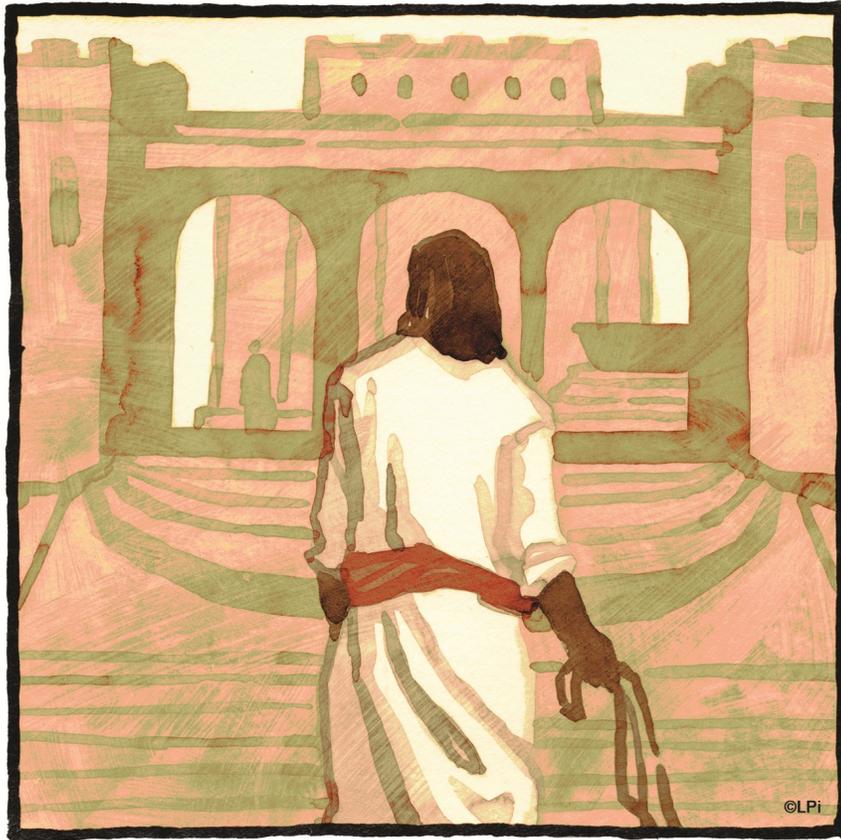


# St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church

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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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## SACRAMENTS

### Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

### 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

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, November 10

8:30 a.m. Ana Feicita Hernandez-  
conversión y liberación,  
Fernando Hernandez,  
Anastacio Montero, Maria  
Josefa Parache (D), Cesar  
Augusto Rojas (D)

12:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 11

9:00 a.m. John Baptist Khuyen (D)

### Wednesday, November 12

8:30 a.m. Teleforp Vasquez (D),  
Reyna Rosario (D)

12:00 p.m. Margaret  
Grossenbacher (D)

### Thursday, November 13

8:30 a.m.

12:00p.m.

### Friday, November 14

8:30 a.m. Acción de gracias al  
Sagrado Corazón de  
Jesus, Olinda Salcedo,  
Joel Delfiner, Maria  
Ramirez (D)

12:00 p.m.

### Saturday, November 15

7:45 a.m. Phero Thing & Magarita  
Han (D)

7:00 p.m. San Anthony Negron, Cruz  
Negron, Filomena Reyes,  
Ricardo Reyes (D), Angel  
Maldonado, Ricardo  
Reyes, hijo (D), Jesus  
Paulino (D), Angel  
Calimenio, Jimmy Cabeza,  
Orlinda Tovar (D)

### Sunday, November 16

8:00 a.m. People of SNT

9:30 a.m. Felicita Merced, Wilfredo  
Lopez (D), Carmen Luisa  
Rosario (D), Alicia  
Acosta (D)

11:30 am Kasongo Family, Souls in  
Purgatory

1:30 pm Lorenzo & Madalena (D)

## READINGS

### First Reading:

Along both banks of the river,  
fruit trees of every kind shall  
grow;

their leaves shall not fade, nor  
their fruit fail. (Ez 47:12)

### Psalm:

The waters of the river gladden  
the city of God, the holy  
dwelling of the Most High! (Ps  
46)

### Second Reading:

Do you not know that you are  
the temple of God,

and that the Spirit of God  
dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)

### Gospel:

Jesus answered and said to  
them,

"Destroy this temple and in  
three days I will raise it up." (Jn  
2:19)

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## Readings for the week of November 9, 2025

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

## VETERANS DAY

## DIA DE LOS VETERANOS



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE  
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY  
MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** It matters why you do something, not just how you do it. Are we allowing our worship to transform us, or are we only concerned with transforming our worship?

**Modern Money-Changers**

The “liturgy wars” are something of a hot topic in contemporary Catholic circles.

Latin chant or guitar hymns? Communion on the tongue or in the hand? Chapel veils or bare heads? Surplice or alb? It’s giving me a headache just writing it all out.

I don’t mean to say that none of this matters. The worship of the Almighty God, especially in the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is no trifling matter. It is good for people to be concerned about whether or not their worship is pleasing to God. I am happy that Catholics care enough about these things to have an opinion.

I’m not going to say where I fall on this spectrum of liturgical sensibility (the headache intensifies thinking of the emails I would get). And I won’t pretend it’s not something I feel passionate about, in my own way.

But too often I find myself sniffing dismissively at the “other camp,” the folks who are drawn to a different style or tradition. Too often I see them sniffing dismissively back to me. We are, both groups, obsessed with the form of a thing — so much so that we risk forgetting the function of it.

And when I stop to think about it, I wonder if Jesus shouldn’t crack the whip at us all, the modern money-changers of the temple, who have allowed worship to become a transaction (I offer *x* sacrifice, I am rewarded with *y* feeling of fulfillment and satisfaction).

I look at the Gospel today, and I can see the purpose of the money-changers. It could be argued that, in a way, they were facilitating the laws of Moses, making possible the temple sacrifices stipulated by God.

But it matters *why* you do something, not just *how* you do it.

What good is any act of worship, if at its conclusion we do not more closely resemble the One before whom we kneel?

**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
**John 2:13-22**

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter’s Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today’s Gospel he says, **“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2:13-22)**. His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica’s grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ’s risen body. It is no accident we call them “churches”: they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ’s body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter’s, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ’s resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— *Father John Muir*

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

“You are the temple of God,” Paul tells us. But in today’s Gospel we see how easily even temple areas become corrupted. Jesus, purge the greed and selfishness from our hearts. Make them fit dwellings for your Holy Spirit.

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