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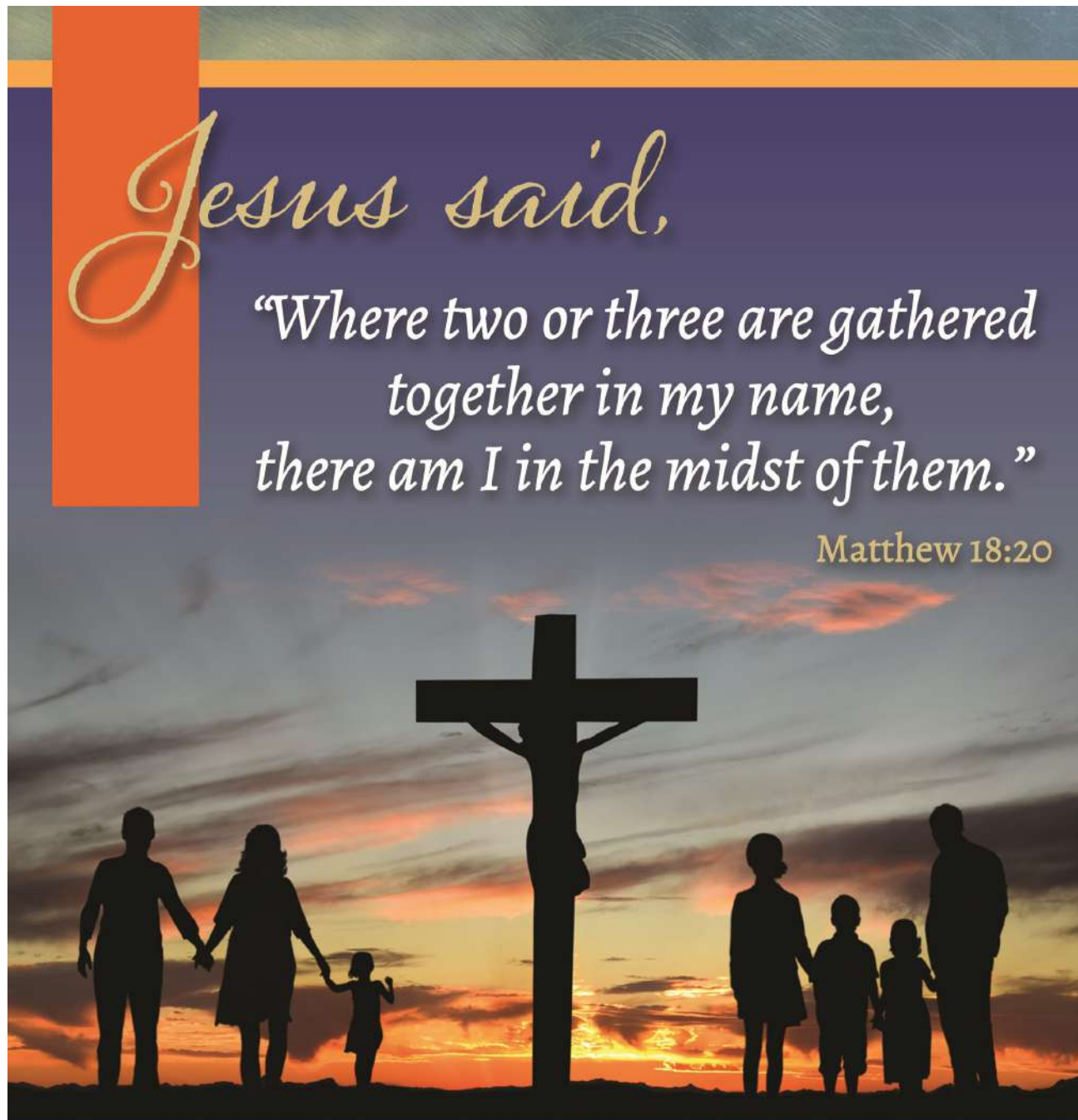
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Jesus said,

*“Where two or three are gathered
together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.”*

Matthew 18:20



September 6, 2020

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Schedule

(Note: All Masses are at Guardian Angels until further notice)

Ω—indicates a live-streamed Mass which can be found at:
<https://gachaska.org/live-mass-and-mass-video-archive/>

Weekdays:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.Ω
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.Ω
Friday: 8:00 a.m.Ω

Weekends:

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.Ω
Sundays: 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, call the Parish Office.

Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required for all parents. Godparents and Grandparents are also encouraged to attend. Baptismal prep sessions are given every other month and Baptism Masses are held once a month. Call the Parish Office to schedule a child for Baptism and the parents for baptismal prep.

Penance: Saturdays at Guardian Angels or by appointment.

Matrimony: Pre-registration required at least one year in advance; marriage preparation course is required. Initial contact: 952-227-4000, or e-mail: info@Gachaska.org.

Anointing: If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

Communion for the Homebound: When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

Hospital, Nursing Home, Homebound Visits: Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Peter Claver
Friday: Patriot Day
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I just want to say thank you for the great Mass and great time we had this past Saturday at my Mass of Installation as pastor. It was inspiring to me that you welcomed me so readily and enthusiastically. I enjoyed getting to know you a little more too on what was a beautiful evening. Now, I offer a reflection on this Sunday's gospel.



Loving Fraternal Correction

Our gospel today is of tremendous practical importance both in our individual spiritual lives and communally as The Body of Christ. It deals with how we approach fraternal correction. In a liberal society such as ours, it is a question as to whether or not we should even engage in constructive criticism at all. "Live and let live." "Who are you to tell me what to do?" we say. But at the same time, it is amazing how much we engage in observing and critiquing other people.

So what is the biblical perspective on this? We are here for our brothers and sisters. We should not take an indifferent approach. We are members of one Body. By virtue of our baptism, we have voices that are meant to be prophetic. But how should we engage in fraternal correction or constructive criticism? Our gospel is very clarifying on the subject, but we must read it slowly and pray about it. First Jesus says, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." Doing as Jesus says causes us to avoid the other approach of telling everyone about the offending person's sins except them. This is difficult, but at least it has a fighting chance of success. It confirms you in that you are showing committed love to that person. But it must be you alone and nobody else.

But what if it doesn't work? Now, Jesus says to take one or two others with you. Maybe that person will be defensive. Maybe they will even lash out at you. But if done in confidence, it will be pretty hard for that person to deny that there is a problem, even if they react defensively at first. I think of interventions for alcoholics. It is difficult to admit that there is a problem, but at least that person will know that something is amiss in the way that they are being received.

But suppose even that doesn't produce the desired effect. Jesus says, "if he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. The Greek word for "church" was "ekklesia" which really meant a smaller group. Back then, communities met in smaller groups in house churches, so even this does not mean that it is time for some wrath of the church. Telling a pastor or staff member who is responsible is still a movement in a small way.

But what if even this does not work? Jesus says, "Treat them as you would a tax collector." How were they treated? Jesus sought them out. He befriended them. This tells us that we should pray together for the conversion of sinners and do so with an inclusive kind of love. Whenever we want to criticize someone, we should do so out of love and only in the measure that we are willing to help them. This is a great passage to pray over. Let Jesus's words truly be your guide.

Father Tony

The Latino community welcomes Viviana Sotro to the Guardian Angels staff this month. Viviana will be the part time ministry leader for the Latino community. She will be working with families on the sacraments and their faith connection to the Church. Welcome Viviana!

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen**



Church Calendar

Monday, Sept. 7—Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 8

5:30 p.m. Mass at GA † Bill Meyer

Wednesday, Sept. 9

8 a.m. Mass at GA

Thursday, Sept. 10

8 a.m. Mass at GA † Joe Mahowald

Friday, Sept. 11

8 a.m. Mass at GA

Saturday, Sept. 12

4 p.m. Mass at GA † Tony & Marie Koll

Sunday, Sept. 13

8 a.m. Mass at GA † LeRoy Farrell

10 a.m. Mass at GA † Horace & Margaret Young

12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish at GA—Mass for the People

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Sunday Readings

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Reading 1

Ez 33:7-8

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:

"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,

Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading 2

Rom 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Gospel

Mt 18:15-20


Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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Last week I received a call from a member of our parish to tell me that she had just returned home from the cemetery to visit and she said the cemetery was just beautiful. I believe the word she used to describe it was manicured. She said it made her morning and that she felt she needed to let someone know what a great job was being done and I was lucky to receive the call. I now pass it on because I am not the one who made this happen. We have a group of people that spend many hours at the cemetery making it look like it does. They keep it mowed and weed whipped each week, plus if something else needs doing, like the shed needing repair and painting they do it. Thank you so much for your time and talent you have shared with your parish.

Mary Van Sloun

Cemetery Board Chair

We are awaiting our school opening next week at GA.!



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Additional volunteers are needed to ensure that this year's Faith Formation program can occur safely and effectively. There are many ways that you can help. Please consider contacting us to discover the best way to share your gifts with children of all age groups.

Please do not hesitate to contact us directly with your questions or concerns. Blessings,

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The Parish Staff welcomes Maranda Vannett to the GA Front Office! We are so happy to have someone to greet and welcome our parishioners and their questions and needs in the office. Welcome Maranda!



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No tengan con nadie otra deuda que la

*del amor
mutuo.*

Romanos 13:8

Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

6 de septiembre de 2020

UN ESTÁNDAR MÁS ALTO

Nuestra cultura nos tienta a pensar que cualquier acción está permitida siempre y cuando no lastime a nadie más. Las lecturas de hoy nos muestran lo tristemente de mente estrecha que es ese pensamiento. Nos llaman a un estándar mucho más alto, que reconoce la majestuosa dignidad de cada persona humana. Ezequiel nos recuerda que los actos inicuos de una persona siempre afectan a toda la comunidad humana. Incluso si el pecado es privado, todos somos responsables de brillar la luz en la oscuridad. El Evangelio de Mateo se hace eco de esta idea, proporcionando consejos prácticos para llevar la sanación y la reconciliación a las relaciones pecaminosas o rotas. Las lecturas de hoy también nos muestran las profundas implicaciones del pecado: un fracaso para amar. San Pablo nos insta a evitar el pecado y obedecer la ley. La mejor manera de hacer esto, dice, es amar. El amor nos lleva de la mera convivencia a la compañía genuina.

EL CAMINO DEL AMOR

Aunque las lecturas de hoy podrían parecer tristemente preocupadas con el pecado, san Pablo explica porque el pecado es importante para discutir: porque cada pecado reduce la cantidad de amor que hay en el mundo. Pablo cambia el enfoque de pecado a amor cuando él escribe: “cumplir perfectamente la ley consiste en amar” (Romanos 10:13). ¡Que fuerza tiene ese versículo! Si empezamos a recitar esa frase, estaríamos bien en nuestro camino a una vida más generosa, no solo evitando el pecado lo más posible, sino también activamente buscando formas de hacer la vida más agradable para nuestros prójimos. Memorizar versículos nos inspira cuando enfrentamos dificultades durante el día, cuando estamos irritados con alguien, por ejemplo, o necesitamos tomar una decisión. Recordando que “cumplir perfectamente la ley consiste en amar” podría verdaderamente ayudarnos a evitar el pecado y hacer el bien en nuestra vida diaria.

EL CAMINO DE LA ORACIÓN

Aprender un versículo de la Biblia de memoria es, desde luego, una forma de hacer oración. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos anima a rezar. Jesús firmemente cree en el poder de la oración, avanzar es una garantía de obtener resultados: “Yo les aseguro también que, si dos de ustedes se ponen de acuerdo para pedir algo, sea lo que fuere, mi Padre celestial se lo concederá”. Jesús promete algo más también, algo vitalmente importante. Más que un juego como el de Ir a Pescar en el cual esperamos “obtener lo que pedimos”; la oración es un vivo encuentro con el mismo Jesús: “pues donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, ahí estoy yo en medio de ellos”. Las lecturas de hoy nos mueven más allá de lo pequeño y abre un mundo enorme para nosotros. Rechazamos la mezquindad del pecado no porque temamos el castigo, sino porque queremos a amar a nuestro prójimo profundamente. Oramos a nuestro Dios todopoderoso no porque queremos favores de una máquina que dispensa golosinas, sino porque queremos dedicar un tiempo con nuestro Señor y Salvador, Jesucristo.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Ezequiel 33:7-9
Salmo 95 (94):1-2, 6-9
Romanos 13:8-10
Mateo 18:15-20

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6 de septiembre de 2020
Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Primera lectura
Ez 33, 7-9

Esto dice el Señor:
“A ti, hijo de hombre,
te he constituido centinela para la casa de Israel.
Cuando escuches una palabra de mi boca,
tú se la comunicarás de mi parte.

Si yo pronuncio sentencia de muerte contra un hombre,
porque es malvado,
y tú no lo amonestas para que se aparte del mal camino,
el malvado morirá por su culpa,
pero yo te pediré a ti cuentas de su vida.

En cambio, si tú lo amonestas
para que deje su mal camino
y él no lo deja,
morirá por su culpa,
pero tú habrás salvado tu vida”.

Salmo Responsorial
Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9

R. (8) Señor, que nos seamos sordos a tu voz.

Vengan, lancemos vivas al Señor,
aclamemos al Dios que nos salva.
Acerquémonos a él, llenos de júbilo,
y démosle gracias.

R. Señor, que nos seamos sordos a tu voz.

Vengan, y puestos de rodillas,
adoremos y bendigamos al Señor, que nos hizo,
pues él es nuestro Dios y nosotros, su pueblo,
él nuestro pastor y nosotros, sus ovejas.

R. Señor, que nos seamos sordos a tu voz.

Hagámosle caso al Señor, que nos dice:
“No endurezcan su corazón,
como el día de rebelión en el desierto,
cuando sus padres dudaron de mí,
aunque habían visto mis obras”.

R. Señor, que nos seamos sordos a tu voz.

Segunda lectura
Rom 13, 8-10

Hermanos: No tengan con nadie otra deuda que la del amor mutuo, porque el que ama al prójimo, ha cumplido ya toda la ley. En efecto, los mandamientos que ordenan: “No cometerás adulterio, no robarás, no matarás, no darás falso testimonio, no codiciarás” y todos los otros, se resumen en éste: “Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo”, pues quien ama a su prójimo no le causa daño a nadie. Así pues, cumplir perfectamente la ley consiste en amar.

Evangelio
Mt 18, 15-20

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: “Si tu hermano comete un pecado, ve y amonéstalo a solas. Si te escucha, habrás salvado a tu hermano. Si no te hace caso, hazte acompañar de una o dos personas, para que todo lo que se diga conste por boca de dos o tres testigos. Pero si ni así te hace caso, díselo a la comunidad; y si ni a la comunidad le hace caso, apártate de él como de un pagano o de un publicano.

Yo les aseguro que todo lo que aten en la tierra, quedará atado en el cielo, y todo lo que desaten en la tierra, quedará desatado en el cielo.

Yo les aseguro también, que si dos de ustedes se ponen de acuerdo para pedir algo, sea lo que fuere, mi Padre celestial se lo concederá; pues donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, ahí estoy yo en medio de ellos”.

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¡Viviana Sotro comenzará pronto en Guardian Angels!

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Es un gran placer para mí anunciarles que hemos contratado a Viviana Sotro a tiempo parcial para ayudarlos a crecer en su relación con Cristo como familias y juntos como parroquia. Viviana viene a nosotros habiendo recibido la gran bendición de trabajar en la Iglesia de San Esteban en Minneapolis bajo la dirección del Padre Joseph Williams, el pastor.

Viviana es una devota y gozosa testigo del amor de Cristo que ha sido testigo de la transformación de muchas vidas de muchas personas, parejas y familias que fueron sanados por el Señor. Ella ha ayudado a capacitar a líderes que acompañaron a muchos que se habían apartado de Dios de manera paciente y amorosa.

Viviana se alegra mucho de capacitar a los laicos para que utilicen los talentos que Dios les ha dado para el servicio de los demás en la comunidad y especialmente de los más necesitados de la misericordia de Dios. Le gusta formar discípulos misioneros y asesorar a parejas y está ansiosa por continuar sirviendo en Guardian Angels con la misma disposición y alegría.

Anticipo que ella trabajará con el ministerio matrimonial y familiar, ayudando a las parejas a recibir apoyo de otras personas que las acompañarán en su camino de fe y también trabajará para ayudarlas a aceptar su papel de padres. Ella ayudará a aquellos que necesitan que su matrimonio sea sacramental en la Iglesia. Finalmente, les ayudará a descubrir los talentos que Dios les ha dado para que los utilicen en la edificación de la familia de Dios, la Iglesia. Creo que comenzará pronto y aumentará gradualmente sus horas por semana desde ahora hasta el 1 de octubre, momento en el que trabajará unas 20 horas por semana.

¡Únase a mí para darle la bienvenida a Viviana a la comunidad! - Padre Tony