44th Annual Red Mass

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Wednesday, October 28, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

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My Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels for the 44th Annual Red Mass. Although I am unable to be with you this year, I am grateful to Bishop Elshoff for celebrating this Mass with you. Please know that you are in my prayers.

America is a nation of laws, and upholding and protecting the rule of law is both a noble vocation and a solemn responsibility shared by judges, attorneys, and all who serve in the legal profession.

My prayer is that this Mass will renew and strengthen you in your vocation, encouraging you to continue carrying out your professional responsibilities in the light of your faith, with integrity, wisdom, and a steadfast commitment to the common good.

May God bless you in your important work and grant you peace!

+José H. Gomez

Most Reverend José H. Gomez
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2026 RED MASS

Principal Celebrant: Most Reverend Matthew G. Elshoff, O.F.M. Cap.
Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles

Homilist: Rev. Dan Lackie, O.F.M.
Pastor, Santa Barbara Mission Parish

Lector: Hon. Maria Cavalluzzi

Choir: St. Anthony of Padua School Choir
Director, Erick Rubalcava

Altar Servers: St. Francis High School students

Universal Prayer: Deacon Chris Amantea
Seoung-ho Francis Cho, Korean Deputy Consul General
Thomas Johnston, President, LA-ABOTA
Nicole Gendusa, Founder, Pepperdine Catholic Law Students Association
Lucia La Rosa Ames, Co-Founder, MB-SAFE
Paul Rigali, Managing Partner, Larson LLP

Gift Bearers: Arnold Peter
David Shebby

Entrance Procession: Knights of Columbus, Knights of Peter Claver
Order of Malta
Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
Judges of the Federal and State Courts, Clergy

Introduction of Interreligious Faith Leaders: Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith

Introduction of Closing Speaker: Hon. Rupert Byrdsong
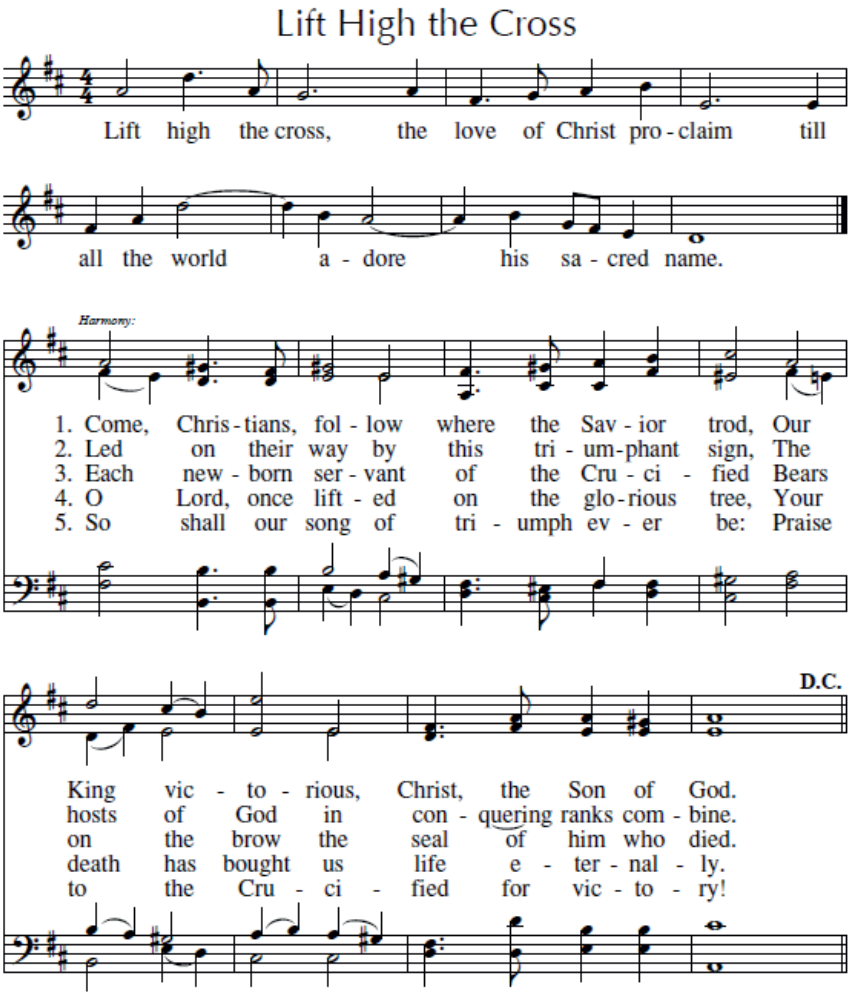
Closing Remarks: Hon. Sergio C. Tapia II
Presiding Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court

Comments: Carmela Bombay
Chair, St. Thomas More Society of Los Angeles

Introductory Rites

Gathering Hymn

Please Stand



Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt.
Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947
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Greeting

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

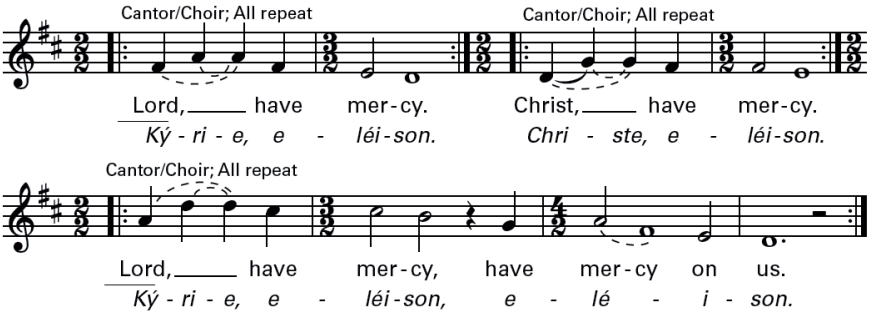
Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Lord, Have Mercy/Kyrie, Eleison

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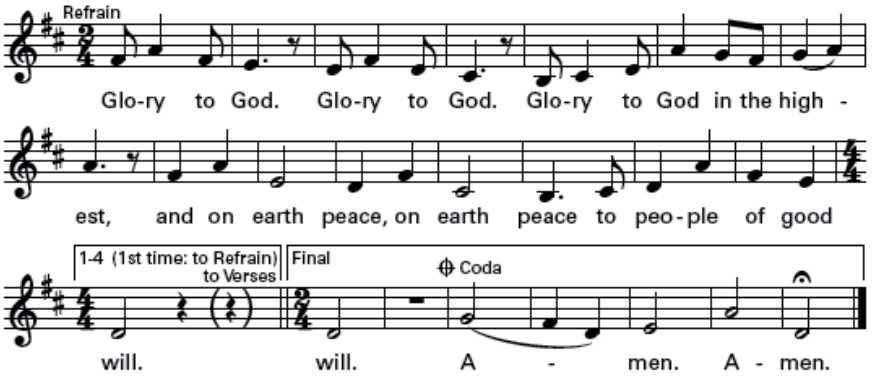


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Gloria

Glory to God

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1. We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heav'nly King,
O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand,
the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

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COLLECT **All: Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE WORD
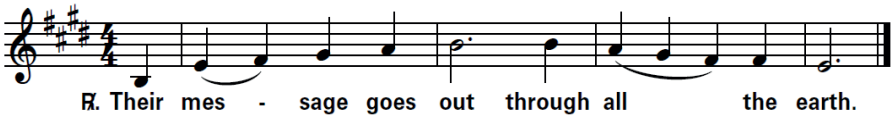
Reading 1 Ephesians 2:19-22

Brothers and sisters:
You are no longer strangers and sojourners,
but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones
and members of the household of God,
built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.
Through him the whole structure is held together
and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord;
in him you also are being built together
into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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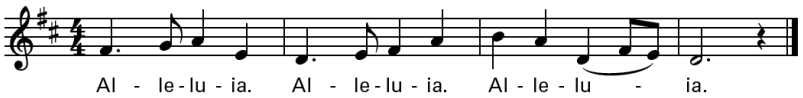


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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PLEASE STAND

ALLELUIA

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GOSPEL Luke 6:12-16

The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went up to the mountain to pray,
and he spent the night in prayer to God.
When day came, he called his disciples to himself,
and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named Apostles:
Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew,
James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew,
Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus,
Simon who was called a Zealot,
and Judas the son of James,
and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

HOMILY Rev. Dan Lackie, O.F.M.

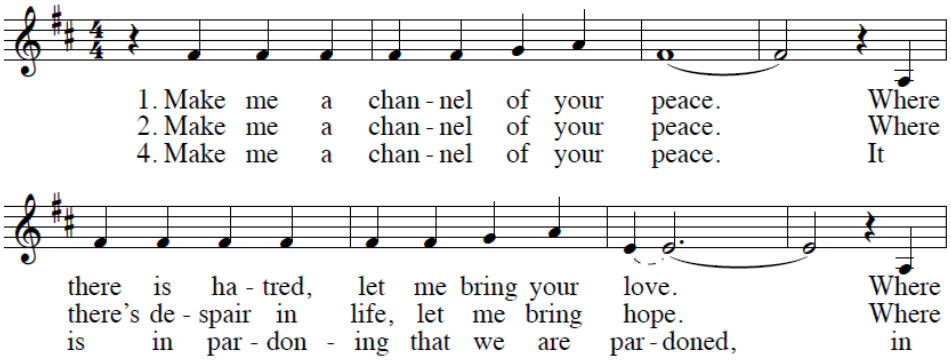
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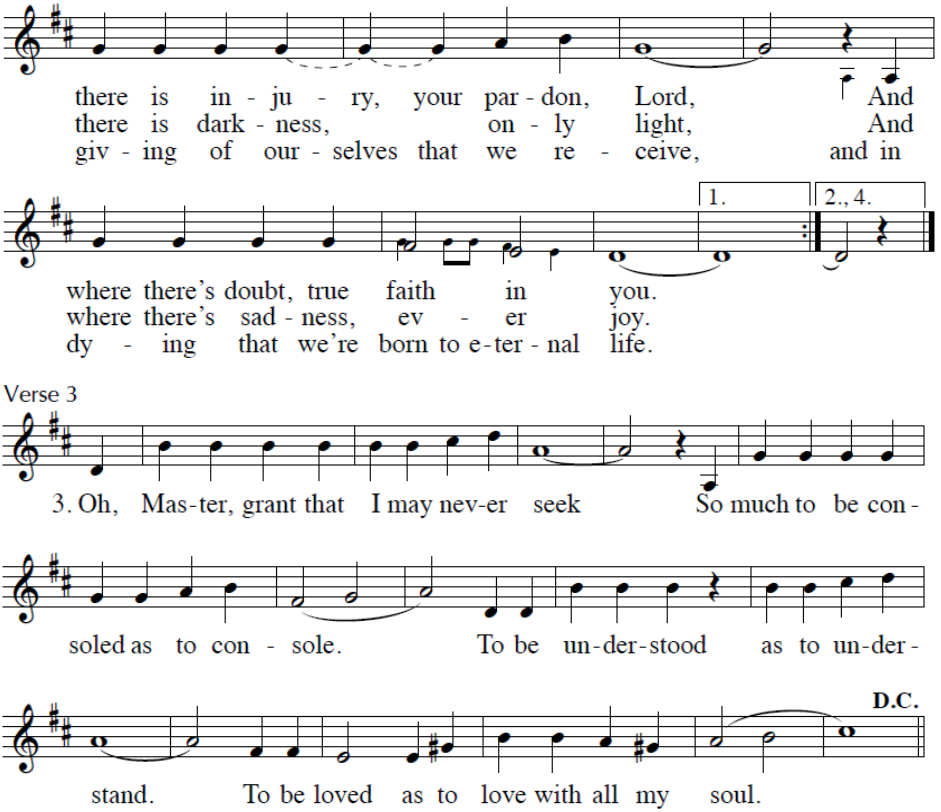
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Verses 1, 2, 4





Text: *Prayer of St. Francis*; adapt. by Sebastian Temple, 1928–1997
Tune: Sebastian Temple, 1928–1997; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942
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Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.**

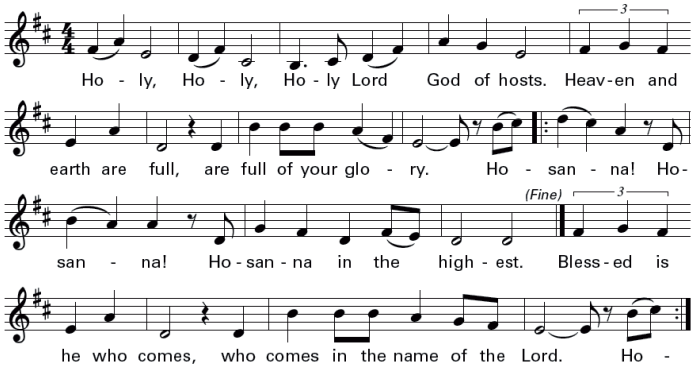
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you **All: And with your spirit**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts **All: We lift them up to the Lord**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God **All: It is right and just**

SANCTUS

HOLY

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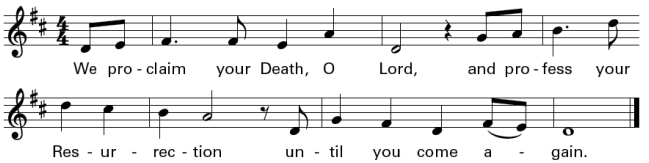


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MYSTERY OF FAITH

WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH

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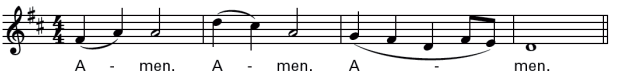


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GREAT AMEN

AMEN

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LORD'S PRAYER Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

RITE OF PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: And with your spirit.

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

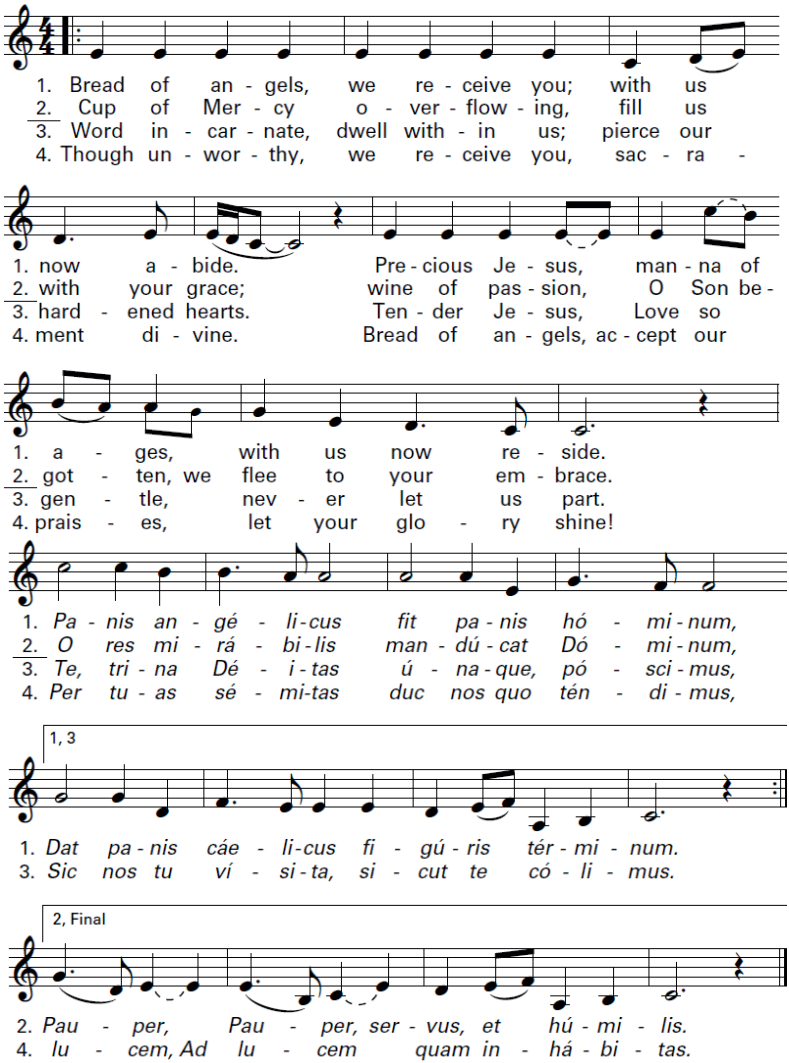
All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Reception of Communion

We invite everyone here today to come forward during communion. If you are not Catholic, or are not prepared to receive the Holy Eucharist, please cross your hands over your heart to receive a blessing. Thank you for joining us in this part of the celebration.

Communion Hymn **Bread of Angels**

Curtis Stephan



English text, Curtis Stephan. Latin text, *Panis angelicus* by St. Thomas Aquinas, 1227–1274.
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Introduction of Speaker Hon. Rupert Byrdsong

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Comments Carmela Bombay

Concluding Rites

Blessing and Dismissal

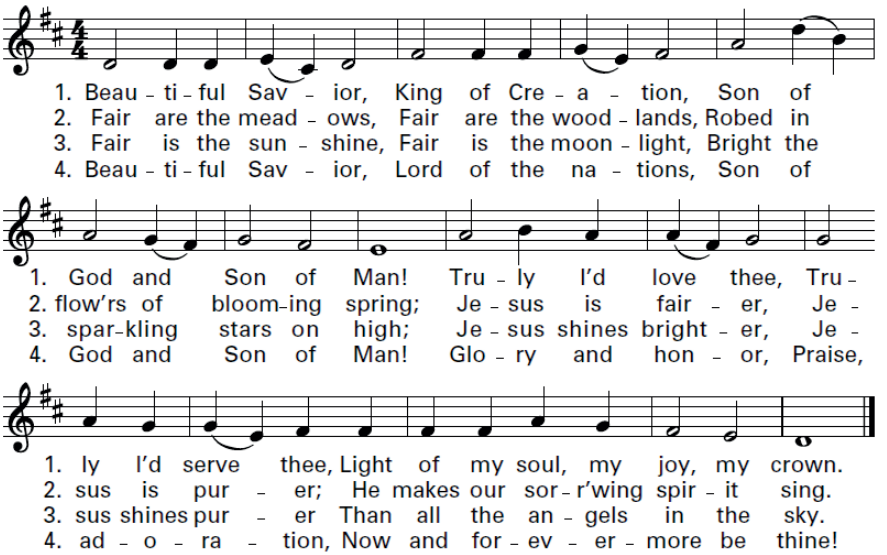
PLEASE STAND

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
Celebrant: May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.
Celebrant: Go forth, the Mass is ended.
All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

Beautiful Savior

ST. ELIZABETH



Text: 55 7 55 8; Psalm 45:3; *Schönster Herr Jesu,* in *Münster Gesangbuch,* 1677; tr. by Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904. Music: Trad. Silesian Melody; *Schlesische Volkslieder,* Leipzig, 1842.

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2026 RED MASS SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Most Reverend Matthew G. Elshoff, O.F.M., Cap., D.D., V.G.

Bishop Elshoff was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but grew up in the Los Angeles area, attending St. Bede the Venerable Church and school in La Canada Flintridge. After graduating St. Francis High School, also in La Canada Flintridge, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in 1973 and was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Timothy Manning in 1982.

As a Capuchin, he served as Vice Master of Novices, and was soon elected for leadership as a Definitor from 1999 to 2005 and then as local Provincial from 2008 to 2014. Within the Archdiocese, he has served as educator, campus minister, then President of St. Francis High School. He has also served as Pastor of Old Mission Santa Ines in Solvang, and most recently as Pastor in 2018 at St. Lawrence of Brindisi in Los Angeles.

Archbishop Gomez appointed him as Episcopal Vicar for Our Lady of the Angels Pastoral Region on September 26, 2023, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

Rev. Dan Lackie, O.F.M.

Father Dan Lackie is a Franciscan Friar and currently serves as pastor of the Mission Santa Barbara California. Ordained to the priesthood at the Mission in 1994, Fr. Dan began priestly ministry in San Francisco at St. Anthony Parish, later serving as chaplain at St. Anthony Dining Room and Foundation and as Board member at St. Francis Center in Los Angeles. In a recent message to us he wrote, "To be invited to serve as preacher at the Annual Red Mass is a great honor for which I am very grateful, especially in representing my fellow friars and our shared tradition during this significant Jubilee Year."

Jubilee Year of Saint Francis

Pope Leo XIV proclaimed 2026 as the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis. This special holy year runs from January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027 and commemorates the 800th anniversary of the death St. Francis of Assisi.

The Jubilee Year is a time for prayer, pilgrimage, reconciliation, and reflecting on St. Francis's example of peace, care for the poor, and love for creation. Franciscan Capuchins and Franciscan Friars are Catholic religious orders that follow in the example of St Francis.

The Honorable Sergio C. Tapia II

Sergio C. Tapia was appointed to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County in 2013 and currently serves as Presiding Judge, leading the largest trial court in the United States. He previously served as Assistant Presiding Judge, Supervising Judge of the Criminal Division, Assistant Supervising Judge of Criminal, and Assistant Supervising Judge of Limited Criminal Traffic.

Judge Tapia serves on the Judicial Council's Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee and the Court Facilities Advisory Committee. His prior Judicial Council service includes the Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness, the Traffic Advisory Committee, the Futures Traffic Working Group, and the Judicial Diversity Toolkit Working Group. He is also a member of Governor Gavin Newsom's Judicial Selection Advisory Committee.

Before joining the bench, Judge Tapia was an AmeriCorps attorney with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, a Deputy Public Defender and Deputy Alternate Public Defender for Los Angeles County, and an Adjunct Professor of Law at Glendale University College of Law.

Throughout his career, Judge Tapia has been a frequent keynote speaker and panelist at judicial, bar association, educational, and community events. He has dedicated substantial time to mentoring students and supporting civic education programs, including Bell Gardens High School Teen Court, College Bound Today, and the Constitutional Rights Foundation (Teach Democracy).

He has also served in numerous leadership and advisory roles, including as a board member of the California Judges Association; President and board member of the California Latino Judges Association; Chair and board member of the Latino Judicial Officers Association of Los Angeles; founding board member of the Legal Education Access Pipeline; member of the Judicial Advisory Board of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers; member of the Mexican American Bar Association Board of Trustees; and member of the Board of Directors of California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

Born to Mexican immigrant parents, Judge Tapia was the first in his family to earn a college degree. He received bachelor's degrees in Ethnic Studies and Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, and his law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law. He is married to Superior Court Judge Rosa M. Fregoso.

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The Red Mass is traditionally held at the opening of the judicial year and is attended by judges, lawyers, public officials and law faculty. The Red Mass was first celebrated in Paris in 1245. From the time of Edward I, the Mass was offered in England at Westminster Abbey and received its name from the scarlet robes worn by the Lord High Justices. The first American Red Mass was held in New York City on October 6, 1928 at Old St. Andrew's Church. In Washington D.C., the Red Mass opens the new term of the U.S. Supreme Court at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle.

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Born in London in 1478, Thomas More was a distinguished lawyer and statesman known for his intellectual brilliance and moral integrity. He became the first layman Lord Chancellor of England, where he championed justice and protected the vulnerable. When Henry VIII sought control over the Church in England, More resigned rather than compromise his beliefs. Imprisoned and executed in 1535, he faced death with humility, courage, and faith, qualities shaped by a lifetime of service to God and others. He is remembered for his unwavering fidelity to his conscience and his ability to blend a high-profile public life with deep humility and faith. For more information please scan this QR code: