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AUGUST | 2025

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

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### Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

### Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

#### Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

#### Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)  
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)  
11:30am English (organ & cantor)  
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

### Weekdays

#### Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

#### Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

# 2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

AUGUST 31, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, September 1

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving to God Almighty, to the Holy Spirit, and to the Divine Mercy (D), Alondra Lisbeth Cruz De Los Santos (D) - 2 años, Ernesto David Henriquez (D)

### Tuesday, September 2

8:30 a.m. Armando & Angel Colon. (D)

12:00 pm

### Wednesday, September 3

8:30 a.m. Santa Diaz (D)

12:00 p.m.

### Thursday, September 4

8:30 a.m.

12:00p.m. Manuel Gutierrez Castillo, Edmanuel & Adlai Torres (D), Cirilo Abrea (D) - 17th anniversary of death

### Friday, September 5

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

### Saturday, September 6

7:45 a.m. Terexa

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m. Marina De Jesus Espinal, Jose Ramon Taveras (D), Felicia Diaz, Jose Ulises Garcia, Maria Tereza Alvarez, Jose Ramon Garcia (D), Ayamilki Matos Segura, Milan Olivero Segura, Orabio Olivero Segura (D), Benditas almas del Purgatorio

### Sunday, September 7

8:00 a.m. People of SNT

9:30: a.m. Jose Adames, Luis Alberto Gonzalez, Serafin Alfredo Gonzalez (D), Carlos, Antonio, Rafael Vazquez, Pablo Mercedes (D)

11:30 am Catherine Jackson (L) - birthday

1:30 pm Phero Luc & Ana Thuy (D)

## READINGS

### First Reading:

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,  
and you will find favor with God. (Sir 3:18)

### Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. (Ps 68)

### Second Reading:

You have not approached that which could be touched  
and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness. (Heb 12:18)

### Gospel:

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled,  
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11)

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## Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14  
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5  
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



# ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 14:1, 7-14

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: **"When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table"** (Luke 14:10). This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— *Father John Muir*

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**PARENTS ORIENTATION MEETING**  
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**  
11:00 AM @ FATHER SMITH CENTER

**FIRST DAY OF CLASS**  
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

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**DOMINGO 14 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2025**  
11:00 AM @ CENTRO PADRE SMITH

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**DOMINGO 28 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2025**

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**PARENTS ORIENTATION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**  
7:00 PM @ FATHER SMITH CENTER

**FIRST DAY OF CLASS**  
**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

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**GRADOS 7<sup>th</sup> EN ADELANTE**  
**RICA JOVENES & CONFIRMACION**  
BAUTISMO – CONFIRMACION – COMUNION

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**MISA CADA DOMINGO @ 11:30 AM**

**REUNION DE PADRES ORIENTACION**  
**MARTES 16 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2025**  
7:00 PM @ CENTRO PADRE SMITH

**PRIMER DIA DE CLASE**  
**MARTES 23 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2025**

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor," Jesus instructs. "Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Each of us has our own banquet to offer, our own gifts to share. Who will we invite?

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