22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th Annual Simi Valley Dream Cuisine

Sunday, October 12

Late Nite Catechism®

By Vicki Quade & Maripat Donovan

Time to laugh your sins off!

Monday, September 1 - Labor Day

Labor Day is a time to reflect on Catholic teaching about the role of work in society and in God’s plan for mankind. It is an opportunity to focus not on the secular world, but on what our Church teaches.

There will be one Mass at 9:00am. The rectory will be closed.

Sunday, September 7 - 9:00am

Blue Mass

Annual Mass in honor of all those who serve our communities in the areas of police, fire, highway patrol, sheriff.
**Parish Information**

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Parish Business Manager

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**HOURS**
Monday to Friday: 8:00am—8:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am—5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am—4:00pm

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Interim Chair person

**SUB-ROSA YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**  
Adam Cross • Coordinator

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**PASTOR**
Rev. Joseph P. Shea  
Associate Pastor  
Fr. Bill Nicholas  
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Priest in Residence  
Fr. Jim Maher

**DEACONS**  
Dn. Peter Wilson  
Dn. Terry Reibenspies  
Dn. Louis Fernandez  
Dn. Edward Posvar

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

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**NEW HOURS**

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

Vigil: 5:30pm  
Holy Day: 6:00am, 8:30am; 12:00pm, 5:30pm; 7:00pm (Spanish)

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**MOTHER CABRINI CIRCLE**  
GIFT STORE  
Located in the vestibule; open before & after morning Sunday Masses;  
Thursdays 12-3pm (summer hours)

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**SACRAMENTS**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
Administered throughout the year. Please call the Rectory any time in case of serious illness or going into surgery.

**BAPTISMS**  
English: 1st Sunday of the month  
Spanish: 3rd Sunday of the month  
By appointment; please call or visit the Rectory.

**MARRIAGES**  
Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please call or visit the Rectory.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**  
Julia Dobrucki • 915-4625

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR WITH BENEDICTION**

**NOVENA**  
Mother of Perpetual Help  
Wednesdays at 6:00pm

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**  
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**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP**  
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584-6160

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST**  
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Andy Prete, Grand Knight  
910-0347

**SERVING THOSE IN NEED**  
Earl Todd  
581-0957

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
For information on the Catholic Faith and the process of inquiry, please call:  
Julia Dobrucki
Dear friends,

Greetings! I would like to mention three things this week.

First, I want to inform you about the incredible success of our first (renewed) parish picnic last Saturday evening which included a delicious BBQ dinner (hot dogs, hamburgers, roasted corn, salad, chips, desserts) and an outdoor movie. We had close to 700 people in attendance! Everyone had a wonderful time and wants us to do it next year. I am very grateful to the Evangelization Committee, Norm Ouellette, the George and Tony Lemos families, the Knights of Columbus, the Youth Ministry, the Spanish Ministry and the Filipino Ministry for organizing, setting up, cooking, serving the BBQ and the desserts, and cleanup! I also want to thank George, John and Tony Lemos for creating a wonderful, brief evangelization video to encourage all of us to reach out to others and share our Faith.

Second, this weekend (August 30-31) we are welcoming a young Catholic missionary named Skylar who will be speaking about FOCUS—a group of young Catholic missionaries who minister on college campuses to assist our young Catholic college students in staying close to their Faith and their Church. I hope we can generously support Skylar and FOCUS.

Third, on Sunday, September 7 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, we will be celebrating our annual “Blue Mass” at which we will honor and pray for the men and women in blue—those who serve our communities in the Simi Valley Police Department, the Ventura County Sheriff Department, the Ventura County Fire Department, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Fire Department and the California Highway Patrol. If you know of anyone who is a police officer or fire fighter in these organizations, please invite them to join us for Mass (at which each person will receive a gift from the parish) and for a delicious breakfast after Mass. Just call the rectory so we will know how many people to plan for.

Thank you ever so much. And may God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Shea
What Does Jesus Expect of Me?
Jesus calls you to follow him. Your life could be an adventure with God. St. Rose of Lima Parish extends a warm welcome to all who wish to join our Faith community for worship and fellowship. Come Feast on His Word, develop your Knowledge, and Build a Family of Faith. If you are new to the area, or coming back Home, we invite you to make St. Rose of Lima your parish by calling the Rectory at 526-1732, or stop by during office hours or visit our website: www.StRoseSV.com

“A time to be born…” Ecc 3:2

“A time to heal…” Ecc 3:3
...And pray for one another.—James 5:13-18

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, August 30
8:30am Members of the Millenium Club (I)
5:00pm Catalino Perida (D)
7:00pm Jesus, Facunda & Henry Rivera (D)

SUNDAY, August 31
6:00am Concerta Stephenson (D)
7:00am Idelfonso Litiatico (I)
9:00am Joseph Manfredi (D)
11:00am Benjamin Soares (D)
(Sp) 1:00pm Raymond Garcia (I)
5:00pm Dan & Carina Schuelke (I)

MONDAY, September 1 - LABOR DAY
9:00am Sarah Wong (I)

TUESDAY, September 2
8:30am Lolita Belio (D)
5:30pm Blanquita Robles (I)

WEDNESDAY, September 3
8:30am Sharon Louise Ducy (I)
5:30pm Vivencio Carvajal (D)

THURSDAY, September 4
8:30am Richard Sabelis (D)
5:30pm Rodney D. Sabelis (D)

FRIDAY, September 5
8:30am Cipriano Marano (D)
5:30pm Louis Tourtellotte (I)

SATURDAY, September 6
8:30am Members of the Millenium Club (I)
5:00pm Shelle Beach (I)
7:00pm Gonzalez Family (I)

SUNDAY, September 7
6:00am Concerta Stephenson (D)
7:00am Harley Davidson Messenger (I)
9:00am Herbert Bansbach
11:00am Bill Pringle, Jr. (D)
(Sp) 1:00pm Julia & Felix Gonzalez (D)
5:00pm Bruce Wilson (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessings of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
**Divorced, Separated, Widowed Ministry**

We are a Christ-centered, self-help program. We meet the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month in Room 11 of the school. 7:00-9:00pm. All adults are welcome!

- Friday, September 5: "How To Find Your Purpose Through The Life Of Jesus Christ, In The Crucifixion And Death Of Jesus," by Dr. Bennett Annan.
- Friday, September 19: No Meeting

Contact: Jean Jenners (JosephM34@sbcglobal.net), call 526-1732 or visit: www.StRoseSV.com/DSW.html

**Freedom in Our Lives**

Do you suffer from loneliness, anger, depression, codependency, fear, hopelessness, anxiety, bad habits you want to change, hurts you can’t deal with, and are hung up with problems in your life? FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES, is a Faith-based Beatitudes program to help you realize how to let God’s healing power into your life. **We meet the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month, in room 11 of St. Rose of Lima School. We gather at 6:30pm for dinner, and the meeting begins at 7:00pm. Please join us, bring your friends and relatives and gain a new perspective in your life.**

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**Altar Server Training**

- Grades 3-8
- Monday-Friday: Sept. 15-19
- 3:00-4:00pm
- In the church
- Applications are available in the Rectory and the School. You are also welcome to speak with Fr. Joe, Fr. Bill or Fr. Jim.

**Adoration Schedule**

Monday, 9:00am—Saturday, 3:00pm

We are very blessed to have 24 hr. Adoration here at St. Rose. We thank Fr. Shea, our Pastor, for giving us this great gift. There are only 2 hours where there is still need:

**Adorers are needed:**
- Tuesday: 10:00pm
- Thursday: 12am (midnight)

**Visitors and scheduled Adorers, please be sure to sign in.**

**Team Leaders**

12am-5am Theresa Wong 428-0942
6am-11am Cathy Sullivan 526-7628
12pm-5pm Anita Koller 526-9910

**Singing Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Tuesday**
3:00pm-3:30pm Divine Mercy
7:00pm-8:00pm Spanish Rosary

**Wednesday**
6:00pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
7:00pm-8:00pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Benediction with Deacon Ed Posvar

**Friday**
3:00pm-4:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to the Sacred Heart and Stations of the Cross
6:00pm Family Novena in Honor of the Holy Infant Jesus of Prague
6:30-9:00pm Spanish Prayer Group
9:00-10:00pm Vietnamese Prayer Group
STR YM KICK-OFF
Sunday, September 7:
Join STR YM for the kick off of the year!!! There will be black lights, pie, and many more surprises! Bring a new friend and receive a $5 gift card; the person with the most number of new friends will receive a $25 gift card!

The Summit - Jr. High KICK-OFF
Thursday, September 11: Join The Summit for the Jr. High Kick off for the year! All those in 6th-8th grade are invited for an awesome night of fun! Please register with the Faith Formation office or call the YM office for more information

XLT - The Dive
Friday, September 12: Join us at 7PM for praise and worship, adoration, fellowship, Confession, fellowship, and a great talk by Robert Batch, the new youth minister at St. Paschal Baylon Church.

Leadership Initiation Mass and Dinner
Sunday, September 14: All STRL YM leaders on D-Team, J-Squad, Core in Training, and Core Team, and their families, are invited to the leadership Mass and a free dinner following the 5PM Youth Mass. Come support our new leaders!

World Youth Day BBQ
Friday, September 19: Join STRL YM in the church parking lot entrance from 2-5PM for FREE hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks! Bring your friends and stop by!

Catholics Say What? Teen Apologetics
Friday, September 26: Join YM (once a month) for Apologetics at 6:30 PM in the YM office! Bring your questions about life, science, theology, etc. and we will discuss and learn how to defend our Catholic faith.

Life Nights
Join STRL YM for Life Nights every Sunday following the 5PM Youth Mass! This semester will be focusing on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. Life Nights include a free dinner, discussion, awesome fun and much more. Call the YM Office for more information.

September 21
October 5
November 2
November 23

For more information on our Life Nights and ways to get involved, please contact Adam Cross or Claira Castillo at: 526-8181 YM@StRoseSV.com

SubRosa Time Adoration...
EVERY WEDNESDAY
8-pm (St. Rose chapel) Join us as we spend silent time praying with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

NEW: Consuming the Word Book Club meets every Wednesday, from 6-8pm with Adoration at 8:00pm (St. Rose of Lima School, Room 11)
*We will get together to read the book Consuming the Word: The New Testament and The Eucharist in the Early Church by Dr. Scott Hahn of Franciscan University
*We will meet each week to read a chapter and then discuss the book. *Copies of the chapters will be provided, but if you would like a copy of the book, it can be found on Amazon.com.

See you soon, ~ The SubRosa Team ~
St. Rose of Lima (SRL)
1325 Royal Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93065
e: curious@subrosafamily.org
ph: 805-428-3755

La Reina High School and the Sisters of Notre Dame invite you and your family to a Mass of Celebration in honor of the 50th anniversary of the school. The Mass of Celebration will take place on Saturday, September 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the school gymnasium, with the Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles as Principal Celebrant. A luncheon reception will follow the mass. Kindly RSVP for this memorable event at www.lareina.com, click on “50th Anniversary” or by emailing 50years@lareina.com. La Reina is a Catholic, college preparatory junior and senior high school for girls in grades 7 through 12. Established in 1964 and sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame, La Reina provides a strong spiritual and academic foundation.

Does your child like to sing?
Sign them up for the Children’s Choir!
Open to ALL children in grades 3-8. Practices are every Thursday from 3:30-4:30pm in the St. Rose school, Room #15. Practice begins September 4. Hope to see you then! For more information or if you have any questions contact: Clare Delto 805-915-4609 or CDelto@StRoseSV.com.
Classes Now Forming
If you have not registered for the upcoming 2014/2015 year, please call the office right away at 526-5513. Classes will begin September 7!

Parent Meetings for First Communion and Confirmation will be at 7:00 pm in the parish hall on the following dates:
- Sept. 4 - First Communion 1st Year
- Sept. 11 - Confirmation Track 1
- Sept. 18 - Confirmation Track 2

Children do NOT need to attend. If your child, ages 7-17, has not yet been Baptized, received First Holy Communion, or been Confirmed, and you would like information about the process, please call 526-5513.

We are still looking for teachers for our children’s program. We are in need of catechists, especially one for Thursday First Communion (2nd year) grades 6/7/8. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this fulfilling ministry.


R.C.I.A.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Inquiry Sessions have begun for anyone considering becoming Catholic. If you are unbaptized, baptized in another faith denomination or are baptized Catholic and need BOTH the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, we invite you to join us. For information, please call Julia Dobrucki at 915-4625.

SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH FR. BILL

Sessions Begin: Tuesday, September 9 and Saturday, September 13 at 9:15

Both sessions will be held in the church. (Same material presented on both days.)

Don’t miss this opportunity to get to know Jesus better and deepen your personal relationship with Him. Wherever you are in your faith journey, Fr. Bill will bring the Gospel of John come alive and relevant to your daily life. You will be inspired to be a better Catholic and appreciate more fully the gift of faith we have been given.

Fr. Bill has announced that the first two weeks will be introductory and no reading prior to these classes will be necessary. He is quick to add, however, that he encourages us to read any part or all of John's Gospel before sessions begin.

Call Annette Lercel at 584-3533 with any questions.

The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic by Mathew Kelly
Do you want to be a stronger, more active Faith-filled Catholic? A discussion group/book review will be held starting Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7 pm at the School, Room #8. Bring your book that was distributed during Lent, or we can order one for you and also pick up Study Guide prior to meeting at the rectory.

As human beings we are constantly engaging and disengaging in everything we do. What is the difference between highly engaged Catholics and disengaged Catholics?

Let's talk about it after reading a chapter/session. Facilitated by Neil Fanning with assistance from Deacon Terry Reibenspies. For more information call Neil: 805-217-4300.

Continuing Adult Faith Formation classes will resume on Monday, September 8 at 7 pm. This year we will look at each of the Sacraments. What are the Sacraments? How many are there really? What do they do? Why are they necessary?

Classes are the first Monday of each month at 7 pm in room 9.

September 8 (special week due to Labor Day holiday) – Introduction to the Sacraments
October 6 – Baptism  November 3 – Confirmation  December 1 – Eucharist
**RESPECT LIFE**

**ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN**

**EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH—September 6**

Please Join Us.

We begin promptly at 9:30am at the entrance of Assumption Cemetery on Fitzgerald Rd.

Wear head covering; chairs and prayer cards provided.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

Complete one hour of service for participating. Bring a rosary!

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**Strengthen Your Marriage**

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another as well as a gift from God. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to receive the tools needed to make the most of this precious gift. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next WWME weekend in Ventura, September 19-21. For more information contact Ed and Jo Lara at 818-848-6729 or go online at www.twocanlove.org.

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Ladies, come join us for our annual weekend retreat with Our Lord at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra on the weekend of September 19-21. The retreat master will be Rev. David Keuter, OMV and the theme is "Encountering Christ: Who Do You Say I Am?" This silent retreat will have conferences, prayer, relaxation and quiet time. Newcomers are encouraged to attend. Carpooling is available. Any questions please feel free to call Mary 526-8006 or Bea 523-2433.

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**Beginning Experience: Grief Recovery Weekend for Widowed, Separated and Divorced Individuals**

**September 26-28**

A “Beginning Experience” weekend will be held at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse through death or divorce/separation. This program helps a person move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. Beginning Experience is recognized by the Office of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. For info/registration, contact: Peg Setti (818) 767-1007, Brenda Mikhail (818) 352-5265, Patti Rizzo (661) 714-0998 or Maria Rojas (310) 365-0186 (bilingual Spanish). www.BeginningExperience.org and email is bela2011-30@hotmail.com.

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**Knights of Columbus**

**FAMOUS FISH FRY DINNER**

This Friday, September 5

Delicious grilled or fried fish with cole slaw, fried clams, French fries, mac & cheese, bread roll, coffee, punch and dessert, all for only $7 for adults and $4 for children 12 years or younger. Join us every First Friday from 5:30pm—7:00pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 1255 Patricia Ave. Invite your friends!

**Comments from the Parish Picnic**

“I can hardly believe this was free!”

“It was good to see so many new faces.”

“Fr. Shea really cares about us, and we appreciate what he does for the parish.”

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**Did you Know?**

Parishes and schools must have a Safeguard the Children Committee

Each parish/school site must have a Safeguard the Children Parish Committee. This program is not optional. Each parish/school must proceed by inviting parents and other lay volunteers to take the leadership in this effort. The Safeguard the Children Parish Committee includes representatives from both the parish and school working together to provide a safe environment for children. For more information please call your parish or school or visit: http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/ Documents/2013-STCParishHandbook.pdf

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**¿Sabia Usted?**

Parroquias y escuelas deben tener un Comité Protegiendo a los Niños

Cada parroquia y escuela deben tener un Comité Parroquial Protegiendo a los Niños. Este programa no es opcional. Cada parroquia y escuela deben proceder invitando a los padres y a otros voluntarios laicos a tomar el liderazgo en este esfuerzo. El Comité Parroquial Protegiendo a los Niños incluye representantes tanto de la parroquia como de la escuela trabajando juntos para proveer un ambiente seguro a los niños. Para más información, por favor llamar a su parroquia o a la oficina de la escuela o visitar http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/ Documents/2013-STCParishHandbook.pdf
Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Sal 119 (118):97-102; Lc 4:16-30, 6 las lecturas de la Misa “Por la santificación del trabajo”

Martes: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Sal 145 (144):8-14; Lc 4:31-37

Miércoles: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Sal 33 (32):12-15, 20-21; Lc 4:38-44

Jueves: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Sal 24 (23):1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lc 5:1-11

Viernes: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Sal 37 (36):3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lc 5:33-39

Sábado: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Sal 145 (144):17-21; Lc 6:1-5

Domingo: Ez 33:7-9; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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Urgente: Coro del Sábado

Si Dios te ha dado el don de la música o el canto, nos gustaría invitarte para que formemos un coro para la Misa de los Sábados, por medio del Bautizo fuimos integrados a la familia de Dios y por tanto es nuestra obligación evangelizar y que mejor hacerlo por medio de la música. Favor de llamar a Belén Quezada al 805-279-5735 o a Mario Flores al 805-468-5528

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Más del 40% de la población católica en Estados Unidos es de origen hispano y sólo el 6% de los sacerdotes son hispanos. Hay algo que está mal en las cifras. Parte del problema es que en los seminarios estadounidenses no saben qué hacer con las vocaciones y culturas hispanas. Por otra parte, los hispanos desean que nuestros hijos tengan mejor vida y la vocación sacerdotal no constituye un lugar privilegiado en la escala social.

Ciertamente, había un tiempo en que los sacerdotes se trataban con mucho respeto, ya no. Últimamente la escasez de sacerdotes y los escándalos en la Iglesia han hecho que el sacerdocio pierda mucho de su encanto. La vida sacerdotal se ha hecho muy difícil. Hoy día el joven que busca el sacerdocio lo busca por servicio y vocación, no por prestigio o posición social.

El sacerdocio es un apostolado que se recibe con el sacramento del Orden. Ser ordenado es recibir órdenes, es decir, ser obediente. Hoy más que nunca, el sacerdote está llamado a la misma obediencia de Jesucristo, obediencia que lo llevó a la cruz y a la resurrección. Oremos por nuestros sacerdotes para que su entrega sea total.

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HACER LA VOLUNTAD DE DIOS

El lenguaje de Jeremías al dirigir sus anhelos al Señor diciéndole: “Me has seducido, Señor, y me dejé seducir por ti” (Jeremías 20:7), indica una relación muy íntima. Es una que el profeta obviamente valora a pesar de los reproches y burlas que le trae. En el Evangelio, Jesús indica un lazo similar con su Padre. A pesar del difícil reto de seguir la voluntad de Dios, Jesús no se detiene. Dejar atrás los cuidados del mundo y los sueños, aunque sea para aceptar el dolor y el sufrimiento, es más que un intercambio justo para hacer la voluntad de Dios.

La única manera de hacer la voluntad de Dios es ofrecer todo nuestro ser a Dios. Como san Pablo escribe en la carta a los romanos: “No sigan la corriente del mundo en que vivimos, más bien transfórmense por la renovación de su mente” (Romanos 12:2a).
God gives us His word in the Bible, and the Magisterial Teachings of the Catholic Church provide us with guidance. A Catholic Bible and a “Catechism of the Catholic Church” are a must for every Catholic home! (Available in our gift shop.)

Mary: The Ark of the New Covenant

Whereas the symbols of God’s word were contained in the Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament, Mary actually carried God himself - the Word - in her womb in the New Testament. And, whereas the Old Testament Ark had to be made of pure materials and blessed and undefiled, how much more pure and undefiled would the vessel that actually carried God have to be?

Non-Catholics say that Mary didn’t have to be sinless to give birth to the Messiah - that Jesus could have been born from anybody, even a harlot. Yes, Jesus could have been born of a harlot – but in order to fulfill all righteousness, his coming had to be more glorious than the Old Testament type. He chose Mary out of all of the women in history to be his mother.

Without exception, New Testament fulfillments of Old Testament Old Testament are always more perfect and glorious than the type itself: Adam & Jesus, Moses & Jesus, Jonah & Jesus, Manna & Jesus (the Bread of Life), Eve & Mary, Ark of the Covenant & Mary, Joseph & Jesus, Melchizedek & Jesus.

The following Scriptural comparisons show that the Ark was a type of Mary:
The Ark traveled to the house of Obed-Edom in the hill country of Judea (2 Sam 6:1-11), likewise, Mary traveled to the house of Elizabeth and Zachariah in the hill country of Judea (Lk 1:39)

David, dressed as a priest danced and leaped in front of the ark (2 Sam 6:14) similarly, John the Baptist (of priestly lineage) leaped in his mother’s womb before Mary (Lk 1:41)

David asks, “How can the ark of the Lord come to me?” (2 Sam 6:9) whereas, Elizabeth asks “Who am I, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Lk 1:43)

The ark remained in the house of Obed-Edom three months (2 Sam 6:11) likewise, Mary remained in the house of Elizabeth three months (Lk 1:56)

The ark contained the urn of manna, the bread from heaven similarly, Mary’s womb carried Jesus, the Bread of Life.

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