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- **THERE IS NO MAIL IN REGISTRATION THIS YEAR.**
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Bible Studies: *Connecting Scripture to Life Today*

Deep Dive into Matthew. This Bible study, beginning in The University Series, and continuing in the following months, will do a close study of the text, always asking, "How can we apply the teachings of this Gospel to our lives?" Bring your bibles, an open and inquisitive mind, your love for God, and your willingness to encounter Jesus. (5 part series) Come to one night, or come to all!

Fr. Patrick Mullen (Part 1)	BI-01	Monday, February 27	7:00-8:30 PM	Padre Serra
Fr. Patrick Mullen (Part 2)	BI-02	Monday, March 6	7:00-8:30 PM	Padre Serra
Fr. Patrick Mullen (Part 3)	BI-03	Monday, March 13	7:00-8:30 PM	Padre Serra
Fr. Patrick Mullen (Part 4)	BI-04	Monday, March 20	7:00-8:30 PM	Padre Serra
Fr. Patrick Mullen (Part 5)	BI-05	Monday, March 27	7:00-8:30 PM	Padre Serra

Paul's Pagan World. Paul the Apostle was as Jewish as they came, but like all Jews of the first century, lived in a world saturated by Greek-Roman religion, with temples on every street corner, shrines in every household, and daily sacrifice done to "care for" (cultus) the Gods. But the term "Christian" was largely unknown. The word "Catholic" in terms of a religion, did not yet exist. Today, while pilgrimaging in Israel/Palestine and Turkey, and walking through the ruins of ancient cities, one can get a taste of what it was like to "preach the Gospel" in such a world. Take a tour of parts of this world accented by videos, photos and personal anecdotes from my pilgrimages, with reference to New Testament passages that reflect this reality. "Diversity" is nothing new! Let's go!

Dr. William Shaules	BI-06	Monday, February 27	7:00-8:30 PM	Holy Cross
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Lunchtime Food for Thought: Biblical Novellas: Last Books of the Old Testament and Truth for Our Time. The stories of Tobit, Judith, and Esther teach God's Truth to an era of polarization, fake news, and cancel culture. Their truth might be applicable today. Bring your Bibles and prepare to unpack meanings and messages of these last books of the Old Testament.

Steve Picard	BI-07	Friday, March 3	12:15-1:45PM	St. Peter Claver
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Current Events & Faith: *Jesus in the News*

Where is the Pope taking the Church – now? After three years, John Allen returns to America, and The University Series. Come listen to the world's foremost Vatican reporter and learn how to answer "What is going on in the Vatican?" What will the current Synod accomplish? What will the Pope do about the Synodal Path of the church in Germany? Will there ever be a Vatican bank free from scandal? What are we to make of the daily news from papal trips, and competing factions?

John Allen, Jr.	CE-01	Thursday, February 23	7:00-8:30 PM	St. Jude the Apostle
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Are Catholicism and Capitalism Compatible? In this presentation, Dr. Stuart Squires, Director of the M.A. in Pastoral Ministry Program at St. John's Seminary, discusses the Catholic vision of economics. Relying on theological insights from the Church, rather than secular economic theories, Squires describes with nuance how Catholicism advocates for an economic vision that is ordered towards true human flourishing.

Dr. Stuart Squires	CE-02	Tuesday, March 7	7:00-8:30 PM	Our Lady of the Assumption
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What is the Synod on Synodality and Why Should I Care? According to Pope Francis, synodality will be key for the Church in the future. Synodality is "the action of the Spirit in the communion of the Body of Christ and in the missionary journey of the People of God," a process of discernment giving a prominent place to the laity. But what does it have to do with me?

Dr. Janice Daurio	CE-03	Thursday, March 9	7:00-8:30 PM	Holy Cross
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Lunchtime Food for Thought: Collaborative Ministry in the Catholic Church – Yes, it does exist! Women are under-represented in many areas of our faith communities. Come ready to discuss some creative ways women can be real "co-workers" in the vineyard that help support our dwindling and thinly-spread clergy and renew the whole community's feeling of belonging.

Noël Fuentes	CE-04	Friday, March 24	12:15-1:45PM	Padre Serra
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Why Be Catholic? Heck! Why Be Christian at All? The "Nones" are taking over the World. "Nones," not the Nuns. In recent surveys, more and more people are indicating they are not Catholic or have no faith at all. Question? Were they ever given any reasons to be a Christian other than: "Pay, Pray and Obey." There are some wonderful reasons to have a life based on faith rather than secular ideology.

Dcn. Jim Carper	CE-05	Wednesday, March 29	7:00-8:30 PM	St. Peter Claver
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Church History: *Exploring Our Roots*

Lunchtime Food for Thought: A Mission Tour. In the first Lunchtime Food for Thought session of the season, the recently elevated Mission Basilica San Buenaventura again opens its doors to University attendees. Tour this beautiful and historic California mission that Padre Serra founded. You will be guided by expert docents and learn the history of this beloved and important mission. View the magnificent artwork and venerate the relics of the saints that are on display.

Docents CH-01 Friday, February 24 12:15-1:45PM Mission Basilica San Buenaventura

Did you know? Fascinating Facts and Figures about our Catholic Faith. Our over 2000 year history has seen amazing, extraordinary, and fascinating people doing spectacular things. Fr. Shea has a captivating storytelling style to make all these events and people come alive. Come and hear some of the less well known but truly facts and figures in our remarkable Church history.

Fr. Joe Shea (Part 1) CH-02 Wednesday, March 8 7:00-8:30 PM St. Rose of Lima

Did you know? Fascinating Facts and Figures about our Catholic Faith. Fr Shea continues his presentation on some of the fascinating facts, figures, moments and movements in the history of the Catholic Church. Even if you missed Part 1, join Fr. Shea tonight as he shares with us more of those incredible moments, events and people.

Fr. Joe Shea (Part 2) CH-03 Wednesday, March 22 7:00-8:30 PM St. Rose of Lima

Junipero Serra and the Franciscan's Gift of Presence. Junipero Serra and the Franciscan missions have been a target of controversy and debate. What is the truth of their mission and purpose of the Mission System as a means to share the Catholic Faith and spread Spanish culture in Alta California. This presentation will clarify some truths and falsehoods associated with that period in our history.

Fr. Leon Hutton CH-05 Thursday, March 16 7:00-8:30 PM Our Lady of the Assumption

Walking in the Footsteps of St Junípero Serra. What are "The California Mission Trail" and "The St. Junípero Serra Walking Pilgrimage" all about? Sandy Brown, international travel guide, will make a stop during his current cycling tour of the California Missions Trail and join Greg Wood, founder of the Serra Walking Pilgrimage, to collaborate for an evening of adventure as they discuss their unique approaches to travel directly in the footsteps of this saint.

Sandy Brown & Greg Wood CH-04 Wednesday, March 29 7:00-8:30 PM Mission Basilica San Buenaventura

Evangelization: *How to Talk About Your Faith*

Paul VI, Ecumenical Pioneer? Seeking converts is still our goal! One of the main architects of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI also launched an ambitious program to convert the entire world to Catholicism. What can we learn today from this pioneering pope as we continue the ecumenical journey he fostered for the Church during and after Vatican II?

Rev. Alexei Smith EV-01 Tuesday, February 28 7:00-8:30 PM St. Mel

Catholics and Jews: Common Roots, Current Practices. Back again, Fr. Dave Heney and Rabbi Michael Lotker explore the similarities and differences in beliefs, traditions, and practices of these two ancient faiths. This is not a debate, but a clear and concise comparison of the main issues and traditions of both faiths. After each topic, we will open the floor to questions or comments.

Fr. Dave Heney & Rabbi Mike Lotker EV-02 Wednesday, March 1 7:00-8:30 PM St. Mary Magdalen

Luke 10 Leadership: How to Succeed in Enemy Territory. In the 10th Chapter of Luke, Jesus sends His disciples to preach in nearby pagan areas that were hostile to them. In that chapter, Our Lord gives clear and practical training to His disciples on how to succeed. They returned with amazing and wonderful results. This talk will examine that training in detail and is useful for anyone in any kind of leadership, whether a boss at work, a teacher in a classroom, or especially a parent.

Fr. Dave Heney EV-03 Friday, March 3 12:15-1:45PM St. Maximilian Kolbe

I Was. Jesus Did. I Am. The New Testament not only tells the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, but also the stories of lives changed by Jesus. Telling the story of what Jesus has done for us personally has great power to evangelize. Come learn how to offer testimony with confidence and clarity.

Fr. Parker Sandoval & Fr. Marinello Saguin EV-04 Wednesday, March 29 7:00-8:30 PM Our Lady of Grace

Effective Communication Techniques for Evangelization. Want to evangelize a coworker, a friend, or even a family member? Concerned that it may rock the boat? Jose Pulido will go over communication/leadership techniques that will help you share the faith throughout your daily life in a seamless and effective way, based on inspiration from Scripture, especially from the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Jose Pulido EV-05 Thursday, March 23 7:00-8:30 PM Our Lady of Grace

Faith in Music: Catholic Concerts

Lynn Rd. Lenten Concert. The University Series welcomes a Lenten concert offered by perennial favorite Lynn Rd. With their distinctive harmonic blend and thoughtful lyrical content, they inspire spiritual contemplation during this season of Lent. Lynn Rd. is Jana Bellan, Jody Bruno, Georgina Cabrero, and Kevin Stoller. The concert is free. Instead, a free-will offering will be taken.

Lynn Rd. FM-01 Sunday, March 12 3:00-4:00 PM St. Paschal Baylon

A Taize Musical Prayer Service. The Lenten Season is an ideal time to spend some quiet, restful time with the Lord. Taize is the name of an ecumenical monastery in France. Taize prayer is an evening of silence, scripture and song. Enjoy this beautiful expression of our desire for peace and oneness in our world. The service is free. Instead, a free-will offering will be taken.

St. Julie Billiart Choir FM-02 Sunday, March 19 7:00-8:00 PM St. Julie Billiart

Our Lady of the Assumption Worship Band Concert. Please join Our Lady of the Assumption choir this Lenten season as we present modern and traditional music for your prayerful enjoyment. Let us walk together in song towards Easter. The concert is free. A free-will offering will be taken.

OLA Band FM-03 Saturday, March 25 2:00-3:00 PM Our Lady of the Assumption

Lenten Praise and Worship for CRS. Each Lent we are called to Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. St. Mel parish invites you to join them for a special night of praise and worship to aid Catholic Relief Services in their Rice Bowl Lenten program in order to lift up in solidarity our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world. Help answer Christ's call to be the beacon of light for others. The evening program is free. Instead, a free-will offering will be taken, with all proceeds donated to CRS.

St. Mel Parish FM-04 Tuesday, March 28 7:00-8:00 PM St. Mel

Tenebrae Service. This "Service of Shadows" a powerful segue to the Triduum. The service comprises of seven nocturns, each of psalms, meditations and prayers, recalling the shadows which rapidly fell leading to Jesus' death and burial. After each set, a candle on the altar is extinguished, and some of the church lights are put out, eventually ending in total darkness, thunder, and the sounds of the closing of the sarcophagus. The people are asked to leave in silence. The service is free. Instead, a free-will offering will be taken.

St. Rose Master Chorale Choir FM-05 Friday, March 31 7:00-8:00 PM St. Rose of Lima

Faith and Science: Friends or Foes?

Physics and Faith: From Light to Life. Our universe began with a burst of light that eventually became life. . .and all of us here on planet earth. How did this happen, and what were the remarkable circumstances that made life happen at all? Was this sequence by chance or was some design going on, as physicist Stephen Hawking once proposed. This book describes the basic science of our universe and the probabilities of the sequence of events that have led to the life that we all have today.

Fr. Dave Heney FS-01 Tuesday, February 28 7:00-8:30 PM St. Peter Claver

Latest Archaeological Discoveries. What is the most surprising discovery about the origin of religion just dug up? Has the tomb of Jesus finally been confirmed? What do recent digs reveal about the childhood of Jesus? What do recent discoveries reveal about the surprising role of women in the ancient world? Archaeology applies the scientific method to our faith, and this talk will reveal the latest and often surprising discoveries that confirm our Catholic faith today.

Fr. Dave Heney FS-02 Thursday, March 2 7:00-8:30 PM Our Lady of Grace

How a Scientist Views Religion, God, and Belief. Rabbi Lotker discusses how his religious faith is informed and strengthened by his scientific training and 30-year career as a physicist. He will discuss the evidence for God's existence, the truth of the Bible, the question of how a good and loving God can allow evil and tragedy in the world and the question of why be religious.

Rabbi Michael Lotker FS-03 Tuesday, March 14 7:00-8:30 PM Our Lady of the Assumption

Our Place in the Universe. Explore the dazzling diversity and profound underlying unity of our universe. Learn what science has discovered about the amazing way humanity fits into the grand cosmic scheme. Find out why science and faith are compatible.

Dr. Robert Piccioni FS-04 Wednesday, March 15 7:00-8:30 PM St. Bernardine of Siena

Liturgy and Sacraments: *Our Rites as Catholics*

Is There a Reason We Celebrate Mass? (Or Did Someone Make this Stuff Up?) Why do we celebrate Mass the way we do? Why is it different from other religions' "Church Services"? This course helps us understand why we "do what we do" at Mass. What does it mean? What is really happening at Mass? Why it's based on all of the Bible, not just the Last Supper? And, how are we to offer ourselves to God during the Mass?

Dcn. Jim Carper LS-01 Wednesday, March 1 7:00-8:30 PM St. Bernardine of Siena

The Liturgy of Heaven and the Liturgy of the Earth. Why Do We Go to Mass? During these years of pandemic there were times when it was impossible for us to gather to celebrate the Eucharist. Technology has helped us stay connected with our parish communities, but is it the same to watch Mass online as to participate in person in the celebration of the Eucharist? What do we miss when we participate in Sunday Mass remotely? In this session we will explore with Deacon Memo the treasures of our liturgy and how the liturgy we celebrate on Earth connects us with the eternal praise God receives from the angels and saints in Heaven.

Dcn. Memo Rodriguez LS-02 Monday, March 13 7:00-8:30 PM Holy Cross

For Whom Do We Give Thanks in the Eucharist? The U.S. Bishops have announced a Eucharistic Revival. The Eucharist is the sacrament of thanksgiving to God. God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Which comes first? Do we give thanks first to God the Father who made us? Should we focus on Jesus Christ, the one "through whom" we have our communion? Is the Holy Spirit merely a distant third, the one "in whom" we Christians pray? Eucharistic revival means understanding God as Trinity.

Dr. Mark Fischer LS-03 Thursday, March 16 7:00-8:30 PM St. Paschal Baylon

What are the Biblical Foundations of the Mass? It may seem obvious that the Catholic Mass is based on Jesus' "Last Supper" with his disciples. Yes, but it is ALSO based on so much more, so many other biblical events and texts, from both the Old and New Testaments. Learning more about its biblical background will help us understand, appreciate, and experience more fully each Mass in which we participate.

Fr. Felix Just LS-04 Wednesday, March 22 7:00-8:30 PM Mission Basilica San Buenaventura

Can the Mass Be Celebrated in Latin? This year, 2023, marks the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium). During these 60 years, different liturgical reforms have taken place, which has affected the way we worship God. These reforms have been embraced, and others have been questioned. We continue to ask, "Can the Mass be celebrated in Latin? Can the priest give his back to the people while celebrating Mass?" etc. In this presentation we will look on the historical liturgical reforms since Vatican II to Pope Francis.

Fr. Juan Ochoa LS-05 Wednesday, March 22 7:00-8:30 PM St. Peter Claver

What Does "Eucharist" Really Mean? Is "Eucharist" a verbal prayer? Or the second half of the Mass? Or the bread consecrated at Mass and received in communion? Or the blessed sacrament reserved in a tabernacle? Or all of the above? During this time of "National Eucharistic Revival," where should our focus be? What will most help us grow in our Catholic faith and Christian life?

Fr. Felix Just LS-06 Thursday, March 23 7:00-8:30 PM Sacred Heart

Marriage & Family: *Finding Joy at Home*

Raising Catholic Children. Acknowledging our call to live "Domestic Church" in our homes, how can you nurture and build your own relationship with Jesus Christ as you look to share your faith with your children? Join Lisa Hendey for an evening filled with simple, practical ideas for bringing the faith to life in your home.

Lisa Hendey MF-01 Tuesday, March 7 7:00-8:30 PM St. Mel

Taking Your Marriage to the Next Level. Marriage Reboot Camp. Want to strengthen and enliven your marriage? Learn how to keep love in your marriage, understand your differences, communicate more effectively, deal with inevitable hurts, and build each other up. You will come away with new perspectives and skills as well as recommendations for additional learning resources in this fast-paced and highly informative presentation

Greg Wood MF-02 Thursday, March 9 7:00-8:30 PM Sacred Heart

Finding Peace in an Anxious World. How do we navigate anxiety and stress through the lens of faith? How do we live life to the fullest as Jesus calls us to in the face of daily stressors and our past wounds? Join us as we dive into understanding what anxiety is and how to cope with it and heal from it as beloved sons and daughters of our heavenly Father.

Adam Cross MF-03 Wednesday, March 15 7:00-8:30 PM St. Jude the Apostle

Lunchtime Food for Thought: From Age to Age: Spiritual Supports for the Journey of Aging and Caregiving. At some point in our lives, we will be called upon to give care to or be cared for by others. This journey of love is exactly what Jesus taught and can be the source of great blessings, yet there are challenges, too, and often, tremendous stress. This presentation will offer spiritual refreshment and scriptural insight for caregivers and those for whom we care so that together we can approach this journey with more hope, faith, and joy.

Maureen Pratt MF-04 Friday, March 31 12:15-1:45PM St. Mary Magdalen

Marriage & Family: *Finding Joy at Home continued*

Catholic Family Survival Guide: How to help strengthen your Catholic family values for any age. In today's fast paced world, our families get pulled in several directions with work, school, sports, activities, and family expectations. Catholic Family Survival Guide gives us the opportunity to share relatable stories of faith and parenting struggles, while also presenting practical ways and resources to keep our families connected to our Catholic faith.

Daryl Hitt MF-05 Monday, March 20 7:00-8:30 PM Holy Cross

Do You Want to Avoid the Current Insanity? The whole world seems to be going crazy - but you don't have to. (Also, the title of my new book.) This presentation explores troubling issues, such as shame, anxiety, forgiveness versus reconciliation, etc. But more importantly, let's discuss the solutions found in resilience, gratitude, purpose, and meaning, to name just a few. The problems and solutions are based on research, faith, belief, Scripture, and healthy psychological principles.

Joe Sikorra MF-06 Tuesday, March 21 7:00-8:30 PM St. Mel

How Does One Live a Hopeful Christ Centered Life, in a Turbulent World? Do you find yourself feeling anxious, and struggling to be hope filled amidst the pressures of daily life? Come join Sister Val as she shares useful ways to stay anchored in God, based on scripture, relevant Catholic authors, and her life experience as a Sister of Notre Dame.

Sr. Val Roxburgh MF-07 Thursday, March 30 7:00-8:30 PM Sacred Heart

Morality & Ethics: *Choices for a Happier Life*

Q & A on All Moral Questions. Ask any question about any moral issue today. Immigration, sexuality, gender, war and peace. All questions welcome. This will be just like a theological press conference!

Fr. Dave Heney ME-01 Monday, February 27 7:00-8:30 PM Mission Basilica San Buenaventura

A Road Less Traveled: Discernment in Everyday Life. By "discernment," we often mean determining if we are called to be a priest or to the religious life. But spiritual discernment is an entire worldview aimed at recognizing and following the path God has laid before us. From momentous life decisions about career and marriage to what seem to be the most insignificant encounters, we are invited to walk in the light of the Lord.

Dcn. Brian Conroy, Obl. O.S.B. ME-02 Wednesday, March 8 7:00-8:30 PM St. Jude the Apostle

Mindfulness in our Catholic Tradition. Scientific research has proven the many benefits of mindfulness as a treatment for mood disorders, ranging for anxiety to depression. In this presentation we will research the wisdom of great Catholic saints and scholars whose teachings embody modern mindfulness practices. We will highlight their wisdom and apply it to concrete interventions that can help us alleviate anxiety and depression as we seek to live happy, healthy, and holy lives, especially during this Lenten season.

Paul Brogan ME-03 Thursday, March 9 7:00-8:30 PM St. Paschal Baylon

From Prodigal to Priest. With Jesus' parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32) as a companion, walk with Fr. Goyo through both the joy and the difficulties he experienced as he came home to the Catholic faith of his childhood. Learn, as he did, that it's important to pray, discern, trust, and be thankful to God, regardless of the outcome.

Fr. Gregorio Hidalgo ME-04 Tuesday, March 21 7:00-8:30 PM St. Jude the Apostle

Lunchtime Food for Thought: Our Faith has Saved You - A look at our understanding of Salvation. Deacon Gary will take a spiritual look at Salvation, Heaven, Purgatory, Hell, Sin and all those topics we hate to look at.

Dcn. Gary Mallaley ME-05 Friday, March 31 12:15-1:45PM Our Lady of the Assumption



Spirituality: *God Within Us* continued

Can Music, Art, Poetry and Sport Be Linked to Spirituality and Prayer? Combining your passions with your prayer can enhance and deepen your relationship with God. Come explore how your interest in Music, Art, Poetry and Sport can be connected to your prayer life and spirituality. Seek new and simple ways to incorporate them into your life as you pray.

Ann Pettit SP-01 Thursday, March 2 7:00-8:30 PM Sacred Heart

The Art of Spiritual Direction. While spiritual direction is a common practice in the Church, it remains mysterious to many Catholics and is often subject to many misconceptions. This session will explore various contexts of this ministry to approach a deeper understanding of this ministry which was derived and developed from ancient mentoring traditions.

Dcn. Jerome Bettencourt SP-02 Thursday, March 2 7:00-8:30 PM St. Paschal Baylon

Lunchtime Food for Thought: What On Earth Does God Look Like? Our image and language related to God and our spirituality are symbiotic and influence how we interact with the world around us. In this session, we will explore the images of God from our youth, the importance of developing mature images of God in adulthood and how these are in relationship with our own self-image and how we see and relate to other people and all of creation. Hopefully we will come away with new ideas and inspiration that challenge us to expand our minds and hearts.

Teresa Runyon SP-03 Friday, March 3 12:15-1:45PM St. Julie Billiart

TNT - Transparency, New Life, and Transfiguration! In receiving the Eucharist, we are called to become what we receive. In the Divine Mercy Image, we are called to become what we behold. This session will focus on God's plan to transform and transfigure us and all Creation through the Eucharist and Divine Mercy.

Dcn. Don Huntley SP-04 Wednesday, March 8 7:00-8:30 PM Mission Basilica San Buenaventura

What is Christian Meditation? Scientists are increasingly discovering the vast benefits of meditation for our minds and bodies. We'll look at—and practice—meditation from a Christian perspective, primarily through the writings of the ancient mystics to the more recent Thomas Merton and others.

Fr. Francis Kim SP-05 Wednesday, March 8 7:00-8:30 PM St. Bernardine of Siena

Lunchtime Food for Thought: Balancing Prayer Life: How Do I Go Beyond Conversation to Communion with God? Centering Prayer, done regularly in community or individually, is essential in developing spiritual formation of the faithful. This presentation suggests a method to ready ourselves to rest in God's presence. Reflection questions focus on renewing our ability to enter stillness/quietness and moving us beyond conversation to communion with God.

David Palomares SP-06 Friday, March 10 12:15-1:45PM St. Mary Magdalen

Carry Your Cross and Become All That You Can Be. Jesus consistently tells his followers they must carry their cross. Carrying your cross not only has religious implications, contemporary science and research now demonstrate how important carrying your cross is to living a full life. Learn how to face adversity and grow from it and how to develop and change habits.

Bill Moran SP-07 Tuesday, March 14 7:00-8:30 PM St. Mel

Meeting Jesus in the Desert. Even in the midst of life's busyness, the gospels invite us to meet and be nurtured by God's love. Together, we will ponder stories of women who encountered and shared Jesus Christ by finding life's "desert" places of quiet refuge. How can we find simple ways to carve out desert moments to truly listen to Jesus in prayer? How can we better hear the voices and needs of those around us while also nurturing our own spiritual self-care?

Lisa Hendey SP-08 Tuesday, February 28 7:00-8:30 PM St. Maximilian Kolbe

Lunchtime Food for Thought: Is The Little Way of St. Therese for Everyone? What is the Little Way of Saint Therese of Lisieux and who did she hope would follow it? This course will review highlights from the enduringly relevant life of Saint Therese, her Little Way, and her devotion to Jesus, Mary, and all souls.

Fr. John O'Brien SP-09 Friday, March 24 12:15-1:45PM St. Julie Billiart

The Augustinian Heart: An Interior Journey. "We go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motions of the stars," but let us heed Augustine's call to journey to the heart. This talk explores the great St Augustine of Hippo's wild adventure and romance of falling in love with God, and seeks to give practical understanding of how his experience helps and guides us to discover hidden treasures and achieve union with God through our own journey of the heart.

Fr. Barnaby Johns SP-10 Tuesday, March 28 7:00-8:30 PM Our Lady of the Assumption

Why Jesus is NOT Your Fairy Godmother. Jesus asked His Apostles: "Who do you say I am?" He poses that same question to us today. Modern society tends to label Jesus as just another spiritual teacher who exists to comfort us. This talk explores the historical reality of the Person of Jesus Christ and His true identity as Savior.

Maggie Craig SP-11 Tuesday, March 28 7:00-8:30 PM St. Jude the Apostle

Presentaciones Hispanas Conectando la fe en Nuestra Vida Diaria

¿Se puede celebrar la misa en latín? Este año, 2023, marca el 60 aniversario de la Constitución sobre el Sagrado Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium). Durante estos 60 años se han llevado a cabo diferentes reformas litúrgicas, que han afectado la forma en que adoramos a Dios. Estas reformas han sido aceptadas, y otras han sido cuestionadas. Continuamos preguntando: "¿Se puede celebrar la misa en latín? ¿Puede el sacerdote dar la espalda al pueblo mientras celebra la misa?", etc. En esta presentación veremos las reformas litúrgicas históricas desde el Vaticano II hasta el Papa Francisco.

Padre Juan Ochoa HS-01 Monday, February 27 7:00-8:30 PM St. Rose of Lima

La Espiritualidad de un ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión. ¿Por qué eres ministro extraordinario de la Sagrada comunión? ¿Por qué lo haces? ¿Qué ves? ¿Que sientes? Platicaremos de la espiritualidad del ministerio y las actitudes ideales para asistir en la distribución del cuerpo de Cristo. Si tienes años en el ministerio o estas interesado en conocerlo, ven, te invito.

El Diácono Melicio Zamora HS-02 Tuesday, March 7 7:00-8:30 PM St. Peter Claver

El Rosario y la Biblia - descubriendo a Jesús. El Rosario nos invita a una oración más profunda con Jesús al ir recorriendo los misterios de su vida, misión, pasión, muerte y resurrección. Si nunca has rezado un rosario o si rezas uno todos los días, en este taller descubriremos esa profunda relación entre esta oración y la Biblia. La Biblia esta presente en el Rosario y el Rosario es una oración que nos lleva a amar más la Palabra de Dios

Rosario Gonzalez HS-03 Wednesday, March 15 7:00-8:30 PM Mission Basilica San Buenaventura

Aplicando las Cuatro Marcas de la Iglesia como nuestro Porqué en la Vida. Seguramente hemos escuchado que la Iglesia Católica Romana es Una, Santa, Católica y Apostólica. De hecho, cada vez que rezamos el Credo Niceno, nosotros, como Católicos, profesamos creer en tales Cuatro Marcas de la Iglesia. Esta sesión en particular con el Padre Memo se enfocará en explicar por qué nosotros, como católicos, debemos familiarizarnos con lo que implican las Cuatro Marcas de la Iglesia; y cómo podemos vivir lo que realmente implica para nosotros hoy en días, como siervos discípulos de Cristo.

Padre Guillermo Alonzo HS-04 Thursday, March 16 7:00-8:30 PM Sacred Heart

La Liturgia del Cielo y la Liturgia de la Tierra. ¿Por qué vamos a misa? Durante estos años de pandemia hubo ocasiones en que nos fue imposible reunirnos para celebrar la Eucaristía. La tecnología nos ayudó a mantenernos en contacto con nuestras comunidades parroquiales, pero ¿es lo mismo ver la misa por Internet que participar presencialmente en la celebración de la Eucaristía? ¿De qué nos perdemos cuando participamos remotamente en la misa dominical? En esta sesión exploraremos con el Diácono Memo los tesoros de nuestra liturgia y la forma en que la liturgia que celebramos en la Tierra nos conecta con la alabanza eterna que Dios recibe de los ángeles y los santos en el Cielo.


El Diácono Memo Rodriguez HS-05 Tuesday, March 21 7:00-8:30 PM St. Mary Magdalen

Salud Mental y Espiritual. Desde la perspectiva de la psicología y la espiritualidad, este taller presenta las características de una fe madura y sus implicaciones en el desarrollo del ser humano, el ministerio y la importancia de trabajar en nuestra sanación interior. Se darán algunas pautas para la sanación interior y se hará una oración de sanación interior.

Ernesto Vega HS-06 Thursday, March 30 7:00-8:30 PM Our Lady of the Assumption

Latinos: El presente y futuro de la Iglesia en América, ¿están listos?

El Diácono Charlie Echeverry HS-07 Thursday, March 30 7:00-8:30 PM Our Lady of Grace



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Maggie Craig is a young Catholic speaker and brings the message of the Gospel to parishes, schools, youth groups, and college campuses around the country. Equipped with humorous personal stories, dynamic authenticity, and a Masters Degree in Theology, Maggie delights in sharing the joy of her Catholic faith to all audiences. Maggie is the 2023 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress Youth Day Keynote Speaker.

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Adam Cross is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and also worked as a Youth Minister for 8 years at his local parish in Simi Valley where he lives with his wife and children. Adam has a Masters in Clinical Psychology and is currently studying for his Masters in Theology. He specializes in working with teens, young adults, scrupulosity, anxiety, and pornography addiction. Adam has a passion for the integration of the Catholic faith with psychotherapy and strives to provide a holistic approach in healing the human person from a truly Catholic perspective. His blog can be found at www.adamcrossmft.com

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Dr. Janice Daurio is a Brooklyn native and holds degrees in religious studies and philosophy. She taught at Moorpark College for 20 years. Presently she is adjunct professor of philosophy at St. John's Seminary. Padre Serra is her parish family. Her spirituality was formed as an oblate of St. Andrew's Abbey, Valyermo.

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Dr. Mark F. Fischer taught at St. John's Seminary for more than 30 years. He recently helped organize the listening sessions about the Church moving forward together, the topic of Pope Francis' upcoming World Synod of Bishops. Mark serves on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council and has worked with pastoral councils throughout the USA. He is a member of the Catholic Theological Society of America and edits the "Rahner Papers" for the journal Philosophy and Theology.

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Fr. Dave Heney is Pastor of St. Bruno Catholic Church in Whittier. The son of a scientist, he was ordained in 1978 and holds a Masters Degree in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling from USC. He is the author of *Don't Tell Me What to Do: A Catholic Understanding of Modern Moral Issues*, and *Luke 10 Leadership: How to Succeed in Parish Ministry*, and leads an annual Holy Land Archeological Tour, now in its 18th year. Fr. Dave recently co-authored with Robert Klaren a new book, *Physics and Faith: From Light to Life*, available at Amazon. In 2002, he founded The University Series.

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Fr. Gregorio Hidalgo is an associate pastor at St. Philomena Parish in Carson. He was born near Toledo, Spain, explored the world and taught for 16 years in several countries, and in the last 16 in Los Angeles. He was ordained in June 2016, moved by the Funeral Mass of Pope John Paul II and the phrase "Do not be afraid." His new book, *Prodigal to Priest*, is available through Ave Maria Press.

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Daryl Hitt is a former youth minister having worked at Holy Cross in Moorpark and St Julie Billiart in Newbury Park for a combined 11 years. He is a husband and father of three and lives in Newbury Park. He has been involved with Youth Ministry and Confirmation programs since 1996. Currently, Daryl runs his own home-improvement business and continues to live out the different callings God has placed in his life.

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Deacon Don Huntley is pastoral associate at Our Lady of the Assumption parish. Don received his B.A. in Liberal Arts from St. John's Seminary and M.A. in Private School Administration from USF. Prior to pastoral ministry, he served in Catholic education for 34 years. He has been a deacon for eleven years.

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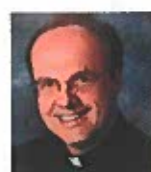
Fr. Leon Hutton is Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, and was recently named Vicar of the Santa Barbara Region. Ordained in 1980 from St. John's Seminary, Fr. Leon received further studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in the field of American Catholic Studies. He served 20 years as Church History Professor at St. John's Seminary.

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Fr. Barnaby Johns is an Augustinian Friar who was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Robert Barron outside on the campus of Villanova Preparatory School in Ojai during the middle of the pandemic in October 2020. He presently works as the Director of Mission and Religion teacher at Villanova Prep. Originally from Great Britain, he has studied in Rome, London, St. Andrews and San Francisco, gaining Masters in both Biblical Studies and Catholic School Education.

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Fr. Felix Just, S.J., is Founder/Director of Living Word Catholic Biblical Ministries, in Los Angeles, and is Coordinator of Theological and Liturgical Formation of Permanent Deacons and the Coordinator of Ongoing Formation for Priests in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. With a Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from Yale University, he taught scripture and theology at several Jesuit Universities. He regularly teaches in the "Catholic Bible Institute" of several dioceses in CA and AZ. He conducts adult faith formation programs for parishes and dioceses. He has produced seven audio-CD programs with Learn 25/Now You Know Media. He is a member of the editorial board for the revision of the New Testament of the New American Bible and maintains his own large internationally acclaimed website of "Catholic Resources" www.catholic-resources.org.

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Fr. Francis Kim is the associate pastor at St. Mel in Woodland Hills. Before becoming a diocesan priest, he discerned a monastic vocation with the Trappists. Though not a monastic in the strict sense, he is still trying to navigate ways in which to live more contemplatively. He enjoys meeting other such "contemplatives-in-the-making," spending quality time with close friends and family, walking aimlessly in the woods, and reading.

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Rabbi Michael Lotker is a Phi Beta Kappa/ Magna Cum Laude physicist who worked in wind, solar and geothermal energy. In 2003, he was ordained a rabbi at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, where he also received his Master of Hebrew Letters degree. He is presently Scholar in Residence at Temple Adat Elohim, Thousand Oaks, and the Community Rabbi for the Jewish Federation of Ventura County.

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Deacon Gary Mallaley serves at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Oak Park, CA. He has a B.S. and M. Eng. in Electrical Engineering, has taught youth and adult Confirmation, and was awarded the LA Archdiocesan Scouting Award, the St. George Medal. He is active in detention, homeless, and life ministries. He has been trained by Catholic Bible Institute, and has been a previous University Series presenter on spiritual topics.

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Bill Moran turned away from his Catholic upbringing, but was challenged to consider his spiritual life by a respected business leader. That set him on a life long journey educating himself on various religions and worldviews, resulting in the founding of WhyCatholic.com. He is an entrepreneur, has a B.S. and a Masters degree in psychology with an emphasis on marriage and family therapy, supervised by a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and offers services through the Catholic Charities of Los Angeles. His practical approach to faith and life makes his talks easy to understand.

SP-07. pg.9



Fr. Patrick Mullen is the pastor of Padre Serra Parish in Camarillo, New Testament professor at St. John's Seminary since 1999, and annual presenter at the Religious Education Congress as well as conferences from Detroit to Brisbane, Australia. He the author of *Dining with Pharisees* (2004) and *Sacred Scripture*, a high school upper division text book (2013) from Ave Maria Press.

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Fr. John Terence O'Brien is an Associate Pastor at St. Paschal Baylon Church in Thousand Oaks. A native of Los Angeles, he was ordained in 2018 for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles after completing studies at Saint John's Seminary in Camarillo for his M.A. in Spirituality and his M. Div. He has made three pilgrimages to Lisieux and gives St. Therese much credit for inspiring him to pursue his vocation to the priesthood.

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Fr. Juan Ochoa was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 2014. He has served as associate pastor at St. Emydius Church in Lynwood, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, and was Master of Ceremonies to Archbishop Jose Gomez. Since 2019, Fr. Juan has been at Christ the King as the administrator, and named Pastor in 2021. He is also the Director of the Office for Divine Worship for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Fr. Juan holds a Master of Divinity, a Masters in Systematic Theology, and he is finishing his Licentiate (STL) in Sacramental Theology.

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David A. Palomares writes and presents on the proclaimed word and its transforming nature during the liturgy of the Church. He has taught at the Catholic high school level, in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and at California Lutheran University. His recent graduate studies were at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley and include the Franciscan School of Theology with post-grad work at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology.

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Ann Pettit is a wife, mother, grandmother, a retired high school teacher and Athletic Director of 36 years. She is a practicing Spiritual Director, certified through both Abbot David's School of Spiritual Direction and Mount Saint Mary's University Spiritual Direction Program. Ann has a deep passion for spirituality and prayer and has done extensive work developing retreats for teens and adults. She has given workshops at parishes, schools, Regional Congress and the University Series. She is a long time member of Padre Serra parish and is actively involved as a spiritual advisor for the women's ministry.

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Steve Picard holds a Masters degree in Theology from Loyola Marymount University where he specialized in Biblical Theology. He holds certification from and was a faculty member for seven years at the Los Angeles Catholic

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Dr. Robert Piccioni graduated from Caltech, received a Ph.D in high-energy physics from Stanford, and taught at Harvard. He is the author of 50 physics books, many for curious non-scientists and others for advanced students. Since 'retiring,' he has taught "Physics for Poets" at the Osher Institute at UCLA and CSUCI, where students voted him "Teacher of the Year".

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Maureen Pratt, MTS, MFA, is an award-winning author and speaker, focusing on the 'hard places,' where faith and life's challenges intersect and are transformed by God's grace. As a Catholic journalist, she has reported on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and studied aging and dementia from a theological perspective. She has also journeyed with others living with dementia, learning about the importance of encouragement, receptivity to the workings of the Holy Spirit, and the power of prayer.

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Jose M. Pulido draws from 10+ years of experience evangelizing in various secular settings to inspire and equip others to share Christ. This includes universities, Fortune 500 companies, and various non-profits (in the US, Latin America, and Asia). He's worked with Georgetown University on Young Adult Latino Ministry (Catholic Latino Leadership Initiative) and is part of the leadership team for That Man Is You (TMIY) in Saint Mary Magdalen Parish. He has a Masters from Yale University and a Bachelors from George Washington University. He speaks Spanish, Japanese, and is hilarious in Korean.

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Deacon Guillermo Rodriguez serves in the Hispanic Ministry at St. Paschal Baylon Parish. Ordained in 2011, he has served in restorative justice, youth groups, RCIA, religious education, charismatic renewal, the Conejo Valley Interfaith Council, and various other organizations. Memo is the Facilitator for the Diaconate Formation Program of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Memo is also Chief Information Officer for a General Health Insurance Agency.

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Sr. Val Roxburgh, SND, is a Sister of Notre Dame. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies from Mount Saint Mary's University in Los Angeles and recently completed training in Spiritual Direction through Loyola University Chicago. Sister Val serves on the SND USA National Vocation & Young Adult Team and resides in Long Beach, CA.

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Teresa Runyon serves as Pastoral Associate at Padre Serra Parish and holds a Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry from St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. She celebrates over thirty years of parish ministry experience, nearly thirty years of marriage, three children, and three grandchildren. Teresa loves sharing her Catholic faith and helping others find practical ways of connecting faith and daily life.

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Fr. Marinello Saguin was born and raised in Silver Lake and Glendale. A product of Catholic school education, he heard the Lord's voice calling to serve Him, beginning in second grade. Ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 2015, he was associate pastor for St. Margaret Mary, Lomita. Now as pastor of Our Lady of Grace parish family, he affirms that it is now our time to be a Church and People of the New Evangelization.

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Fr. Parker Sandoval is the Vice Chancellor and Senior Director of Ministerial Services for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and resides at Incarnation Church in Glendale. After graduating from LMU, he worked at The Walt Disney Company for many years. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 2015. His passion is the ministry of the Word.

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Dr. William J. Shaules has taught Religion/Spirituality for over thirty years starting with his alma mater, St. Genevieve in 1989, as well as at St. John's Seminary, Mount St. Mary's University, Fuller Theological Seminary, and presently teaches at Loyola Marymount University. He has served as a Pastoral Associate and as a Coordinator/Instructor in the Diaconate Formation Program. An avid pilgrim, he has traveled to South America, to various countries in Europe, Russia, Israel/Palestine, and Turkey. Dr. Shaules has a Bachelor's degree in Spanish Literature, a M.A. in Religious Studies, a Masters in Divinity and a Ph.D in New Testament from Fuller Seminary.

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Fr. Joe Shea is pastor of St. Rose of Lima in Simi Valley. Ordained in 1978, he served as an associate pastor at St. Ignatius of Loyola in Los Angeles and St. John Vianney in Hacienda Heights. He served six years as Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and 13 years as administrator and pastor of Holy Family Catholic Community in Glendale.

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Joe Sikorra is a current Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and a former police officer, actor, and stuntman. For five years, Joe was the host of a live call-in radio talk show on marriage and family issues from 5-7 PM on Relevant Radio heard on over 150 stations across the country. His first book was "Defying Gravity" from Ignatius Press and available on Amazon. His latest book is the content of his University Series talk on keeping sane in a crazy world.

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Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith has served as the Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Officer of the Archdiocese since 2000. A past president of the inter-religious council of Southern California, he is a recipient of The Valley Interfaith Council's prestigious Religious Leadership Award. He currently serves as a co-facilitator of the West Coast Muslim/Catholic Dialogue of the USCCB.

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Stuart Squires is the Director of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry Program at St. John's Seminary. He has a Ph.D. in historical theology with a focus on St. Augustine from the Catholic University of America, a M.A. from the University of Chicago Divinity School, and a B.A. from DePaul University.

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Gregory Wood is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who integrates a Catholic faith perspective with solid psychological resources for help and healing for couples and individuals. He has worked in the field for 30+ years and has been in private practice for over 20 years. He holds a Masters degree in counseling psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute and is a member of the Catholic Psychotherapy Association.

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Padre Guillermo "Memo" Alonzo nació en el este de Los Ángeles y se crió en Boyle Heights. Al graduarse de Cathedral High School en 2014, se ingresó a la formación sacerdotal en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. A la edad de 26 años, fue ordenado sacerdote, junio de 2022 y luego fue asignado para servir como vicario parroquial de la parroquia Santa Genoveva en Panorama City.

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El Diácono Charlie Echeverry ha ocupado cargos ejecutivos en Univision, Disney y AOL. Es presidente de SOFESA, vicepresidente emérito de Catholic Answers y forma parte de las juntas directivas de C.A.L.L., Tepeyac Leadership Initiative, Guadalupe Radio y Sent Ventures. Diacono Charlie presenta el podcast Living the CALL y ha aparecido en varios programas en EWTN, OSV, ESNE, MAX Studios, Catholic Answers y Redeemer Radio. Está casado con su esposa Jessica y tiene 5 hijos.

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Rosario Gonzalez recibió su licenciatura en sociología de UCSB y la certificación de Liturgia Avanzada de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Su conocimiento avanzado de la catequesis y la liturgia católica le han dado la oportunidad de ser instructora para el proceso de RICA y como facilitadora del proceso de preparación diaconal. Como persona bilingüe y bicultural, Rosario ha podido compartir su talento como interprete en eventos de la Arquidiócesis. Actualmente, Rosario y su esposo están encargados del Ministerio Hispano de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción en Ventura, CA.

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Padre Juan Ochoa fue ordenado sacerdote de La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles el 31 de mayo de 2014. Se desempeñó como asociado en la parroquia de St. Emydius en Lynwood, de julio de 2014 al 2 al 16 de junio. También fue asociado en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles y Maestro de Ceremonias del Arzobispo José Gómez, de 2016 a 2019. Desde 2019, el P. Juan ha estado en la parroquia de Cristo Rey, como administrador, 2019-2021, y desde 2021 como párroco. También es el Director de la Oficina para el Culto Divino de La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles desde 2021. El P. Juan tiene una Maestría en Divinidad, una Maestría en Teología Sistemática y está terminando su Licenciatura (STL) en Teología Sacramental.

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