

# ST. ROSE OF LIMA

## CATHOLIC PARISH

415 NE 105TH STREET MIAMI SHORES, FL 33138 | PHONE: 305-758-0539

November 23, 2025



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."  
- Lk 23:42-43

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St. Rose of Lima is a welcoming and diverse community that celebrates the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament. Guided by the Holy Spirit and centered in the Eucharist, we strive to bring people closer to God and to one another in the spirit of faith, service and fellowship.



### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday: 8:15am  
Español: Tuesday 7:00pm

#### Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:50pm  
Sunday: 11:15am-11:45am  
Or by appointment

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday: 8:15am  
Vigil - 5:00pm

#### Sunday:

8:00am  
10:00am  
12:00pm- Español  
5:00pm

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 8:45am to 7:00pm  
Concluding with Benediction at 7:00pm

#### Miraculous Medal Novena

Friday Evenings at 7:00pm

Welcome  
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
8:00am-4:30pm  
Closed for lunch  
12:30pm-1:30pm

### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor** Rev. George Packuvettithara  
**Parochial Vicar** Rev. Luis Perez

**Business Manager** Mrs. Michele Pinder  
**Office Coordinator** Mrs. Judith De Sales  
**Receptionist** Ms. Ardinn Subervi  
**Music Director** Mrs. Jennifer Paccilli  
**Sacristan** Mrs. Teresa Tamayo

**Director of Religious Education** Sr. Lily Marie, SCTJM



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**Principal** Dr. Stephen Brown  
**Asst. to the Principal / Registrar** Mrs. Tina Frechette  
**Receptionist / Volunteer Coordinator** Mrs. Carmen Matos-Raia

	<b>Safe Environment Ambiente Seguro</b>	
<b>Statewide (DCF) Abuse Hotline</b> 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873)		<b>Linea de Abuso de la Florida (DCF)</b> 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873)
<b>Archdiocesan Abuse Hotline</b> 1-866-802-2873		<b>Linea Directa de la Arquidiocesis de Abuso</b> 1-866-802-2873
<b>Victim Assistance Coordinator</b> Peter Routsis-Arroyo 1-866-802-2873		<b>Coordinador de Asistencia a la Victima</b> Peter Routsis-Arroyo 1-866-802-2873



It has come to our attention that individuals may be receiving texts or emails impersonating our priests asking for gift cards or travel assistance.

Please note that Fr. George or the other priests will never email or text you to ask for help.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please stop by the parish to register a date for baptism. Baptism classes are required to be taken by the parents and godparents which will be held in the school conference room each month.

**First Sunday at 10:00 am- 12:00pm (English)**  
**Second Sunday at 10:00 am - 12:00pm (Spanish)**

Community Baptisms are celebrated each month.

Third Sunday at 1:30 pm (English)

Fourth Sunday at 1:30 pm (Spanish)

**Private Baptisms are held on Saturdays.**



Nuestras clases de Preparación Bautismal para padres y padrinos será de 10:00am a 12:00pm. El primer domingo del mes la clase será en inglés; el segundo domingo del mes la clase será en español. Registros en la oficina.



## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact the Parish Office regarding arrangements at least 9 months in advance of the planned date.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**SUNDAYS:** Grades K-8th - 11:15 am - 12:45 pm

Two years of classes are required to receive the Sacraments.

## STEWARDSHIP

### WEEKLY OFFERING

November 15-16, 2025

**\$ 15,231.80**

*Thank you to all our faithful parishioners who are using online giving, has donated additional support to the parish, and mailed your offertory envelopes!*

*Thank you for your generosity! We are truly blessed!*

**GIVE ONLINE TODAY!**  
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Click Here to Donate

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then click on the blue box at the upper right corner to donate.

## HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR NEED A PASTORAL VISIT?

Contact us at the office at 305-758-0539.

## WEEKLY PRAYER OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### First Reading:

“And the LORD said to you, ‘You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.’” (2 Sm 5:2)

### Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

### Second Reading:

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven. (Col 1:19-20)

### Gospel:

He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (Lk 23:43)

### THE POPE’S NOVEMBER INTENTION

#### For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2025

### Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

### Monday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

### Tuesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

### Wednesday:

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

### Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

### Friday:

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

### Saturday:

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

### Next Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



## ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

This Sunday, we celebrate Christ the King, a ruler not of power, but of peace, love, and justice. Stewardship is how we serve His Kingdom here and now, using our lives to promote truth, mercy, and charity in our community.

**“Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.” (COLOSSIANS 1:12)**

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as restrictions that tell us what we cannot do, look at them rather as a guide to living a life full of peace and joy. Most of our problems come to light when we put our needs first or when we spend most of our time trying to acquire more things. Instead, try to put God first in all things.

Este domingo celebramos a Cristo Rey, un gobernante no de poder, sino de paz, amor y justicia. La mayordomía es la forma en que servimos a Su Reino aquí y ahora, utilizando nuestras vidas para promover la verdad, la misericordia y la caridad en nuestra comunidad.

**“dar gracias al Padre que nos ha capacitado para compartir la herencia de los santos en la luz.” (COLOSENSES 1:12)**

¡Dios quiere que seamos felices! En lugar de considerar los Diez Mandamientos como restricciones que nos dicen lo que no podemos hacer, considéralos más bien como una guía para vivir una vida llena de paz y alegría. La mayoría de nuestros problemas salen a la luz cuando ponemos nuestras necesidades en primer lugar o cuando pasamos la mayor parte de nuestro tiempo tratando de adquirir más cosas. En cambio, trata de poner a Dios en primer lugar en todas las cosas.

# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:15 am Jacque Louis +  
Maria Cristina Fernandez +  
Maria de Rosario Fernandez

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:15 am Paule Emilien  
Acefie Jean Victor  
Madeleine Gelin  
7:00 pm Luis Muñoz-Tebar +

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:15 am Fabio Giraldo +  
David Mendoza +  
Manuel Ramirez +

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27- THANKSGIVING

9:00am St. Rose of Lima Parishioners

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:15 am Yolanda Barrios +  
Rosie Cassagnol

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:15 am Deceased members of Nerette Louis Family+  
5:00 pm Jean Scott +  
Richard Vernon +  
Catalina Barletta +

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00 am Devon Jaramillo +  
Belizaire Francois  
10:00 am Lilly Sterling +  
Deceased members of Jeune Family +  
St. Rose of Lima (Raynald Valbrun)  
12:00 pm Ricardo Toro +  
Saturina Ramirez +  
Daniel Altagracia Baez +  
5:00 pm Nancy Erickson +  
Maria Isabel Carrillo de Rojo +  
Juan Guerra de La Rosa +

Would you like to pray for a loved one who has died? Would you like a special way to thank God for his blessings? Is there a living person for whom you would like to pray? You can do all this by having them remembered at a daily or Sunday Mass. Mass intentions may be scheduled at the parish office. Mass donation is \$10 per Mass.

## LIVE THE LITURGY

Our king wears a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold. His glory is not in riches but in suffering. His law is written in his own blood, shed for the love of us. Do we understand the gift that it is, to be subject to such a king?  
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## VIVIR LA LITURGIA

Nuestro rey lleva una corona de espinas, no una corona de oro. Su gloria no está en las riquezas, sino en el sufrimiento. Su ley está escrita en su propia sangre, derramada por amor a nosotros. ¿Comprendemos el don que es estar sujetos a tal rey?  
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This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...  
God our Father,  
Graciously accept from your humble people  
a thankful heart and spirit.  
Everything we have and are able to share with others  
ultimately comes from your love of your creations.  
Often we think that everything we have  
is our own creation;  
we ask you this day to create in us  
a spirit of gratitude,  
that we may always know  
that all good gifts come from you.  
We ask this through Christ our brother,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.



## Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule: Monday, December 8th  
at 8:15am and 7pm (Spanish)

## Día Santo de Precepto

Horario de Misas: Lunes, 8 de diciembre  
a las 8:15 a.m. y 7 p.m. (español)

## WELCOME TO ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC PARISH IN MIAMI SHORES

We extend a warm welcome to parishioners, friends, and supporters of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church who have come to worship here. Through the intercession of St. Rose of Lima, may the Lord send down special blessings upon all of us as we turn to him today in faith and prayer.

Parish Membership is maintained by registration in the Parish, active participation in the Sunday Eucharistic Worship, living a positive Catholic moral life, stewardship, and support of the parish. Through baptism we become God's sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters to each other in Christ.

Every family in the parish is encouraged to properly register and receive numbered offertory envelopes.

### THANKSGIVING MASS

"Grateful to God in Thanksgiving for the blessings we have received."

We invite you to join us for a Thanksgiving Mass on **Thursday, November 27 at 9:00am** (Bi-lingual)



Dia De Accion De Gracias Santa Misa a las 9:00am

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27th & 28th, 2025. Have a blessed day.



During the month of November, we are especially called to reflect on the goodness of God in our lives.

This is the month when we celebrate Thanksgiving and reflect on how this gratitude in our lives calls us to express generosity to God and others.

Again, this year our parish will participate in the iGiveCatholic program. This is a nationwide program that invites all Catholics in the United States to make a gift to their parish as a sign of their gratitude to God for the gift of their Catholic faith specifically as seen in their parish.

**The annual tradition of Giving Tuesday is 12.2.25.**

This year please consider a donation to St. Rose of Lima Church. We kindly ask for donations to support these important improvements which include: replacing the church doors with impact doors, replace the existing church roof, upgrade the church sound system.

#### **Options to Give:**

Text **GIVECATHOLIC** to 844-844-6844  
scan the QR code or use the link below:  
<https://www.igivecatholic.org/organization/St-Rose-Of-Lima-Church>

We are truly grateful for your support and generosity.



## Advent Wreath Blessing

**Sunday, November 30th**

If you have your own personal advent wreath, please place it under the parish advent wreath before mass.



### Bendición de la Corona de Adviento

Domingo, 30 de noviembre  
Si tienes tu propia corona de adviento, por favor colócala debajo de la corona de adviento de la parroquia antes de la misa.

**Save the Date!**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Bazaar*  
December 7, 2025  
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church  
425 NE 105 Street, Miami Shores, FL 33138

Join us for a day of shopping and fun for all!  
Vendor opportunities available!  
Email [hsa@srlschool.com](mailto:hsa@srlschool.com)

**EVENTO GUADALUPANO**  
*No estoy, go aquí que soy tu Madre?  
I am not here, that I am your Mother?*

**CONSECRATION MASS TO  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**  
We will honor our Mother  
with Mariachis following the Mass.

**Friday  
December 12  
7:30pm**  
(Bilingual)

**MISA DE CONSAGRACIÓN A  
NUESTRA SANTA MADRE DE  
GUADALUPE**  
Tendremos Mariachis para juntos  
honrar a nuestra Madre, después  
de la Santa Misa.

Celebrante:  
Rev. George Packuvettithara  
Rev. Luis Perez

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
415 NE 105th Street Miami Shores, FL 33138  
Information: (305) 758-0539

**Christmas Gift Tree for Seniors**

We are once again collecting Christmas gifts that will be distributed to seniors at facilities such as Gesu Senior Center and Villa Maria.

The Gift Tree, located in the Bell Tower, will be up from Saturday, November 29th through Sunday, December 14th.

Please.....

- Select a gift tag from the tree
- Purchase the gift
- Wrap the present, attach the tag
- Place the wrapped gift under the tree in the bell tower

**Gift Suggestions:**

Generic Gifts: puzzle books, playing cards, magnifying glass, back scratchers, dominos, etc.

Women Gifts: perfume, body lotion, body wash, socks, stuffed animals

Male Gifts: cologne, after shave, disposable razors/shaving gel, socks, handkerchiefs

*We thank you for your generosity over the past 35 years to support our local Seniors.*

Contact Us : [srlccw@gmail.com](mailto:srlccw@gmail.com)  
Help make the Christmas season special to our Seniors



Dear young people,  
Jesus' freedom  
draws us in. Let us  
allow it to resonate  
within us, to challenge  
us, to awaken in  
us the courage born  
of truth.

POPE FRANCIS

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# COFFEE & DONUTS

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH

**AFTER THE  
8:00AM & 10:00AM  
MASSES**



### Religious Gift Shop

Searching for a special gift or religious item for you or your loved ones?  
Visit the St. Rose of Lima Religious Gift Shop located in the Bell Tower

### Discover the perfect gift!

#### Items include:

- Rosaries
- Medals
- Statues
- Crosses
- Religious jewelry
- Advent candles and holders

The gift shop is open after all Sunday Masses



# St. Rose of Lima

70th Annual  
January 30, 31,-  
February 1, 2026



## Sponsorship Opportunities

<b>Center Stage Sponsor</b>	\$2,000.00
• One full color logo 5'x8' banner prominently displayed over bistro area.	
<b>Premier Bistro Booth Sponsor</b>	\$1,500.00
• One full color logo 5'x8' banner prominently displayed over bistro area.	
<b>Beer Booth Sponsor</b>	\$650.00
• One full color logo 4'x6' banner displayed within beer booth tent.	
<b>Food and Game Booth Sponsor</b>	\$200.00
• One single color text 1'x9' banner displayed over one food or game booth.	

## Underwriting Opportunities

<b>Table and Tent Rental</b>	\$3,000.00
<b>Beer and Soda</b>	\$2,000.00
<b>Refrigeration Truck Rental</b>	\$1,500.00
<b>Game Prizes and Candy</b>	\$1,500.00
<b>Dumpster Rental</b>	\$1,500.00
<b>Ice</b>	\$1,200.00

Sponsorship Deadline: January 23, 2026  
St. Rose of Lima is a registered 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization  
Questions regarding the event and logo submission can be sent to [mpinder@srlschool.com](mailto:mpinder@srlschool.com)

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**70TH ANNUAL  
ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH  
CARNIVAL**

415 NE 105<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami Shores, FL 33138

Friday, January 30, 2026 \* 3pm - 11pm  
Saturday, January 31, 2026 \* 11am - 11pm  
Sunday, February 1, 2026 \* 12pm - 10pm

*Join the  
CELEBRATION!*

305-758-0539

Preparations are underway and the carnival committee could use some additional support. This is a long standing tradition bringing our families and friends together for delicious food, fun, games, rides, and community involvement.

This event is a huge undertaking and requires 5,000 man hours to make it a success. In addition to time, monetary donations and donated items are also major contributors.

100% of funds raised at the Carnival go directly to the school and parish to be used to fund school resources, technology, and capital improvements.

Each member of our community should take great pride in becoming involved.

This event cannot happen without your help.

To learn more on how you can help please contact the parish office or send an email to [carnival@srlschool.com](mailto:carnival@srlschool.com)

We are so grateful to all our volunteers and sponsors.

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January 30,31 -  
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## Sponsorship Form

### BILLING INFORMATION

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Parishioner  Parent  Alumni  Faculty  Vendor  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to St. Rose of Lima Credit Card:  Visa  MasterCard  AMEX  Discover  
Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name as is appears on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### SPONSORSHIP LEVEL PURCHASED

- Center Stage Sponsor \$2,000.00  
 Premier Bistro Booth Sponsor \$1,500.00  
 Beer Booth Sponsor \$650.00  
 Food & Game Booth Sponsor \$200.00

### UNDERWRITING DONATION

- Table & Tent Rental \$3,000.00  
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 Refrigeration Truck Rental \$1,500.00  
 Game Prizes & Candy \$1,500.00  
 Dumpster Rental \$1,500.00  
 Ice \$1,200.00

I would like to make a monetary contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a wine and/or spirit donation of \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Owed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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## Special Message of US bishops on "mass deportations"



The full text of the bishops' Special Pastoral Message follows:

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together. We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30-37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

*As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5)*

*May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.*

## Mensaje especial de los obispos de EE. UU. sobre las “deportaciones masivas”



El texto completo del mensaje especial de los obispos a continuación:

Como pastores, los obispos de los Estados Unidos, estamos unidos a nuestro pueblo en Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, por lazos de comunión y compasión. Nos inquieta ver en nuestras comunidades un clima de temor y ansiedad ante las prácticas de perfilamiento y la aplicación de las leyes migratorias. Nos entristece profundamente el tono que ha adoptado el debate contemporáneo y la creciente denigración de los inmigrantes. Nos preocupan las condiciones en los centros de detención y la falta de acceso a una atención pastoral adecuada. Lamentamos que algunos inmigrantes que viven en los Estados Unidos han perdido su estatus migratorio de manera arbitraria. Nos preocupan las amenazas contra la santidad de los lugares de culto, y el carácter especial de los hospitales y las escuelas. Nos entristece profundamente cuando nos encontramos con padres que temen ser detenidos al llevar a sus hijos a la escuela o cuando intentamos consolar a familiares que ya han sido separados de sus seres queridos.

A pesar de los obstáculos y prejuicios, por generaciones, los inmigrantes han contribuido inmensamente al bienestar de nuestra nación. Como obispos católicos, profesamos Nuestro amor por nuestro país y oramos por su paz y prosperidad. Por este preciso motivo nos sentimos obligados en este entorno a elevar nuestras voces en defensa de la dignidad humana otorgada por Dios.

La enseñanza católica exhorta a las naciones a reconocer la dignidad fundamental de todas las personas, incluidos los inmigrantes. Como obispos, abogamos por una reforma significativa de las leyes y los procedimientos migratorios de nuestra nación. La dignidad humana y la seguridad nacional no son valores en conflicto. Ambas pueden alcanzarse con buena voluntad y uniendo esfuerzos.

Reconocemos que las naciones tienen la responsabilidad de controlar sus fronteras y establecer un sistema de inmigración justo y ordenado por el bien común. Sin dichos procedimientos, los inmigrantes corren el riesgo de caer en la trata de personas y en otras formas de explotación. Las vías legales y seguras sirven como antídoto frente a esos riesgos.

La enseñanza de la Iglesia se basa en la preocupación fundamental por la persona humana, creada a imagen y semejanza de Dios. (Génesis 1:27). Como pastores, recurrimos a las Sagradas Escrituras y al ejemplo de Dios mismo, donde encontramos la sabiduría de la compasión de Dios. La prioridad del Señor, como nos recuerdan los profetas, es para los más vulnerables: las viudas, los huérfanos, los pobres y los migrantes (Zacarías 7:10). En el Señor Jesús, vemos a Aquel que se hizo pobre por nosotros (2 Corintios 8:9), vemos al buen samaritano que nos levanta del polvo (Lucas 10:30-37) y vemos a Aquel que se encuentra en los más pequeños (Mateo 25). La preocupación de la Iglesia por el prójimo y nuestra preocupación aquí por los inmigrantes son una respuesta al mandato del Señor de amar como Él nos ha amado (Juan 13:34).

A nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes, estamos con ustedes en su sufrimiento, pues si un miembro sufre, todos sufren (1 Corintios 12:26). ¡No están solos!

Observamos con gratitud que tantos de nuestros sacerdotes, religiosos consagrados, y fieles laicos ya están acompañando y asistiendo a inmigrantes en sus necesidades humanas básicas. Exhortamos a todas las personas de buena voluntad a continuar y ampliar esos esfuerzos.

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*Como discípulos del Señor, seguimos siendo hombres y mujeres de esperanza, ¡y la esperanza no defrauda!* (Romanos 5,5).

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