

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



FEBRUARY 26, 2017

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Deacon— Antonio Ramirez

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Mass Schedules and other Services

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| Sundays | 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. en español <i>Children's and Youth Choirs</i> <i>sing first Sunday of the month.</i> |
| Saturday | 4 p.m. [vigil] & 8 a.m. First Saturday |
| Weekdays | [Mon—Fri]— 8 a.m. in the Chapel |
| Holy Hour | First Friday 7—8 p.m. |
| Holy Days of Obligation | 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. |
| Perpetual Help Novena | Wednesdays following 8 a.m. Mass |
| Morning Prayer | Mon. -Fri. 7:40a.m. |
| Confessions [bilingual] | Saturdays 2:45—3:45 pm |

Faith Formation Ministries and Groups

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| Catholic Faith Formation D.R.E. | | 916.381.5200 |
| Catholic Faith Formation | Aracely Narvaez | 916.383.6719 |
| Spanish Coordinators | Maria Consuelo Gutierrez | |
| RCIA for Adults | Angie Lovett | 916.803.6463 |
| RCIA for Children | Emilia Caoagas | 916.849.5617 |
| RCIA for Teens | Imelda Nanca | 916.402-1904 |
| Catholics Returning Home | Dale & Kit Yamamoto | 916. 895.1441 |
| Baptism Preparation | Dale & Kit Yamamoto | 916. 895.1441 |
| Couples for Christ | Billy/Virgie Monteagudo | 916.682.6397 |
| Young Adults Ministry | Kay NaRanong | 916.425.4661 |
| Legion of Mary | Norma Bolante | 916.688.8769 |
| Vocation Committee | Frances Gomes | 916.421.0300 |
| Families in Christ Jesus | Angie Lovett | 916.803.6463 |

Social Ministries and Groups

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| Christmas Fair | Call the office | 916.381.5200 |
| Fall Festival | Call the office | 916.381.5200 |
| Cultural Dinner | Guily & Naty Fontillas | 916.362.7541 |
| Parish Breakfasts | Knights of Columbus | 916.381.5200 |
| Religious Goods Store | Irene Ingham | 916.689.2865 |
| Yard Sale | Call the office | 916.381.5200 |
| Wedding Coordinator | Le Pham stpaulwedcoordinator@gmail.com | |

WELCOME!

You are encouraged to participate in our many functions, events, and activities. We offer opportunities for parishioners to use the time, talent, and treasure that God has given them in praise and glory of His name through our liturgical, care-giving, philanthropic, faith-formation and social ministries.

Councils

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| Pastoral Council | Paul Pham | 916.381.5200 |
| Finance Council | Jerry Fong | 916.689-9418 |

Liturgical Ministries

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| Sacristan | Bob Benton | 916.381.5200 |
| Youth Altar Servers Ministry | Alex Plam | 916.381.5200 |
| Adult Altar Servers Ministry | | |
| Martha's Daughters | Ja'net Blea | 916.284.2008 |
| Art & Environment Ministry | | |
| Eucharistic Ministry | | |
| Hospitality Ministry | Ja'net Blea | 916.284.2008 |
| Ministry of the Word | Shirley Brown | 916.612.7023 |
| Ministry Sick and Homebound | | 916.381.5200 |
| Music Ministry | | |

Caregiving Ministries and Groups

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| Bereavement Ministry | | |
| Health Ministry | Clara Heimericks | 916.689.3932 |
| Loaves and Fishes Ministry | Diane Welsh | 916.682.7810 |
| Social Justice Ministry | Diane Welsh | 916.682.7810 |
| Pro Life 4 Life | Charlene Valine | 916.682-0557 |

Philanthropic Ministries and Groups

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| Catholic Daughters of the Americas | Nellie Basquez | 916.381.1365 |
| Knights of Columbus | Grover Sandy | 916.455.6080 |

MISSION STATEMENT

We, God's people of St. Paul Catholic Parish In Sacramento, California, a multicultural, inclusive and welcoming community, inspired by the love of Jesus Christ are called: to bring all people of God together in worship, to declare our belief in God's love, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate and grow in our relationship with God.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON: 2/27 **RAYMOND GREER †**
Requested by Eck family

WED: 3/01 **ASH WEDNESDAY**

FRI : 3/03 **ROMUALDO TAVORA †**
RODRIGO TAVORA †
Requested by Lourdes & family

FELICIDAD LANSANG †



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)
Psalm — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).
Second Reading — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).
Gospel — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;
Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

LENT

Abstinence: Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.

Fast: Everyone over 18 and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and continuing the fast on Holy Saturday is encouraged.

Stations of the Cross:

Beginning March 3rd and every Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross.

English: 6:00pm

Spanish: 7:00pm

English Stations will be followed by a simple meal of soup and bread in the parish hall.

February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you/
-Isaiah 49:15

DON'T BE ANXIOUS

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

YOUTH MISSIONARY NEWS (SPYM)

JANUARY 2017 PROFIT & LOSS

Want to join SPYM?

For more information contact:

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Or visit: <http://st.paul-florin.org/youth-ministry>

<https://www.facebook.com/events1543001669170057>

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Feb 25/26

Annual Catholic Appeal

Our annual tradition connects us to thousands of people who need our help every day: Who benefits:

Catholic Social Programs: more than 100 diocesan programs that assist people in desperate need of assistance.

Seminarians and Catholic School students in need: Funds are shared to help defray the cost of Seminarian education and tuition assistance for economically challenged families so that their children may attend Catholic schools.

Parish Programs: St. Paul parish programs that assist the vulnerable in our parish and local community.

March 4/5

.St. Paul Building Fund & Capital Campaign

This collection will help provide funds to repay the funds borrowed from the Diocese to build the Religious Education Center. Parishioners who have pledged to the Capital Campaign may use the pink envelopes to make their pledge payments

COLLECTION

| | 4:00pm | 7:30am | 9:00am | 11:00am | 1:00pm | TOTAL |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| January | | | | | | |
| 15 | \$1358.00 | \$789.00 | \$1235.00 | \$969.00 | \$869.74 | \$5220.74 |
| 22 | \$1388.00 | \$658.00 | \$1149.00 | \$1450.00 | \$784.52 | \$5429.52 |
| 29 | \$ 924.00 | \$796.00 | \$1418.00 | \$967.00 | \$807.97 | \$4912.97 |
| February | | | | | | |
| 5 | \$1369.00 | \$1091.00 | \$1485.00 | \$1602.00 | \$931.54 | \$6476.54 |
| 12 | \$1356.00 | \$783.00 | \$1538.00 | \$1207.00 | \$959.11 | \$5843.11 |

| <u>INCOME</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory | \$ 30,558 | \$ 34,219 | \$ (3,661) |
| Other Income | \$ 6,055 | \$ 2,811 | \$ 3,244 |
| Religious Articles & Books | \$ 1,505 | \$ 742 | \$ 763 |
| Religious Education | \$ 255 | \$ 4,750 | \$ (4,495) |
| Total Income | \$ 38,373 | \$ 45,522 | \$ (4,249) |

| <u>EXPENSES</u> | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Salaries & Benefits | \$ 13,226 | \$ 19,705 | \$ (6,480) |
| Buildings & Grounds | \$ 15,874 | \$ 9,502 | \$ 6,372 |
| Religious Articles & Books | \$ 845 | \$, 575 | \$ 270 |
| Property Tax & Insurance | \$ 2,570 | \$ 2,667 | \$ (97) |
| Parish Programs | \$ 2,018 | \$ 4,284 | \$ (2,266) |
| Religious Education | \$ | \$ | \$ |

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| Diocesan Assessment | \$ 5,004 | \$ 4,601 | \$ 403 |
| Total Ordinary Expenses | \$ 39,537 | \$ 41,334 | \$ (1,798) |

Net Operating Income (1,164) 1,187 \$(2,352)

OTHER INCOME

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Interest | \$ 4 | \$ | \$ 4 |
| Capitol Campaign & Blding Fund | \$ 16,196 | \$ 13,800 | \$ 2,400 |
| Diocesan & sp. Coll. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total Other Income | \$ 16,200 | \$ 13,800 | \$ 2,400 |

OTHER EXPENSES

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|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------------|
| Interest | \$ | \$ 1,691 | \$ (1,691) |
| Diocesan & Special Collections | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Capital Fund Drive | \$ | \$ 13,925 | \$ (13,925)) |
| Youth Group | \$ - | \$ | \$ |
| Total Other Expenses | \$ | \$ 15,616 | \$ (15,616)) |

Net Other Income \$ 16,200 \$ (1,816) \$ 18,017

NET INCOME 15,036 \$ (629) \$ 15,665

DIVINE MERCY SCHOLARSHIPS

Divine Mercy Human Development Foundation (DMHDF) aims to provide education and other opportunities to the disadvantaged to fully develop their potential and thus improve their quality of life, in keeping with their dignity as children of God. This non-political, non-profit 501 (C) (3) charitable organization is pleased to announce its offering of six (6) \$1,000.00 scholarship awards during the Fall 2017 semester for a college education program, one (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship award for technical education and four (4) scholarships for Catholic high school education for school year 2017-2018. Deadline for applications is April 15, 2017. To download the application

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Donuts and Coffee

The Knights will be hosting donuts on the Sun days in February the parish hall. Come and enjoy donuts, coffee, hot chocolate and tea for just a donation.

Join the Knights of Columbus

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Knight please ask any Knight, they should all be wearing their name badges, or call Roger Tafoya at (916) 936-3810.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black American Scientists

Dr. George Washington Carver

He was born a slave in 1864, and worked his way through Iowa State College at Ames. He headed Agricultural Research at Tuskegee some years later.

In his research he produced 118 uses of the sweet potato. He taught the South to diversify crops, growing peanuts and sweet potatoes to enrich the soil. Carver discovered 300 substances derived from peanuts. He received many medals and honors. Before his death in 1943 he bequeathed his life earnings to the Carver Foundation.

Dr. Percy Julian

He founded Julian Laboratories, an important drug research center and drug company. He later helped to create and produce low cost cortisone, a modern wonder drug used to treat many diseases.

He also developed an inexpensive drug to treat Glaucoma, an eye disease. This drug is used around the world.

FAST, PRAY & GIVE

Fast, Pray and Give with the Diocese of Sacramento on Social Media:

This Lent, the Diocese of Sacramento invites you to deepen your faith through social media. For each of the 40 days you will find a way to Fast, Pray or Give related to the many challenges we Catholics face today. Challenges begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. Follow the Diocese today!

Facebook: Diocese of Sacramento:
instagram@DioceseSacramento
Twitter @sacatholic

SICK PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Pray for sick family members, friends and parishioners.

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| Priscilla Wong | Virginia Collier | Bernadette Carrasca |
| Victoria Vasilescu | Jean Hesse | Ashley Brackin |
| John Jastraub | Ellen Yee | Noah de los Reyes |
| Shirley Robinson | Gregory Judd | Broderick Steele |
| Lorraine Schaefer | Michael Delgado | Juan San Miguel |
| Jessica Lintag | Jackie Martin | Peggy Meier-Beyers |
| John Rideaux | Martha Montanez | Gertie Davis |
| Sandy Burgoon | Ricardo Campos | Elnora Williams |
| Teresa Ziegler | Johnathan Robinson | Norberta Bamford |
| Terry Sanchez | James Solari | Dorothy Butler |
| Mauricio Vargas | Elizabeth Solari | Ed Brooks |
| Jack Steele | Maria Lopez | Don Glavich |
| Frank Farrell | Raymond Gutierrez | Barbara Sules |
| Rodulfo Reyes\ | Nilda Medina | |
| Monica Cordero | Doreatha Viltz | |
| Rodrigo Reyes | Virginia Thomas | |

MEDITATION PAVER

St. Paul Meditation Paver

This area provides a place where we can remember our deceased loved ones: give thanks for all we have received, or recognize someone who is special to us. Sitting in the Meditation Area, when everything around you is quiet, provides a very spiritual experience. It allows you to pray silently, meditate, give thanks, or just bring back memories of those memorialized in the pavers of the meditation area.

If you are interested in placing a paver in the Meditation Area contact the office for a form to fill out. Even if you are not particularly interested in placing a paver yourself, stop by, relieve some of your daily stress, and say a prayer of thanks for all you have received.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for the following members of our families serving in the Armed Forces

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| Gary B. Foster II | Brian Vergith | Cody Machado |
| Jay Candaso | Martin Sinlao | Mark A. Ramos Jr. |
| Norbert Mendiola Jr. | Sergio Pineda | Cameron Lindsay |
| Jeffrey Yazel | Ariel Rollins | Armando Asahan |
| Daniel Roy Ryan | Don Carlo Geroche | Conner Sommerfield |
| Gregorio Rodriguez | John Marc James | Arianna Brown |
| Roel C.. Dones | Ruben N. Libed | |
| Ricardo Cervantes | Nilo Uy Villaluna Jr. | |
| Stephen Rich | Don Jamoles | |
| Janae Santos | Ryan Gandy | |

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Recent Bereavement

Please keep the families and friends in your prayers for St. Paul Parishioners whose funerals, or Memorial Masses were celebrated during the past few weeks,

Erica Naranong & Ardith Ruef. Daniel Hanzalik, Faith Aguilar, Gloria Vernon, Sam Butler, Terzon Laforteza, Mary De Donato/ Martin Danao, Terry Querido, Ralph Sanchez, William Key., Lydia Shadd, Isabel Garcia. May they rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon them. For more information please call the rectory 381-5200.

CAMP PENDOLA

Camp Pendola is hiring for Summer 2017. Applications for positions are now being accepted. Camp Pendola is looking for energetic people to work with children ages six to seventeen in a Catholic outdoor setting. Staff positions begin in early June and finish the 2nd week in August. Staff lives at Camp Pendola for the summer, and must be at least 18 years old. Positions include counselors, kitchen staff, health center staff and program staff. For more information go to:
www.pendola.org/employment.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Our Dream Continues—In service to all

When our campaign ended in June 2016 our outstanding loan from the Diocese for the construction of the Religious Education Center was

\$849,235.64

Pledge payments and "Pink envelope" contributions have allowed us to repay \$170,519.88 as of February 9 2017.

Our current balance is:

\$678,715.76

In addition to the amount we have repaid we have also incurred and paid \$19,480.12 in interest charges

THANK YOU!

To all who have made pledges and are fulfilling their commitment, and parishioners who continue to use their "Pink Envelopes!"

Bishop Soto's ONE CAMPAIGN

Update:

Our campaign has two parts, the repayment of our loan and a required contribution to the Diocesan One Campaign conducted to provide support for Catholic education, care for retired Catholic priests, improve our ability to communicate with our Spanish speaking community, and provide for social services and expand Youth Ministry opportunities.

Our allotted contributions is \$158,000.00.

As of February 9th we have paid \$36,650.01, leaving us with a balance of \$118,949.88.

Your commitment to our Parish is truly outstanding! Thank you !



BUS TRIP

Help contribute to St. Paul Building Fund as we plan another Bus Trip to Feather Falls Casino:

Date: March 23, 2017

Boarding Time: 8:45am

Departure Time: 9:00am St. Paul parking lot

Cost \$25.00

Refund: \$3.00 Food coupon

\$12.00 Cash

Continental breakfast: For reservations please contact:

Rose Basos 381-3845, Emilia Dones 849-5617, Paz Cajucom 667-8235 or Naty Fontillas 362-7541.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Cristo Rey High School

Help support Cristo Rey High School's Athletic Dept. by attending a Sac Republic FC game on March 4th at 5:30pm. Contact Kenny Cooper (916) 307-6097 or kcooper@sacpublicfc.com for more information and tickets.

More Than S'mores

March 11, 6-10:00pm BBQ Dinner & Silent Auction at St. John the Evangelist in Carmichael. Please join Friends of Camp Pendola at this event, the proceeds will help support Camp Pendola and provide the scholarships that help families send children to camp. Tickets can be purchased by going to <http://friendsofpendola.org/Events> and clicking on the More Than S'Mores logo. If you cannot attend and would like to donate auction items please contact Molly McGuire (916) 505-0535.

24 Hours for the Lord

Continuing Pope Francis's call you are invited to celebrate the 2nd Annual 24 Hours for the Lord to experience the Lord's loving mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year's Lenten celebration will be marked with 24 hours of continuous confession in each of the 12 deaneries from noon on March 10 to noon March 11. To find a parish please visit www.bit.ly/24Lord.

Father Son Program

The Father-Son Program explores God's special gift of human sexuality and fertility as well as the goodness and wonder of his plan for growing up and becoming a man. It is designed for fathers (if the father is not available the son can be accompanied by another supportive adult) and their 12-15 year old sons. All content is pure, light-hearted and affirming.

Saturday, March 11, 10:00am to 2:00pm

Presentation School. To register on line go to

www.fathersonprogram.com or for questions contact Steve Patton at (916) 733-0133.

Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

26 de febrero 2017

NO SE INQUIETEN

Pareciera que las personas tienden a inclinarse hacia el lado equivocado en asuntos sin importancia. De pronto pueden engancharse con decisiones de poca importancia como qué cenar o qué ropa ponerse.

Es frecuente que una tragedia sea la que ayude a la gente a volver a centrarse en lo que realmente es importante. ¡Qué ropa debo ponerme es tan irrelevante cuando tengo que ir a una sesión de quimioterapia! ¡Qué hay para cenar también es irrelevante para quienes están desempleados!

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos dice que no nos preocupemos. Él no dice: "No coman. No cocinen. No compren ropa". Él dice: "No te preocupes". Jesús nos pide que no abandonemos nuestras responsabilidades sino que hagamos a un lado a nuestra ansiedad. La ansiedad demuestra una falta de confianza y Jesús nos recuerda que "Nuestro Padre en el Cielo sabe" qué es lo que necesitamos (Mateo 6:32).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios nunca te olvidará (Isaías 49:14-15)

Salmo — Descansa sólo en Dios, alma mía (Salmo 62 [61]).

Segunda lectura — No juzgues, sólo Dios juzgará (1 Corintios 4:1-5).

Evangelio — Dios alimenta a las aves y viste a las flores. No estés ansioso; Dios conoce todas tus necesidades (Mateo 6:24-34).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Sir 17:20-24; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5-7; Mc 10:17-27

Martes: Sir 35:1-12; Sal 50 (49):5-8, 14, 23; Mc 10:28-31

Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25

Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32

Domingo: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Sal 51 (50):3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Cristiano: Nombre derivado de Cristo mismo. Se refiere a todos los *Ungidos* con el *don del Espíritu Santo* en el Bautismo; por lo tanto, son los seguidores de Jesucristo, los miembros de la Iglesia Cristiana. De acuerdo a los Hechos de los Apóstoles 11, 26 fue en "Antioquia donde los discípulos fueron llamados por primera vez cristianos".

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Empezó nuevamente la Cuaresma, este tiempo anual en que recordamos y celebramos los cuarenta días que Jesús pasó en el desierto, donde fue tentado por Satanás. El mismo nombre "Cuaresma" recuerda la importancia del número 40 en la tradición judeocristiana. Cuarenta fueron los días del diluvio, los días en que Moisés y Elías pasaron en la montaña de Dios, y los años que el pueblo de Israel caminó por el desierto a la tierra prometida. El número 40 en la Biblia simboliza las pruebas y dificultades de la vida terrenal. Cuarenta es el número de la preparación para algo importante y de crecimiento en la vida.

La Cuaresma cristiana que se remonta hasta el siglo IV no sólo conmemora los días que Jesús pasó en el desierto, sino que debe ser un tiempo para reflexionar acerca de nuestra propia vida con sus pruebas y dificultades. El Papa León Magno describe la Cuaresma como un retiro durante el cual los fieles, recordando el ejemplo de Jesús, se preparan para celebrar la Pascua con un corazón purificado y la práctica perfecta de la vida cristiana.

DEJARLO TODO PARA SEGUIRLE

MEDITEMOS: Ya empieza la cuaresma otra vez, el Miércoles de Ceniza es el 1º de Marzo, día de ayuno. Entrar en penitencia. Dejarlo todo para seguirlo; las riquezas tanto materiales como espirituales, pueden ahogarnos si no las usamos bien; porque ni siquiera Dios puede poner algo en un corazón que ya está lleno. Un día surge el deseo de tener dinero y todas las cosas que este puede proporcionar, las cosas superfluas, lujos en la comida, exquisiteces en el vestir. Las necesidades aumentan porque una cosa lleva a otra, y las consecuencias es una insatisfacción incontrolable. Conservémonos todo los vacíos que podamos para que Dios pueda llenarnos.

Nuestro Dios nos da el ejemplo; desde el primer día de su existencia humana se crio en una pobreza que ningún ser humano podrá experimentar jamás, porque *siendo rico se hizo pobre*. Siendo rico se vació a sí mismo. En esto es donde está la contradicción. Si desea ser pobre como Cristo, que se hizo pobre aun cuando era rico, yo debo hacer lo mismo. Sería vergonzoso ser más rico que Jesús, quien soportó la pobreza para nuestro bien.

En la cruz Cristo no tenía nada. La cruz se la dio Pilatos; los clavos y la corona, los soldados. Estaba desnudo. Cuando murió le quitaron la cruz, los clavos y la corona. Lo envolvieron en trozo de lienzo donado por un alma caritativa y lo enterraron en una tumba que no le pertenecía. Aunque podría haber muerto como un rey e incluso haberse liberado de la muerte, eligió la pobreza porque sabía que era el auténtico camino para poseer a Dios y para traer su amor a la tierra.



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Ministerio de Comunión: Mary Weather 916.718.6387
Ministerio de la Palabra: María C. Gutiérrez 916.395.7219
Ministerios Servidores del Altar: Jóvenes
Kelly E. Mendez 916.715.7492
Rosa M. Delgadillo 916.689.5204

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Quiere unirse a nuestros diferentes ministerios, por que "Nuestro bautismo nos llama a compartir la misión de Cristo". Si esta interesado favor de llamar a cualquier persona de los teléfonos de arriba de esta pagina.

MATRIMONIOS Y QUINCEAÑERAS

Para mas información sobre estos eventos por favor comuníquese con el Diacono Antonio Ramírez al 381-5200.

PLATICAS PRE BAPTISMALES

Las clases Pre-Bautismales que son el último sábado del mes, **durante el mes de Marzo no habrán clases ni bautismos por la Semana Santa y la próxima clase será hasta el 29 de Abril que será para Bautizar el primer sábado de Mayo .**

BAUTISMOS

La celebración del Sacramento del Bautismo, es el primer sábado de cada mes a las **9:45 a.m.** Debido a la Semana Santa no habrán Bautismos durante el mes de Marzo y abril hasta Mayo.

Requisitos: Haber atendido los padres y padrinos a las platicas pre-bautismales, Traer comprobante si atendieron en otra parroquia. **Padrinos y Madrinas:** Si son pareja, que estén casados en la Iglesia Católica, y haber recibido los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana.

EL MINISTERIO DE SALUD

La temporada de gripe está aquí. Si usted está enfermo, o piensa que podría estar enfermo, o está preocupado por contraer una enfermedad, debe abstenerse de recibir la Sangre de Cristo. Tengan la seguridad de que "puesto que Cristo está sacramentalmente presente bajo cada una de las especies, la comunión bajo la sola especie de pan hace posible recibir todo el fruto de la gracia eucarística" [del Libro del Catecismo, # 1390], También si tiene un gripe acompañado estornudo, tos, fiebre o mucosidad favor cubrirse la cara o no venir donde hay mucha gente, incluso con su familia.

BECAS DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

La Fundación de Desarrollo Humano de la Divina Misericordia (DMHDF) tiene como objetivo proporcionar educación y otras oportunidades a los desfavorecidos para desarrollar plenamente su potencial y así mejorar su calidad de vida, de acuerdo con su dignidad como hijos de Dios. Esta organización benéfica 501 (C) (3) no política y sin fines de lucro se complace en anunciar su ofrecimiento de seis (6) \$ 1,000.00 becas durante el semestre de otoño de 2017 para un programa de educación universitaria, un (1) Educación técnica y cuatro (4) becas para la educación secundaria católica para el año escolar 2017-2018. La fecha límite para las solicitudes es el 15 de abril de 2017. Para obtener el formulario de solicitud, visite: <http://divinemeracyfoundation.org/contact/2017-scholarship-application-form/>. Para más información, llame a Luz Manrique al 916-525-5593.

TALLERES GRATUITOS DE CUIDADANIA

Caridades Católicas y Sacramento Banco de Comida y Servicios están organizando dos talleres gratuitos de Emigración y Ciudadanía. El Sábado 4 de Marzo a las 9:00 a.m. en Sacramento Banco de Comida y Servicios Familiares 3333 tercera Avenida Sacramento Si usted esta interesado en convertirse ciudadano de los E.E. U.U por favor vaya a recibir consulta legal. Es necesario registrarse. Comuníquese con el 916-313-7604 para mas información.

CUARESMA

Cuaresma tiempo litúrgico que dura 40 días, empieza el Miércoles de Ceniza y termina con la celebración del ministerio pascual (Triduo Pascual). La cuaresma es primeramente un tiempo penitencial, que recuerda los cuarenta días que pasó Jesús en el desierto en ayuno y oración. Por eso nosotros, también seguimos Ayuno, abstenerse de comer y beber como manifestación de penitencia interior a imitación de Jesucristo; todos los mayores de 18 años y menores de 59 años de edad están obligados a ayunar el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo y continuar el ayuno en el Sábado Santo se anima. Abstinencia: Todo el mundo de más de 14 años de edad está obligado a abstenerse de la carne el miércoles de ceniza y todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma.

Estaciones de la Cruz: o Vía Crucis

A partir del 3 de marzo y cada viernes durante la Cuaresma habrá Vía Crucis.

Inglés: 6:00 pm

Español: 7:00 pm

Todos están invitados a participar y meditar en los pasos de la pasión de Jesús

Feb 25/26 Campaña Católica Anual

Nuestra Campaña Católica Anual nos conecta con miles de personas que necesitan de nuestra ayuda todos los días: Colaborar y pensemos en nuestras familias.