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*The Solemnity of the Most
Holy Body and Blood of
Christ*

June 22, 2025

*Solemnidad del Cuerpo y la
Sangre de Cristo*



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From Monsignor Fran

The earliest accounts of Jesus' institution of the Eucharist are found in the writings of Saint Paul. Our second reading this weekend gives us the clearest description:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

On the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we focus on one of the central aspects ("mysteries") of our faith: the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist. Saint Augustine taught that in receiving Holy Communion, we are challenged to see what we are and to become what we receive: the life-giving Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is a multivalence – different layers of meaning – when we speak of "The Body of Christ."

The People of God, the Church, is also the Body of Christ, the living presence of the Lord in the world. Together, we are the Body of Christ, living and breathing the Lord's life for the salvation of the world.

When the priest or other minister of Holy Communion says, "The Body of Christ," it is a statement of what we see, but also who we are. Our "Amen" is acknowledgment of both. So it is fitting that I wish you all a happy Feast Day!

Communion Ministry to Mission Skilled Nursing on Winchester Boulevard

Members of the parish have begun a Communion Ministry to the residents of Mission Skilled Nursing on Winchester. They need additional volunteers to assist in this work. As Jesus Himself said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. . .so pray to the Lord of the harvest to send workers into the field" (Matthew 9:37). If you are already an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or would be willing to be trained for this ministry, please contact Anne King: acdking@gmail.com Thank you for your consideration.

Gym and North Hall Closed for Renovations

Interior painting of the halls should be underway by time you read this. Soon afterward, we will be restoring the gym floor, beginning June 30 and lasting until July 11. We have tried to work around the activities and meetings that are usually scheduled, and we hope that this will not inconvenience anyone during this time. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Thank you for your generosity toward this week's collection for the work of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Vocation Ministry and Serra Club

The Vocations Soccer Cup will be held on July 20 at Archbishop Mitty High School. If you like to volunteer at the game, go to www.dsj.org/soccercup, scroll down past pictures to learn about volunteer opportunities and fill out the volunteer registration form. If you are interested in selling tickets for this event after mass on July 13, contact Cathleen Lencioni at 408 464-2723.

Next Sunday: “Peter’s Pence” Collection



We take our annual collection to benefit the work of Pope Leo, especially in his charitable outreach to the hungry, homeless and those affected by war.

What is Peter’s Pence?

It is an offering that may be small, but is of great symbolic value:

It expresses the sense of belonging to the Church and **love and trust for the Holy Father**. It is a tangible sign of communion with Him, as Peter’s Successor, and also of attention to the needs of the most disadvantaged, for whom the Pope always cares.

The Aims of the Peter’s Pence Collection:

- To support the numerous charitable works in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.
- To support the Holy Father’s mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See who assist him every day.

Envelopes may be found in your Sunday Offering Envelope packets and in the vestibule of the church.

Creation Care Tips

“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?” —1 Corinthians 10:16



Each time we commemorate the Last Supper, we invite Jesus to be part of our lives. In doing so, the community becomes his body. For that reason, it would be wise to take a moment and consider our choice of bread. Much bread in the United States today is produced by industrial agricultural practices that use pesticides and cause irreparable damage to ecosystems. Intensive agriculture also uses chemical fertilizers which the rain washes into our rivers, causing blue algae in our lakes. Since Christ is at the very center of creation, let us choose an organic bread to honor the Body of Christ. Often times farmer’s markets and small bakeries carry bread that is more responsibly produced. Consider switching your bread buying power to such vendors. © The Pastoral Center / PastoralCenter.com. All rights reserved.



PARISH COMMUNITY

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening Vigil
5:00 p.m. (*English*)
Livestreamed

Sunday
7:30 a.m. (*English*)
9:00 a.m. (*Portuguesa*)
10:30 a.m. (*English*)
12:00 p.m. (*Español*)
Livestreamed

Liturgy of the Word
for Children during
10:30 a.m. Mass (*English*)

Liturgia de la Palabra
para Niños
durante Misa de
12:00 p.m. (*Español*)

Weekday Masses
Monday-Saturday
8:00 a.m.
Holidays - 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays
3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.
(*In the church*)

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then press 9

Youth Ministry News



Thank you all for your support of our 30 youth that were able to be transformed by God's presence in Tahoe!

Save the date for our Summer Movie Nights under the stories in the rectory garden on July 11, July 18, July 25, and August 1. All are invited for this FREE family friendly event. Showtimes at 8:15pm with concessions for purchase.

Join us on Tuesdays at 8:00pm in the Church Basement (Youth Center) to journey through the Gospels!



“Que dizem as multidões que Eu sou?” Perguntou Jesus aos Apóstolos. Esta pergunta o mesmo Cristo nos faz neste dia. As respostas que possamos ter podem ser de uma variedade enorme que poderia escrever um livro. Honestamente cada um de nós conhece Jesus Cristo segundo os esforços que se faz para ter Cristo intimamente no nosso coração. Para alguns basta ver Jesus Cristo nas pagelas (santinhos) ficam parados nas imagens e que muito raramente retrata o verdadeiro Jesus Cristo, aquele que nos prometeu estar connosco até aos fins dos tempos. Raramente se vê uma arte que mostra Um Jesus Cristo com as características faciais de um judeu o que era realmente o que Jesus era. Que tiremos tempo para meditar e compreender melhor Jesus Cristo; manso e humilde no acarinhar as crianças que os Apóstolos mandavam embora e Jesus abraçando-as disse: “Deixai vir a Mim todas as crianças, delas é o Reino dos Céus” Podemos ver a decepção e a zanga de Jesus quando tomando um chicote expulsou os cambistes que faziam negócio no Templo. O Jesus obediente até ao fim da sua vida ao Pai de Céu, quando no Jardim das Oliveiras em agonia dizia: “Que se faça a Vossa vontade e não a minha”, ou expirando na cruz exclamando disse” Abba ; Pai em tuas mãos entrego o Meu Espírito” E muitos mais exemplos que nos define como Jesus Cristo O foi enquanto esteve entre nós e sempre nos convidou a seguir-Lo tal como Ele era. Ele é o irmão maior que por amor tudo fez para que neste mundo não ficássemos orfãos. Quando na Última Ceia (num gesto de humildade, lavou os pés aos discípulos, estava a dar-nos a precisa ideia de como servir por amor os irmãos: O Mestre servindo os irmãos e não Se servindo deles//Esta Solenidade de Santíssimo Corpo e Sangue de Cristo, não acabou na Cruz, nem na Sua Ascensão ao Céu, o Cristo que celebramos está e continuará a estar entre nós até ao fim dos tempos, até ao fim deste mundo. Jesus continua presente em todos os sacrários das igrejas de todo o mundo e acessível a todos nós, nas dores e aflições, nas nossas fraquezas Ele é a nossa força. Como cristãos, sejamos alegres e confiantes na vida porque Cristo está connosco e lembremos que Ele continua a amar-nos. Em tempos distante fui crescendo vendo as celebrações da Santíssimo Sacramento levada pelo sacerdote debaixo do pálio, com as ruas enfeitadas de flores e as bermas das ruas engalanadas de incensos. Todas as casas preparavam umas brazas nos ferros de passar roupa e ao aproximar-se da Santíssima Hóstia [pnha-se resina de incenso e aje;hava-se no chão baixando as cabeças dizia-se: “Graças e louvores se deia a todo o momento ao Santíssimo e diviníssimo Sacramento” Nas nossas terras de origem isso ainda se faz pelos mais velhos, mas esses gestos bonitos de serem vistos só tem valor quando com o coração se ama Jesus que pela fé acreditamos no Mistério da Sagrada Eucaristia; que Jesus Cristo está vivo e presente naquela hóstia.

A minha contribuição para esta página do Boletim Paroquial continuará a aparecer neste Boletim, mesmo que eu não esteja em Santa Clara mas na Maia e em S. Miguel Açores. A Claudia se encarregará de dar informação sobre os acontecimentos de mais importância para a Comunidade Paroquial Portuguesa. Estou seguro que a liturgia da missa em português está em boas mãos porque os membros da Equipa de Leigos Portugueses estão bem motivados pelo Espírito Santo a servirem o Senhor na comunidade que servem e responsabilmente generosamente o fazem pelos ministérios a que prometerem servir. Continuarei a prover algumas notas sobre a celebração do quinquagenário da presença portuguesa nesta paróquia e do historial da vida que nos trouxe aos dias que vivemos. Os da minha idade e mais velhos irão recordar-se dalguma delas mas os mais novos que aproveitem porque é partilha de alguém que desde o primeiro minuto de existência desta nossa comunidade esteve envolvido no “nascimento” desta comunidade pai a criar-lo, até ao seu amadurecimento fazendo-o adulto e responsável cristão e cidadão, assim também eu quero ver essa nossa comunidade saudável em unidade e amor fraterno. Pela graça de Deus estarei de novo em Santa Clara em Agosto próximo. Que a benção de Deus esteja com todos Vós e até breve, João

Um Santo e Alegre Domingo do Santíssimo Corpo e Sangue de Cristo para todos!!!



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Stewardship Report

Collection:
June 14th and 15th

Goal: \$10,100.00
Actual: \$12,139.94

Thank You



Parish Mission Statement

Founded in 1777, Saint Clare Parish is an ethnically diverse Catholic community of faith, united in worship, discipleship and service. In welcoming immigrants, newcomers and strangers, we strive to live the virtues of justice and love, so as to be the face of Christ in the world, becoming in Him a sign of unity and an instrument of God's peace.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Daily Mass Readings



Sunday:

Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11b-17

Monday:

Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday:

Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday:

Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16; Matthew 7:21-29

Friday:

Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5b-11; Luke 15:3-7

Saturday:

Genesis 18:1-15; Luke 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55; Matthew 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Galatians 1:11-20; John 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19:

Mass Intentions

June 21-28, 2025

Sat	5:00 pm	Gilbert Toribio– Special Intention
Sun	7:30 am	Parishioners of Saint Clare Parish
	9:00 am	João Silva† Jose and Vidalia Gaspar Rocha † Joao Viera Bettencourt † Ilda and Antonio Silveira † João Faustino † Margarida Arias † Jose Mendonça † Maria Leonilde Da Silveira † Albert Silveira Cardoso † Saint Jude Thaddeus– In Honor
	10:30 am	Ed Almazol
	12:00 pm	Alicia Suarez– Salud María Oralia García– Salud Alan Lopez– Salud Ida López– Salud Bella Abarques †
Mon	8:00 am	Yanira Gutierrez– Birthday
Tues	8:00 am	Dr. Rudolfo Soto †
Wed	8:00 am	Diane Crane †
Thu	8:00 am	John Burgoon †
Fri	8:00 am	Frank D. Hogan †
Sat	8:00 am	Elinore Peters †



Bishop Cantu's Pastoral Statement on Immigration Reform, Human Dignity, and the Family Unit

June 13, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For decades Congress has failed to fix the broken immigration system of the United States. It seems that the only bipartisan agreement to be found on immigration is that the system does not work. Even the most recent legislative proposal – a rather restrictive, bipartisan, bill, which was far-reaching and promising – failed for partisan political reasons.

The Catholic bishops of the United States have advocated for decades for comprehensive immigration reform. The basic moral values for this reform are: 1) respect for the family unit, the basic cell of society which helps to form healthy communities; and 2) human dignity (a process that respects the basic dignity of every person no matter their race, language, or provenance). From these basic moral values derive other policy actions, such as: reducing family reunification waiting times; restoring due process rights; addressing root causes of migration (such as civil unrest, climate change, violence, and political persecution, lack of economic opportunity, etc., in countries of origin); appropriate recalibration of border enforcement; and earned legalization for foreign nationals of good moral character already contributing to society and the economy.

Responses to the needs of the broken immigration system have concentrated on an “enforcement only” model, which fails to address the needs of the U.S. economy in sectors such as technology, agriculture, construction, hospitality, food processing, etc., as well as the push factors in countries of origin, let alone family unity and human dignity.

What we have been witnessing recently in Los Angeles, and now across the U.S., is the result of Congress's inability to fix a broken immigration system.

My heart is with the many families in our communities who are now living with renewed fear and anxiety as immigration enforcement actions unfold here in California and across the country.

Every immigrant, every family, every child is a beloved child of God, created in His image and worthy of dignity and protection. The family is the foundation of society and the domestic Church; it must not be torn apart.

While nations have the right to secure their borders and enforce laws, enforcement must always respect human dignity and protect family unity. Foreign nationals who have committed violent offenses should be prosecuted according to the law in order to maintain safety in our communities. However, raids conducted by masked federal agents, carried out sometimes without due process, separate parents and children, sow fear, and leave families in crisis and industries without needed workers. These actions do not make our communities safer; rather, they violate both justice and mercy. As Pope Francis reminds us: *“Migrants are not a danger — they are in danger.”*

For too long, our country has delayed comprehensive immigration reform. This failure has left millions of families vulnerable and living in fear. We continue to urge our leaders to enact policies that safeguard both the rule of law and the God-given dignity of those seeking a better life.

To our immigrant brothers and sisters: the Church walks with you. We pray for you, we advocate for you, and we entrust you to the care of the Holy Family, who themselves sought refuge in a foreign land to protect the Christ Child.

May our nation find a path forward that upholds both security and mercy, law and human dignity. May God's peace reign in our hearts and our communities.

United with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

+Oscar Cantú
Bishop of San José

Catholic Night at the San Jose Giants
June 27 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



You're invited to a fun summer evening at the ballpark! Join fellow parishioners and Catholic families from around the Diocese for Catholic Night at the San Jose Giants on Friday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Excite Ballpark.

It's a great way to kick off summer—cheering on the home team, spending time with friends, and enjoying one of the Giants' popular Friday night fireworks shows right after the game.

Whether you come with your family, your parish group, or a group of friends, all are welcome!

To purchase tickets: https://mlb.tickets.com/schedule/?agency=MILB_MPV&orgid=56749#/sales_group_code:salesGroupId=8560 Use promo code **DSJ25** for discounted pricing.



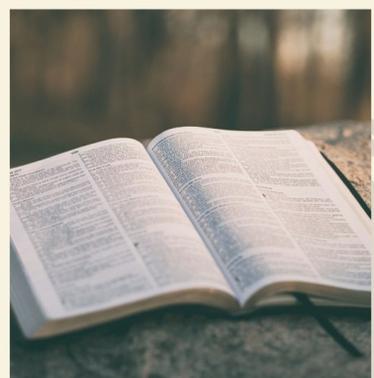
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De Monseñor Fran

Los primeros relatos de la institución de la Eucaristía por parte de Jesús se encuentran en los escritos de San Pablo. Nuestra segunda lectura de este fin de semana nos ofrece la descripción más clara:

Recibí del Señor lo que también les transmití: que el Señor Jesús, la noche en que fue entregado, tomó pan y, después de dar gracias, lo partió y dijo: «Este es mi Cuerpo, que se entrega por ustedes. Hagan esto en memoria mía». De la misma manera, tomó también la copa después de cenar, diciendo: «Esta copa es la nueva alianza en mi sangre. Hagan esto, cada vez que la beban, en memoria mía». Porque cada vez que coman este pan y beban esta copa, proclaman la muerte del Señor hasta que venga.

En la fiesta del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, nos centramos en uno de los aspectos centrales («misterios») de nuestra fe: la presencia real del Señor en la Eucaristía. San Agustín enseñó que al recibir la Sagrada Comunión, somos desafiados a reconocer lo que somos y a convertirnos en lo que recibimos: el Cuerpo y la Sangre vivificantes del Señor Jesucristo.

Hay una multivalencia —diferentes niveles de significado— cuando hablamos del «Cuerpo de Cristo».

El Pueblo de Dios, la Iglesia, es también el Cuerpo de Cristo, la presencia viva del Señor en el mundo. Juntos, somos el Cuerpo de Cristo, viviendo y respirando la vida del Señor para la salvación del mundo.

Cuando el sacerdote u otro ministro de la Sagrada Comunión dice "El Cuerpo de Cristo", es una declaración de lo que vemos, pero también de quiénes somos. Nuestro "Amén" reconoce ambos. ¡Por eso, es apropiado desearles a todos una feliz Fiesta!

Ministerio de Comunión para *Mission Skilled Nursing* en Winchester Boulevard

Los miembros de la parroquia han comenzado un Ministerio de Comunión para los residentes de *Mission Skilled Nursing* en Winchester. Necesitan más voluntarios para ayudar en esta labor. Como dijo Jesús mismo: "La mies es mucha, pero los obreros pocos... Rogad, pues, al Señor de la mies que envíe obreros al campo" (Mateo 9:37). Si ya es Ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión o desea capacitarse para este ministerio, por favor, contacte con Anne King: acdking@gmail.com Gracias por su consideración.

Gimnasio y Salón Norte Cerrados por Renovaciones

La pintura interior de los pasillos debería estar en marcha para cuando lea esto. Poco después, restauraremos el piso del gimnasio, comenzando el 30 de junio y terminando el 11 de julio. Hemos intentado adaptarnos a las actividades y reuniones habituales, y esperamos que esto no cause inconvenientes durante este tiempo. Gracias por su paciencia y comprensión.

Gracias por su generosidad con la colecta de esta semana para la obra de San Vicente de Paúl.

Ministerio de Vocaciones y Club Serra

La Copa de Fútbol de Vocaciones se llevará a cabo el 20 de julio en la Escuela Secundaria Arzobispo Mitty. Si desea ser voluntario en el partido, visite www.dsj.org/soccercup, desplácese hacia abajo pasando las fotos para obtener información sobre las oportunidades de voluntariado y complete el formulario de registro. Si está interesado en vender entradas para este evento después de la misa del 13 de julio, comuníquese con Cathleen Lencioni al 408 464-2723.

Próximo domingo: Colecta del Óbolo de San Pedro



Nuestra colecta anual se destina a la labor del Papa León XIII, especialmente a su labor caritativa con los hambrientos, las personas sin hogar y los afectados por la guerra.

¿Qué es el Óbolo de San Pedro?

Es una ofrenda, aunque pequeña, de gran valor simbólico:

Expresa el sentido de pertenencia a la Iglesia y **el amor y la confianza en el Santo Padre**. Es un signo tangible de comunión con Él, como Sucesor de Pedro, y también de atención a las necesidades de los más desfavorecidos, por quienes el Papa siempre se preocupa.

Objetivos de la Colecta del Óbolo de San Pedro:

- Apoyar las numerosas obras de caridad que ayudan a personas y familias en dificultades, a poblaciones afectadas por desastres naturales y guerras, o que necesitan asistencia humanitaria o apoyo para el desarrollo.
- Para apoyar la misión del Santo Padre, que se extiende por todo el mundo, desde la proclamación del Evangelio hasta la promoción del desarrollo humano integral, la educación, la paz y la fraternidad entre los pueblos, gracias también a las numerosas actividades de servicio que realizan los dicasterios, órganos y entidades de la Santa Sede que le asisten diariamente.

Los sobres se encuentran en los sobres de ofrenda dominical y en el vestíbulo de la iglesia.



Noticias de Ministerio de Adolescentes

¡Gracias a todos por su apoyo a nuestros 30 jóvenes que pudieron ser transformados por la presencia de Dios en Tahoe!

Reserven la fecha para nuestras Noches de Cine de Verano bajo los cuentos en el jardín de la rectoría los días 11, 18 y 25 de julio, y 1 de agosto. Todos están invitados a este evento familiar y gratuito. Las funciones son a las 8:15 p.m. y se pueden comprar concesiones.

¡Únanse a nosotros los martes a las 8:00 p. m. en el sótano de la iglesia (Centro Juvenil) para un viaje a través del Evangelio!

Desafío Semanal de Justicia

En el Evangelio de esta semana, Jesús promete enviar su Espíritu a sus seguidores para que no se sientan abandonados. También les regala paz. Tu reto esta semana es ser un pacificador.

¿Quién en tu familia necesita hacer las paces con alguien? ¿Quiénes en el trabajo o la escuela están en conflicto? ¿Quién en el mundo está en guerra? Haz dos cosas esta semana: actúa para unir a las personas en tu vida personal y ora por la paz en algún lugar del mundo donde el conflicto sea una forma de vida. En ambos casos, deja que el Espíritu prometido por Jesús te guíe para ser una persona de paz. © The Pastoral Center / PastoralCenter.com. All rights reserved.



Obispo Cantú Declaración Pastoral sobre la Reforma Migratoria, la Dignidad Humana y la Unidad Familiar Queridos

13 de junio, 2025

Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

Durante décadas, el Congreso no ha logrado reparar el deficiente sistema migratorio de Estados Unidos. Parece que el único acuerdo bipartidista en materia de inmigración es que el sistema no funciona. Incluso la propuesta legislativa más reciente —un proyecto de ley bipartidista bastante restrictivo, de amplio alcance y prometedor— fracasó por razones políticas partidistas.

Los obispos católicos de Estados Unidos han abogado durante décadas por una reforma migratoria integral. Los valores morales fundamentales de esta reforma son: 1) el respeto a la unidad familiar, célula fundamental de la sociedad que contribuye a la formación de comunidades saludables; y 2) la dignidad humana (un proceso que respeta la dignidad fundamental de cada persona, independientemente de su raza, idioma o procedencia). De estos valores morales fundamentales se derivan otras medidas políticas, como la reducción de los plazos de espera para la reunificación familiar; el restablecimiento del derecho al debido proceso; Abordar las causas fundamentales de la migración (como los disturbios civiles, el cambio climático, la violencia y la persecución política, la falta de oportunidades económicas, etc., en los países de origen); recalibrar adecuadamente la aplicación de medidas de control fronterizo; y obtener la legalización de los extranjeros de buena conducta que ya contribuyen a la sociedad y la economía.

Las respuestas a las necesidades del deficiente sistema migratorio se han centrado en un modelo de “solo control”, que no aborda las necesidades de la economía estadounidense en sectores como la tecnología, la agricultura, la construcción, el hotelaría y el procesamiento de alimentos, entre otros, ni los factores de expulsión en los países de origen, y mucho menos la unidad familiar y la dignidad humana.

Lo que hemos presenciado recientemente en Los Ángeles, y ahora en todo Estados Unidos, es el resultado de la incapacidad del Congreso para arreglar un sistema migratorio deficiente.

Mi corazón está con las muchas familias de nuestras comunidades que viven con un nuevo tipo de miedo y ansiedad a medida que se desarrollan las medidas de control migratorio aquí en California y en todo el país.

Cada inmigrante, cada familia, cada niño es un hijo amado de Dios, creado a su imagen y digno de dignidad y protección. La familia es el fundamento de la sociedad y de la Iglesia doméstica; no debe ser desmembrada.

Si bien las naciones tienen derecho a asegurar sus fronteras y hacer cumplir las leyes, estas deben respetar siempre la dignidad humana y proteger la unidad familiar. Los extranjeros que hayan cometido delitos violentos deben ser procesados conforme a la ley para mantener la seguridad en nuestras comunidades. Sin embargo, las redadas realizadas por agentes federales enmascarados, a veces sin el debido proceso, separan a padres e hijos, siembran miedo y dejan a familias en crisis y a industrias sin los trabajadores necesarios. Estas acciones no hacen que nuestras comunidades sean más seguras; al contrario, violan tanto la justicia como la misericordia. Como nos recuerda el Papa Francisco: «Los migrantes no son un peligro, están en peligro».

Durante demasiado tiempo, nuestro país ha retrasado una reforma migratoria integral. Este fracaso ha dejado a millones de familias vulnerables y viviendo con miedo. Seguimos instando a nuestros líderes a promulgar políticas que salvaguarden tanto el estado de derecho como la dignidad divina de quienes buscan una vida mejor.

A nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes: la Iglesia camina con ustedes. Oramos por ustedes, abogamos por ustedes y los encomendamos al cuidado de la Sagrada Familia, quienes buscaron refugio en tierra extranjera para proteger al Niño Jesús.

Que nuestra nación encuentre un camino hacia adelante que defienda la seguridad y la misericordia, la ley y la dignidad humana. Que la paz de Dios reine en nuestros corazones y nuestras comunidades.

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