



# CHURCH OF ST JOSEPH

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## MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

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|------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Sun./Dom.  | 9 AM (English), 11 AM (Español)                  |
| Mon./Lun.  | 8:30 AM (English)                                |
| Tues./Mar. | 6:45 PM (Español) Santo Rosario, Vísperas & Misa |
| Wed./Mier. | 8:30 AM (English)                                |
| Fri./Vier. | 6:45 PM (Español) Santo Rosario, Vísperas & Misa |
| Sat./Sab.  | 9 AM Mass for Children / Families (English)      |

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday, 9: 30 AM. to 5: 30 PM (Closed for lunch, 1:00-2:00 PM)

**HORARIO DE LA CASA CURAL:** Lunes a Viernes, 9: 30 AM a 5: 30 PM (Cerrada, 1 - 2 PM)

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK/UNCIÓN DE ENFERMOS:** Call anytime/llamar a cualquier hora.

### SPECIAL DEVOTIONS/DEVOCIONES ESPECIALES:

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** with Benediction, Fridays, after the 7 PM Mass

**Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento** con la Bendición : Viernes **luego** de la Misa de las 7 PM

The Miraculous Medal Novena, on Mondays after the Mass./Novena de la Medalla Milagrosas, los lunes después de la Misa.

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:** By appointment only. Please call the Parish Office well in advance.

**BAUTISMOS & BODAS:** Hacer una cita de antemano.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN:** 9: 45 AM on Saturdays/ Sabado a las 9: 45 AM. Any time by appointment / O llamar para una cita.

**COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:** Any one who cannot attend church because of illness or age, please contact the parish office so that arrangements can be made to bring communion to you. /

**COMUNION PARA LOS ENFERMOS:** Llámanos para que uno de nuestros ministros te lleve la Sagrada Comunión.

**WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS!** Please visit the Rectory so that we may formally register you as members of the parish.

**¡BIENVENIDOS NUEVOS FELIGRESES!** Favor de visitar a la Casa Cural para inscribirse en nuestra parroquia.

**Sunday/Domingo, July 8th -**

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ez 2: 2-5; 2 Cor 12: 7-10 / Mk 6: 1-6

9 AM Thomas J. Favareau †

11 AM Available

**Monday/Lunes, July 9th -**

Hos 2: 16, 17-18, 21-22 / Mt 9: 18-26

8:30 AM Eleana F. & Thomas F. Keane ††

**Tuesday/Martes, July 10th -**

Hos 8: 4-7, 11-13 / Mt 9: 32-38

7 PM Available

**Wednesday/Miercoles, July 11th -**

St. Benedict, Abbot  
Hos 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12 / Mt 10: 1-7

8:30 AM Dorothy Derkach †

**Friday/Viernes, July 13th -**

Hos 14: 2-10 / Mt 10: 16-23

7PM Available

**Saturday/Sabados, July 14th -**

St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
Is 6: 1-8 / Mt 10: 24-33

9 AM Available

**Sunday/Domingo, July 15th -**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Am 7: 12-15; Eph 1: 3-14 / Mk 6: 7-13

9 AM James T. Meade † (Anniversary)

11 AM Available

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## Reflection on 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

The second lesson for this Sunday from 2 Cor 12 is an intriguing passage where St Paul talks about his thorn in the flesh. In the opening verse he says that in order to ensure that he didn't get too conceited because of the surpassingly great revelations, 'there was given to me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me'. Interpreters and preachers have gone wild with that nugget of autobiography. What was Paul's thorn in the flesh?. Well, we really don't know what it was. 2000 years of biblical scholarship, has not solved this mystery and there's been a lot of speculation. Some have thought it was epilepsy - others thought it, a pain in the ear or head or convulsive attacks of malaria or stuttering or depression or some other chronic disfiguring disease.

There's also some who interpret this as a lingering and persistent temptation of the flesh - sexual temptation. 'Thorn in the flesh' could also be an obnoxious, persistent opponent, who tries to discredit you and your message all the time. To be blunt, it really doesn't matter what the infirmity or embarrassment was. The point is that he was human, like any of us, and whatever it was that plagued him, he could not shake it off.

That, to me, is a very important part of who Paul was and why he fascinates us. This man who 'was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words' (2 Cor 12:3 & 4), who became the greatest missionary the world has ever seen, this spiritual giant had something going on in his life that he could not shake off, eradicate, and it bothered him every day of his life.

The original word that Paul uses is not thorn, rather it could be better rendered as 'stake', graphically indicating the intensity of the suffering it caused him. The very word 'stake' indicates an almost savage pain.

But what is useful for us today is how Paul tried to cope with it. Paul says, that he asked the Lord three times to remove this thorn in the flesh - just as Jesus prayed three times in Gethsemane, that the cup of suffering be removed from him. The number three doesn't mean literally three - but rather he constantly prayed about it.

Then, Paul gives us the theology of the thorn in this unforgettable phrase, cast into the mouth of God - 'My grace is sufficient for you'. And then a follow up promise - 'My power is made perfect in weakness'.

There's a strong message for all of us, regardless of the particular thorn on our side- illness, abuse, calamity, an unfaithful spouse, an incorrigible child, addiction of some sort...alcohol, drugs, sex addiction...whatever.

Everyone has at least one thorn, attacking and bothering. And like Paul, we have prayed to have it removed.

May we also learn and appreciate the word of the Lord that came to Paul - 'My grace is sufficient for you'.

## Palabra de Dios para el domingo

DE ALGUNA MANERA no somos ajenos a los habitantes de Nazaret. Nos acercamos a Jesucristo como un enigma que ha de ser descifrado y no quedamos simplemente admirados por su presencia. Señaló Benedicto XVI: "Mientras nosotros siempre buscamos otros signos, otros prodigios, no nos damos cuenta de que el verdadero Signo es él, Dios hecho carne; él es el milagro más grande del universo: todo el amor de Dios contenido en un corazón humano, en el rostro de un hombre".

El gran don del Padre es su propio Hijo. La certeza de saberlo cerca de nosotros debería llenarnos de alegría, pero, con frecuencia, hay algo que nos impide estar plenamente tranquilos. El evangelio de hoy nos señala que es la falta de fe. Queremos que se obren prodigios para demostrar nuestra fe, como si esta fuera una paga que solo estamos dispuestos a entregar a cambio de algo. Sin embargo, el camino es el contrario. Donde hay fe se reconoce el poder de Dios y se entiende que nuestra vida está sostenida por el amor. Precisamente, por la fe descubrimos el hilo misterioso que mueve nuestra vida y nos abrimos también a otras maravillas.

Dios se manifiesta en la debilidad. Las tres lecturas de hoy nos lo recuerdan. Ezequiel, hijo de hombre (es decir, como los demás), es puesto en pie por el espíritu. Al no descubrir en él nada extraordinario, será rechazado por un pueblo rebelde, pero al mismo tiempo quedará la memoria de que Dios les dijo algo a través de él y no quisieron escucharlo. También nuestro corazón percibe señales de Dios que nos habla, pero es preciso superar el prejuicio y salir de uno mismo para entender que su palabra se ha hecho humana, tanto que tenemos la libertad para acogerla o rechazarla.

Dios nos ama y se acerca a nosotros; cuando lo acogemos, nuestra vida se abre a lo milagroso, porque todo se convierte en signo de su amor. Y de vez en cuando, suceden lo que llamamos milagros, que tanto nos alegran porque muestran la bondad de Dios y tocan de una manera especial con su gracia a personas que lo necesitaban porque estaban gravemente enfermas y han recuperado la salud, o nos confirman en la fe a los que ya creemos. Pero todo ello en una historia de amor que es la de Dios con su pueblo; la de Jesús con los que él ha redimido.

Como los habitantes de Nazaret aquel día en la sinagoga, podemos creer en Dios y, sin embargo, aislarlo en la lejanía. Oímos hablar de las cosas grandes que ha hecho, nos admiramos con sus enseñanzas, pero no somos capaces de algo tan sencillo como abrirle la puerta y decirle: "Pasa, entra en mi vida". Porque el Señor siempre está cerca y nos visita, pero nosotros lo pensamos distante, ocupado en no se sabe qué.

Por otro parte, en la segunda lectura, encontramos al apóstol san Pablo que se ha identificado de tal manera con Cristo que se atreve a presumir de sus debilidades, para que se manifieste la fuerza de Jesús. Es un ejemplo de una vida modelada por el amor. San Pablo no quiere nada: solo a Jesús. Es la razón de su vida y, por lo mismo, quiere que toda su existencia sirva para mostrar el amor de Cristo.

Magnificat - David A. Fernández

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**ADULTS ...** all adults (18 years and older) should be registered members of the parish... it is not enough to be baptized here years ago but not registered or participating in the life of the parish ... that is not what being a Catholic means ... register, come to church, use the envelope, no matter what your contribution is and participate in the life of the parish = being a practicing CATHOLIC at St. Joseph.

**GODPARENTS ...** are supposed to be role models of the Catholic faith for the children to be baptized ... and so, a role model should be baptized, have received First Holy Communion, be confirmed and if married, married in the Catholic Church ... the role model should also be a practicing Catholic which includes weekly attendance at Mass ... do you want anything less for your child? Please keep these guidelines in mind when selecting a godparent and if you are coming to the rectory for a letter of recommendation ... we, the priests, are only following the rules that the universal church has set up.

**SPONSOR CERTIFICATES ...** Please come to the rectory ... in order to be a godparent or sponsor, you must have received your own sacraments, be registered and a practicing Catholic which means Sunday attendance and, if married, married in the Catholic Church.

## **Anuncios**

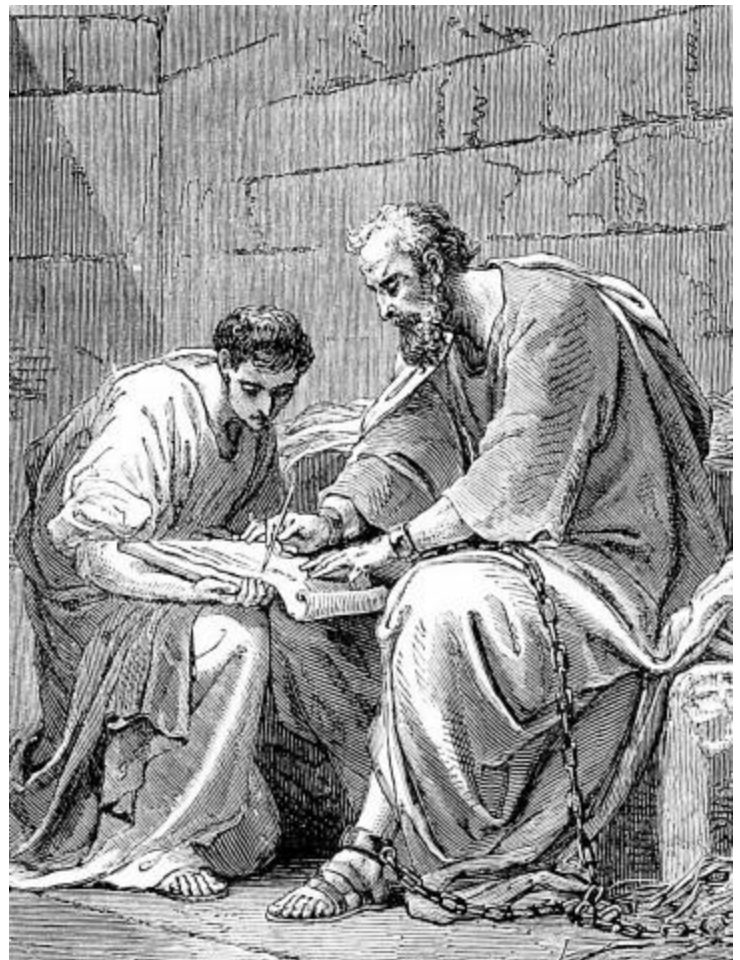
**EL SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO-** Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia para programar una cita para el bautismo de su hijo. Ambos padres deben venir a la cita. Traiga una copia del certificado de nacimiento del niño. También se le solicitará que envíe cartas de patrocinio de los padrinos, deben haber recibido sus sacramentos, y si están casados, deberían haberse casado en la Iglesia Católica. Se dará una fecha para la instrucción bautismal (generalmente dos semanas antes, a las 7:00 PM).

**ADULTOS** ... todos los adultos deben ser miembros registrados de la parroquia ... no basta con ser bautizado aquí hace años pero no se inscribió o participó en la vida de la parroquia ... eso no es lo que ser católico significa .. Inscribase, venga a la iglesia, use el sobre, no importa cuál sea su contribución y participe en la vida de la parroquia = es igual a ser un CATÓLICO practicante en San José.

**LOS PADRINOS y MADRINAS...** Se supone que son modelos a seguir de la fe católica para que los niños sean bautizados... y entonces, un modelo debe ser bautizado, haber recibido la Primera Comunión, ser confirmado y si está casado, casado en la Iglesia Católica. El modelo a seguir también debería ser un católico practicante que incluye la asistencia semanal a la misa... ¿quieres algo menos para tu hijo? Tenga en cuenta estas pautas al seleccionar un padrino y si va a ir a la rectoría para una carta de recomendación. Nosotros, los sacerdotes, solo estamos siguiendo las reglas que la iglesia universal ha establecido.

**CERTIFICADOS PARA PADRINOS O MADRINAS** Por favor venga a la rectoría. Para ser padrino o madrina, debe haber recibido sus propios sacramentos, estar registrado y ser católico practicante, que significa asistir a la misa los domingo y si es casado, casado en la iglesia católica.

**S Paulus in carcere!**  
**‘Sufficit tibi gratia mea: nam virtus in infirmitate perficitur!’** (II Corinthii 12:9)





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