

**Quarterly Pax Mass**  
***Catholic Nonviolence Days of Action, Season of Creation***

**September 18, 2025 / #PaxMass**

5:30 Pacific / 6:30 Mountain / 7:30 Central / 8:30 PM Eastern

*Readings are the readings for today, Thursday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time, from The Inclusive Bible (Priests of Equality, 2007).*

**Presider: Archbishop John C. Wester**  
**Archdiocese of Santa Fe, NM**

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**Welcome:** *Judy Coode, Pax Christi USA*  
*Communications Director*

+ *We celebrate this Mass in memory of **Msgr. Doug Doussan**, Pax Christi USA*  
*Ambassador of Peace*

**OPENING SONG: Sing to the Mountains**

*Music selections are suggestions from the [2025 Season of Creation Catholic Liturgical Guide](#) and reflect the 2025 Season of Creation Theme: "Peace with Creation"*

**Refrain:**

Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.

2 Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. **[Refrain]**

1 I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song. **[Refrain]**

3 This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us be glad and rejoice.  
He has turned all death to life.  
Sing of the glory of God. **[Refrain]**

**Opening prayer**

**First reading****1 Timothy 4:12-16**

*Reader: Nick Mele, Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace, Nuclear disarmament working group*

Let no one look down on you because you are young, but be a consistent example for other believers in speech, in love, in life, in faith and in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Don't neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophetic word when the presbyters laid their hands on you. Attend to your duties with great devotion, so that everyone can see your progress. Watch yourself and watch your teaching; persevere in both tasks. By doing so, you will bring salvation to yourself and to all who hear you.

**The word of God.**

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Reader: Stephen Niamke, Pax Christi USA national field organizer* **Psalm 111:7-8, 9, 10**

**(Reader): Our response is: How great are the works of God!**

The works of God's hands are faithful and just;  
sure are all God's precepts,  
Reliable forever and ever,  
wrought in truth and equity.

**R. How great are the works of God!**

God has sent deliverance to the people;  
has ratified the covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is God's name.

**R. How great are the works of God!**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
prudent are all who live by it.  
God's praise endures forever.

**R. How great are the works of God!**

**Alleluia (Presider- Archbishop John C. Wester)**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

*Proclaimed by: Archbishop John C. Wester*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

**Luke 7:36-50**

One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to dinner. Jesus went to his house and reclined at table. A woman who had a low reputation in that town came to the house. She had learned that Jesus was dining with the Pharisees, so she brought with her an alabaster jar of perfumed oil. She stood behind Jesus, crying, and her tears fell on his feet. Then she dried his feet with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the oil.

When the Pharisee saw this, he said to himself, "If this fellow were the Prophet, he'd know who this woman is that is touching him, and what a low reputation she has."

In answer to the Pharisee's thoughts, Jesus said, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, Teacher," he said.

"Two people owed money to a creditor. One owed the creditor the equivalent of two year's wages; the other, two month's wages. Both were unable to pay, so the creditor wrote off both debts. Which of them was more grateful to the moneylender?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one who owed more."

Jesus said, "You are right."

Turning to the woman, he said to Simon, "See this woman? I came into your house and

you gave me no water to wash my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss of greeting, but she covered my feet with kisses. You didn't anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with oil. For this reason, I tell you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven— see how much she loves! But the one who is forgiven little, loves little.”

Then Jesus said to the woman, “Your sins are forgiven.”

Those also sitting at the table began to ask among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

Meanwhile, Jesus said to her, “Your faith has saved you, go in peace.”

**The Gospel of our God,**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Homily: Archbishop John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, NM**



**[PLEASE TYPE YOUR INTENTIONS IN THE CHAT]**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

*Reader: Michelle Sherman, Pax Christi USA national staff*

**Our response is: God of peace, hear our prayer.**

For Pope Leo XIV and other leaders of our Church, and that we, guided by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit Pope Leo, put into action his address to the Pax Christi USA attendees at the national conference in Detroit. That we may make our “local communities into ‘houses of peace’ where [we] learn how to defuse hostility through dialogue, where justice is practiced and forgiveness is cherished.” *(Pause for silent prayer)* We pray: **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

We pray in support for the many grassroots churches and immigrant communities who are promoting justice amid the ICE raids and ongoing violence and escalation. Undaunted by the mounting tensions, insecurity, and chaos these peacemakers persist in conducting nonviolent actions, prayer vigils, and

demonstrations in solidarity with immigrant communities across the country. We pray: **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

For an end to all forms of violence whether perpetrated by harsh words, racist hatred, silent prejudice, systemic injustice, weapons of war, or cold indifference. May our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become communities of peace, we pray: **God of peace, hear our prayer.\***

Especially during the Catholic Nonviolence Days of Action, we pray for our political and religious leaders, that they will strive to overcome systemic injustice by working for fair education, adequate housing, equal opportunities for employment, and abolishing nuclear weapons. We pray: **God of peace, hear our prayer.\***

During the Season of Creation, we pray that we may be seized by the importance and urgency of the discipleship that Christ is calling us to in these times. May we grow in openness to wiser and more just ways of caring for Earth and sharing it with the whole of the web of life in which we live, we pray: **God of peace, hear our prayer.\*\***

For all the members of this community who have died, especially ***Ambassador of Peace Msgr. Doug Doussan and Monica Cornell, wife of late Ambassador of Peace Tom Cornell;*** — that God’s light may shine on them and on ***all*** we have lost. *(Pause for silent prayer)* We pray: **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

\*These prayers are adapted from the Eucharist for Gospel Nonviolence, AUSCP

\*\*This prayer is adapted from the [2025 Season of Creation Catholic Liturgical Guide](#), “Peace with Creation”

For these and all the intentions on our hearts tonight, let us pray to God.

**All: God of peace, hear our prayer.**



## Liturgy of the Eucharist Invitation to Prayer

### Prayer over the Gifts

The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right and just.**

## Preface

**All:** Holy, Holy, Holy God Lord of hosts.  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### Mystery of Faith

### Doxology

**All:** Amen

### The Lord's Prayer

**Sign of peace:** We invite you to extend a sign of peace through the screen to all gathered!

### Lamb of God

## COMMUNION RITE and Communion

### Communion Hymn: Prayer of St. Francis

1 Make me a channel of your peace:  
 Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
 where there is injury, your healing power,  
 and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

3 O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
 so much to be consoled as to console,  
 to be understood as to understand,  
 to be loved as to love with all my soul.

2 Make me a channel of your peace:  
 where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
 Where there is darkness, only light,  
 and where there's sadness, ever joy.

4 Make me a channel of your peace:  
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 in giving to all that we receive,  
 and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

### Prayer after Communion

### Final blessing

**Announcements and goodwill offering:** *Daniel Francis, Director of Development*

- Videos and resources from the national conference in Detroit are available on the [Pax Christi USA conference webpage](#).
- We welcome donations via the website [donate page](#). *Thank you!*
- See the next page for more upcoming events, including Catholic Nonviolence Days of Action

**Dismissal: Peace Be Yours- For the Healing of the Nations start at :30 (Lyrics by Susan R. Briehl; Music: “Litany of the Saints” by John Becker)**

Bangladesh and India, Peace be yours.  
 Taiwan and China; Peace be yours.  
 Japan and Hong Kong Peace be yours.  
 North and South Korea. Peace be yours.  
 Indonesia, Vietnam, Peace be yours.  
 Thailand and Malaysia; Peace be yours.  
 Philippines, Australia, Peace be yours.  
 Papua New Guinea. Peace be yours.  
 Iraq and Iran, Peace be yours.  
 Palestine and Israel; Peace be yours.  
 Afghanistan, Jordan, Peace be yours.  
 Syria and Lebanon. Peace be yours.

**Refrain: For the healing of the nations, we pray to you, O God. (2x)**

France and Spain , Peace be yours.  
 Switzerland and Italy; Peace be yours.  
 Romania, Slovenia, Peace be yours.  
 Czech & Slovak Republics. Peace be yours.  
 Russia and Finland/Ukraine, Peace be yours.  
 Austria and Hungary; Peace be yours.  
 Croatia, Estonia, Peace be yours.  
 Latvia and Poland. Peace be yours.  
 Norway and Sweden, Peace be yours.  
 Iceland and Denmark; Peace be yours.  
 Netherlands and Germany, Peace be yours.  
 Ireland and England. Peace be yours.

**Refrain: For the healing of the nations, we pray to you, O God. (2x)**

South Africa, Angola, Peace be yours.  
 Madagascar, Namibia, Peace be yours.  
 Botswana, Malawi, Peace be yours.  
 Mozambique, Zimbabwe. Peace be yours.  
 Sierra Leone, Peace be yours.  
 Central African Republic, Peace be yours.  
 Senegal, Liberia, Peace be yours.  
 Cameroon, Nigeria, Peace be yours.  
 Tanzania and Sudan, Peace be yours.  
 Kenya and Congo, Peace be yours.  
 Ethiopia, Somalia, Peace be yours.  
 Eritrea and Rwanda. Peace be yours.

**Refrain: For the healing of the nations, we pray to you, O God. (2x)**

Bolivia and Chile, Peace be yours.  
 Uruguay and Paraguay; Peace be yours.  
 Ecuador, Guyana; Peace be yours.  
 Brazil and Argentina. Peace be yours.  
 Columbia, Venezuela, Peace be yours.  
 Costa Rica, Mexico Peace be yours.  
 El Salvador, Honduras, Peace be yours.  
 Nicaragua, Guatemala, Peace be yours.  
 Greenland and Canada, Peace be yours.  
 Haiti and Jamaica, Peace be yours.  
 United States and Cuba, Peace be yours.

All immigrants and exiles. Peace be yours.

**Refrain: For the healing of the nations, we pray to you, O God. (4x)**

# Upcoming events

## Catholic Nonviolence Days of Action: September 21- October 2

**Sunday, Sept. 21, 1:30-5 PM Pacific:** Pax Christi Southern California Fall Assembly 2025 - Faithful Witness  
Location: St. Camillus Center, 1911 Zonal Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90033 (Hybrid: in person and via Zoom)

After opening prayer and remarks, participants will be invited to share their experiences and efforts in responding to the injustices of the past nine months. The program will feature Jim Thomas, author of *Atomic Pilgrim*, sharing insights from his peace walks and his work uncovering nuclear secrets. The day includes community conversation, a public witness walk, and concludes with the Peace and Justice Mass at 4:00 pm. Click [here](#) to register!

**Sept. 22, 10 AM Eastern: Webinar: The humanitarian situation in Sudan:** The third session of the “Sudan Speaks” webinar series, offered by Pax Christi International and co-sponsored by the [Darfur Youth Center for Peace and Development](#), the [Sudanese Center for Policy Studies](#) and the [Sustainable Development Organization \(SuDRO\)](#), is titled “Humanitarian situation in Sudan.” Speakers will share analysis and testimonies on the critical situation in Sudan, considered now the worst humanitarian crisis in the world. Learn more and register [using this link](#).

### Starting Monday, Sept. 22, Catholic Nonviolence Initiative Fall Series:

Nonviolence and the arts. For information and to register:

<https://cnifallseries.info/>

### Wednesday, October 1, 4-5 PM Eastern: The Pax Christi International Fund

for Peace invites all to an online conversation between Marie Dennis and Carolyn Townes OSF on how nonviolence leads us into a new and hopeful way of being. [Use this link to register](#).

**NONVIOLENCE & THE ARTS**  
Catholic Nonviolence Initiative Fall Series 2025

Join us as we bring together students from Catholic Universities across the U.S.A and around the world for conversations and reflections on the intersection of nonviolence and the arts.

**Featured Speakers**  
Visit our website for a complete list of speakers:

- Brandon Bauer**  
Artist, educator, & curator  
Associate Professor of Art,  
St. Norbert College
- Jingjin Guan**  
Filmmaker, choreographer, & dancer  
Director of Undergraduate Studies of  
Dance, Duke University
- Michael Nugler**  
Peace Activist, co-founder of one of  
the first Peace and Conflict Studies  
Programs in the United States,  
& author of *The Total Economy*
- Tania Romero**  
Writer, director, &  
cinematographer  
Assistant professor of Media  
Production & Media Studies,  
Vanderbilt University
- André de Quadros**  
Human rights activist, conductor,  
& ethnomusicologist  
Professor of Music, Boston  
University
- Dessa Quesada Palm**  
Artist, teacher, & organizer  
Professor in College of  
Performing Arts, Indiana  
University
- Philip Metres**  
Poet, translator, & essayist  
Professor of English & Director of  
the Peace, Justice, and Human  
Rights Program, John Carroll  
University

Thanks to all of our partners:

**1** Sept 22 | 7:30 PM ET **Visual Arts**  
How can visual arts serve as a powerful tool for advancing nonviolence and just peace in these troubling times? Come learn from visual artists around the world how their creative practice to denounce injustice, inspire hope and action, and cultivate a culture of nonviolence.

**2** Sept 29 | 7:30 PM ET **Music**  
Drawing from diverse global examples, the session will explore the role of music in driving change, highlighting the ways musicians across cultures have used rhythm, melody, and song to heal injustice, build community, and foster a culture of nonviolence.

**3** Oct 6 | 7:30 PM ET **Film**  
What makes film such a powerful tool in the struggle for justice and peace? Join us for an important conversation on the power of film in advancing nonviolence and how storytelling can inspire individuals and communities to commit to sustainable change.

**4** Oct 13 | 7:30 PM ET **Theatre (Indigenous Solidarity Day)**  
It commemorates the social, political and spiritual how turned the stage into a space for resistance, healing, and dialogue. Come learn more about the intersection of theatre and nonviolence.

**5** Oct 20 | 7:30 PM ET **Poetry**  
This interactive session will explore the role of poetry in movement for justice. Come listen, reflect, and add your own voice to the rhythm of nonviolence.

**6** Oct 27 | 7:30 PM ET **Dance**  
Dance reveals beautifully when words fall short. This session explores how dance and choreography can be used to tell stories of struggle and resistance, challenge injustice, reclaim space, and advance nonviolence.

**THE WORLD WILL BE SAVED BY BEAUTY!**

Learn more & register  
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