

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026
Look toward the Lord
and be radiant!

Por medio de una profecía (PRIMERA LECTURA), Isaías nos anuncia la proximidad del día del Señor, cuando quedarán en libertad los exiliados de Israel, “los que vivían en tierra de sombras”, porque aquel día brillara una gran luz. San Mateo (EVANGELIO) toma la misma profecía cuando comienza a relatarnos el desarrollo del ministerio de Jesús en Galilea, donde ya empezaba “a brillar esa gran luz”. San Pablo (SEGUNDA LECTURA) se queja de que se hayan producido divisiones en la Iglesia de Corinto y hace un llamado a los cristianos para que tengan un solo sentir, ya que todos fueron salvados por la cruz de Cristo.

Masses For The Week

sab 24	Vigilia del III Domingo Ordinario 04:30 pm Missa Pro Populo
Sun 25	III Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:30 am +Fr. Charles McNaboe (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa) Luis Collazo – Birthday (Collazo Family) +Roberto Flores (Rene De Los Santos & Family) +Sara Romero (Daughters) +Gilbert Vidaurre (Mother)
Mon 26	NO MASS
Tue 27	Weekday 08:00 am Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa-30 th Priesthood Anniversary
Wed 28	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 08:00 am +Sandra Torres (Herminia Torres)
Thu 29	Weekday 08:00 am +Rogelio Ortiz, Jr. (Herminia Torres)
Fri 30	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 08:00 am +Carlos & Sevina Torres (Herminia Torres)
Sat 31	St John Bosco, Priest 08:00 am +Andrea & Rogelio Martinez (Collazo Family)

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning For
Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa – 30th Priesthood Anniversary

Good News!

January 25, 2026
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Isaiah 8:23–9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17 /
Matthew 4:12–23 or 4:12–17

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus’ words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on “repent,” or is the emphasis on the announcement, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand”? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees” (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: “for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17). In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●

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Dear Padre

January 25, 2026

Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. “Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion” (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our “Amen” to “The Body of Christ” and “The Blood of Christ” means, “Truly, so be it!” It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us “that they may all be one” (John 17:21). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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2026 Annual Laredo Pro-Life Rosary Walk
Caminata Anual del Rosario Pro-Vida
Sunday, January 25th, 2026 at 2:00 pm



Today Sunday, January 25th, 2026, at 2:00 pm as we pray the rosary on a 2 mile walk culminating with a Mass at San Agustín Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop James Tamayo. We will be asking God to protect human life at all stages from conception to natural death.

We will start at the corner of Boston Street and Santa Ursula Avenue, Laredo, Texas. Shuttle service will be available from San Agustín Cathedral to the starting site from 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm.

For more information call The Family Life Office, Diocese of Laredo, at (956) 727-2140.

Acompáñenos hoy domingo, 25 de enero, 2026 a las 2:00 pm en nuestra caminata de 2 millas, rezando el Rosario, culminando con una Misa en la Catedral San Agustín, celebrada por el Señor Obispo Jaime Tamayo. Rogaremos a Dios que proteja la vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural.

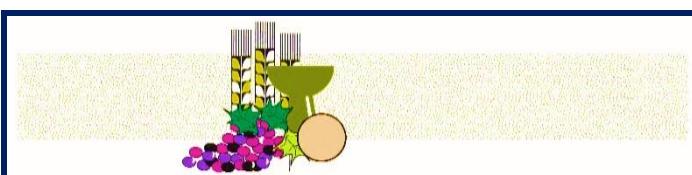
La caminata empezara en la esquina de la Calle Boston y la Avenida Santa Ursula en Laredo, Texas.

Para más información llame a la Oficina del Ministerio a la Familia, de la Diócesis de Laredo, (956) 727-2140.

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Oscar Noriega, Justin Pecina, Irma Santos, Gerardo Castro, Guadalupe Ortiz, María E. Maldonado, Alicia Guardiola, Delia Hinojosa, Rebecca Quintero, and Herminia Torres.



Colecta de la Semana Pasada

Envelopes: \$ 1819.00

Loose: \$ 181.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 19.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 2,019.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 7,737.07



Wedding Anniversary Mass

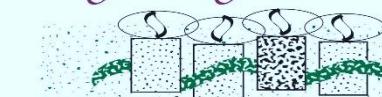
If you or someone you know is celebrating 25 or 50 years of Catholic Marriage

*****Silver, Gold or Diamond Weddings*****
The Diocese of Laredo would like to recognize this important milestone in your married life with a special Mass at San Agustín Cathedral on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Please register for this special event at your Parish Office or contacting the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Laredo at (956) 727-2140.

Deadline for registration is Friday, January 23, 2026.

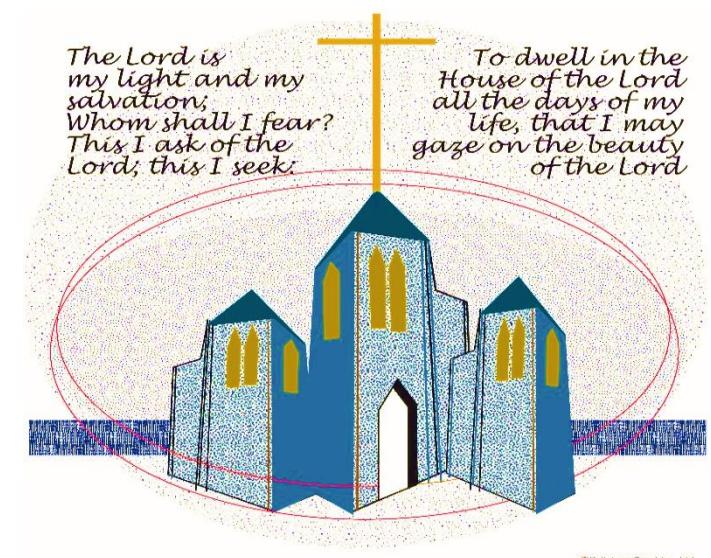
*In a land overshadowed by death
a great light has arisen*



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ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Laredo would like to extend an invitation to the 2026 Annual Diocesan Conference, Pilgrims of Hope. This will take place at TAMIU Student Center (5201 University Boulevard, Laredo, Texas 78041) on Saturday March 7, 2026, from 8:00AM to 4:30PM. Please, save the Date! This conference will give us the wonderful opportunity to continue meditating in the motto of the Jubilee Year 2025. Let us come together to make this a successful and memorable conference!



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