

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish



Pastor: Fr. Ramon Jose Oncog JCL



Confession Schedule:

Saturday (4:00 – 4:45 PM) & Sunday (5:00 – 5:45 PM) or call for appointment

PARISH UPDATE 05/11/2025

Habemus papam! After so much anticipation, we have a new pope in the person of Robert Cardinal Prevost who has taken the name Leo XIV. When somebody told me that white smoke has emitted from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican, I immediately turned on the TV to watch him appear for the first time and give his message and blessing for the people. I admit I got teary-eyed seeing him. It was mostly tears of joy on how much God loves us by giving us a Vicar of Christ to shepherd us and as the point of unity. But, it is also tears of sorrow as I looked at his face and imagine how heavy the cross he has to bear considering the many problems inside and outside of the Church..... As I was watching the live stream from the Vatican, I was reliving the moment Pope Benedict XVI was elected pope in 2005. It was also the second day of the conclave. Our professor dismissed us early from our class because he had a feeling that a new pope will be elected that afternoon. I went home to the Collegio Filipino to quickly change clothes, and went to join the crowd at St. Peter's square. When the white smoke appeared, it was gaudium magnum indeed! All the people rushed to the square. Traffic stopped; people left their cars in the middle of the road, and ran to the square. And, when the new pope appeared, oh my! It was an exhilarating moment! I wish every Catholic could have that experience. Watching on TV just could not compare to it. Being one of the communion distributors during the papal inauguration of Pope Benedict XVI was definitely one of the highlights of my four-year sojourn in Rome..... We can already read online a lot of information about the new pope. We will certainly know more about him in days to come. Robert Cardinal Prevost was not considered as one of the papabile. Somehow the saying, "He who enters the conclave as pope, leaves it as cardinal" is again proven true. Here are my initial impressions and hopes for the new pope: He has a very humble demeanour, almost to the point of being shy. But, I have read that he is a silent reformer both in the Vatican and in the Augustinian Order. He wore the traditional papal garment when he appeared at the balcony. I am hopeful that his reforms will be more in line with the so-called hermeneutic of continuity in the life of the Church. He is the first American pope, so I am hopeful also that this will signal the revival of the Church here in North America. But, since he spent most of his ministry in Peru, I am praying also that his papacy will reverse the decline of Catholicism in Latin America. His choice of the name of Leo might be telling. The last pope who had that name was Leo XIII (reign 1878-1903) was strong on social justice. He advocated vigorously for the rights of workers to a fair wage and safe working conditions. Pope Leo XIII was nicknamed Rosary Pope; he wrote 11 encyclicals regarding Mary and the Rosary. Pope Leo XIV meanwhile invoked the Blessed Mother during his first message orbi et urbi (to the city [of Rome] and to the world. Let us pray for our sovereign pontiff Leo XIV. "May the Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not to the will of his enemies. Amen."

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

May 10// 5PM- Eternal repose of the parents of the Ubachs family – req. Jan Cobben

SUNDAY (4th Sunday of Easter)

May 11// 11AM- For the victims and families of Vancouver Street festival tragedy – req. Jewel White

May 11// 6PM- Misa en Español

MONDAY

May 12// No Mass

TUESDAY

May 13// 7PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

WEDNESDAY (Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle)

May 14// 7PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

THURSDAY

May 15// 7PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

FRIDAY

May 16// 10AM- For the intentions of all parishioners

SATURDAY

May 17// 5PM- Eternal Repose of Parents Ubachs Family

SUNDAY (5th Sunday of Easter)

May 18// 11AM- For the intentions of all parishioners

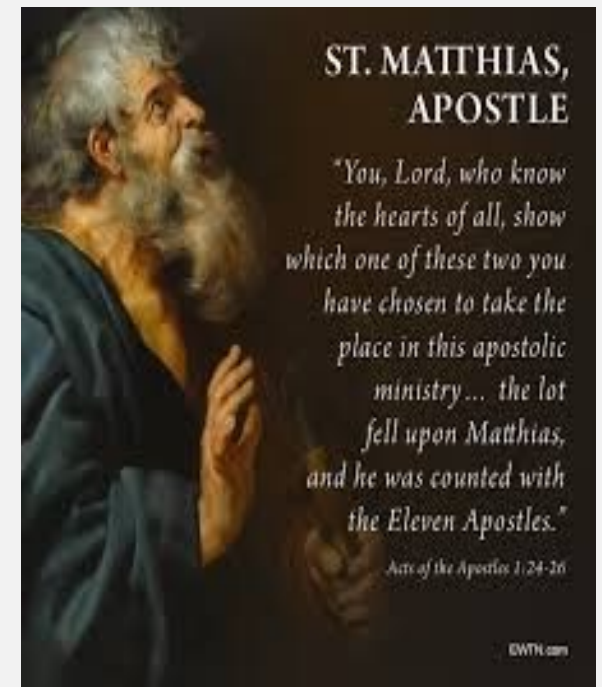
May 18// 6PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

UPCOMING EVENTS*

- ◆ Children's Rosary and Mass- June 7th//4:30PM
- ◆ Misa en Español (Mass in Spanish)-June 8th//6PM
- ◆ Adult Confirmation- June 29th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Please submit Mass Intentions and Announcements by Friday noon for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.



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