

**St. Joachim**  
*Catholic Church*



**Iglesia Católica**  
*de San Joaquín*

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**March 14,**  
**2021**

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

For God did not send his Son  
into the world to condemn the world,  
but to save the world through him.

**John 3:17**

## MASS SCHEDULES

### Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4 PM, Wednesday 6-7 PM

### Reconciliación

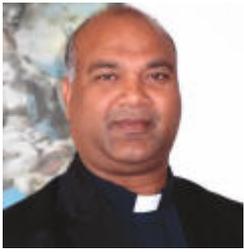
Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4PM

**Masses** Currently we have outdoor masses in English on Sunday at 9:00 AM and in Spanish on Sunday at 2:00 PM

### Mass Schedule

We have indoor weekend masses at on Saturday at 4:30 PM in English and 6:00 PM in Spanish and on Sunday at 10:30 AM in English — All Masses are live streamed on Facebook or our webpage live. You can receive communion after the weekend masses by coming to the placita immediately after mass.

**United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit**



### From the Pastor's Desk:

Near Mobile, Alabama, there was a railroad bridge that spanned a big bayou. The date was September 22, 1993. It was a foggy morning, just before daybreak, when a tugboat accidentally pushed a barge into the bayou. The drifting barge slammed into the river bridge. In the darkness no one could see the extent of the damage, but someone on the tugboat radioed the Coast Guard. Minutes later, an Amtrak train, the Sunset Limited, reached the bridge as it traveled from Los Angeles to Miami. Unaware of the damage, the train crossed the bridge at 70 mph. There were 220 passengers on board. As the weight of the train broke the support, the bridge gave away. Three locomotive units and the first four of the train's eight passenger cars fell into the alligator infested bayou. In the darkness, the fog was thickened by fire and smoke. Six miles from land, the victims were potential food for the aroused alligators. Helicopters were called in to help rescue the victims. Rescuers were able to save 163 persons. But one rescue stands out. Gary and Mary Jane Chancey were waiting in the railcar with their eleven-year-old daughter Andrea. When the car went into the bayou and began to fill rapidly with water, there was only one thing they could do. They pushed their young daughter through the window into the hands of a rescuer, and then succumbed to their watery death. Their sacrificial love stands out especially because their daughter was imperfect by the world's standards. She was born with cerebral palsy and needed help with even the most routine things. But she was precious to her parents. We, too, are imperfect – our lives filled with mistakes, sin and helplessness. But we are still precious to God – so precious that He sacrificed his Son Jesus to save us. Today's Gospel tells us how a perfect God sent His perfect Son to save an imperfect world.

There is an old story about a family consisting of mother, father, and small son who went into a restaurant. As they were seated at the table, the waitress sailed up. You know, the particular kind of waitress who moves as though she were the captain of a ship. She sailed up, pad in efficient hand, looked, and waited. The parents ordered. Then the boy looked up and said plaintively, "I want a hot dog." "No hot dog!" said the mother. "Bring him potatoes, beef, and a vegetable." The waitress paused for a moment, and then looked at the boy squarely and said, "Yes, sir. What do you want on your hot dog?" "Ketchup - lots of ketchup - and a glass of milk." "One hot dog, coming up," said the waitress and sailed off toward the kitchen. The boy turned to his parents said, "Gee, Mom, she thinks I'm real!" One reason that we are real is because God thinks we are real. He created all of us to be His children. That process of becoming God's children may be for us as radical as being born anew, as Jesus told Nicodemus, but it is precisely that for which we were created. For Christians, to be real is to allow ourselves to be loved by God, and to love God in return, which, according to St. John, means living the truth.

**Nota de nuestro pastor:** Cerca de Mobile, Alabama, había un puente de ferrocarril que atravesaba un gran pantano. La fecha era el 22 de septiembre de 1993. Era una mañana neblinosa, justo antes del amanecer, cuando un remolcador empujó accidentalmente una barcaza hacia el pantano. La barcaza a la deriva se estrelló contra el puente del río. En la oscuridad nadie pudo ver la extensión del daño, pero alguien en el remolcador llamó por radio a la Guardia Costera. Minutos más tarde, un tren de Amtrak, el Sunset Limited, llegó al puente mientras viajaba de Los Ángeles a Miami. Sin darse cuenta del daño, el tren cruzó el puente a 70 mph. Había 220 pasajeros a bordo. Cuando el peso del tren rompió el soporte, el puente cedió. Tres unidades de locomotoras y los primeros cuatro de los ocho vagones de pasajeros del tren cayeron en el pantano infestado de caimanes. En la oscuridad, la niebla se espesaba con fuego y humo. A seis millas de la tierra, las víctimas eran alimento potencial para los caimanes excitados. Se llamaron helicópteros para ayudar a rescatar a las víctimas. Los equipos de rescate pudieron salvar a 163 personas. Pero destaca un rescate. Gary y Mary Jane Chancey esperaban en el vagón con su hija Andrea, de once años. Cuando el coche entró en el pantano y empezó a llenarse rápidamente de agua, solo podían hacer una cosa. Empujaron a su pequeña hija por la ventana a las manos de un rescatador y luego sucumbieron a su muerte acuosa. Su amor sacrificado se destaca especialmente porque su hija era imperfecta según los estándares del mundo. Nació con parálisis cerebral y necesitaba ayuda incluso con las cosas más rutinarias. Pero ella era preciosa para sus padres. Nosotros también somos imperfectos, nuestras vidas están llenas de errores, pecado e impotencia. Pero todavía somos preciosos para Dios, tan preciosos que sacrificó a su Hijo Jesús para salvarnos. El evangelio de hoy nos cuenta cómo un Dios perfecto envió a su Hijo perfecto para salvar un mundo imperfecto.

Hay una vieja historia sobre una familia formada por madre, padre e hijo pequeño que fue a un restaurante. Mientras estaban sentados a la mesa, la camarera zarpó. Ya sabes, el tipo particular de camarera que se mueve como si fuera la capitana de un barco. Navegó hacia arriba, pad en mano eficiente, miró y esperó. Ordenaron los padres. Entonces el niño miró hacia arriba y dijo lastimeramente: "Quiero un perrito caliente" "¡No salchichas!" dijo la madre. "Tráele patatas, ternera y una verdura". La mesera hizo una pausa por un momento, y luego miró al niño directamente y dijo: "Sí, señor. ¿Qué quiere en su perrito caliente?" "Ketchup - mucha salsa de tomate - y un vaso de leche". "Un perrito caliente, viene", dijo la camarera y se dirigió a la cocina. El niño se volvió hacia sus padres y dijo: "¡Caramba, mamá, ella cree que soy real!" Una razón por la que somos reales es porque Dios piensa que somos reales. Él nos creó a todos para ser sus hijos. Ese proceso de convertirnos en hijos de Dios puede ser para nosotros tan radical como nacer de nuevo, como Jesús le dijo a Nicodemo, pero es precisamente para eso para lo que fuimos creados. Para los cristianos, ser real es dejarnos amar por Dios, y amar a Dios a cambio, lo que, según San Juan, significa vivir la verdad.

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week  
of March 14, 2021

### Sun/Dom:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6  
[6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b,  
6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph  
5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

### Mon/Lunes:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and  
13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

### Tues/Martes:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/  
Jn 5:1-16

### Wed/Mier:

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/  
Jn 5:17-30

### Thurs/Juev:

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/  
Jn 5:31-47

### Fri/Vier:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,  
29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16,  
18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

### Sat/Sab:

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/  
Jn 7:40-53

### Next Sun./Dom:

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/  
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/  
Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/  
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Friday - Stations of the Cross**

7:00 PM Bilingual  
on facebook and our webpage

### Weekend Masses

sign up in advance for indoor masses

- Saturday 4:30 English inside church
- Saturday 6:00 Spanish inside church
- Sunday 10:30 English inside Church
- ALL INDOOR MASSES LIVE STREAMED
- Sunday 9:00 English parking lot
- Sunday 2:00 Spanish parking lot

## OFFICE INFORMATION

### Parish Office

783-2766

### Parish Fax

783-2760

### Parish Email

office@saintjoachim.net

### Parish Office Hours

Mon- day-Friday 10 AM-7:30

PM

Bi-

ble

7:30 PM

Saturday 10 AM- 4 PM

Bilingual available 10 AM-4 PM

Sunday 12 PM -4 PM

Bilingual available 12 PM-4 PM

### Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVD

Pastor

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

10 AM to 12 PM

5 PM to 8 PM (with appointment)

lunes, martes, miércoles, y viernes

10 AM a 12 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (con cita)

### Rev. Ricardo Gonzalez, SVD

Parochial Vicar

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (with appointment)

lunes, miércoles, jueves y viernes

10:00 AM a 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (con cita)

### Ariel Mayormita

Music Director/Director de Música

Phone Ext. #223

amayormita@aol.com

### Flor Herce

Bookkeeper

### Pat Ludwig

Administrative Assistant

### St. Vincent de Paul

783-0344

### Office hours

1:00-2:30 PM ONLY

Monday-Friday

### San Vicente de Paul

Gary Enos, President

### Faith Formation Office

Oficina de Formación de Fe

785-1818

### Bertha Cruz

Administrative Assistant

### St. Joachim School

Escuela de San Joaquín

783-3177

### Armond Seishas

Principal

### Sandra Garzon

School Secretary

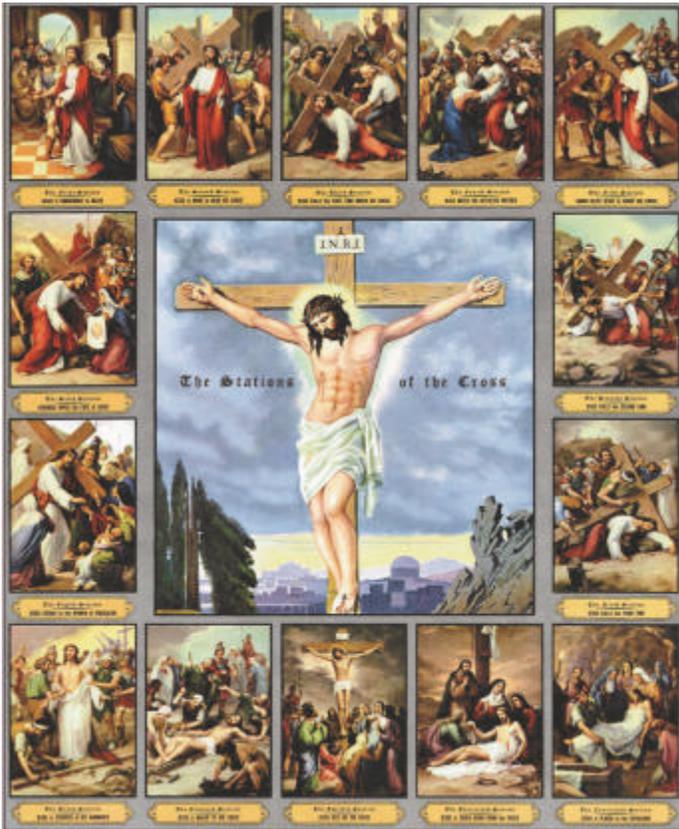
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### Marisa Melgarejo

Director





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### PRAY FOR

- Jerome Aguias
- Jennie Harling
- Ivan Benin
- Melanie Fabio
- Jennifer Bliss
- Nelie Esguerra
- Herminigilda Manuel
- Rodelio Manuel
- Florencio Rodriguez
- Albert Gonzales Jr.
- Albert Gonzales III
- Brenda Gonzales
- Gabby & Giselle Gonzales
- Kristina & Angelita Gonzales
- Edgar Delos Angeles
- Hali & Hunter Bubon
- Beatriz Perez
- Tammie Chambless

### DONATIONS St Vincent de Paul offering for next week:

## Cereal or canned fruit

*cereals o fruta enlatada*

Donations are very much appreciated—but please no expired food. ~ Thank You

### CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTIO FOR  
March 1-7, 2021

The Plate Collection

**\$ 4,895.00**

EFT Collection

**\$ 65.00**

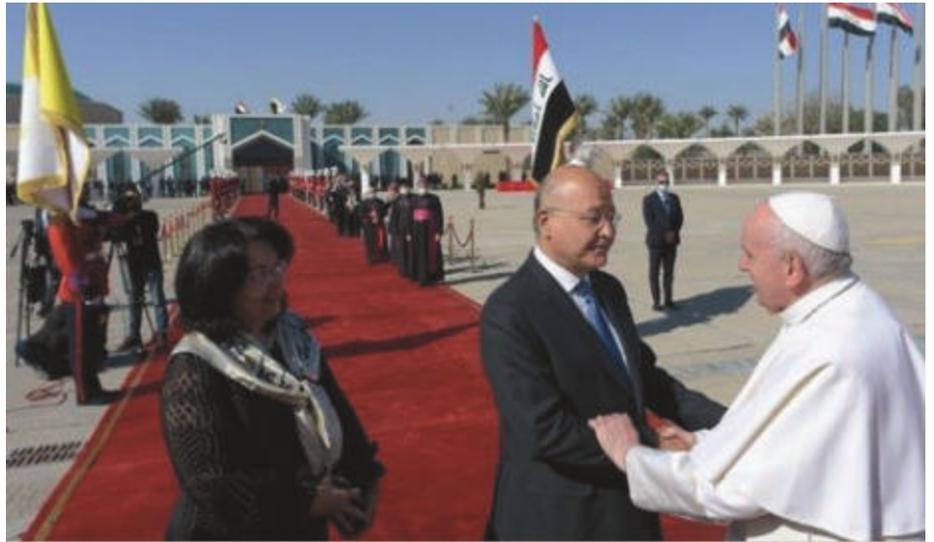
On Line Giving

**\$ 1,085.00**

**TOTAL**

**\$ 6,045.00**

Because of continuing sporadic violence, Pope Francis' historic trip to Iraq on March 5th through 8th, 2021 involved a massive security operation using thousands of Iraqi police and military. Even the Vatican police and Swiss Guards who accompanied him wore bullet-proof vests under their suits, when they normally do not. But the other danger for the trip was the risk that people gathering together to see the Pope would create a surge in the rising number of COVID-19 virus cases in Iraq. Pope Francis said the pandemic, not the security issue, was his big concern. He said he "thought so much and prayed so much" about the trip because of the pandemic. In the end, he made the decision to go and he said "the one who helped me decide this will take care of the people." The 84 year old Francis made his 33rd apostolic journey as Pope, and he was visibly physically taxed by the trip. He suffers from sciatica and he limped badly at the greeting ceremonies. He met with President Barham Salih and his wife as well as Iraqi and Vatican delegations. He visited 6 cities and sites in the north and south, using Baghdad as his base. He comforted the people, especially Catholics and Christians who have been the victims of violence and terrorism, and he appealed for tolerance, fraternity, hope and peace. He encouraged the Iraqis saying that only when they learn to look beyond their differences and see each other as members of the same human family will they be able to begin an effective process of rebuilding the country. Thus they will leave future generations a better, more just and more humane world. Pope Francis went to the old city of Mosul and was visibly moved by the devastation from the war with ISIS militants who overran northern Iraq in 2014. They had since been driven out by an international military coalition. Isis had once boasted that it would invade Rome and defeat Christianity. Instead the Bishop of Rome went to the former heart of ISIS and held a prayer service for the victims of the war. In Quaraqosh, he urged the local Christians to rebuild their communities based on forgiveness and fraternity. The Pope privately met with the Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, one of the world's leading figures among Shiite Muslims. A frail 90 year old, but still with a sharp wit who makes every comment with care. They met at al-Sistani's simple house located down a narrow alleyway which Francis shuffled through. The Vatican Press Office said "the Holy Father stressed the importance of cooperation and friendship between religious communities – through the cultivation of mutual respect and dialogue – to the good of Iraq, the region and the entire human family. He thanked al-Sistani for speaking up for the most vulnerable and persecuted amid the violence. Francis went to Ur of Chaldeans, the traditional site of prophet Abraham's home, the Biblical figure revered by Jews, Christians and Muslim alike. A prayer meeting of the three religions was held and in the evening Francis celebrated his first Mass in Iraq. In his homily, he reflected on how Christians can help God fulfil His promises for the world by living and witnessing to love in the Beatitudes, the eight blessings recounted by Jesus in the Sermon of the Mount



Sources: [newyorker.com](http://newyorker.com), [vaticannews.va](http://vaticannews.va), [catholicnews.com](http://catholicnews.com), [iraqithoughts.com](http://iraqithoughts.com), [catholicreview.org](http://catholicreview.org)

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3. ~Donate on line — the easy way . Go to our website [saintjoachim.net](http://saintjoachim.net) , in the upper right corner of the home page of the page click on donate/pay, select weekly/monthly donation and complete the form. It is easy to update and change as you want to. If you need assistance with this call the office and leave your name and phone and we will call you back and assist you. *We understand these hard times and appreciate you helping the church.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

March 13-20, 2021

### Saturday 4:30 PM

The Community of St. Joachim

### Saturday 6:00 PM

Salvador Saavedra †  
Salvador Haro †

### Sunday 9:00 AM

Christian DeLa Cerda (18th birthday)  
Ingrid Pascarella (birthday)  
Roberto & Julierta Rimando (thanksgiving)  
Florentino & Luisa Mendoza †  
Claro Reyes †  
Oca Mario Ong-iko †  
Jason Sosoy Velasco †

### Sunday 10:30 AM

Dorene Barnhart (65th birthday)  
Corene Lugo (60th birthday)  
Jim Barnhart (healing)  
Lourdes De Castro (healing)  
Maria Silva †  
David A. Tayco †  
Reynaldo Delos Angeles †  
Rafael Valderrama Jr. †

### Sunday 2:00 PM

The Community of St. Joachim

### Monday 10:00 AM

Yosub Joo (birthday)  
Minda Bermudez †

### Tuesday 10:00 AM

Lucia Joo (birthday)  
Belen & Primo Salta †  
Minda Bermudez †

### Wednesday 10:00 AM

Minda Bermudez †

### Thursday 10:00 AM

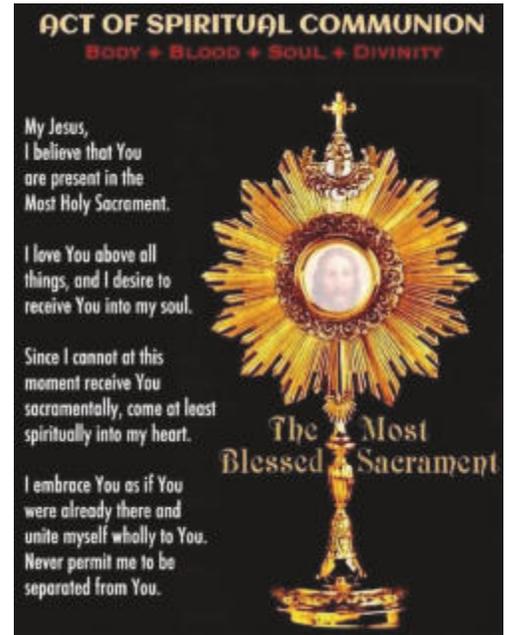
Nuevo & Cecile Talaue  
(wedding anniversary)  
Minda Bermudez †

### Friday 10:00 AM

Fidel Castro †  
Minda Bermudez †

### Saturday 10:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim



Say this prayer  
when Father receives  
Holy Communion  
when you are  
participating from  
your home in our  
on line masses.

## HOW TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION

If you would like to do a mass intention while the office is closed the easiest way is to do it online on our parish website [saintjoachim.net](http://saintjoachim.net) / Select the Donate/Pay in the upper right hand corner and then select mass intentions , put all your payment information in and in the comment section please put a date and time of the mass you would like your intention read at. Even though right now those mass times do not exist we would like to know which mass would be your preference. Intentions must be in by noon the day before except for the weekend masses - those must be submitted by noon on Friday. You can still drop mass intentions in the Rectory mail slot or in the mail but these must be a minimum of one week in advance since we are not in the office on a regular basis now. If you have questions about this process, please call the Rectory Office and someone will return your call.



## Saint Joachim Church Financial Report Calendar Year 2020

Total Revenues	\$515,679
Total Expenses excluding depreciation	<u>623,809</u>
Excess of Expenses Over Revenues	<b>(\$108,130)</b>
Capital Spending for the Year	<u>\$ 9,822</u>

**a) Revenues for the year consist of the following items:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% to total</u>
1) Plate Collections	\$321,772	62%
2) Donations	25,561	5%
3) Sacramental Services	16,715	3%
4) Fundraising Gross Receipts	46,002	9 %
5) Programs and Ministries	48,848	10%
6) Interest, Rebate, Other	<u>56,781</u>	<u>11%</u>
Total	<u>\$515,679</u>	<u>100%</u>

**b) The details of the total expenses excluding depreciation are as follows:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% to total</u>
1) Salaries and Benefits – Lay	212,744	34%
2) Salaries and Benefits – Priests	92,214	15%
3) Diocesan Assessment	70,929	11%
4) Insurance charges (Diocese)	28,194	5%
5) Facilities maintenance	39,011	6%
6) Faith Formation Expenses	28,615	5%
7) PG&E	51,264	8%
8) Garbage and Water	16,745	3%
9) Church and liturgy supplies	13,110	2%
10) Votive candles	6,406	1%
11) Rectory living	17,485	3%
12) Office Supplies and expenses	7,742	1%
13) Events and fundraising	95	
14) Catholic Voice assessment	3,528	1%
15) Telephone/Communication	15,936	3%
16) Music ministry	2,951	
17) Financial fees/charges	13,415	2%
18) Other ministries/gifts	<u>3,425</u>	
Total	<u>\$623,809</u>	<u>100%</u>

**c) Capital Spending details: Gold plated over silver chalice \$2,646; Office Desktop Computer, \$1,639; Rectory conference chairs, \$1,582; Bed Mattress for Rectory, \$1,548; Water Heater parts, \$1,369; Youth Ministry desktop computer, \$1,038.**

**d) Fundraising or Events Details:**

	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
Guadalupanos	27,526		27,526
Simbang Gabi	12,235	95	12,140
Amigos de Cristo food sale	2,614		2,614
Spanish Lectors food sale	2,130		2,130
Masks sale	1,467		1,467
Music Concert – 2019	30		30
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>\$46,002</b></u>	<u><b>\$95</b></u>	<u><b>\$45,907</b></u>

Note: Guadalupanos amount are from Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena sponsors, \$8,525; Home Goods Sale, \$3,525; and Food Sale, \$15,476.

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