

Saint Dominic Catholic Community



*God's Call to Build:
Our Bridge To The Future
Dios Nos ha Llamado a
Construir: Nuestro Puente Hacia
El Futuro*

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Religious Education

From the first week of
September through the
last week of May

CCE Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday

Thursday & Friday

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday 4:00 -8:00

Sunday 9:00-3:30

Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday, English 8:15 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, **English** 8:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. **Español** 9:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m. English

Wednesday 7:00 pm English

Liturgy of the Hours:

Morning Prayer: Sunday - Saturday 7:30 a.m.

Evening Prayer: Wednesday 6:30 p.m. & Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Devotions: Rosary of the Virgin Mary: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting: Spanish - Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Novena to the Sacred Heart: During the Friday morning Holy Mass

Novena to the Miraculous Medal: After Wednesday evening Holy Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Weekly Holy Hour: Thursday 8:30 -9:30 a.m.

First Friday -9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Sacrament: Wednesday 6:00 - 6:45 pm Saturday-5:00-5:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents & Sponsors please register one week in advance.

English Baptism Class: Firsts & Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

English Baptism Celebration: Third Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Clase Pre Bautismal: Primer y Segundo Martes del mes a las 7:00 p.m.

Bautismos Español: Segundo Sábado del mes al las 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Marriage – Quinceañera Celebrations

Call the Parish office 6 months in advance to schedule appointment with priest.

Sacrament of the anointing of the sick

Please call the parish office to make arrangements for communion to be brought to your home or to the hospital.

Parish Registration

If you are new to the parish, please register at the office. Monday –Friday 8:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.

Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St. Dominic, Houston, TX, a multi-cultured community, joined together by faith in Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church, commit ourselves to help each other grow in the understanding of our faith, celebrate this faith in Liturgy and live it out by using the gifts of each person in the service of others, especially those in need, so that in the end, we may become truly a community of faith: truly the people of God and be of service to all!



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH
NEW PARISH HALL

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list, have a visit, homebound, and receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing. Call the Parish office @ 281-458-2910

Harry Sonnier	Pauline Sanchez	Bob Rodriguez
Laura Sonnier	Frances Gouge	Marie Lewis
Ernestine Alsene	Maria San Juan	Clarence Jenkins
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Glice Ligason	Eva Owens	Erica Taylor
Lily Rose Thomas	Joe Lozoya	Diocelina Gaviria
	Eduardo Castillo	Juliet Tan

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS Leaders & Time

Altar Servers: Jesus Velasquez, & Hna. Lupita Romo, DJ
3rd Saturday 9:00 am. (English & Spanish)
E. M. of Holy Communion:- Albert Allala - 713-301-4566
1st Sunday Cry Room after each mass
E. M. de Eucaristia: Sr. Lupita Romo 2nd Monday 7:00 pm
Lectors English: Albert Allala 2nd Sunday after each mass
Lectores Spanish: Reyna Mendez
Liturgy English Music: Melner Calvo, Sundays 5:00 pm
Liturgia Musica Espanol: Valentin Cobos, Jesus Puente, Elias Tello
Ushers/Greeters English : Dee Gonzalez
Acomodadores Español: Miguel Rodriguez
Offertory Collection Counters: Gloria Casey
Parish Pastoral Council- Juan Hernandez, 1st. Monday 7:00 pm
Parish Finance Council: Hector Hernandez quarterly & as necessary
Baptismal classes- English Melner Calvo, Alex Bozon, Michael Cubacub
Clases Pre-Bautismales Español Lauro y Veronica Leal, Rogelio y Reyna Mendez, Valentin y Araceli Cobos
Catholic Daughters Juanita Hernandez, 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm
Family Ministry/Couples for Christ - Albert Allala
Knights of Columbus: Raymund Helfrich, 1st. Sunday 9:30 am
Legion of Mary- Rosana Gonzalez, Saturday 9:00 a.m. English
Legion de Maria -Rosana Gonzalez Martes 7:00 p.m. Español
Facilities Maintenance Daron Monteilh & Clarence Jenkins
Asamblea De Oración, Froylan y Gaby Andrade Jueves 7:00 pm
MFCC St. Dominic: Osvaldo y Nancy Segura
Parish Youth Ministry: Deandria Gonzalez Thursday 7:00 pm
Clase Pre-Nupcial : Luis y Silvia Cervantes
Pre-Nuptial Class: English Melner Calvo, Clem Monta, Alex Bozon

Eucharistic ADORATION 1st Friday

Holy Hour for Vocations:

on Thursdays: 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.

Next Full Day Adoration : December 4, 2015

8:30am-9:00 p.m. **Jesus asks us, “Can you not spend an hour with me?”** For further information, call Mrs. Gloria Casey @ 713-453-4968

Pre -Baptismal Registration

Must register in the parish office,
Monday – Friday, 8:00 am –3:30 pm a week prior to the class.
Bring child’s birth certificate; required to register

Sponsors if married must be married by the Catholic Church and marriage certificate required.

If single they must be at least 16, and bring copy of their Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation

Parents and godparents must attend two pre-baptismal classes held 1st & 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 - 9:30 pm.

Donation for class is \$50.00

Baptism celebration 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am

Child being baptized can not be older than 7 yrs. Old.

Children 7 years and older must be prepared through the parish Catechism Program. (Guidelines of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston)

Información Pre- Bautismal - Pase a la oficina parroquial

Lunes –Viernes, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm una semana antes de la clase.
Es requerido presentar la acta de nacimiento del niño/a quien van a bautizar.

Padrinos Si están casados

deben estar casados por la iglesia Católica es requerido presentar la acta de matrimonio.

Si son solteros deben tener por lo menos 16 años y presentar su acta de Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación.

Papas y Padrinos tienen que asistir a dos pláticas pre-bautismales el primer y segundo martes del mes de 7:00-9:30 pm.

Donación para la platica: \$50.00

Bautismos el segundo Sábado del mes a las 9:00 am

Niños sin bautizar no deben ser mayores de 7 años de edad.

Niños deben recibir catecismo en el programa de la parroquia. (Guías de Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston)

Presentación de Tres Años

Cuarto domingo del mes durante la misa de 1:00 p.m.

Pasa a la oficina y presente acta de bautismo para registrarse

Sacrament of Marriage: Register at least 6 months in advance; drop by the office and fill out form and be ready to meet the pastor; Pick up wedding information check-list.

Quinceañera Celebrations: The family must be registered in the parish for a period of three (3) months prior to the date of the first preparation session. The candidate should register for her/his Quince Años ceremony on or before her/his 14th birthday. The candidate must have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and must have received First Eucharist prior to the time of the ceremony. If the honoree has not received the Sacrament of Communion, she/he should be enrolled to prepare to receive the sacrament before the Quince Años ceremony. The candidate must attend and complete preparation sessions with the coordinator and must join our parish youth program. Pick up Quinceañera information check-list.



A Message from the Pastor

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Dear Friends in St. Dominic.

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. He is a King who shares his throne. Every king has a throne. Thrones symbolize a king's power and authority. From his throne, a king administers justice, conducts diplomatic negotiations, receives petitions, and issues his commands. The existence of a throne reminds a king's subjects that the king is not just another citizen; he is the ruler, the lord, the sovereign. He has been given the task of guiding his nation the way a ship's captain guides his ship. He has been given the task of guiding his people the way a father guides his children. The throne is the symbol of this unique royal identity. And the type of throne that a particular king possess reflects the type of kingship – benevolent or violent, aloof or compassionate – he strives to live out.

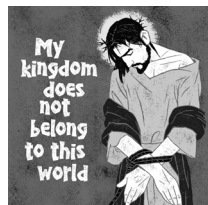
Our King, Jesus Christ, the eternal King of life, history, and the entire universe, has a throne that is absolutely one-of-a-kind. No other king in all of human history has chosen such a throne. What is this throne? We all know it. It presides over every Catholic Church and every Catholic household. It is the sign by which we are welcomed into God's family and made citizens of the everlasting Kingdom. It has been the mark of every Christian since the age of the catacombs Christ's throne is the cross.

Next week-end, will be a new beginning for us---the first Sunday of a new liturgical season, Advent. Every year the Church leads us through the different liturgical seasons. The first season is Advent, followed by Christmas. After Christmas we have a few weeks of what is called Ordinary Time. Then we begin the season of Lent, which leads into the Easter season. And with Pentecost, we get back into Ordinary time.

Each one of these liturgical seasons has its own meaning, and along with that meaning, it has its own characteristics. They have Mass readings that are connected by common themes. They have special days, celebrations, and traditions. They even have special colors. Taken all together, the seasons of the liturgy are like a spiritual tour. The Church is the tour guide. The sites the Church points out include all the major events in the history of salvation: from Creation, which we recall at the Easter Vigil, to Christ's Second Coming, which the first Sunday of Advent has spotlighted.

Why does the Church insist on taking us through this yearly tour of salvation history? Why do we have to revisit the same celebrations and seasons every single year? Is it just some sentimental tradition, or does it actually have a worthwhile purpose? The Catholic Church has not survived and thrived for two thousand years because it is full of sentimental traditions. The Catholic Church is a wise spiritual mother, guided by the Holy Spirit, and the liturgical seasons are an expression of this wisdom. At least two worthwhile purposes are at work in this liturgical calendar, and the more clearly we understand them, the more fully we will be able to benefit from them.

Sincerely yours in Christ
Rev. Roger Estorque



Queridos amigos en San Dominic,

Este domingo se celebra la fiesta de Cristo Rey. Él es un Rey que comparte su trono. Cada rey tiene un trono. Tronos simbolizan poder y autoridad de un rey. Desde su trono, un rey administra justicia, lleva a cabo las negociaciones diplomáticas, recibe peticiones, y emite sus órdenes. La existencia de un trono recuerda súbditos de un rey que el rey no es más que otro ciudadano; él es el gobernante, el señor, el soberano. Se le ha dado la tarea de guiar a su nación el camino capitán de un barco guía su barco. Se le ha dado la tarea de guiar a su pueblo de la forma en que un padre guía a sus hijos. El trono es el símbolo de esta identidad real único. Y el tipo de trono que un rey particular, poseen refleja el tipo de la realeza - benevolente o violento, distante o compasiva - se esfuerza por vivir.

Nuestro Rey, Jesucristo, el Rey eterno de la vida, la historia y el universo entero, tiene un trono que es absolutamente único en su tipo. Ningún otro rey en toda la historia humana ha elegido un trono tales. ¿Qué es este trono? Todos lo sabemos. Preside cada Iglesia católica y todos los hogares católicos. Es el signo por el cual nos da la bienvenida en la familia de Dios y ciudadanos del Reino eterno hicimos. Ha sido la marca de cada cristiano desde la edad de las catacumbas trono de Cristo es la cruz.

Siguiente fin de semana, será un nuevo comienzo para nosotros --- el primer domingo de un nuevo tiempo litúrgico, el Adviento. Cada año la Iglesia nos lleva a través de los diferentes tiempos litúrgicos. La primera temporada es el Adviento, seguido de la Navidad. Después de Navidad tenemos un par de semanas de lo que se llama Tiempo Ordinario. Entonces comenzamos la temporada de Cuaresma, que lleva en el tiempo de Pascua. Y con Pentecostés, regresemos en el tiempo ordinario.

Cada uno de estos tiempos litúrgicos tiene su propio significado, y junto con ese significado, tiene sus propias características. Tienen lecturas de la misa que están conectados por temas comunes. Tienen especiales días, celebraciones y tradiciones. Incluso tienen colores especiales. En conjunto, las estaciones de la liturgia son como un viaje espiritual. La Iglesia es el guía turístico. Los sitios de los puntos de la Iglesia fuera incluyen todos los grandes acontecimientos de la historia de la salvación: desde la Creación, que recordamos en la Vigilia de Pascua, a Segunda Venida de Cristo, es el primer domingo de Adviento y lo ilumina al frente.

¿Por qué insiste la Iglesia en llevarnos a través de esta gira anual de la historia de la salvación? ¿Por qué tenemos que volver a las mismas fiestas y temporadas cada año? ¿Es sólo un poco de la tradición sentimental, o lo hace en realidad tienen un propósito que vale la pena? La Iglesia Católica no ha sobrevivido y prosperado durante dos mil años, ya que está lleno de tradiciones sentimentales. La Iglesia Católica es una madre espiritual sabio, guiada por el Espíritu Santo, y los tiempos litúrgicos son expresión de esta sabiduría. Al menos dos propósitos valiosos están en el trabajo en este calendario litúrgico, y más claramente a entender, más plenamente seremos capaces de beneficiarse de ellos.

Atentamente suyo en Cristo
Rev. Roger Estorque



MISAS DE ESTA SEMANA

Saturday	November 21st
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
6:00 pm	† All Souls/Difuntos
Sunday	November 22nd
8:00 am	† Laura Spence/ Rita Brady
9:30 am	† Almas del purgatorio/Familia Valles
	Bebes no nacidos/Familia Valles
11:15 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
1:00 pm	† Daniel Gallegos/Sus Hermanos
	† Dolores Sallee/Juana Rodriguez
Monday	November 23rd
<i>St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro</i>	
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
Tuesday	November 24th St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
Wednesday	November 25th
	<i>St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>
7:00 pm	† All Souls/Difuntos
Thursday	November 26th
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
7:00 pm	NO - Asamblea de Oración
Friday	November 27th
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
Saturday	November 28th
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
6:00 pm	† All Souls/Difuntos



Monday	November 23rd
7:00 pm	Formación Ministerio Hispano
Tuesday	November 24th
5:30 pm	Coro Angeles de Dios/Mr. Tello
6:45 pm	NO OEC 6 TH , 7 TH & 8 TH Grade
7:00 pm	Coro Voces de Jubilo/ Mr. Puente
Wednesday	November 25th
6:45 pm	NO OEC Pre-Confirmation & Confirmation
7:00 pm	NO Formación de Servidores
Thursday	November 26th OFFICE CLOSED
5:30 pm	Coro Angeles De Dios/ Mr. Tello
Friday	November 27th OFFICE CLOSED
5:30 pm	NO OEC 1 ^{er} Comunión Español
Saturday	November 28th
9:00 am	Legion of Mary English
4:30 pm	NO OEC 1st Communion - English
Sunday	November 29th
9:45 am	NO OEC English Regular Class PK-5th
11:30 am	NO OEC Clase Español Regular PK- 5 ^o

GOD'S CALL TO BUILD: OUR BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

DIOS NOS HA LLAMADO A CONSTRUIR:
NUESTRO PUENTE HACIA EL FUTURO

Pledged	\$189,277.64
Received to date	\$ 18,963.78
Need	\$170,313.86

82 Participating Families



Yearly Budget	\$347,750.00
Weekly to meet budget	\$ 6,687.50
11/15/2015 Collection	\$ 7,408.78
DSF Fund	\$ 1,469.53

DSF 2015 Goal \$33,000.00

Total Pledged	\$33,379.00
Total Paid	\$27,661.50
Total Families	301
Pledge over	\$ 379.00
Paid Under	(\$ 5,638.50)

LA ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

Se reúne cada Jueves
a las 7:00 pm en la
iglesia. Venga a las
alabanzas y charlas
de diferentes predicadores



READINGS FOR THE WEEK/LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56;
November 23rd	Gospel: Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61;
November 24th	Gospel: Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67;
November 25th	Gospel: Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74;
November 26th	Gospel: Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81;
November 27th	Gospel: Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87;
November 28th	Gospel: Lk 21:34-36



Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead
and ruler of the kings of the earth.



**Nuestro Señor Jesucristo,
Rey del Universo**

Gracia y paz a ustedes, de parte de Jesucristo,
el testigo fiel, el primogénito de los muertos,
el soberano de los reyes de la tierra.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

Gospel — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura – Cuando uno, como el Hijo del Hombre se dirigió hacia el anciano y fue llevado a su presencia, recibió el dominio eterno, un reinado indestructible (Daniel 7:13-14).

Salmo — Señor, tu eres nuestro rey (Salmo 93 [92]).

Segunda lectura – Que la gloria y el poder sean dados a Jesucristo, el primogénito de entre los muertos y Señor de toda la tierra (Apocalipsis 1:5-8).

Evangelio – Jesús como Rey, vino a ser testigo de la verdad. Quien escucha la verdad, escucha su voz (Juan 18:33b-37).

**CELEBRATING YEARS OF LOVE:
REGISTRATION FOR ANNUAL WEDDING
JUBILEE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF
GALVESTON-HOUSTON.**

Registration is open for the 25th or 50th wedding anniversary milestone celebrations. The silver (25th) mass will be held Sunday, Nov 29th and the Golden Anniversary will be held Sunday, December 20th. both will be held at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart located at 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy, in downtown Houston. To register, visit www.familylifeministryhouston.org. Registration is available both English and Spanish.

**CELEBRANDO AÑOS DE AMOR:
REGISTRO PARA LA BODA ANUAL
JUBILEO EN LA ARQUIDIOCESIS DE
GALVESTON-HOUSTON.**

La inscripción está abierta para las celebraciones del 25° o 50° aniversario de boda. La misa de bodas de Plata se llevará a cabo Domingo, 29 de noviembre y las bodas de oro se llevará a cabo el domingo 20, diciembre. En la Co- Catedral del Sagrado Corazón ubicada en 1111 San José Pkwy, en el centro de Houston. Para registrarse, visite www.familylifeministryhouston.org. La inscripción está disponible en inglés y español



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BREAK
NO OEC CLASSES
FROM NOVEMBER 23 UNTIL
NOVEMBER 29 CLASSES WILL RESUME ON
MONDAY NOVEMBER 30TH.

DIA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS
NO HABRA CLASES DE DOCTRINA
A PARTIR DEL 23 DE NOVIEMBRE HASTA
EL 29 DE NOVIEMBRE
LAS CLASES SE COMENZAR
DE NUEVO EL LUNES 30 DE NOVIEMBRE

DON'T FORGET!

Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, November 26th
and Friday, November 27th

NO OLVIDE!

Oficina Cerrada en Día de dar Gracias
Jueves, Noviembre 26
y Viernes, Noviembre 27

ANNOUCEMENTS-ANUNCIOS DE ST.DOMINIC

12 Day Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage

June 13-24, 2016

Venice-Padua-Bologna (Tomb of St. Dominic,
our Patron)-Florence- Siena & Assisi--
San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio)
Rome (Papal Audience)
\$3,690. Per Person From Houston
Includes Roundtrip Air Transportation ,
First Class Hotels, Double Occupancy,
2 meals a Day, Breakfast & Dinner,
Daily Sightseeing, Daily Mass.
For details: Please contact IRMA GALVAN
281-458-2910 during office hours.

Dates to Remember Fechas Importantes

NOVEMBER 29 –

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Cycle C)

1^o Domingo de Adviento (Ciclo C)

December 8 (Tuesday) –

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción

Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Will begin on Friday ,December 4 at 6:00 PM

Novena will be available in English and Spanish

Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Comenzará el viernes 4 de diciembre 6:00 pm

Novena estará disponible en Ingles y español

Parish Directory

Have you picked up your copy of the Parish Directory? If you took your family portrait you are entitled to a free copy of the directory. Please stop by the office today! If you did not take your family portrait you can also pick up a copy of the directory for a donation of \$5.00.



Directorio Parroquial

Ya levanto su directorio de la parroquia?
Si usted se tomo la fotografia con su familia usted debe recibir su directorio gratis. Pase a la oficina y recoja su copia hoy! Si usted no se tomo la foto con su familia usted también puede obtener su copia del directorio con una donación de \$5.00 por libro.

LA VERDADERA GRATITUD

Recordemos que así, como lo mucho que se nos ha dado, mucho se espera de nosotros y que el verdadero agradecimiento viene del corazón y se expresa con la boca, además se muestra con las obras.

—Theodore Roosevelt

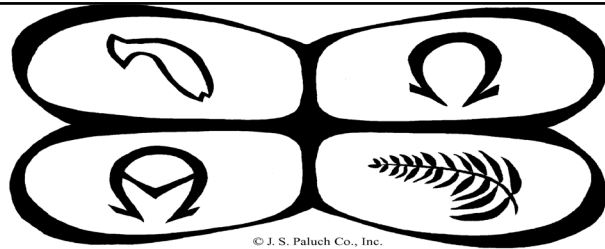
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EL HIJO
DEL HOMBRE
SE SENTARÁ
SOBRE
EL TRONO
DE SU GLORIA

TRUE STEWARDSHIP

The gospel message proclaimed throughout the New Testament invites us to live in harmony with the world. This is a challenge to care for the world and be stewards of all that God has given us. Like generations before us, we are entrusted with the care of the earth so that generations to follow may enjoy the same gifts. Sometimes, however, we are absorbed into the ways of the world. When we are of the world, we rely heavily on the power of wealth, beauty, fame, and accumulation of material possessions. We want earthly possessions and carelessly turn our hearts from the responsibilities of stewardship and conservation.

The readings today challenge us to walk away from the world so that we might inherit our share of God's kingdom. How we live our lives directly reflects our love for God.

LA VERDADERA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

El mensaje del Evangelio que proclama el Nuevo Testamento nos invita a una vida de armonía con el mundo creado. Tenemos el reto de cuidar el mundo y sentirnos corresponsables de todo lo que Dios nos ha dado. Al igual que generaciones anteriores, se nos ha confiado el cuidado de la tierra para que las generaciones que nos sigan puedan disfrutar los mismos dones. Algunas veces, sin embargo, nos quedamos absortos en las cosas del mundo. Cuando somos del mundo, confiamos demasiado en el poder de la riqueza, la belleza, la fama y la acumulación de posesiones materiales. Deseamos las posesiones terrenas y con desdén alejamos nuestro corazón de las responsabilidades de nuestro deber de cuidar el planeta y preservarla.

Las lecturas de hoy nos retan a alejarnos del mundo para que podamos heredar nuestra parte del Reino de Dios. Cómo vivimos nuestra vida refleja nuestro amor por Dios.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For good reason, Americans have been ambivalent about "kings" for many years, even long before George III's troops were sent packing in 1776. To say Christ is our King is to make a statement not about our politics, but about the dignity of our own identity. At our baptism, the crown of our head was once slathered (or at last dabbed) with oil while the Church prayed "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you live always as his body." To celebrate Christ's kingship, then, is to claim our own identity.

Your head was anointed just as Samuel poured oil over David's head. David had his gifts, but he was no prize, and perhaps that might comfort you as you think about your call, out of the messiness of your own life, to stretch into a lifestyle that is marked by worship, by prophetic speech and deeds, and the kingly ability to fashion a world (or at least a patch of it) where relationships are marked by justice, mercy, and cultivation of the good. It is precisely because of this kingly role that our faith community has something to say about the environment, about the dignity of human life, just wages, access to health care and education, the building of peace, and avoidance of war.

In a few weeks' time we will hymn the coming of the "newborn king," but today we sketch out the meaning of his reign, and our own incorporation into his work for the life of the world.

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A lo largo de los años, Latinoamérica ha producido bellísimas imágenes de Cristo crucificado, una de ellas es el Señor de los Milagros (Perú). Normalmente estas imágenes llevan en la parte superior el acrónimo INRI. Estas iniciales son una abreviación de las palabras en latín: *Jesús Nazare-nus Rex Iudaeorum* que en español significan Jesús de Nazaret, rey de los judíos (Mateo 27:37; Marcos 15:26; Lucas 23:38 y Juan 19:19). Con estas palabras, y sin quererlo, Pilato da a conocer al mundo la identidad de Jesús, mientras que él piensa que sólo está haciendo referencia a la causa de su muerte. El delito político de Jesús fue hacerse pasar por un rey y esto, al Imperio Romano no le convenía. En realidad, el hecho de que Jesús es rey, no le conviene a ningún gobierno humano. El rey es el líder absoluto, al cual se le debe entrega incondicional.

Para los cristianos que habitamos en todas las naciones de la tierra, el hecho de que proclamemos que Jesús es nuestro rey, puede traernos serias dificultades. Los gobiernos humanos no siempre actúan conforme al Evangelio y por tal motivo, al cristiano que reconoce a Jesús como rey, le corresponde desafiar tales gobiernos. El reinado de Cristo no es de este mundo, pero juzga y cuestiona este mundo. Al cristiano le toca gritar, con su vida y con su palabra: ¡Viva Cristo Rey!

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