

# St. Clement of Rome Church

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## MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL	4:00 pm
SUNDAY	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	Noon
	2:00 pm (ESPAÑOL)
	6:00 pm
MONDAY — SATURDAY	8:15 am
TUE., WED., & THURS.	6:00 pm

## RECONCILIATION / CONFESSIONS

Saturday	3:00 – 3:45 pm
Sunday	1:30 – 1:45 pm (Spanish)
	5:00 – 5:45 pm

If requested, before any Mass or by appointment

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Center when a parishioner is in the hospital or unable to attend Mass.

## BAPTISMS

Children under seven years of age are baptized on the first and third Sunday of each month after the Noon Mass. Please contact the Parish Center to schedule an appointment.

## MATRIMONY

Contact a parish priest or deacon at least six (6) months before the desired wedding date.

## FUNERALS

Please contact the Parish Center before making the final arrangements with the funeral home.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our adoration chapel is open 24 hours daily. To volunteer for one hour each week, contact the Parish Center.

Visit our Website at <http://www.scrparish.org>.

Follow us on twitter@St Clement of Rome. Like us on facebook "St. Clement of Rome Parish"

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. CLEMENT OF ROME PARISH  
JANUARY 29, 2012



### Candlemas Day February 2



Blessed candles will be available after the 8:15 am & 6:00 pm Masses on Thursday, February 2, Candlemas Day (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord). Blessed candles will also be available after all the weekend Masses Saturday, February 4 & Sunday, February 5.



### St. Blaise Blessing of Throats



In memory of St. Blaise, the blessing of throats will be done at the 8:15 am & 6:00 pm Masses on Friday, February 3 and also the Saturday, February 4 Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm and all Sunday Masses on February 5.

### SAINT CLEMENT OF ROME 2012 GALA Saturday, April 14, 2012 Francis B. Schulte Auditorium at Notre Dame Seminary 7:00 – 11:00 pm

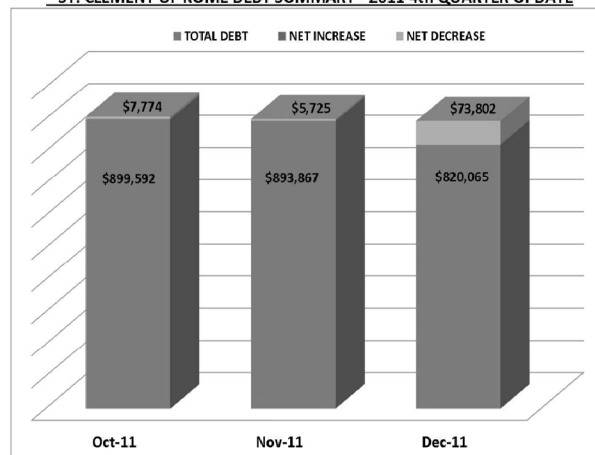
St. Clement of Rome's Gala will feature a delicious dinner-buffet, live music, raffles and a Silent and Live Auction. Admission and raffle tickets will be available at the Parish Center and school offices.

We are in need of sponsors and auction items. If you or someone you know is willing to sponsor or donate to our auction, we need such items as, but not limited to, household gifts, wine, jewelry, restaurant certificates, gift cards, hotel stays, health services, decorative items, artwork, sporting event tickets, weekend or vacation getaways, etc. The auction is an important source of fund raising for the Gala, so auction donations are very much appreciated. All sponsors and auction donations will be recognized in the program.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the gala or have any questions, please call the Parish Center office at (504) 887-7821.

### Ways To Help SCR

ST. CLEMENT OF ROME DEBT SUMMARY - 2011 4th QUARTER UPDATE



**Did you know:** Our debt is derived from two primary sources: our now 15-year-old gym/band/library building and uninsured Katrina reconstruction after 7 of our 9 buildings took water.

**Many thanks:** As of the end of 2011, the total debt was \$820,065. In just 18 months, you have paid down the debt by \$280,000. We want to thank you for your dedication to our debt reduction efforts.

**How to help:** Found in the back of church, our "green envelopes" are one way we have tried to drive down the debt. Consider using one during our monthly "Debt Reduction" second collection or whenever you feel able to contribute. Thank you for helping us move towards a debt-free future.

**Online Donations:** For your convenience, we added to our parish website a program called "Pay Pal". It provides the option of making an electronic contribution to our parish. You can find this feature on the home page of the parish website. Click on "Ways to Help SCR" and then click on the "Donate" button option. You will be directed to a secure website where you can make a contribution. Automatic Clearing house (ACH) contributions are also available. The enrollment forms can be obtained on our parish website or at the Parish Center. We also added a "wish List" to our website. You can find this list by clicking on "Ways to Help SCR".

# Parish Calendar News



## Monday/Lunes Jan 30

- 8:15 am Mass
- 7:00 pm Spanish Marian Group (PC#2)
- 7:00 pm Single & single Again Bible Group (PC#4)

## Tuesday/Martes Jan 31

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (PC#1)
- 8:15 am Mass
- 6:00 pm Mass
- 7:00 pm Single & Single Again Bingo (Vosbein Hall)
- 7:00 pm School Board Meeting (PC Conference Room)

## Wednesday/Miércoles Feb 1

- 8:15 am Mass
- 2:00 pm Young Elders (Vosbein Hall)
- 6:00 pm Mass
- 7:00 pm RCIA (PC#1)
- 7:15 pm Legion of Mary (PC#2)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Vosbein Hall)
- 7:30 pm Spanish Choir Practice (PC#4)
- 7:30 pm Baptismal Seminar (PC Conference Room)

## Thursday/Jueves Feb 2

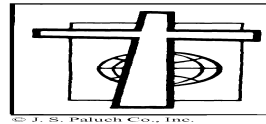
- 8:15 am Mass
- 9:00 am St. Anthony Ministry (PC#4)
- 6:00 pm Mass
- 6:30 pm Wolf Den #1 (PC#4)
- 7:00 pm Deanery Holy Hour for vocations (Church)
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (Vosbein Hall)
- 7:00 pm Single & Single Again Meeting (PC#3)

## Friday/Viernes Feb 3

- 8:15 am Mass
- 6:30 pm Wolf Den #1 (PC#1)
- 6:30 pm Cub scouts Webelos Den #1 (PC#2)
- 7:00 pm SCR Talent Show (Gym)

## Saturday/Sábado Feb 4

- 8:15 am Mass
- 3:30 pm Rosary (Church)
- 4:00 pm Vigil Mass



**LENTEN**  
**Parish**  
**Mission**

Prayer, fasting, almsgiving are the three traditional disciplines of Lent to lead us deeper in love of God. They connote sacrifice, giving up something, surrender. They represent an admission that we need God, want God, trust God. And they are meant to change us.

**Monday, March 12, 2012**

**7:00 pm "PRAYER"**

**Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

**7:00 pm "FASTING"**

**Wednesday, March 14, 2012**

**7:00 pm "ALMSGIVING"**

**Mission presenter:**

**Fr. José Rodríguez**  
**Diocese of Worcester**  
**Massachusetts**

**Make of this Mission your Lenten retreat. Don't miss this opportunity to draw closer to the Lord!**

Rosaryville invites you to join us in an evening of

# Contemplative Prayer in the style of Taizé

**Thursdays**

**7:00 pm on Feb 9 & Mar 8**

Simple and meditative, Taizé worship promotes serenity in all who take part. The prayer consists of music, Scripture readings and reflection. The candlelight service, beginning and ending in silence, fosters the participation of all present by focusing and deepening faith through the power of prayer.

Rosaryville Spirit Life Center Chapel  
39003 Rosaryville Road  
Ponchatoula, La 70454  
(225) 294-5039



Please pray for the protection of all our troops who are stationed in the Middle East, especially / Por favor oren por la protección de nuestras tropas que están en el Medio Oriente, en particular:

**Tyler Brewer Astin, Drew Bouysou, Thomas P. Brewer II, Ian Erickson, Eldhen Fajardo, Jason Hammett, Dimian A. Lozano, Rocky Moskau, Chris Munguia, Brennan Penders, Troy A. Pridemore, David Sowell, Jeff Stackhouse., Soldiers 3/4 Marines -Afghanistan**

Everything Has Its Time/  
Todo Tiene Su Tiempo

Everything on earth has its own time and its own season.../Un momento para todo y un tiempo para cada cosa bajo el sol.

*There is a time for birth /Hay un tiempo para nacer*

 **Baptisms**

We welcome to our St. Clement of Rome family our newly baptized member: **Kole Grayson Munster**, son of Krystin Ann Trentecosta & Kurt Munster.

*And there is a time for healing / Y hay un tiempo para sanar*

Those who are sick asking the Lord that they may regain their strength. May they find comfort as a result of our prayers, especially,

 **Pray for ...**

Elesia Alcantara, Irma Alcantara, Andrea Apusso, Tom Archer, Jr., Judy Babin, Ferry Becnel, Angie Bernard, Rose Augello, Joyce Bernard, Val Brousse, Teresa Bush, Edgardo Caldero, Karen Caraway, Avenel Carlini, Earl Carson, Clarence Casey, Doug Casey, Gilda Casey, Joshua Cassaday, Lang Caucer, Anthon Cavalino, Chuck Cavet, Jeremy Claverie, Frances Cognevich, Joseph D'Alfonso, Frank D'Aquin, Teresa Diaz, Ryan Dyck, Henry Ecuyer, Paul Feliu, Renee Filostrat, Marvin Firmin, Roy Fontenelle, Jane Fountain, Pete Fountain, Walter French, Elizabeth Gaiennie, Warren Gambino, Ange Garganta, Lou Garrick, Sal Giardina, Danny Goldefer, Hortensia Gonzalez, Faith Hamby, Tina Hanley, Serina Hardy, Keith Heingarten, Rita Hof, Gayle Hoffman, Philip Hoffman, Kit Hollis, Christina James, Rachel Carr Janney, William Joffrion, Brian Kenner, Beth Kidder, Marie Labella, Roy Lassus, Brian Leader, Ron Ledet, William Lee, Jr. & Sara Lee, John Liljeberg, Carol Lorch Piwko, Frank & Yvonne Lovecchio, Brenden Maestri, Amber Mason, Edna Mejia, Carol Michel, Tricia Michel, Warren Michel, Larry McGinnis, Michael McNally, Michaela Miranti, Irma Montemayor, Zenaïda Montemayor, Jake Morris, Beverly & Charles Murray, Leonel Orellana, Marvin Owen, Barry Palmisano, Jim Paschall, Olga Pérez Arellano, Javier Pérez, Armine Person, My Pham, May Poche, Rachel Poche, Robert Poche, Laurie Rabalis, Charlotte Rempel, Jay Rink, Carmen Ruiz, Henry Sabido, Alexa Schexnaïldre, Shirley Schneider, John Soto, Charles Taquino, Jr., Trey Theriot, Kleo Tonglet, Rodney Trentadue, Sr., Paul Trouard, Ruth Tumbs, Adam Michael Veillon, Joel Warren, Dana Welch, Olivia Williams, Ellis Willis, Mae Wixom, Say Yara, Marilyn Zaeringer, Howard Zeringue

*Ecclesiastes 3:1,3-5*

 **Pray for Vocations**

The best way of supporting our New Orleans Seminarians is by praying for them. Please pray this week for:

**Connor Montgomery**

**Mass Intentions for the week**



**Saturday/Sábado January 28**

8:15 am Robert Peters †  
4:00 pm Albert Saputo †, Pauline Harrison †, Tom Archer, Jr., Domenica Cusimano †, Charles Cusimano †, Jimmy Pitcher †, Blanche Distefano †, Msgr. Richard Carroll †, Frank Joseph Reilly †, Tony Cutitto †, Edmond Marconi †, Edda Marconi †, Lisa Bergren Watkins †, For Protection of Military Personnel †,

**Sunday/Domingo, Jan 29**

8:00 am Philip Foley †  
10:00 am Joshua Cassaday, Justin Hendricks, Jr., Ann Carroll †, Stanley Hornung †, Susan Staub †, Martin & Michael Farrell †, Cathy Bouzon Kinabrew †, Dorothy D. Prohaska, Anthony Weber, Sr. †, Rinnie Robicheaux †, Gary Eicke, Gwendolyn Schwab, Cpt. Vernon Ajubita †, Wylene Jones, Jeremy Claverie, Maria Amalia León Bernal †  
12 noon All Parishioners  
2:00 pm José Riquett †, Francia Riquett, Ashley Gavilanes, Michael McConnell, Ginder Eduardo Claveha †, Acción de Gracias  
6:00 pm Carolyn Hazard †

**Monday/Lunes, Jan 30**

8:15 am Bryan Foley †

**Tuesday/Martes, Jan 31**

8:15 am Tara Thibeau  
6:00 pm Reneé Blache †

**Wednesday/Miércoles, Feb 1**

8:15 am Stan Middleton  
6:30 pm In Thanksgiving

**Thursday/Jueves, Feb 2**

8:15 am M. Marianne Saputo †  
6:00 pm Bishop Dominic Carmon

**Friday/Viernes, Feb 3**

8:15 am Terry Montalbano †



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

We are offering The Sanctuary Lamp intention for your loved ones. If you are interested stop by the Parish Center for more information. Schedule is now open.

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**Our Weekly Offering**

**Collection for weekend of 1/22/2012**

Stewardship..... \$ 13,419.01  
Debt Reduction..... \$ 1,449.00

We would like to thank all those who generously support our Parish.  
Agradecemos a todos los que apoyan generosamente a nuestra parroquia.

**St. Clement of Rome  
First Reconciliation / First Communion**



Reconciliation  
Service

**First Reconciliation has been moved to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at the St. Clement of Rome Church.**



**First Communion will be at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the St. Clement of Rome Church.**

**Confirmation**

**Fifth Session:** 4:00 pm, Sunday, February 12, 2012 at St. Clement of Rome Church

**Make-up Session:** Attendance required for candidates that were absent to one or more of the scheduled Confirmation sessions - starts at 1:00 pm, Saturday, February 25, 2012 at St. Clement of Rome School Vosbein Hall.

**Sixth Session:** 4:00 pm, Sunday, March 4, 2012 at St. Clement of Rome Church.

**Retreat:** Saturday, March 31, 2012. Time/Location TBD.

**Confirmation:** 7:00 pm, Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at St. Clement of Rome Church.

**Beginning Experience Weekend  
February 10-12, 2012**

**SEPARATED, DIVORCED & WIDOWED**—Applications are now being taken for the next **Beginning Experience Weekend**, which will be held **February 10-12, 2012** at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center in Schriever, LA. Beginning Experience is a powerful, positive, and spiritual weekend program designed to help separated, divorced and widowed people make a new beginning in their lives. Please call Lisa at 505-810-0055, Myrna at 985-764-6327, or Sharon at 504-835-7907 for more information or to register for the weekend. We will also have two other sessions this year: June 8-10 and October 19-21.



**Archdiocese of New Orleans  
Golden Wedding Anniversary  
Celebration**

Will take place on **Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 3:00 pm.** at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.

All participants must register through their Parish. The celebration **will not** be a Mass, but a Prayer Service. Attendance for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's Parish. The Celebration will begin at 3:00 pm.

**Last day to register will be February 21, 2012** to facilitate the mailing of confirmation letters, preparing scrolls and seating assignment of the couples.

**NOTE: Not to be confused with St. Clement of Rome Celebration of Marriage**



**VOCATIONS CHALICE  
SIGN-UP**



**"Help us promote vocations  
in our Archdiocese"**

We are looking for families who would be interested in taking the chalice home for a week and praying for vocations. Along with the chalice will be a book of prayers that will guide the family over six days in praying for vocations. We will present the chalice to the family after weekend Mass

The following dates are available:

<b>May 20-26</b>	<b>August 5-11</b>
<b>May 27-June 2</b>	<b>August 12-18</b>
<b>June 24-30</b>	<b>August 19-25</b>
<b>July 1-7</b>	<b>August 26- September 1</b>
<b>July 8-14</b>	
<b>July 22-28</b>	

Please call Blanca at the Parish Center 887-7821 to sign-up for a specific date.



**Trip to the Holy Land  
September 4-12, 2012**

Walk in the footsteps of Christ in the Holy Land!  
Bring the Gospel to life!  
Join us in a spiritual journey!

Trip Administrators: George & Gay Hernandez  
Trip Spiritual Director: Fr. Luis Rodriguez

Contact George & Gay at (504) 456-2266 or (504) 583-1024 or e-mail [ghernandez12@cox.net](mailto:ghernandez12@cox.net)

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you” (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

**Psalms** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** — The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34  
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

## FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God’s very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God’s mouth. In Mark’s Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God’s own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today’s Gospel we learn that Jesus’ fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn’t an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God’s purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God’s very words filling our mouths.

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Jesus taught  
with authority



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2012

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
— *Psalm 95:6*

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catholic Schools Week  
Tuesday: St. John Bosco  
Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord;  
Groundhog Day  
Friday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats;  
First Friday  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Forty days after Christmas, this week’s ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of the shining days of Christ’s coming into the depths of winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the Church has blessed a year’s supply of candles. In many places, a procession forms outside the church. The core memory is of Simeon and Anna’s meeting with the infant Jesus and his parents outside the temple on the fortieth day after the child’s birth, and the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ.

For some Christians, today is known as “The Meeting,” suggesting not only the encounter in the temple, but also our assembly at the Lord’s table and our longing for the kingdom. One story suggests that the commotion made by so many candle-bearing, hymn-singing faithful in the wintry fields of Germany on their joyful way to Mass stirred the badger from hibernation to examine this promise of springtime. The interrupted nap of the groundhog is amazingly linked to the light of Christ driving away the shadows of the world’s darkness. This beautiful feast only rarely falls on a Sunday. What better reason could there be for candles at dinner tonight?

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## LEADERS

Leaders are like eagles. They don’t flock.  
You find them . . . one at a time.

—Anonymous

## Living Stewardship Now

Join a scripture study group in your parish to listen more responsibly. Your parish doesn’t have a group? Start one. You need not be a scholar or an expert to begin.

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## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Moisés le habló a todo el pueblo diciendo: “El Señor Dios hará surgir en medio de ustedes un profeta como yo” (Deuteronomio 18:15-20).

**Salmo** — Ojalá escuchen hoy su voz; no endurezcan sus corazones (Salmo 95 [94]).

**Segunda lectura** — Hermanos y hermanas: Yo quisiera que ustedes vivieran sin preocupaciones (1 Corintios 7:32-35).

**Evangelio** — Los oyentes quedaron asombrados de sus palabras, pues enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad (Marcos 1:21-28).

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mc 5:1-20  
Martes: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mc 5:21-43  
Miércoles: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mc 6:1-6  
Jueves: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]  
Viernes: Eclo 47:2-11; Mc 6:14-29  
Sábado: 1 Re 3:4-13; Mc 6:30-34  
Domingo: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Sal 147 (146); 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mc 1:29-39

## FALSOS PROFETAS, VERDADEROS PROFETAS

Hoy nos enteramos en Deuteronomio de que las palabras de Dios llenarán la boca de un profeta verdadero, pero un profeta falso, en cierto modo, pone meras palabras mortales en boca de Dios. En el Evangelio según San Marcos, vemos las enseñanzas de Jesús y la curación como obra de un verdadero profeta, uno lleno de la autoridad de la propia voz de Dios, el Santo de Dios.

La historia de nuestra Iglesia está llena de profetas, verdaderos y falsos. Pero en el Evangelio de hoy nos enteramos de que la fama de Jesús se extendió porque enseñaba con autoridad; su autoridad no procedía de que Él fuera popular o famoso. También aprendemos de Él, en sus enfrentamientos en el desierto cuando fue tentado por Satanás, que cualquiera puede citar la Sagrada Escritura, incluso en contra de los propósitos de Dios. Y hoy nos enteramos de que su autoridad no era como la de los escribas, que ocupaban los cargos oficiales de autoridad religiosa en aquella época. Nuestro trabajo consiste en hacer nuestro mejor esfuerzo para discernir los verdaderos profetas que hay en medio de nosotros, y también nosotros mismos ser verdaderos profetas. El salmista nos dice cómo hacerlo: no endurecer nuestro corazón cuando Dios habla. Si de verdad escuchamos a Dios, serán Sus palabras Dios las que llenarán nuestra boca.

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Jesús enseñaba  
con autoridad



## Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 29 de enero de 2012

Vengan, y puestos de rodillas, adoremos y bendigamos al Señor, que nos hizo.

— *Salmo 95(94):6*

## SANTOS Y OTRAS OBSERVANCIAS

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;  
Semana de las Escuelas Católicas  
Martes: San Juan Bosco  
Jueves: La Presentación del Señor;  
Día de la Marmota  
Viernes: San Blas; San Oscar;  
Bendición de las gargantas; Primer viernes  
Sábado: Santa María Virgen; Primer sábado

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El día 2 de febrero se celebrará la Candelaria. En este día se conmemora la purificación de María, cuarenta días después de que dio a luz a Jesús. Candelaria viene del verbo latín candere (brillar), de allí la palabra candela, o sea, veladora. La celebración de la Purificación de María y la Presentación del Niño Jesús en el templo se conmemora con la bendición de todas las velas y veladoras que se van a usar durante el año. Esto se hace con la esperanza de que nunca venga a faltar la luz, tanto material como espiritual, en las casas de los fieles. Los cristianos, como Simeón en el templo, pueden decir que ellos también han visto la salvación; Jesús la verdadera luz que brilla en brazos de María.

En Puerto Rico tradicionalmente esta fiesta se celebra con la quemazón de los árboles de navidad, basura, palos, cosas viejas, etc. Esta costumbre subraya el deseo de dejar atrás todo lo malo para que llegue lo bueno; es decir terminar con la oscuridad para que brille la luz.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## LIDERES

Los líderes son como águilas. No están en grupo. Los encuentras. . . uno a la vez.

—Anónimo

## La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

Únete a un grupo de estudio bíblico en tu parroquia para escuchar las Escrituras con más responsabilidad. ¿No tiene tu parroquia un grupo bíblico? Empieza uno. No necesitas ser un experto en las Escrituras para comenzar.

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## Caliz de Vocaciones

¿Está interesado en ayudar  
a promover

**Vocaciones en nuestra Arquidiócesis?**

Estamos buscando familias que estén interesados en tener el Caliz de Vocaciones en su casa para orar por una semana para un crecimiento vocacional. Junto con el cáliz recibirá un libro de oraciones que compartirá con su familia y le servirá de guía. Cada domingo al finalizar la Misa es entregado a la familia correspondiente. Si está interesado llame a Blanca al 887-7821 y reserve una de las fechas que están disponibles:

20-26 mayo

5-11 agosto

27 mayo- 2 junio

12-18 agosto

24-30 junio

19-25 agosto

1-7 julio

26 agosto- 1 septiembre

8-14 julio

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Si escuchan  
la voz del  
Señor

no  
endurezcan  
el corazón



## Arquidiócesis de Nueva Orleáns Celebración Anual de Boda de Oro

La Arquidiócesis de Nueva Orleáns estará celebrando las bodas de Oro de todas las parejas con 50 años de matrimonio. Esta celebración será el **domingo, 3 de junio del 2012 a las 3:00 de la tarde** en la Iglesia de San Philip Neri en Metairie.

Todos los participantes deben inscribirse a través de su Parroquia. La celebración no es una misa, sino un Servicio de Oración. Asistencia para el precepto del domingo debe cumplirse dentro de su Parroquia. La celebración comenzará a las 3:00 pm.

La **fecha limite de inscribirse es el 21 de febrero** en las parroquias correspondientes esto facilitará la preparación de esta ceremonia.

**Note: No lo confunda con la Celebración de Matrimonio de San Clemente de Roma.**

*Ora por las  
vocaciones*

La mejor manera de apoyar a nuestros seminaristas de Nueva Orleáns es orar por ellos. Por favor, oren esta semana por:

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