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FROM FATHER CHUCK

Today's gospel of seed sowing reminds me of all the weed-pulling we needed to do around this time of year when I was a kid. The hotter it got, the more the weeds seemed to grow. The worst were those flat, thorny weeds because you often couldn't pull up the roots, the top broke off leaving the roots behind, which only meant that in another week that sprawling weed would reappear and my father would send my brothers and me out to pick again. A never-ending battle. The Word of God is sown upon us every day we choose to read it or to listen to it. Some days my grumbling over the "weeds" keeps me from being able to take it in or apply it. Other days my soil is healthier, and my soul grows with the Word. It really depends on us and our openness to the Word, which is sown generously by the Lord. As Isaiah pointed out, the rains come and the sun shines on us all. We are given what we need to grow, we just have to cooperate!

Last week I received a happy report of financial cooperation between our parish and the diocese. The diocesan capital campaign, "**Today, Tomorrow, Together**" will be winding down this calendar year, but as we concluded our fiscal year on June 30, dollars of support were tallied and the Cathedral received just over **\$21,000** toward payment on our long-term debt. You may recall that in the TTT campaign, 60% of all funds pledged and received from parishioners of parishes with large, outstanding capital debt would be applied directly to paying down their debt. **THANK YOU** to all of you who were able to contribute to the TTT this past fiscal year. The campaign was a 3 1/2-year campaign, done in two phases. The greater Reno area was in phase one, followed a few months later by the rest of the diocese. The funds raised were to help create an endowment fund to supplement crucial ministries in our diocese and to strengthen funds available to support the physical needs of parishes. A special, unexpected byproduct of this campaign was the creation of a separate, seminarian education endowment that will help toward the ongoing formation of future priests. If you have not yet pledged or contributed to this important campaign and would like to do so, please contact the parish office for details or go to **renodiocese.org**, scroll down to the Today, Tomorrow, Together tab, click on the yellow "Donate Now TTT" box. Be sure to note your parish affiliation. Those visiting our historic, Cathedral parish are most welcome to contribute as well. ☺ Thank you to one and all!

While I'm speaking about the diocesan webpage, you can also go there to make your **Catholic Services Appeal** donation. It is right next to the TTT donate box. "**Gracious Acts of Giving**" is the title of this annual campaign that supports most of the basic, year to year expenses of the ministries of our bishop. Unlike the capital campaign, as a parish, we are directly responsible to raise our goal to help support these works of faith in the diocese. Amazingly, we are about 2/3 of the way toward our goal, but with so many things slowing down due to the coronavirus, this has slowed also. Thank you to all who pledged and are making contributions. I know there are some who are without work and simply can't help right now. If you want to help and you can, please consider joining those who are carrying the load thus far. You can call the parish office for details or, if you go to the diocesan web page, click on "Donate Now CSA" and be sure to make a note of your parish affiliation.

Not to talk about money alone, as necessary as it is to pay church bills and pay church employees, be sure to check out the diocesan web page for lots of other important services, including updates on Masses, parishes' live streaming schedule and excellent resources. There is also a place to click on myParish App, which is a helpful resource for your smart phone that you may specialize to the Cathedral to get important updates, bulletins, Mass schedule, Mass readings for the day, news and many other details. Check it out!

I want to again applaud our cleaning teams for every Mass. I am dubbing you the "Cathedral Angels" because without your commitment to disinfecting the pews and common touch areas in the church, we would not be able to have public Masses. Along with our mask-wearing and personal hand sanitizing, the work of our Cathedral Angels helps keep all of us safer. Without a comment or nudge from me, these teams go right to work after Mass spraying and wiping down all the areas where people have sat and touched so that the space is ready for the next Mass. I consider this a work of charity, preparing a place for others to pray. Thank you, Cathedral Angels!

Even with the imposed limit of 50 per Mass, we are not turning away anyone at the door. Our 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM Masses on Sunday do reach the limit regularly, however, with the livestreaming in Righini Hall, we are able to accommodate 20 more people, who are also brought Communion at the appropriate time in the Mass. If you have been reluctant to come back to Mass because of the space issue, consider coming to one of our other Masses. Weekday Masses are another option which some are choosing. There is always room at those Masses and, being briefer, the exposure time is more limited. This is a particularly good choice for the elderly or those with compromising health conditions who still get out and would like to come to Mass.

A couple of reminders about coming to Mass: First, if you, or someone living with you, have symptoms of illness, even if you're feeling "good enough", please do stay home. Likewise, if you or someone you live with is tested positive for the virus, stay home. You do not want to risk sharing this virus. When exposed, it is important that you self-isolate for 14 days or be tested to confirm that you are not a carrier. Secondly, during the week & at some of the smaller Masses on the weekend, we are using the bright orange cards that read, "**I Prayed Here**". This is to mark the pew for cleaning after Mass. If the cards are out on the table where you enter the church, please take one and leave it in your pew after Mass. This helps to identify which pews to prepare for the next Mass. It saves them from wasting time on cleaning all the pews in the church if no one has sat there. Finally, thank you to all who are coming to Mass with your own mask and contact information already printed. Your own mask saves us from continually purchasing disposable masks and your prepared contact info saves time at the door when entering. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL THIS 15TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME!

DEL PADRE CHUCK

El evangelio de hoy sobre la siembra de las semillas me recuerda de toda la mala hierba que mis hermanos y yo arrancábamos en esta época del año cuando era un niño. Entre más caliente el clima, más hierbas parecían crecer. Las peores eran las planas y espinosas, porque a menudo no se podía arrancar la raíz, la parte superior se rompía dejando atrás la raíz, lo que significaba que la siguiente semana esa misma hierba reapareciera y mi padre nos enviaría a arrancarla de nuevo. Una batalla interminable. La Palabra de Dios se siembra sobre nosotros todos los días que elegimos leerla o escucharla. Unos días, mis quejas por las "hierbas" me impiden aceptarla o aplicarla. Otros días, mi tierra es más saludable y mi alma crece con la Palabra. Realmente depende de nosotros y de nuestra aceptación de la Palabra, que es sembrada generosamente por el Señor. Como el profeta Isaías señaló, la lluvia viene y el sol brilla sobre todos. Se nos da lo que necesitamos para crecer, sólo tenemos que cooperar.

La semana pasada recibí la agradable noticia sobre la cooperación entre nuestra parroquia y la diócesis. La campaña diocesana de capital, **"Hoy, Mañana, Juntos—Today, Tomorrow, Together, TTT"** terminará a finales del año, pero al concluir nuestro año fiscal el 30 de Junio, se contaron los dólares de apoyo y la Catedral recibió un poco más de **\$21,000** para el pago de nuestra deuda pendiente de la renovación de la Catedral. Cabe recordar que en la campaña TTT, el 60% de los fondos recibidos de feligreses de las diversas parroquias con deudas pendientes de capital grandes se aplicarían directamente al pago de su deuda. **GRACIAS** a todos los que pudieron contribuir esta campaña el año fiscal pasado. La campaña fue realizada en dos fases durante 3½ años. El área metropolitana de Reno estaba en la primera fase, seguida unos meses después por el resto de la diócesis. Los fondos recaudados ayudaron a crear un fondo de dotación para complementar los ministerios cruciales en nuestra diócesis y para fortalecer los fondos disponibles para apoyar las necesidades de las parroquias. Un subproducto inesperado de esta campaña fue la creación de una dotación exclusiva para la educación de seminaristas que ayudará a la formación continua de los futuros sacerdotes. Si aún no ha contribuido a esta importante campaña y desea hacerlo, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial para obtener más información o visite **www.renodiocese.org**, desplácese hacia la pestaña *Today, Tomorrow, Together* y haga clic en el cuadro amarillo "Donar ahora TTT". Asegúrese de especificar su afiliación a la Catedral. Por supuesto, quienes visitan nuestra catedral histórica también son bienvenidos a contribuir. ¡Gracias a todos! 😊

Continuando con el tema de la página web diocesana, les comento que en esta misma página usted puede hacer su donación a **La Campaña Anual de Servicios Católicos — CSA**. El lema de este año **"Gestos Bondadosos de Entrega"**. CSA es la campaña anual que apoya los gastos de los ministerios diocesanos. A diferencia de la campaña de capital, como parroquia, somos directamente responsables de recaudar los fondos asignados para apoyar estas obras de fe a nivel diocesano. Sorprendentemente, estamos a 2/3 de lograr nuestra meta, pero con tantas cosas que se detuvieron debido al coronavirus, también las promesas monetarias para esta campaña se detuvieron. Gracias a todos los que han cooperado. Sé que hay algunos que están sin trabajo y simplemente no pueden ayudar en este momento. Si desea y puede ayudar, por favor considere hacerlo. Puede llamar a la oficina parroquial para obtener más información o, visite www.renodiocese.org, haga clic en la pestaña para Donar a CSA y asegúrese de anotar su afiliación a la Catedral.

Pero no quiero hablar solo de dinero, tan necesario como es para pagar las facturas de la iglesia y la nómina de los empleados, asegúrese de visitar la página web diocesana para un sin número de otros servicios importantes, incluyendo actualizaciones sobre las Misas, horario de las parroquias que transmiten Misas en vivo y muchos excelentes recursos. También hay un lugar para conectarse a myParish App, una aplicación muy útil desde su teléfono inteligente para mantenerse al día con noticias y eventos en la Catedral, boletines, horario de Misas, lecturas de la Misa del día, noticias y mucho más. ¡Échele un vistazo!

Quiero aplaudir de nuevo a los equipos de limpieza en cada Misa. Los estoy apodando "Ángeles de la Catedral" porque sin su compromiso de desinfectar las bancas y áreas comunes de contacto en la iglesia, no podríamos tener Misas públicas. Junto con el uso de tapa bocas y el desinfectante de manos, el trabajo de nuestros Ángeles de la Catedral nos ayuda a mantenernos más seguros. Sin ningún empujón de mí parte, estos equipos trabajan duro después de Misa para que la iglesia esté lista para la próxima Misa. Considero esta gran ayuda por el bien de los demás una obra de caridad ¡Gracias, Ángeles de la Catedral!

A pesar del límite impuesto de 50 personas por Misa, no hemos rechazado a nadie en la puerta. Nuestras Misas Dominicales de 9:30 AM y 6:30 PM regularmente llegan al límite, sin embargo, con la transmisión en vivo en Righini Hall, podemos acomodar a 20 personas más, que también reciben la Comunión en el momento apropiado de la Misa. Si usted ha estado indeciso para regresar a Misa por cuestión del espacio, considere venir a una de estas Misas. Las Misas del día durante semana son otra opción que varios están eligiendo. Siempre hay espacio en estas Misas y, son más breves, limitando el tiempo de peligro. Esta es una buena opción particularmente para las personas de la tercera edad o aquellos con condiciones de salud comprometedoras que deseen venir a Misa.

Un par de recordatorios acerca de venir a Misa: Primero, si usted, o alguien que vive con usted, tiene síntomas de enfermedad, incluso si se siente "bien", por favor quédese en casa. Del mismo modo, si usted o alguien con quien vive ha dado positivo al virus, quédese en casa. No se arriesgue a transmitir este virus. Si ha sido expuesto al virus, es importante que se asile durante 14 días o hasta después de hacerse la prueba y confirmar que no es un portador del virus. En segundo lugar, durante la semana y en algunos de las Misas del fin de semana, estamos usando los letreros anaranjados que dicen, "**Oré Aquí**". Esto es para marcar la banca que usted utilizó y sea desinfectada. Si los letreros están en la mesa a la entrada de la iglesia, por favor tome uno y déjelo en su banca. El no limpiar las bancas que no se usaron ahorra tiempo. Por último, gracias a todos los que vienen a Misa con su propio tapa bocas e información de contacto ya escrita. Traer su propio tapa bocas ahorra dinero en la compra continua de máscaras desechables y su información de contacto preparada ahorra tiempo al entrar. Su cooperación es muy apreciada.

¡Bendiciones a todos en esta XV Semana en el Tiempo Ordinario!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you: Interested in becoming Catholic?

A Catholic who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist?

Then RCIA is for you!

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The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process for adults or children over the age of 7 who desire to explore the Catholic faith and to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. The goal of the RCIA process is full, conscious, and active participation in the Catholic way of life. RCIA helps adults to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, become familiar with Catholic teachings & practices, and get to know the faith community in preparation for making the conscious choice to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. **If you are interested in learning more about RCIA, please contact James Rizza at (775) 775-440-8655 or email: JamesRCIA@stacathedral.com.**

2020-21 LAY MINISTRY FORMATION & LEADERSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1ST. APPLY NOW.

- ◇ Learn more about theology, ministry, & liturgy
- ◇ Learn more about the Diocese of Reno
- ◇ Develop your Gospel-centered spirituality
- ◇ Improve your leadership skills.
- ◇ Create a project that will benefit your ministry and your parish.

FOR APPLICATION FORMS & BROCHURES PLEASE VISIT [HTTPS://RENODIOCESE.ORG](https://renodiocese.org), OUR WORKS, LAY MINISTRY FORMATION AND LEADERSHIP. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DR. LAURI ANNE REINHART: LAURIANNER@CATHOLICRENO.ORG; 775-326-9431.

ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE MADE FOR CHANGES IN THE VIRUS-RELATED SITUATION.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO COMPLETED ALL THEIR REQUIREMENTS IN THE LAY MINISTRY FORMATION & LEADERSHIP PROGRAM 2019-2020!

Stephen Brown & Brucie Ingram (Our Lady of the Snows parish, Reno)

Yolanda Duran (St Joseph parish, Elko)

David James (St Gall parish, Gardnerville)

Brenda Mendoza (St Teresa of Avila parish, Carson City)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 11—

8:00 AM † Elma Borden Turp
4:00 PM † Jacquilyn Holland
5:30 PM All souls in purgatory

Sunday, July 12—XV Sunday Ordinary

7:30 AM Mary Ann Dangel—Birthday
9:30 AM Patrick Thomas—Birthday
11:30 AM † Margaret Siracuse
4:00 PM People of St Thomas Aquinas Cathedral
6:00 PM † Aurora Torres

Monday, July 13—Saint Henry

12:10PM † Sister Madeleine M.M.

Tuesday, July 14—Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

7:00 AM Living & deceased relatives of †Rhonda Mitchel
12:10 PM † Dr. Gerard E. Glenn

Wednesday, July 15—Saint Bonaventure

7:00 AM Lambert Lasecki
6:30 PM † Louis McHardy

Thursday, July 16—Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:00 AM Living & deceased relatives of †James Morrissey
12:10 PM † Audrey Rossi

Friday, July 17—Weekday

7:00 AM Save the Holy Innocents

Saturday, July 18—

8:00 AM Living & deceased relatives of †Rhonda Mitchel
4:00 PM For the health of Tim Bauer
5:30 PM For the health of Debra, John, Joseph & Veronica

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 and is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church.

Kateri contracted smallpox as a 4-year-old child which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation, worse, her entire family died during the outbreak. She was subsequently raised by her uncle, the chief of a Mohawk clan.

Kateri was known as a skilled worker, diligent & patient. However, she refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to entertain the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in. Instead, she remained quiet & diligent. Eventually they were forced to relent and accept that she had no interest in marriage.

At age 19, she converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents & their neighbors. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community south of Montreal.

Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Sadly, just 5 years after her conversion she became ill and passed away at age 24.

St Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology & the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.

DID YOU KNOW...

THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE IS A SORROWFUL EXPERIENCE, AND LETTING GO IS OFTEN DIFFICULT. MANY CHOOSE CREMATION AS AN OPTION FOR BURIAL WHICH IS ALLOWED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, HOWEVER, CREMAINS (ASHES) FOR A CATHOLIC PERSON *MUST BE* REPOSED IN AN APPROPRIATE BURIAL SITE AT A CEMETERY.

ASHES CANNOT BE SCATTERED, KEPT AT HOME OR DIVIDED AMONGST RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. URN WITH THE CREMAINS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE FUNERAL MASS, BUT *MUST BE* REPOSED IN A TIMELY FASHION IN A CEMETERY.

ASHES DESERVE THE SAME RESPECT AS A BODY.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

BOOKKEEPER POSITION AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHEDRAL

Mary Ann, our current bookkeeper, is retiring at the end of August, hence her position will become available. This 28-hour per week position includes front office support as well as the overall bookkeeping duties for the parish. The successful candidate must be an active, practicing Catholic with education and/or experience in the field of financial management of ledgers, invoices, monthly financial statements, donor records, payroll, and personnel benefits. Position requires computer skills and ability to learn the computer programs of ParishSoft & E-Catholic Online Giving as well as some general office receptionist abilities. The parish bookkeeper reports to the Rector and is advisor to the parish Finance Council. *Work experience in a parish and Spanish/English a plus.* **Qualified individuals are invited to send a letter of interest & resume to: fr.chuck@stacathedral.com.**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Would you attend a seminar to enhance your job or to increase your salary?

Why not give your marriage the same attention?

Enhance your good marriage by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Upcoming dates: August 21-23—Sacramento & October 2-4—Reno.

For more information/sign up for a Weekend visit: www.sacramentowwme.org or contact **Terry & Janet** at 916-489-3464 or applications@sacramentowwme.org.

PROJECT RACHEL—A POST ABORTION HEALING MINISTRY

We pray for all who have lost a child as the result of abortion. May all who have been affected in any way reach out for help to experience God's love, mercy, and compassion. Find out more visiting www.renodiocese.org, or contact our confidential, nonjudgmental help line 775-324-4325 or email KarenM@Catholicreno.org.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16-23; Mt 10:34—11:1
Tues: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wed: Is 10:5-7, 13-16; Ps 94:5-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thurs: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-21; Mt 11:28-30
Fri: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-16; Mt 12:1-8
Sat: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sun: Wis 12:13-19; Ps 86:5-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

**PUBLIC MASSES HAVE RESUMED WITH SAFETY
PROVISIONS & A LIMIT OF 50 PEOPLE.**

Sunday Masses, 9:30AM-English & 6:00PM-Spanish, will be livestreamed via YouTube: DIOCESE OF RENO CHANNEL.

SUNDAY MASS

Vigil-Saturday: 4:00PM (**RESERVED FOR SENIORS & VULNERABLE PERSONS**)

5:30PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30AM, 4:00PM & 6:00PM-Misa en español Miércoles:

6:30 PM—Misa en español con Liturgia del Domingo

Wednesday: 6:30 PM—Mass in Spanish with Sunday's Liturgy

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday: 12:10PM

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00AM & 12:10

Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 AM

Saturday: 8:00AM

Adoration: Thursday: 1:00—5:30 PM. No Vespers, concluding with benediction.

PROJECT RACHEL A POST ABORTION HEALING MINISTRY.

WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.ORG. CONFIDENTIAL HELP LINE: 775-324-4325.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	1st Collection	2nd Collection	2nd Collection To Benefit
July 5	\$4,627	\$1,835	Long Term Repairs
July 12	\$	\$	Peter Pence—Holy Father's Works
July 19	\$	-	No 2nd Collection
July 26	\$	-	No 2nd Collection
August 2	\$	\$	Loan Payment

ONLINE TOTAL FOR JUNE 28—JULY 4: \$2,170

LET US PRAY FOR.../ OREMOS POR...

US Servicemen & Women, Rose Fazio, Armando Zumaya, Fr Tom & James Czeck, John Bestvina, Tammie Sheely, Joe & Veronica Mayak, Tillie Pugliesi, Patty Tellez, Tim Bauer, Gary Blount, Roy Avery, Debra Degley, John Zepeda, Lena Magee, Ed, Maria & Rick Slaughter, Sophia Rae, José E. Almaguer, Celia Guillen, Ed Kolesar, John Dearborn, Peter & Patti Beer, Barbara Mok, Donald Walls Sr., Douglas Todd, Jose Hernandez, Vangie Elordieta, Charlie & Linda Gill, Jovita Mendoza, Kristen Monibi, Kriss, Zenaida & Kevin Janoski.

†† Aurora Mora, Teresa Kennedy.

