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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

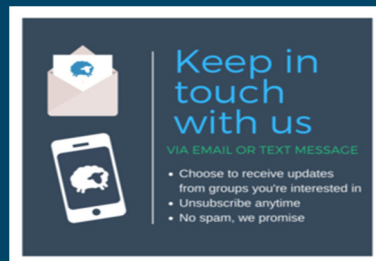
August 30, 2020

*Jesus said: "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it"*

Matthew 16:25

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Fr. David R. Wagner, Pastor
Fr. Rafal A. Duda, Parochial Vicar





MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID

The Alpha and the Omega – Part 15: The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell (15.3 Heaven—Part 2)

Although we cannot imagine what life in Heaven will be like, in terms of having a mental image of it, we still can understand a few things about it.

There's an old anecdote about a man who never went anywhere without his beloved dog. He went shopping with his dog, went to the park with him, went to visit friends with him and many other places. Once, the man had an appointment with his dentist, and of course the dog came along. When they got there, the man told his dog to stay in the waiting room and be quiet. After a while, the dog couldn't keep quiet any longer. He kept barking and whimpering at the door to the dentist's office. Finally, the man came and opened the door. The dog came bouncing in, overjoyed to be once again with his beloved master. The dentist asked the man how the dog could not be afraid of coming in here when he had never been in here before. The man said, "All he needed to know was that I was in here. Just the prospect of being with me was enough."

That's how it is, or ought to be, with us regarding Heaven. We don't know much about the exact details, but we do know that Our Lord Jesus Christ is there. If we are with Him, nothing else matters.

Eternal life is not only life of endless duration. It is a different kind of life, with different qualities. We are told that we will receive new bodies, bodies that are not subject to age, decay, illness, injury or corruption of any kind. We will have no needs, as in biological needs like we had on earth: food, water, air, shelter. But we are told that there will be a great banquet there, so we can eat if we want to, we just won't need to.

Will we remember our life on earth, our sins? God won't remember our sins, so neither will we. We will likely regard our life on earth in the same kind of way that we remember some item we had as a child. It's like when you've rummaged through an attic and found your teddy bear you had as a young child. At the time, that teddy bear meant so much to you. When you find it decades later as an adult, the once all-important teddy bear is a distant memory that you don't spend much time thinking about now.

We will be in Our Lord's immediate presence, with nothing impeding or blocking us. We will walk with Him, converse with Him and share everything with him. Everlasting life will not seem incomprehensible or daunting. It will be right.

We will love each other, and rejoice in the presence of the great saints. The one thing about Heaven that is impossible to imagine, but nevertheless true, is that it will always be new. Nothing about the life of Heaven will ever grow old or faded, and will never be boring. God's infinite majesty will forever unfold before us in ever-new ways. We will never be afraid or sorrowful again, but instead will forever be sustained in the Beatific Vision. To

be continued . . . Blessings In Jesus, Fr. David

El Alfa y la Omega – 15ª Parte: Las cuatro últimas postrimerías: Muerte, Juicio, Cielo, Infierno (15.3 Cielo: 2ª Parte)

Aunque no podamos imaginarnos cómo será la vida en el Cielo, en términos de tener una imagen mental de ella, todavía podemos entender algunas cosas al respecto.

Hay una vieja anécdota sobre un hombre que nunca fue a ningún lado sin su amado perro. Fue de compras con su perro, fue al parque con él, fue a visitar amigos con él y a muchos otros lugares. Una vez, el hombre tenía una cita con su dentista, y por supuesto llevó a su perro. Cuando llegaron, el hombre le dijo a su perro que se quedara en la sala de espera y se callara. Después de un rato, el perro ya no pudo quedarse callado. Siguió ladrando y llorando en la puerta del consultorio del dentista. Finalmente, el hombre llegó y abrió la puerta. El perro entró saltando, encantado de estar una vez más con su querido amo. El dentista le preguntó al hombre cómo el perro no había tenido miedo de entrar allí cuando nunca había estado en ese lugar. El hombre le dijo: "Todo lo que necesitaba saber era que yo estaba aquí. La simple perspectiva de estar conmigo era suficiente".

Así es, o debería ser, con nosotros con respecto al Cielo. No sabemos mucho sobre los detalles exactos, pero sí sabemos que Nuestro Señor Jesucristo está allí. Si estamos con Él, nada más importa.

La vida eterna no es solo una vida de duración infinita. Es un tipo de vida diferente, con diferentes cualidades. Se nos dice que recibiremos nuevos cuerpos, cuerpos que no están sujetos al envejecimiento, al deterioro, enfermedad, daño o corrupción de ningún tipo. No tendremos necesidades, como necesidades biológicas como las que teníamos en la tierra: comida, agua, aire, refugio. Pero nos dicen que habrá un gran banquete allí, así que podemos comer si queremos, simplemente no es necesario.

¿Recordaremos nuestra vida en la tierra, nuestros pecados? Dios no recordará nuestros pecados, así que nosotros tampoco. Es probable que consideremos nuestra vida en la tierra de la misma manera que recordamos algún artículo que teníamos cuando éramos niños. Es como cuando buscaste en el ático y encontraste el osito de peluche que tenías de niño. En ese momento, ese osito de peluche significaba mucho para ti. Cuando lo encuentras décadas más tarde como adulto, el osito de peluche que alguna vez fue tan importante es un recuerdo lejano en el que no pasas mucho tiempo pensando ahora.

Estaremos en la presencia inmediata de Nuestro Señor, sin nada que nos impida o bloquee. Caminaremos con Él, conversaremos con Él y compartiremos todo con Él. La vida eterna no parecerá incomprensible ni abrumadora. Estará bien.

Nos amaremos unos a otros y nos regocijaremos en la presencia de los grandes Santos. Lo único del cielo que es imposible de imaginar, pero cierto, es que siempre será nuevo. Nada en la vida del cielo envejecerá o se desvanecerá, y nunca será aburrido. La infinita majestad de Dios se desplegará para siempre ante nosotros de formas siempre nuevas. Nunca más volveremos a tener miedo o pesar, sino que seremos sostenidos para siempre en la Visión Beatífica. Continuará . . . ¡Bendiciones! En Jesús, Padre David

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

HERO OF THE WEEK



St. Gregory the Great (540 – 604), Doctor of the Church

Gregory was born into a wealthy noble Roman family. They owned working estates in Sicily and around Rome. On his father's death, Gregory converted his family *villa* into a monastery dedicated to Andrew the Apostle. Gregory had a deep respect for the monastic life and particularly the vow of poverty.

Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome.

Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome. Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. He was declared a saint immediately after his death by "popular acclamation".

Mass Schedule

Sunday, August 30, 2020 –22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9, Rom 12:1-2, Mt 16:21-27(124)

7:45 am (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	†Bobby Jenschke
9:15 am (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	†Janet Melendez
11:00 am (<i>Fr. David</i>)	People of the Parish
5:00 pm (<i>Fr. David</i>)	†Jacob Anthony Anders

Monday, August 31, 2020

1 Cor 2:1-5, Lk 4:16-30(431)
12:00 pm (*Fr. David*) Mass offered for
Carl Boyle

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

1 Cor 2:10b-16, Lk 4:31-37(432)
7:00 am (*Fr. David*) In Honor of Bishop Mike Boulette

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

1 Cor 3:1-9, Lk 4:38-44(433)
12:00 pm (*Fr. David*) †Walter Schattel

Thursday, September 3, 2020–Saint Gregory the Great

1 Cor 3:18-23, Lk 5:1-11(434)
12:00 pm (*Fr. Rafal*) †Dominga Calvillo

Friday, September 4, 2020–First Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5, Lk 5:33-39(435)
8:00 am (*Fr. David*) †Anita Salinas Rainey

Saturday, September 5, 2020–St. Teresa of Calcutta

Ez 33:7-9, Rom 13:8-10, Mt 18:15-20(127)
8:00 am (*Fr. David*) †David Vargas

5:00 pm (*Fr. Rafal*) †Andrew Miciotto

Sunday, September 6, 2020– 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9, Rom 13:8-10, Mt 18:15-20(127)
7:45 am (*Fr. Rafal*) People of the Parish
9:15 am (*Fr. Rafal*) †Epifañio & Sara Moreno
11:00 am (*Fr. David*) †Ed Nemec
5:00 pm (*Fr. David*) †Vicente Arriola



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



All Sunday and Daily Masses have resumed to the public. Keeping holy the Sabbath is not only a commandment, but an invitation from Jesus—an invitation to stop our work, stop our worrying, stop our stress. An opportunity to find peace and to be renewed. All are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 31, 2020—CURSILLOS/ULTREYA, 7:00 p.m. in the Social Center. All are Welcome!

Lunes, 31 de Agosto—CURSILLOS/ULTREYA a las 7:00 p.m. en el Centro Social. Todos Bienvenidos!

Tuesday, September 1, 2020—RCIA—6:00 p.m. in the Social Center.

1. Our Faith Formation programs; Good Shepherd, Children's Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, EDGE for 7th & 8th grade and LifeTeen will begin in mid-September. Registration is now open until August 31, 2020.

2. We need HELP! If you can help as a Catechist this coming year, please contact the parish office.

Wednesday, September 2, 2020—INGLES TAMBIÉN, 5:30 p.m. in the Social Center. ¡Todos Bienvenidos!

Friday, September 4, 2020, - LA DANZA, 7:00 p.m. in the Gym parking lot.

Saturday, September 5, 2020—Knights of Columbus Rosary, 4:00 p.m. in the Church. All are Welcome!

LOS CURSILLOS are a spiritually filled group which come together to pray, sing and give praise to God. They meet every Monday in the Social Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Los Cursillos son un grupo espiritualmente que se une para orar, cantar y alabar a Dios. Se reúnen todos los lunes en el Centro Social a partir de las 7:00 p.m. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

THE GUADALUPANAS will begin their meetings again with their first meeting on Monday, September 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fireplace RM. All are Welcome!

Las Guadalupanas comenzarán de nuevo sus reuniones con su primera reunion el lunes 7 de septiembre a las 5:30 p.m. en el cuarto de chimenea. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Come join the Catholic Way Bible Study Thursday September 10th as we explore the book of Revelation, one of the most misunderstood books of the Bible. "It's the Heavenly Liturgy! It's not about date setting or trying to identify current events, rather it illustrates the judgments brought on by humanity's disobedience to God's laws and His great mercy and love for us in spite of our rebellion. The paradox of Jesus as Lord of History and the Lamb who was slain; the letters to the Seven Churches; the seals, trumpets, and bowl judgments; the Father's great love and His chastisement; the Woman, the Beast, and the host of heaven: these concepts found their fulfillment in John's own time, but also are fulfilled in our time and look to the End for final realization. Maranatha!"



We welcome all! Whether you are new or experienced in studying the bible, you will gain a deeper understanding of Sacred Scripture while making new friends! All you need is your Catholic bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church! We meet every Thursday from 8:30am-10:30am in the Fireplace room.

Please call or email Julia Bradford at 281.748.4124 or Julia.bradford@sbcglobal.net for more information.



**The Sanctuary Lamp
will burn this week
in memory
of
Vincent & Rae De La Cruz
by
Daughters**



**The Second Collection on
September 5 & 6, 2020
will be for
Notre Dame Guardian Angel**

Thank you for your generosity!



RCIA SESSIONS HAVE STARTED!

(RCIA:

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

**ALL ARE WELCOME
TO COME AND SEE:**

**RCIA INQUIRY FELLOWSHIP BEGAN ON
TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 18 AT 6:00 PM
IN THE PARISH SOCIAL CENTER. THERE IS
STILL TIME TO JOIN US IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN RCIA, OR CURIOUS ABOUT
THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

WHO IS RCIA FOR?

An adult baptized Catholic who has not yet
celebrated First Eucharist and Confirmation.

An unbaptized adult who hears God's call to His
love and seeks to discover more about God
and the Catholic faith.

An adult, baptized in another faith tradition, and
wanting to grow in your relationship with
God within the Catholic faith.

RCIA is a journey that includes **prayer** and
study for those who are feeling God's
call to deepen their relationship through
the Catholic faith and the celebration of
Catholic Sacraments.

RCIA IS THE PLACE TO:

Find answers

Meet others who have questions

Form friendships with a
faith oriented group of people

Learn what it means to live as a Catholic

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PROGRAM
BY CALLING:**

**Gail Stauder at 830-257-5961
or 830-377-8716**



First Saturday of the month.

Mass at 8:00am

**Daughters of Notre Dame & Guadalupe invite
you to venerate The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Society of St Vincent de Paul Update

Starting in September, we will accept donations for the
store on Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the
warehouse door in the back of the parking lot. We are
unable to offer pickups at this time, therefore, no furniture,
please. We are in need of children's winter clothing.

We also will be offering "shop by appointment". Shoppers
can call 830-896-2926 and leave their name and
number. We will call you back to arrange an hour of
shopping for one or two adults in a household. *No small
children please*, as our store is a working warehouse now.
Cash or Checks accepted. Prices are as marked.

We wish to thank the congregation for their continue
support, especially during this time.



Roy Ybarra, William Etchison, Ariana
Lambdin, Bill Gibson, Steve Erick-
son, MaKenna Erickson, Mark B.
Anderson.

The Prayer List

Prayer is a gift from God. It is a wonderful way to lift
someone in prayer who is sick, someone in need or for
anyone with special intentions. The Parish prayer list
is for such purposes, however, it can become quite big
and the print becomes smaller. So that all may be
included and properly fit within page boundaries, the
prayer list will be renewed once it becomes full. The
list will include parish members only. Please call the
parish office if you wish to place your name on the list.
Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**From the office of:
Auxiliary Bishop Michael J. Boulette:**

"With the recent explosion in Beirut, Lebanon, our brother and sisters in the Catholic Church there are in great need of financial assistance. If you feel so called, please send a donation directly to St. George Maronite Catholic Church where the pastor, Father Charles Khachan, MLML, will insure that all money goes directly to Eparchs (Bishops) of the country to assist their parishioners most in need. Please make checks payable to St. George Maronite Catholic Church, Aid to Lebanon, and mail to the parish at 6070 Babcock Road, San Antonio, Texas 78240."



We have the following Gift Cards in stock. Please stop by the school office to purchase yours today. Entrance to the school office is now located through the doors at the front of the gym. Please ring the bell and someone will meet you. Due to the current pandemic we are limiting entrance into the school for everyone's safety. Thank you for your continued support of our little school.

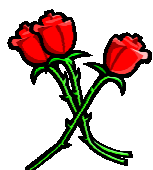
HEB	\$100	HEB	\$200
Bath & Body	\$25	Belk's	\$25
Clair's	\$10	CVS	\$100
JC Penny's	\$25	Walgreens	\$25
Walgreens	\$100		

ON-LINE CONTRIBUTIONS

We have the capability for you to make your donations to Notre Dame Catholic School on-line. Please go to our school's webpage www.notredameschool.cc. You can use your debit or credit cards to support our school.

Lace up your shoes to Benefit Tecaboca

Join the FundRun for Tecaboca, a Catholic, Marianist center for spiritual renewal outside Kerrville. It's easy to participate, find a route to walk/run near your home, get your family or friends together to create a small team (keeping physical distance). Visit the fundraising page to create a team and gather pledges for your walk/run or make a donation. There will be prizes for the individual and team that raise the most and an online silent auction. Set out for your walk/run Saturday, September 12 and watch the Tecaboca Facebook page for live updates throughout the day. Share your videos and pictures using #TecabocaFundRun. Commit to walk/run and learn more about the event at <https://givepul.se/ov41wl>. Seeking business/family sponsors for the event as well at <https://givepul.se/unujny>.



Please pray for those who have died, and have gone to their eternal rest with the Lord, especially for *Eva Monroy & Dennis Bailey*. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Weekly Offering



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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

August 22-23, 2020

CHURCH

Envelopes/Checks	\$ 17,585.39
Currency/Coin	1,128.30
Capital Improvement	<u>51.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 18,764.69

Online Giving for Aug. 17-24

Offertory	\$ 1,470.25
Bldg. Repair	140.00
School	<u>120.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,730.25

Assumption Seminary (2nd Collection)

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ <u>1,500.00</u>
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TOTAL	\$ 2,105.84
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SCHOOL

School Support Envelopes	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
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TOTAL	\$ 1,040.00
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Online giving for your benefit and convenience.

If you appreciate the ease of online banking, you will be happy to know that you can easily offer a regular tithe with automatic online donations. Please visit notredamechurch.cc/online-giving to learn more. Make a one-time gift, or create a personal recurring gift account. It is quick, easy and convenient.


2020
ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

ACCOMPANY WITH JOY
GIVE WITH GRACE



NOTRE DAME
PARISH GOAL—\$78,500.00.
Pledged Up to Date—56.91%

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO



34 MINISTRIES 19 COUNTIES
170 PARISHES AND MISSIONS
1 CHURCH

The 2020 Archbishop's Appeal, *Accompany with Joy, Give with Grace* is an essential ministry of the Catholic community. Your contribution will directly support ministries that serve and evangelize the people in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Your gift will support the formation of seminarians and deacons, evangelize and share Christ's love through acts of kindness, care for retired clergy, and protect God's most vulnerable — the hungry, homeless, elderly, unborn, sick, prisoner, and lonely.

Please pray and discern in your heart a gift of love. You can offer a pledge with 8 month installments or a one-time gift. Visit www.archsa.org/archbishops-appeal or call (210) 734-1604. Thank you and may God bless you.

La Campaña Anual del Arzobispo 2020, *Acompañar con Alegría, Dar con Gracia*, es un ministerio fundamental de la comunidad católica. Su contribución apoyará directamente a los ministerios que sirven y evangelizan a las personas en la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio. Su donativo apoyará la formación de seminaristas y diáconos, evangelizará y compartirá el amor de Cristo a través de actos de bondad, cuidará de clérigos jubilados, y protegerá a los hijos de Dios más vulnerables: los hambrientos, los indigentes, los ancianos, los no nacidos, los enfermos, los prisioneros y los solitarios.

Por favor haga oración y discierna en su corazón el hacer un donativo con amor. Usted puede ofrecer una compromiso de 8 pagos mensuales o realizar un donativo único. Visite www.archsa.org/archbishops-appeal o llame al (210) 734-1604. Gracias y que Dios le bendiga.