Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

John 14:27

St. Catherine of Siena Parish follows Jesus by welcoming all, sharing our gifts, and giving glory to God.

La parroquia de Santa Catarina de Siena sigue a Jesús dándole la bienvenida a todos, compartiendo nuestros dones y dando gloria a Dios.
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LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM
SUNDAY: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM English
12:30 PM Spanish
WEEKDAYS: 8:00 AM
HOLY DAYS: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM
ADORATION: Thursdays from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Before serving or continuing in your ministry, complete the Diocesan required Safe Environment for Children Project Training @ www.virtusonline.org.
Thank you.
Eighteen months ago, I attended a seminar sponsored by Catholics Care – Family Life Group of the Diocese of Oakland. I shared my experience of a sharpening of my faith after receiving the diagnosis of stage 4 prostate cancer. The facilitator of the seminar then asked me if they could video record my experience. Two months later while we were taping my experience Nancy who was conducting the interview remarked that I should go on the pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Order of Malta. She explained some of the details to me. I would attend as a malade (sick person) and a number of volunteers from the Order would help me during the pilgrimage. I was open to going and my sister Kathleen who is a nurse and who happened to be visiting from New Jersey: when Nancy came up with her suggestion, volunteered to join me as my caregiver.

What was my agenda in going to Lourdes?

From the beginning I was open to going on a pilgrimage. As the time to leave came closer I have to admit I was wondering how and whether my relationship with Mary would change in some way. I expected that it should.

My physical condition at the outset of the trip

I had my chemo treatment/infusion on Monday around 2 pm – and flew to Lourdes on Tuesday. I was very tired from both the infusion and the busyness of preparing etc. No real sleep on the 11 hour flight and once we arrived, for a few days I was mostly sleepy. Fortunately I was supported by a team of folks including my sister. I allowed myself without any resistance to be pushed and pulled wherever the schedule took me.

First activities felt like a preparation

The first thing I recall was a ceremony of the washing of the feet and the sacrament of reconciliation. The next day we received the sacrament of the anointing of the sick and I really felt that these three special moments were a preparation to properly meet Mary. Like being dressed for a wedding feast. It may have been that my tiredness which made it even difficult to sing along during Mass helped me to be a little bit like the silent presence of Mary. The best I could do in terms of love of neighbor was not to speak of some of the inconveniences that I faced in being far from home. I was to be another little Mary and in that period I wrote in my diary the words: another little Mary.

The Grotto events and being loved by many neighbors. Being helped and looked after by my team and my sister was a novelty at first. Then by Saturday I realized the members and volunteers of the Order of Malta were serious and dedicated. Their love of neighbor and especially for me, their attention to every detail was inspiring. The entire time I witnessed a lot of love in the people around me. Especially my sister Kathleen/ who was very vigilant in her ways of keeping me going, keeping me in her line of sight. By Saturday I had visited the grotto where I got to connect physically with the rocks that form the grotto and represent a physical place on earth where Mary appeared to Bernadette. This was followed the next day by the grotto Mass where we could contemplate Mary who looks down from her place in the cleft of the rock. Between these two events it seemed as if Mary herself was close and keeping a loving eye on me. This understanding translated into the phrase “Mary loves me immensely.” For the rest of the pilgrimage/retreat even till today I am summarizing this experience of Lourdes as a new and deep appreciation of this sense that “Mary loves everyone, loves me immensely” and she is near.

Jim Webber
“WHAT SHOULD I DO AS JESUS’ DISCIPLE?”

Jesus’ Apostles were the earliest followers of Jesus including St. Paul, as the early Christian teacher. Today’s religious leaders, clergy from St. Peter, the First Pope to Pope Francis # 266 Vicar of Christ are Disciples of Jesus. At St. Catherine of Siena Parish we are grateful for the multitude of gifted Disciples of Jesus headed by our Parochial Administrator Father Anthony, entrusted by Bishop Michael Barber, from the Diocese of Oakland. Fr. Anthony is assisted by two outstanding Deacons. Our Disciples have exhibited their sacred duties in times of trials and tribulations not in time of happiness.

As Disciples of Jesus, 24-hours a day, 365 days a year, they follow the footsteps of Jesus. We do our best to answer the call everyday, every week, with a ministry of service to our beloved church and Jesus’ evangelical mission. “Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. (Mt., 19:13-14). Disciples of our church minister to adults, senior citizens, children, young people, students dear to the heart of Jesus. They teach religious education, promulgate Safe Environment of children, sexual abuse education, prevention and healing, and to protect children and minors within our Parish and School. We uphold Christian values and conduct. We purify and disinfect our Parish of the fetid, putrid, stinks, poisonous misinformation, gossip floating around. How? We proclaim the Gospels more boldly—proclaim the truth boldly.

Our Disciples trumpet the view of the church established by Christ implementing computers, social media, and reflection. We wholeheartedly support the compassionate Bishop’s Appeal—far exceeding our goal every year! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore. (Matthew 4: 10b). We know and follow the entire document on the Constitution of the Catholic Church, The Code of Canon Law. We never depart from the precise theology of the scriptures reiterated by Vatican II, the Holy orders of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. We contribute fully to the building up of the body of Christ. We have a connected relationship with Jesus if we are to endure. To love Him as He has shown us even to lay down our life for Him. We must not distance ourselves from the important work at home and the church. Not neglecting our children and family. We care deeply about our Parish families. To make sure our family and children are prepared for catechism, first communion, confirmation and the sacrament of penance. The call of God to worship is always an invitation to obedience and love. As Disciples Jesus asks us to follow in the way of discipleship to commit ourselves to the discipline of love for each other and for the world which God has made. We do our best as Master builder of the Church—missioner extraordinary—devoted to the Gospel, promise of salvation in Christ—to St. Paul.

Our Clergy and ministers of our Church are eager to exercise full discipleship to follow without fail the policy of the Holy Father, the Pope and the Bishop of Oakland. “He that follow me, walk not in darkness.” (John 8: 12). These are the words of Christ, by which we are admonished, that we must imitate His life and manners, if we would be truly enlightened and delivered from all fullness of heart. Humility is the most powerful weapon to conquer the devil. As he does not know how to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it. (St. Vincent de Paul).

As Jesus’ Disciples we must read and understand the Holy Scriptures. Truth is to be sought from the Holy Scriptures. Men pass away but the truth of the Lord remains forever. (Ps. 116:2). God speaks in many ways to us without respect of person. We must not be ashamed to serve others and to appear poor in this world for the love of Jesus. (2 Cor. 4.5). Saints and our Disciples have passed through many tribulations and temptations and have profited from them. In our Parish, we support one another, comfort one another, assist and admonish one another for the love of God.

We continue to share the intimacy as we recall Christ teaching—during His ministry as He faced intense conflict, persecution, rejection, and death. We bring our Christian faith to our community household, with St. Paul our role model, missioner, evangelizer, brother. We educate all members of our Parish through constant preaching of the Gospels, homilies, religious education, reflections, newspapers and bulletins. To continue its growth, to give our lay people bigger roles in the life of church the Holy body of Christ. St. Peter and St. Paul would be proud. As Mother Teresa said, “I know God won’t give me anything I can’t handle. I just wish He didn’t trust me so much.” We trust in Jesus Christ.

At St. Catherine of Siena Parish, spreading God’s word is our calling. We must be passionate—to the core about the risen Christ. We share this joy all over the community. To be a Master Builder, to be true Disciple of Jesus—to prosper for the faith to grow. “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him. (John 14: 23-29). God bless you all.

--C.C. Salonga

FIVE YEARS OF GRACE

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WORSHIP
To facilitate a transforming encounter with God as we come together in worship.

Pray the Rosary Daily
7:30 am Mon through Sat prior to 8 am morning Mass in the church

Ignite Bible Study: What was Christ’s mission, really, and what does He mean when He talks about the “Kingdom of Heaven?” Join us for Matthew: The King and His Kingdom, a Bible study from Ascension Press that dives into the personhood and kingship of Christ. You will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven. Set in the rich context of Jesus’ life, Matthew shows us who Jesus is and what His life and teachings mean for us today.

Wednesdays in the Parish Hall beginning
May 22 @ 6:15 PM to 8:15 PM
Saturdays in the Parish Center Library beginning
May 25 @ 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM
Cost is $30 for registration and book.
Spanish discussion group available at Wednesday sessions.
For more information or to register for the study, call Carolyn Susin 925-408-5496 or email: cdsusin@gmail.com.
If you have to miss a session, no problem, once again, as long as you are registered, you can catch up and watch it online. It’s a wonderful way to carry the joy of Easter.

LET OUR ADORATION NEVER CEASE!
New Day: Thursday’s
Beginning at 12 noon
“The Church and the world have a great need for the Eucharist. Jesus awaits us in this Sacrament of love. Let us take the time to celebrate and contemplate the fullness of our faith.” – Saint Pope John Paul II
- Select an hour or two on any Thursday from noon to 5:00 PM
- Sign-up on the schedule in the vestibule of the church on the counter near the Msgr. Deans room - the Chapel on Thursday’s
- Preferably two at a time per hour for coverage and safety.

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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Call the Parish Office for Mass Intentions or Annual Memorial Candles (candles are located at the Most Sacred Heart Alcove)

St. Catherine Parish offers deepest sympathy and prayers for the family; and, the repose of the soul of
William Channel who entered eternal life.

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord’s Day among our ancestors in the faith was “The Eighth Day,” meaning in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That’s why it is still Easter!

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We want to give our children what we didn’t have; but let’s make sure we give them what we did have: our faith. —Anonymous

Summer Camp Enrollment Open

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KINDERGARTEN 8TH GRADE
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Congratulations to all 50 Parish children who received First Holy Communion on May 18 & 19, 2019

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PASTORAL CARE TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND
Do you know someone who is homebound and/or ill & would like to receive the Eucharist or just a visit from a friendly face? If so, please email: Deacon Dave Holland at: daveh@cfcoakland.org or call (925-413-9240) with your neighbor’s name, address, and telephone number.
St. Catherine Pastoral Care to the Sick & Homebound will arrange for a visitor from the parish. Thank you.

DISCIPLESHIP
To empower a community of Christian people walking together as disciples of Jesus in order to share His good news.

Time Together!!
A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Jun 28-30, 2019 in Danville, CA and Sep 13-15, 2019 in Concord, CA.
For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: oaklandwwme.org or email: applications@oaklandwwme.org or 925-849-5466.
May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! — Psalm 67:6

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Catholic Charities Annual Appeal this weekend. Your generosity during the second collection helps bring God’s grace to children, young people, and families facing crisis, trauma, violence. If you were unable to give earlier and would still like to donate, please send donations to: 433 Jefferson St., Oakland, 94607.

No donation is too small! If you have questions, please contact Stephan Pippen, Development Manager at or (510) 508-1063.

IT TAKES A COUNCIL

Even if we restrain our willfulness and cultivate the desire to obey God’s commandments, we still face the very real difficulty of discerning exactly what it is God seems to want from us. The early church agonized over this in the first years after Jesus’ ascension. Many people of good will, all trying to obey God, came to drastically different conclusions about how to imitate Jesus. Our reading from Acts today explains “there arose no little dissension” among the new believers. So the church leaders gathered together to pray and discuss—as we still do today. That first church council, the Council of Jerusalem, settled a question not explicitly addressed by Jesus while on earth. Christians today have inherited that sublime legacy of gathering in discernment. We praise God for the gift of that first of many councils, and strive to approach discernment as carefully in our own lives.


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The Little Ones

WHAT DO I SAY TO GOD'S GIFTS OF GRACE, HOPE, AND LOVE? KEEP POURING! KEEP POURING!

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Rom 5:5

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Hospitality Sunday’s
Are you interested in taking part in the welcoming and hospitality of our parish community?

Hosts are still needed for:

June 2, June 16
July 14, July 28
August 4, August 11

Individuals, organizations, and ministries are invited to host. Please email or call the parish office to sign-up.

Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC) Second Collection June 1 and 2 The mission of the CCC is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to news and social media and through special projects of the Catholic press. Fifty percent of the funds from this annual collection will support communications projects in our diocese, and half will support the US Conference of Catholic Bishops’ CCC Subcommittee. Please be generous!

The inspiring story of a 17th century French priest who reluctantly became involved in educating poor children. In the process, he became the Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, an order known today as the De La Salle Christian Brothers. Actor Mel Ferrer gives a heartfelt performance as St. John Baptist de La Salle, a priest from a wealthy upper-class family who gave up everything to serve the needs of educating poor children, facing tremendous opposition along the way. Today there are some 70,000 Lasallian educators, with about 900 of their educational institutions, including 64 colleges and universities, who join over 5,000 Christian Brothers in providing a Catholic education for a million students. His story is one of God’s Providence, of great charity and perseverance, and of a genuine application of the Gospel to daily life in the classroom. His writings have become educational classics, and his meditations continue to inspire Catholic educators around the world to “see Christ beneath the rags of those confided to your care.” This feature can be enjoyed through the SCS Access: Go to internet explorer and click http://formed.org enter code: XPTJK8 (case sensitive)

FORMED en Español: (REGALO DE LA PARROQUIA) PELÍCULAS, CONTENIDO DE NUESTROS COLABORADORES, ESTOY EN CASA Y, NIÑOS—SANTOS Y TEMA ESPECIALES. (TODO EN LA INTERNET)

Calling All Women!

Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women invite all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast Saturday, June 22, 2019 - 9:30 -12:30 Crowne Plaza
45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA

Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration from our speakers Deacon Steve and Mary Anne Greco! Deacon Steve has been a deacon since 2007 and serves in the Diocese of Orange. He is currently the host of Empowered by the Spirit on Relevant Radio. Mary Anne has been teaching Bible study for over 30 years. She has a passion for the charismatic gifts and has lead pilgrimages for 15 years. Together they have an inspiring story! Men are always welcome to attend!

Tickets are $33/$40 after June 15th.
For more information:
https://magnificat-ministry.net/ca-walnut-creek
Email for reservations or call
Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220 for any questions.
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FACILITIES
To assure that our Church and facilities testify to the greater honor and glory of God.

Our Parish has an Official Facebook Page! Like Us!

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Martinez, California
https://www.facebook.com/St-Catherine-of-Siena-Catholic-Church-Martinez-California-419160895486876/

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE dates, times, and locations are taken from the web site calendar: www.stcmtz.org. If further clarification is needed, please contact the parish office at 925.228-2230 ext.0

**Sunday, 5/26**
- 8:00 AM PH: Hospitality—Respect Life
- 12:30 PM CH: Mass—Mary Help of Christians
- 2:00 PM PCL: Guadalupe Society Ex. Board
- 2:00 PM CH: Baptisms

**Monday, 5/27**
- St. Augustine of Canterbury, Memorial Day
- 7:30 AM CH: Rosary
- 8:30 AM PC: Parish Office Closed
- 6:45 PM PH: San Lorenzo Ruiz Mtg

**Tuesday, 5/28**
- Rosary
- 7:30 AM CH: Rosary
- 6:00 PM CH: Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM PC: Scripture Reflection with Clergy
- 7:30 PM CH: Spanish Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, 5/29**
- St. Paul VI pray for us.
- Rosary
- 7:30 AM CH: Rosary
- 8:30 AM PC: Office Closed - Staff Mtg
- 6:15 PM PH: RCIA Meeting—St. Gabriel Room
- 6:15 PM PH: IGNITE Bible Study
- 6:30 PM PCL: Legion of Mary Ministry Meeting
- 7:00 PM PC 210: Five Year Plan Meeting

**Thursday, 5/30**
- St. Justin, pray for us.
- Rosary
- 7:30 AM CH: Rosary
- 10:30 AM CH: St. Catherine Pre-school Graduation
- 12:00 PM CH: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 8:00 PM CH: Benediction

**Friday, 5/31**
- Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Rosary
- 7:30 AM CH: Rosary
- 9:00 AM CH: SC 8th Grade Graduation Mass
- 6:00 PM CH: SC 8th Grade Graduation

**Saturday, 6/1**
- The Ascension of the Lord
- Rosary
- 7:30 AM CH: Rosary
- 9:30 AM PCL: SVdP Food Distribution
- 12:00 PM PCL: IGNITE Bible Study
- 3:00 PM CH: Reconciliation

**Sunday, 6/2**
- Hospitality—Open
- Confirmation Class
- Youth Group Ministry

CH = Church
PH = Parish Hall
PC = Parish Center
RC = Rectory
SC = School
YD = School Yard
YS: Youth Shack
PCL: Parish Center Library
**SUN, MAY 26, 2019:  SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Resist the rush*

A great deal of money is made every instant by our inability to resist the urge to click on that headline, to check our messages, to see if anyone in the world is doing anything more interesting than we are right now. While we mean to duck out of the present for just a second, that second can turn into minutes or hours as we’re lured deeper into the media addiction. It’s not merely distracting. The sum total of our lost-soul wandering through constant global crises, conspiracies, diet ads, local tragedies, and shopping deals is a society-wide anxiety attack. Cultivate peace.


*“Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”*

**MON, MAY 27, 2019:  Sweet Surrender**

Today’s saint, Augustine of Canterbury, is best known for having a major hand in England’s conversion to Christianity. During his lifetime (around 600), however, he was not seen as a success. He lost his nerve the first time he tried to cross the English Channel; he was disregarded by the powerful Britons for his perceived rudeness. And yet the seeds he planted in faith bore fruit, helping to firmly establish Christianity in Britain. Perhaps you might offer a prayer of surrender today, allowing God’s grace to transform any seeming failures or shortcomings in your life.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** Today’s readings: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a (291). *“The Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father . . . will testify to me.”*

**TUE, MAY 28, 2019:  Everyone loves a great story**

The 1965 film classic about the life of Jesus was called The Greatest Story Ever Told. You can’t argue with that title with dramatic structure to perfection: exposition (Jesus’ background: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292). “Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”)

**TODAY’S READINGS:** Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296). *“Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.”*

**THU, MAY 30, 2019:  SOLEMITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

*All endings are new beginnings*

Easter was over several weeks ago, right? Not really, because the story goes on. The post-Resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples. He ate with them. And he spent 40 days preparing them to continue his mission. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, recalling the day Jesus ascended from this human life to enter divine glory and be “seated at God’s right hand.” Ascension brings to a remarkable close the Easter events that we call the “Pascal Mystery”: the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Yet this really is not an end either. After the Ascension, the disciples returned to Jerusalem with joy, ready and eager for what was to come. Let’s roll up our sleeves and carry on their ministry.


*“Then he raised his hands, and blessed them . . . and they returned to Jerusalem with great joy.”*

**FRI, MAY 31 2019:** **FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLSED VIRGIN MARY  Share your faith**

Two women on a common journey: one in the later stages of life and one just starting out. Yet they meet in the middle, Elizabeth and Mary, to share the same remarkable reality: new life seemingly out of nowhere! And both believed the incredible word that came to them from God, Elizabeth through her husband and Mary from an angel. Sharing their joy produced a song still sung around the world. Today is the feast day of small faith-sharing groups everywhere. Believe the word. Tell the story. Share the joy!

**TODAY’S READINGS:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56 (572). *“And blessed is she who believed . . . what was spoken to her by the Lord.”*

**SAT, JUNE 1, 2019:  MEMORIAL OF JUSTINE, MARTYR**

*Stand for true worship*

In response to a Roman prefect’s demand to worship the Roman gods, Justin Martyr (100-165) replied, “No one who is right thinking stoops from true worship to false worship.” Remember that when you are confronted with temptations throughout your day to be right, wealthier, happier, more comfortable, or more appreciated. True worship will lead you to desire to be reconciled, joy-filled, satisfied, and grateful. Ask for the gifts that come with true worship and they will be yours.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296). *“Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.”*

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**Join in the Weekly Scripture Reflection with the Clergy**

**Tuesdays**

**7:00 –8:15PM**

**Parish Center**

**St. Gabriel Room**
Se gana una gran cantidad de dinero a cada instante debido a nuestra incapacidad de resistir el deseo de dar clic en ese título, de revisar nuestros mensajes, de ver si alguien en el mundo está haciendo algo más interesante que nosotros en este momento. Mientras nuestra intención es escabullirnos del presente por solo un segundo, ese segundo puede convertirse en minutos u horas a medida que nos vemos atraidos más profundamente a la adicción a los medios. No es meramente una distracción. La suma total del deambular de nuestra alma perdida a través de constantes crisis mundiales, conspiraciones, anuncios de dietas, tragedias locales, y ofertas comerciales es un ataque de ansiedad que abarca a toda la sociedad. Cultiva la paz.

**Lecturas de hoy:** Hechos 15:1-2; 22-29; Revelaciones (Apocalipsis) 21:10-14, 22-23; Juan 14:23-29 (57). "No dejen que se inquiétren sus corazones ni tengan temor."

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El santo de hoy, Agustín de Canterbury, es mejor conocido por tener una mano importante en la conversión de Inglaterra al cristianismo. Durante su vida (alrededor de 600), sin embargo, no fue visto como un éxito. Perdió los nervios la primera vez que intentó cruzar el Canal de la Mancha; fue ignorado por los poderosos británicos por su percepción grosera. Y, sin embargo, las semillas que plantó con fe dieron sus frutos, lo que ayudó a establecer firmemente el cristianismo en Gran Bretaña. Quizás puedas ofrecer una oración de rendición hoy, permitiendo que la gracia de Dios transforme cualquier falla o defecto aparente en tu vida.

**Lecturas de hoy:** Ley 16: 11-15; Juan 15: 26—16: 4a (291). "El Espíritu de verdad que procede del Padre me dará testimonio".

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El clásico de la película de 1965 sobre la vida de Jesús fue producido una canción que aún se cantaba en todo el mundo, titulada "El mundo sagrado", mitando que la gracia de Dios transforme cualquier falla o defecto. ¿La Pascua se acabó hace varias semanas, verdad? En realidad no, porque la historia continúa. El Jesús posterior a la resurrección se apareció a sus discípulos. Él comió con ellos. Y pasó 40 días preparándolos para continuar su misión. Hoy celebramos la Fiesta de la Ascensión, recordando el día en que Jesús ascendió de esta vida humana para entrar en la gloria divina y estar "sentado a la diestra de Dios". La ascensión cierra los eventos de Pascua que llamamos el "Misterio de Pascal": La Pascua, la Muerte y la Resurrección de Jesús. Sin embargo, esto tampoco es un fin. Después de la Ascensión, los discípulos regresaron a Jerusalén con alegría, listos y ansiosos por lo que vendría. Vamos a arremangarnos y continuar con su ministerio.


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Dos mujeres en un viaje común: una en las últimas etapas de la vida y otra recién comenzando. Sin embargo, se encuentran en el medio, Elizabeth y Mary, para compartir la misma realidad notable: ¡una nueva vida aparentemente de la nada! y ambos creyeron la increíble palabra que les llegó de Dios, Isabel a través de su esposo y María de un ángel. Compartir su alegría produjo una canción que aún se cantaba en todo el mundo. Hoy es el día de la fiesta de los pequeños grupos de intercambio de fe en todas partes. Crea la palabra. Cuenta la historia. Comparte alegría!

**Lecturas de hoy:** Sofonías 3: 14-18a o Romanos 12: 9-16;Lucas 1:39-56(572). “Y bendita es la que creyó. . lo que le fue dicho por el Señor”.

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En respuesta a la demanda de un prefecto romano de adorar a los dioses romanos, Justino Mártir (100-165) respondió: "Nadie que piense correctamente se inclina de la verdadera adoración a la falsa adoración". Recuerde que cuando se enfrenta a las tentaciones a lo largo de su día para ser correcto, más rico, más feliz, más cómodo, o más apreciado. La verdadera adoración te llevará a desear estar reconciliado, lleno de alegría, satisfecho y agradecido. Pide los regalos que vienen con la adoración verdadera y serán tuyos.

**Lecturas de hoy:** Hechos 18: 23-28; Juan 16: 23b-28 (296). “Pide y recibirás, para que tu alegría sea completa”. 

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