AM † Sue Bennett
 10:00 AM † Walter W. Serynek
 12:00 PM (Sp.) † Esther Inez Morales
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Luis Javier Salas Salazar

Monday, March 17, 2025

9:00 AM † Judith Ference

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

9:00 AM † Mary Ference

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, March 20, 2025

9:00 AM † Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 21, 2025

9:00 AM † Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 22, 2025

4:00 PM Intentions of Pope Francis
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Ana Julia Fernandez de Lope

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:00 AM † Jim Read
 10:00 AM † Mellie Flanagan
 12:00 PM (Sp.) † Isaura Salazar
 6:00 PM (Sp.) Birthday of Israel Pineda Robalcaba

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

March 8 & 9, 2025

Regular Offertory: \$24,194.50
 Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$0
 50/50: Winner has been notified - \$158
 Faith Direct February 16-28: \$6,516.48
 Miscellaneous: \$4,353.45



OCA 2025 Update:

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$191,737.10
 Pledged to Date: \$77,679.63
 Cash received to Date: \$23,292.96
 Still needed in Pledges: \$114,057.47

While we have made a lot of progress in pledges, there is an amount in pledges that needs to be covered.

Thank you for helping to spread the good news of salvation!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place all day on **Fridays** in the church from 9:30 AM-6:30 PM.

***Every first Friday of the month, the reposicion will be at 5:30 PM, followed by Mass in Spanish.**



Ministerio San Jose se reunirá el mes de Marzo en el hogar de la familia de:

Sra. Angie R. Roman
987 Chamler Dr.
Haines City, FL 33844

FAITH DIRECT

If you haven't already, please consider enrolling. You may visit faith.direct/FL1031 or through our website www.stannhc.com to enroll for regular Offertory and our Buildings & Grounds fund securely on-line. Also, "text to give" is available at **(863) 400-1077**. You can text to enroll and text any dollar amount.

We pray for your continued good health and safety in this time of change, and always know you are in our prayers. God Bless You!



St. Joseph
 Foster Father of
Our Lord Jesus
 Christ, and
 spouse of the
 Virgin Mary,
 Pray for us.
 Amen.

THE PLACE OF THE ENCOUNTER



After Jesus said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things, be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and on the third day be raised” (Luke 9:22), the disciples were disheartened. They were expecting a different kind of Messiah—one who would use a strong army to defeat the Roman Empire. However, a couple of days later, Jesus invited three of His chosen disciples, Peter, James, and John (His favorite), to accompany Him to the Holy Mountain to pray and witness a great manifestation of His divinity.

In Jewish tradition, mountains signify places of encounter with God. Moses met God on a mountaintop, as did Elijah; it was also a favored place of prayer for Jesus. On that mountain, the apostles had their spiritual eyes opened and were utterly astonished when the heavens were unveiled. They heard the voice of the invisible God proclaiming, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him” (Luke 9:35). This confirmation reassured them that Jesus was indeed the One who had come to bring salvation. With God by His side, the final victory would be His.

In our lives, we face moments that leave us feeling discouraged and devastated when we receive news that we don’t want to hear or that contradicts our desires. During such times, our faith may waver, and we might question, “Where is God?” or “Why is this happening?” You may also know someone who is enduring personal or family crises, such as terminal illness or relationship breakdowns between spouses, parents, children, or friends.

In these difficult moments, we need to ascend the mountain of prayer and ask God to open our eyes so we can see clearly. When God grants us a glimpse of eternity, we realize that our troubles in this life are temporary. This understanding gives us the courage to accept our suffering, knowing God is on our side. All it takes is a glimpse of heaven to empower us to take up our daily crosses and follow Jesus, with the knowledge that the victory of Easter comes after the cross of Lent.

Fr. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

EXCLUSIVE REGISTRATION FOR CURRENT STUDENTS

February 18-March 13

(Placement Is Only Guaranteed During the Exclusive Registration.)

If your child is currently enrolled in our:

Kindergarten Class, and you wish to enroll your child in our 2025-2026 (non-sacramental) First-Grade Class.

First-Grade Class, and you wish to enroll your child in our 2025-2026 Second-Grade Class so that they can prepare to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in 2026.

Sixth-Grade Class Holy Communion Prep Class, and you wish to enroll your child in our 2025-2026 Seventh Grade so that they can prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 2026.

Sixth-Grade Continuing Formation Class, and you wish to enroll your child in our 2025-2026 Seventh Grade so that they can prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 2026.

Registration Days & Time

10:00 AM until 2:00 PM - (Tuesday & Thursday)

8:15 AM until 12:00 PM - (Saturdays when classes are in session)

Fees

Cost varies according to grade level and the number of sacraments you need.

Please call the Office of Religious Education for more information.

ARE YOU READY FOR
REGISTRATION?

LENTEN SMALL GROUP

Make this
LENT
a New Experience of
Grace & Forgiveness

Every Monday during Lent
5:30 PM - Fr. Carlos Bldg. (in English),
we will meditate and share based on the Sunday
readings found at
<https://bible.usccb.org/readings>.

All are welcome,
both Catholics & non-Catholics.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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Every Friday in Lent

**Rest of the
Holy Sacrament**

4:45 PM

5:15 PM - English
6:15 PM - Spanish

The Way of the Cross, or the Stations of the Cross, is a Christian devotion that commemorates the events of Good Friday, from Jesus being condemned to death to the moment He is laid in the tomb.



ST. ANN'S SOCIAL EVENT



**St Joseph Feast Day
Celebration
Dinner Dance**



March 22, 2025
5:00 PM - Social Hall

Tickets: \$25 per person



Tickets sold at:
Church Office, Narthex, or
from any Columbiette or Knight

This celebration is an Italian tradition to honor St. Joseph and to fellowship with the community family members and parishioners.

If possible, please bring some dry or canned goods to share with the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

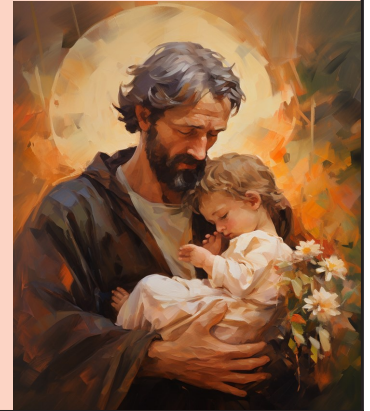
In commemorating the Feast of St. Joseph (our patron saint of the Catholic Church), we invite you to join us in celebrating Mass on:

March 19

9:00 AM - Eng.
6:00 PM - Sp.

Immediately following
Mass, we will have snacks
and refreshments in the
Social Hall.

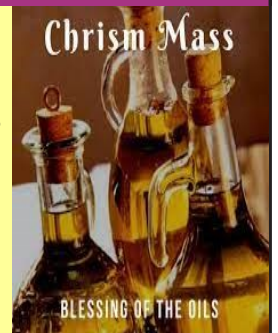
Please join us!



CHRISM MASS

Join us at the celebration
of the Chrism Mass at the
Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary,
Queen of the Universe
8300 Apopka Vineland Ave.
Orlando

Monday, April 14 at 11:00 AM
or via live stream on the diocesan
Facebook page.



During the Chrism Mass, Bishop Noonan will consecrate the holy oils for Catechumens, used in Sacraments, and to anoint the Sick.

The Chrism Mass is also an opportunity for all priests to renew their priestly vows.

K OF C FISH FRY



Every Friday Mar 7 to Apr 11

Serving Time: 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

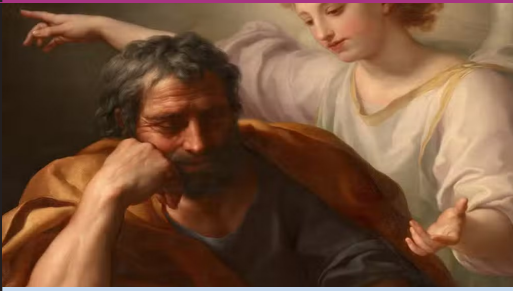
**Fried Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw,
Hushpuppies, Ice Tea.**

Desserts included.

Adults — \$15 Children Under 6 years — \$7

St Ann Catholic Church Social Hall

SAINT OF THE WEEK: JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY



The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts.

When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” someone, it means that God, the all-holy or “righteous” one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God’s holiness, and hence it is really “right” for God to love them. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not.

By saying Joseph was “just,” the Bible means that he was open to all God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.

The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary and the depth of their love during their marriage.

It is no contradiction of Joseph’s manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The essential words of the Bible are that he planned to do this “quietly” because he was “a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame” (Matthew 1:19).

The just man was joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, naming Jesus, shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, and bringing them to Nazareth in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

Reflection: The Bible tells us nothing of Joseph in the years after the return to Nazareth except the incident of finding Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41–51). Perhaps this can be taken to mean that God wants us to realize that the holiest family was like every other family, that the circumstances of life for the holiest family were like those of every family so that when Jesus’ mysterious nature began to appear, people couldn’t believe that he came from such humble beginnings: “Is he not the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother named Mary...?” (Matthew 13:55a). It was almost as indignant as “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” (John 1:46b).

RITE OF ELECTION AT THE BASILICA SHRINE OF MARY, QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Your example as a parish has supported these 20 individuals on their path toward initiation into the Roman Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion, which they will receive at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19. These 20 with their sponsors were received in the Rite of Election by Bishop John Noonan last Sunday. They are no longer catechumens but are members of the Order of the Elect. Please pray for them throughout this Lenten season.

IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE ELECT

When there are Elect in a parish, the Sunday liturgy for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays in Lent uses the readings from Year A (Gospel of John), and if the Elect are present, offers them the special prayers and intercessions referred to as the Scrutinies. In a spirit of accompaniment with our Elect, the entire parish will again this year use the Year A readings for these three Sundays in both English and Spanish. For those following in the Magnificat or other such booklet, these will be the Optional OCIA Readings.

MEDITATIONS THROUGH VIDEO

On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays in Lent, we invite you to arrive at least 20 minutes early for each of the English Masses as we will again offer you a meditation video from The Chosen focusing on the unique encounter with Jesus detailed in the Gospel story of that week.



EL LUGAR DEL ENCUENTRO



Después de que Jesús dijo: “Es necesario que el Hijo del Hombre padezca mucho, sea desechado por los ancianos, los sacerdotes y los escribas, sea muerto y resucite al tercer día” (Lucas 9:22), los discípulos se desanimaron. Estaban esperando un tipo diferente de Mesías, uno que usaría un ejército fuerte para derrotar al Imperio Romano. Sin embargo, un par de días después, Jesús invitó a tres de sus discípulos escogidos, Pedro, Santiago y Juan (su favorito), a que lo acompañaran al Monte Santo para orar y presenciar una gran manifestación de su divinidad.

En la tradición judía, las montañas significan lugares de encuentro con Dios. Moisés se encontró con Dios en la cima de una montaña, al igual que Elías; también era un lugar de oración favorito para Jesús. En esa montaña, los apóstoles tuvieron sus ojos espirituales abiertos y quedaron completamente asombrados cuando los cielos fueron descubiertos. Oyeron la voz del Dios invisible que proclamaba: “Este es mi Hijo, mi Elegido; a Él escuchad” (Lucas 9:35). Esta confirmación les aseguró que Jesús era en verdad el que había venido a traer la salvación. Con Dios a su lado, la victoria final sería suya.

En nuestra vida, enfrentamos momentos que nos dejan sintiéndonos desanimados y devastados cuando recibimos noticias que no queremos escuchar o que contradicen nuestros deseos. Durante esos momentos, nuestra fe puede vacilar y podemos preguntarnos: “¿Dónde está Dios?” o “¿Por qué está sucediendo esto?”. También puede ser que conozcas a alguien que esté atravesando una crisis personal o familiar, como una enfermedad terminal o rupturas en las relaciones entre cónyuges, padres, hijos o amigos.

En estos momentos difíciles, necesitamos ascender a la montaña de la oración y pedirle a Dios que nos abra los ojos para que podamos ver con claridad. Cuando Dios nos concede un entendimiento de la eternidad, nos damos cuenta de que nuestros problemas en esta vida son temporales. Esta comprensión nos da el coraje para aceptar nuestro sufrimiento, sabiendo que Dios está de nuestro lado. Basta con una visión del cielo para que tomemos la fuerza de tomar nuestras cruces diarias y seguir a Jesús, sabiendo que la victoria de la Pascua viene después de la cruz de la Cuaresma.

P. Alfonso Cely
Párroco

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

INSCRIPCIÓN EXCLUSIVA PARA ESTUDIANTES ACTUALES

Del 18 de febrero al 13 de marzo

(La colocación solo está garantizada durante el registro exclusivo.)

Si su hijo está actualmente inscrito en:

Clase de Kindergarten, y desea inscribir a su hijo en nuestra Clase de Primer Grado 2025-2026 (no sacramental).

Clase de primer grado, y desea inscribir a su hijo en nuestra clase de segundo grado 2025-2026 para que pueda prepararse para recibir el sacramento de la Sagrada Comunión en 2026.

Clase de Sexto Grado Clase de Preparación para la Santa Comunión, y desea inscribir a su hijo en nuestro Séptimo Grado 2025-2026 para que pueda prepararse para recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación en 2026.

Clase de Formación Continua de Sexto Grado, y desea inscribir a su hijo en nuestro Séptimo Grado 2025-2026 para que pueda prepararse para recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación en 2026.

Días y Hora de Registro

10:00 AM until 2:00 PM - martes y Jueves

8:15 AM until 12:00 PM - Sábados cuando las clases están en sesión.

Honorarios

El costo varía según el nivel de grado y la cantidad de sacramentos que necesita.

Por favor llame a la Oficina de Educación Religiosa para más información.

ARE YOU READY FOR
REGISTRATION?

K OF C PESCADO FRITO

Caballeros de Colón



Todos los Viernes del 7 de marzo al 11 de abril

Horario de Servicio: 4:00 pm a 6:30 pm

Pescado frito, papas fritas, ensalada de repollo, hushpuppies, té helado.

Postres incluidos.

Adultos — \$15 Niños Menores de 6 Años — \$7

Salón Social de la Iglesia Católica St Ann

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Todos los Viernes de Cuaresma

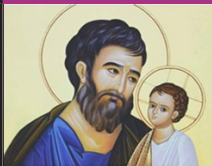
Reposición del Santísimo Sacramento
4:45 PM

Estaciones de la Cruz
5:15 PM (Ing.)
6:15 PM (Esp.)

El Camino de la Cruz, o Las Estaciones de la Cruz, es una devoción cristiana que conmemora los eventos del Viernes Santo, desde que Jesús es condenado a muerte hasta el momento en que es puesto en la tumba.



EVENTO SOCIAL DE ST. ANN



St Joseph Feast Day
Celebration
Dinner Dance



22 de marzo de 2025
5:00 PM - Salón Social

Entradas: \$25 por persona

Entradas vendidas en:
Oficina de la iglesia, Narthex o en cualquier Columbiette o Knight



Esta celebración es una tradición italiana para honrar a San José y para compartir con los miembros de la familia de la comunidad y los feligreses.

Si es posible, traiga algunos productos secos o enlatados para compartir con la despensa de alimentos de St. Vincent de Paul.

NOVENA SAN JOSÉ

El grupo de apostolado San José de la iglesia St. Ann tiene el honor de invitarlos a la novena en honor a San José que se llevara a cabo en el campo de la iglesia.

Cuando: Comenzando el día 10 de Marzo hasta el día 18 de Marzo

Hora: 7:30 PM a 9:00 PM

Lugar: Jardín de San José, campo de la iglesia St. Ann

Esta invitación es abierta a todos los parroquianos.

Acompañenos!



GRUPOS CUARESMALES

TODOS LOS LUNES DE CUARESMA A LAS 5:30 PM en inglés

en el Edificio Padre Carlos.

Meditaremos y compartiremos basándonos en las lecturas dominicales que se encuentran en

<https://bible.usccb.org/readings>.

Todos son bienvenidos
Católicos y no católicos

Make this
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CELEBRACIÓN SAN JOSÉ

Este próximo 19 de Marzo día de San José, en conmemoración al Santo Patrono de la iglesia, tendremos una Misa que se celebrará a las

9:00 AM - (Ing.)
6:00 PM - (Esp.)

Inmediatamente después de la Misa se estará ofreciendo un compartir a la feligresía.

Acompañenos!

