

## Fabio's words

### Thanksgiving

*Gratitude is a feeling that has no end.* I think this phrase applies very well for what we will be celebrating next Thursday, November 28 (Thanksgiving Day), and there comes the question - why thank God? It does not matter if we have lived good or bad times; it is always necessary to thank God - in good times, because of how blessed we are, and in bad times, because in those actions or experiences of pain, the Lord always teaches us something to learn from them. From the bad we can learn and always get something positive. That we do not understand it in the moment is another thing; but that God knows what he is doing, there is no doubt about that.

One way to thank God is by sharing what he has given us. Speaking of sharing, I want to invite you to join the cause of Africa, which is to give the gift of Christmas to the children of Father Jimmy's community in Kenya. Father Jimmy told me that this year there are between 700 and 1000 children; 700 are from his village, and the other 300 are from the communities where he also serves as a priest. Each T-shirt costs \$3.00, and \$400.00 is also needed for Christmas dinner; the menu would be potatoes, rice, beans, and a piece of meat. Depending on your contributions, we can make these children smile. I will be sending the money on December 10. Please put the money, whether it is cash or a check, in an envelope with AFRICA written on it. To those who can make the effort to help us, many blessings, and may God give you a hundred for one. You know that they always pray for us.

### Reflection

This weekend we are celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King, King of the Universe. This feast is celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year and remembers that Christ is the true King who must reign in our hearts. The Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted after the First World War. During the growth of communism in Russia, and on the 1600th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.), Pope Pius XI instituted the feast in 1925 with the encyclical *Quas Primas* - making Christ known as our King.

### Some reflections on Christ the King of the Universe are:

- Christ the King does not choose the saints but sanctifies them as they let themselves be changed by his grace.
- Christ the King has his headquarters on the cross, and from there he reigns and conquers hearts.
- For Jesus to reign in our lives, we must know him, approach the Eucharist, imitate him, and live a life of Christian charity.
- Christ the King prevails forever, while governments pass.
- Christ the King unites all creation with the Father.
- Christ the King wants us united, supportive, just, honest, and close to the weakest.

**Question:** Is Christ really my King, or who is my king? Money, work, addictions, etc.

## Palabras de Fabio

### Acción de Gracias

*La gratitud es un sentimiento que no puede tener fin.* Creo que esta frase se aplica muy bien para lo que estaremos celebrando este próximo jueves 28 de noviembre (día Acción de Gracias), y ahí me viene la pregunta; ¿por qué darle gracias a Dios? No importa, si han sido buenos o malos momentos los que hemos vivido; siempre es necesario darle gracias a Dios, en las buenas; por lo bendecidos que somos y en las malas porque en esas acciones o experiencias de dolor, el Señor siempre nos enseña algo para aprender de ellas, de lo malo podemos aprender y sacar siempre algo positivo. Que en el momento no lo entendamos es otra cosa; pero que Dios sabe lo que hace, de eso no hay ninguna duda.

Una forma de agradecer a Dios es compartiendo lo que nos ha dado, y hablando de compartir, quiero invitarlos para que se unan a la causa de África, que consiste en darle el regalo de Navidad a los niños de la comunidad del padre Jimmy en Kenia. El padre Jimmy me comentó que este año son entre 700 y 1000 niños, 700 son de la aldea dónde él está y los otros 300 de las comunidades aledañas donde también sirve como sacerdote. Cada playera o camiseta cuesta \$3.00 y se necesitan también \$400.00 para la cena de Navidad; el menú sería: papás, arroz, frijoles y un pedacito de carne. Dependiendo del aporte de cada uno, podremos sacar una sonrisa a estos niños. Estaré enviando el dinero el 10 de diciembre. Por favor poner el dinero sea en efectivo o cheque en un sobre y ponerle ÁFRICA. A quienes puedan hacer el esfuerzo de ayudarnos, muchas bendiciones y que Dios les de el ciento por uno. Saben que ellos oran siempre por nosotros.

### Reflexión

Este fin de semana estamos celebrando la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey, Rey de Universo. Esta fiesta se celebra el último domingo del año litúrgico y recuerda qué Cristo es el verdadero Rey que debe reinar en nuestros corazones. La Solemnidad de Cristo Rey se instituyó después de la Primera Guerra Mundial. En medio del crecimiento del comunismo en Rusia, y con ocasión del 1600 aniversario del Concilio de Nicea (año 325), el Papa Pío XI instituyó la fiesta en 1925 con la encíclica Quas Primas; dando a conocer a Cristo como nuestro Rey.

#### Algunas reflexiones sobre Cristo Rey del Universo son:

- Cristo Rey no elige a los santos, sino que los va santificando a medida que se deja cambiar por su gracia.
- Cristo Rey tiene su sede en la cruz y desde allí reina y conquista los corazones.
- Para que Jesús reine en nuestras vidas, debemos conocerlo, acercarnos a la eucaristía, imitarlo y vivir una vida de caridad cristiana.
- Cristo Rey prevalece por siempre, mientras que los gobiernos pasan.
- Cristo Rey une a toda la creación con el Padre.
- Cristo Rey nos quiere unidos, solidarios, justos, honrados, honestos y cercanos a los más débiles.

**Pregunta:** ¿es Cristo en verdad mi Rey, o quien es mi rey?: dinero, trabajo, vicios, etc.



**Join us on Thanksgiving Day  
as we celebrate a Bilingual Mass  
Thursday, November 28, at 10:00 AM  
(There will be NO 12:15pm MASS)**

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**Le invitamos a celebrar la Misa de  
Acción de Gracias Bilingüe  
jueves, 28 de noviembre, a las 10:00 AM  
(NO abra Misa de 12:15pm)**

The St. Paul parish office will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will reopen at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, December 3rd. Have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday.



La oficina parroquial de San Pablo estará cerrada el jueves 28 y el viernes 29 de noviembre en observancia del feriado de Acción de Gracias. La oficina volverá a abrir a las 9:00 a.m. el martes 3 de diciembre. Que tengas unas bendecidas vacaciones de Acción de Gracias.

We are excited to announce that St. Paul was recently awarded two grants from the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia. The first is a Parish Enrichment Grant in the amount of \$1,000 that is focused on establishing much-needed IT support for our parish office. The second is a Catholic Community Grant in the amount of \$2,300 to help establish our Vacation Bible School project. St. Paul is extremely honored to have been selected to receive these grants.



Nos complace anunciar que San Pablo recibió recientemente dos subvenciones de la Fundación Católica del Norte de Georgia. La primera es una Subvención de Enriquecimiento Parroquial por un monto de \$1,000 que se enfoca en establecer el soporte de TI muy necesario para nuestra oficina parroquial. La segunda es una Subvención de la Comunidad Católica por la cantidad de \$ 2,300 para ayudar a establecer nuestro proyecto de Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones. San Pablo se siente extremadamente honrado de haber sido seleccionado para recibir estas subvenciones.

### Raffle

Your St. Paul Gift Shop will be raffling a beautiful indoor/outdoor 18-inch Holy Family Statue with dust cover to benefit the Capital Campaign. Tickets will be available after all Sunday masses. Drawing will be held on Sunday December 29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family, after the 12:30 mass.



### Rifa

Su tienda de regalos de San Pablo estará rifando una hermosa estatua de la Sagrada Familia de 18 pulgadas para interior y exterior con cubierta antipolvo en beneficio de la Campaña Capital. Los boletos estarán disponibles después de todas las misas del domingo. El sorteo se realizará el domingo 29 de diciembre de 2024, Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, después de la misa de las 12:30.



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The Gift Shop will display all available Advent Wreaths and Candles before the 5:00PM mass and After all Sunday masses this weekend November 23 and 24.

The weekend of December 7 and 8 the Gift Shop will have an Encore ChristKindle Market in the Parish Hall with Advent Wreaths, statues, ornaments, and gift items for sale for your convenience and inspiration. Come see us before the 5 PM mass Saturday and after the 8 AM mass until after the 12:30 mass Sunday.



La tienda de regalos exhibirá todas las coronas y velas de Adviento disponibles antes de la misa de las 5 p. m. y después de todas las misas dominicales este fin de semana del 23 y 24 de noviembre.

El fin de semana del 7 y 8 de diciembre, la tienda de regalos tendrá un Encore ChristKindle Market en el salón social con coronas de Adviento, estatuas, adornos y artículos de regalo a la venta para su conveniencia e inspiración. Ven a vernos antes de la misa de las 5 p.m. del sábado y después de la misa de las 8 a.m. hasta después de la misa de las 12:30 el domingo.

### **What is #iGiveCatholic?**

#iGiveCatholic is a powerful, 24-hour online giving event to unite the faithful in dioceses across the nation (and the world!) to come together and raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic parishes, schools, and non-profit ministries on #GivingTuesday, December 3, 2024.

### **What is #GivingTuesday?**

#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season when many people focus on holiday and end-of-year giving.

### **When is #iGiveCatholic?**

#iGiveCatholic is on #GivingTuesday, December 3, 2024. You can support St. Paul on that day or you can make an #iGiveCatholic donation at any time during the advanced giving period from November 18 through December 2, 2024. Gifts made by check or cash can be made directly to qualifying organizations during this same time frame. Please visit <https://atlanta.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-paul-the-apostle-catholic-church> to make a donation to St Paul, which will benefit our Catholic Campaign.



### **¿Qué es #iGiveCatholic?**

#iGiveCatholic es un poderoso evento de donaciones en línea de 24 horas para unir a los fieles en las diócesis de todo el país (¡y el mundo!) para unirse y recaudar tantos dólares caritativos como sea posible para las parroquias, escuelas y ministerios sin fines de lucro católicos el #GivingTuesday 3 de diciembre de 2024.

### **¿Qué es #GivingTuesday?**

#GivingTuesday es un día mundial de donaciones impulsado por el poder de las redes sociales y la colaboración. Celebrado el martes siguiente al Día de Acción de Gracias y los eventos de compras ampliamente reconocidos Black Friday y Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday inicia la temporada benéfica en la que muchas personas se centran en las donaciones navideñas y de fin de año.

### **¿Cuándo es #iGiveCatholic?**

#iGiveCatholic es el #GivingTuesday 3 de diciembre de 2024. Puede apoyar a San Pablo ese día o puede hacer una donación #iGiveCatholic en cualquier momento durante el período de donaciones anticipadas del 18 de noviembre al 2 de diciembre de 2024. Por favor visite a <https://atlanta.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-paul-the-apostle-catholic-church> para hacer una donación a San Pablo, que beneficiará a nuestra Campaña Católica.

There will be NO SOR this Sunday and NO Family Faith Formation Wednesday, November 27. See you on Sunday, December 1 for SOR and Wednesday, December 4 for Family Faith Formation.

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No habrá SOR este domingo ni formación de fe familiar el miércoles 27 de noviembre. Nos vemos el domingo 1 de diciembre para SOR y el miércoles 4 de diciembre para Formación de Fe Familiar.

There will be an entombment ceremony at our Columbarium for Lawrence (Larry) Grieger, parishioner and husband of Mary Grieger, following the daily Mass on Wednesday, November 27. Please pray for the repose of Larry's soul, as well as for Mary and their family and friends.

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Habr  una ceremonia de entierro en nuestro Columbario para Lawrence (Larry) Grieger, feligr s y esposo de Mary Grieger, despu s de la Misa diaria el mi rcoles 27 de noviembre. Por favor, oren por el descanso del alma de Larry, as  como por Mary y su familia y amigos.



The **Angel Tree** committee would like to thank all those who generously took bells and angels from our tree in the Narthex. The last date for returning gifts is December 15th. Please return the gifts UNWRAPPED, in a large plastic bag with the angel or bell attached so we will know who the gifts are intended for. If it is possible, please close up the bag, so there will be no "peeking" until Christmas. We are going to give the parents of the recipients the opportunity to see what their children will receive, and to wrap them as well. Again, thank you all for your amazing generosity!



El comit  del ** rbol de los  ngeles** desea agradecer a todos aquellos que generosamente tomaron campanas y  ngeles de nuestro  rbol en el vestibulo. La  ltima fecha para devolver los regalos es el 15 de diciembre. Por favor, devuelva los regalos SIN ENVOLVER, en una bolsa de pl stico grande con el  ngel o la campana. adjunto para que sepamos a qui n est n destinados los regalos. Si es posible, cierre la bolsa para que no haya "miradas" hasta Navidad. Vamos a darles a los padres de los destinatarios la oportunidad de ver cu les son. los ni os recibir n, y tambi n para envolverlos. ¡Nuevamente, gracias a todos por su incre ble generosidad!

Hispanic Food Sale this Sunday, November 24 after the 10:00am and 12:30pm masses, come and enjoy these delicious homemade foods which will include tamales, tacos, and pambazos. This would be the last food sale of this year and all money collected will be for the Children in Africa.



Venta de comida este domingo 24 de noviembre despu s de las misas de 10:00 am y 12:30 pm, ven y disfruta de estas deliciosas comidas caseras que incluir n tamales, tacos y pambazos. Esta ser a la  ltima venta de comida de este a o y todo el dinero recaudado ser  para los Ni os de  frica.

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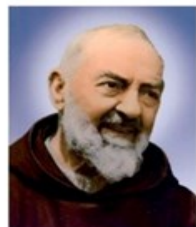


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- April 3 Visit St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican Museum (optional) and more.
- April 4 Visit the Colosseum, lunch and shopping on your own, Pantheon, Tomb of St. Catherine of Sienna, and Trevi Fountain.
- April 5 Depart Rome for Monte Cassino (St. Benedict & St. Scholastica), visit St. Philomena Shrine, and Mass at St. Michael's Cave (2 night in San Giovanni Rotondo).
- April 6 Spend the day at Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo – English office visit, tomb, museum, Mass, lunch and shopping.
- April 7 Depart for **Eucharistic Miracle** in Lanciano Mass, lunch, depart for Manoppello; Veronica's Veil and Shroud of Turin Exhibit (overnight near Manoppello).
- April 8 Depart for Holy House of Loreto – Mass and lunch on your own. Depart for St. Joseph of Cupertino visit. Depart for Assisi with visit to the Porziuncola that St. Francis built (2 nights Assisi).
- April 9 Visit Basilica of St. Francis – mass and basilica tour, visit church of St. Clare. Lunch and shopping on your own, see the tomb of **Blessed Carlo Acutis**.
- April 10 Depart for Orvieto – visit the Duomo of the **Eucharistic Miracle**, lunch on your own (overnight near Rome airport).
- April 11 Depart for USA.

**Price: \$3,795 - Land Only: \$2,895 Included:** Air Fare, Transportation, Lodging, and 2 Meals daily.

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**Deposit \$200 to register. Second payment of \$1,200 is due November 4, 2024.**

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