

A BEAUTIFUL DREAM

I will never forget the beautiful dream I had last week. I woke up in the middle of night. I felt an immense Joy! What is going on? I rarely remember any of my dreams, whether bad or good. Slowly I began to recall what I had just been dreaming.

It is a simple but so joyful dream that I wish to share it with you. Here it is: I was surrounded by a small group of people. They were all joyful. Everyone was helping everyone. They were always involved in prayer or reaching out to anyone asking for help. There was a sense of PEACE all around. Some people were resting near a beautiful lake. Others were fishing quietly. What a beautiful and peaceful community!

I pinched myself. Then I had a ha-Ha moment I get it! This is HEAVEN. It is HEAVEN ON EARTH! Pope Benedict XVI says that Heaven is God. Heaven is being with God. St. John Paul II says the Mass is Heaven on earth. For both Popes, we can experience glimpses of Heaven on Earth. So how to interpret my joyful dream? Is it a vision of how a small group of people can encounter Heaven on earth outside the Eucharist when they all follow the two most important commandments as summarized by Jesus:

1. Love God above anything else (e.g. money, pleasure, power) and above anybody else (including direct family) with all your heart, and

2. Love one another as I have loved you.

Or is it simply that Heaven can be considered a continuation of what we may at times already experienced on earth?

One way to reflect on a beautiful dream is to think about its opposite: a horrible nightmare. Did you have a nightmare recently, waking you up in the middle of the night, and then being relieved that it was only a dream and that you are fine and no longer submitted to a series of torments? What is the difference with a

beautiful dream? Almost the same as between Hell and Heaven? We know that we can encounter a glimpse of Hell on earth. Hell is the eternal absence of the Love of GodA glimpse of Hell on earth is when we deliberately choose to go AGAINST God's key commandments of LOVE, though we know that GOD IS LOVE, and that with **GOD EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE**.

Let me know what you think about beautiful dreams, and maybe share with me one of your own joyful dreams so that we can all benefit from your experiences.

As we all enter into this Year of "RENEWED", let us pray to God the Father that our personal renewal in the Eucharist and In Christ may help us encounter a glimpse of Heaven, and help give us Hope in having eternal life beginning on earth!.

One in Christ ,
Fr Alain



UN SUEÑO HERMOSO

Nunca olvidare este hermoso sueño que tuve la semana pasada. Me desperte en medio de la noche. Senti una inmensa alegría! Que esta sucediendo? Es muy raro que recuerde cualquiera de mis sueños, sean buenos o malos. Lentamente empiece a recordar lo que acabo de estar soñando.

Es un sueño muy simple pero lleno de alegría que deseo compartir con ustedes. Aquí esta: Estaba rodeado de un grupo pequeño de gente. Todos estaban alegresl. Todos se ayudaban unos a otros. Ellos estaban siempre en oración o buscando a quien necesitaba ayuda. Habia una sensacion de PAZ alrededor. Algunos de ellos estaban descansando cerca de un lago muy hermoso. Otros estaban pescando tranquilamente. Que comunidad tan hermosa y pacifica!

Me pellisque para saber SI era real. Entonces tuve mi momento de claridad. Ya entendi! Esto es el CIELO. Este es el CIELO EN LA TIERRA!

El Papa Benedicto dijo que el Cielo es Dios. El Papa San Juan Pablo II dijo la Misa es el Cielo en la Tierra. Para ambos Papas, podemos experimentar un poco del Cielo en la Tierra. Como poder interpretar mi hermoso sueño? Es una vision de como un grupo pequeño de personas puede encontrar en Cielo en la tierra afuera de la Eucaristía cuando ellos siguen las dos mas importantes mandamientos que Jesus resumio asi:

1. Amar a Dios sobre todas las cosas (por ejemplo: dinero, placer, poder y sobre todas las personas (incluyendo familia directa) con todo tu Corazón, y

2. Amar a los demás como Yo los he amado.

O simplemente el Cielo es considerando como la continuacion de lo que ya estamos experimentando en la tierra

Una manera de reflexionar sobre este hermoso sueño pensar acerca de lo opuesto: una horrible pesadilla. Ha tenido una pesadilla

recientemente, despertandose en medio de la noche y sentir el Alivio de haber estado solamente soñando y que ahora esta bien no estando mas sometido a una serie de tormentos? Cual es la diferencia entre un hermoso sueño? Casi lo mismo como estar entre el Infierno y el Cielo? Sabemos que podemos tener un poco de infierno en la tierra. El infierno es la Ausencia eterna del Amor de DiosUn poco de infierno en la tierra es cuando deliberadamente escogemos ir en CONTRA de los mandamientos de AMOR, sabiendo que DIOS ES AMOR , y que con **DIOS TODO ES POSIBLE.**

Diganme lo que piensan acerca de hermosos sueños y puedan compartir conmigo uno de sus alegres sueños para que todos nos beneficiemos de su experiencia.

Ahora que entremos en el año de la “RENOVACIÓN”, Oremos a Dios Padre por nuestra renovacion personal en la Eucaristía y que Cristo nos ayude y nos de Esperanza de encontrar un poco del Cielo y nos ayude a empezar la vida eterna aqui en la tierra

Uno en Cristo ,
Padre Alain



*We are asked to pray for:

George Gallagher
D'Vaughn Webster
Lynette Washington
David Mesler
Ken Housewright

Tiffany Chase
Monica Halloran
Kathryn & David Newman
Andrea Lewis

Father Alain
Theodore Danneico Hall
Tess Franch
Margaret Ferguson
Mary Ott
Bonnie Mesler

Mirna Eugofoama
Ollie Johnson

Names will remain for three months or until healed



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, September 9,
9:00 AM: Gerardo Ochoa (+)
5:00 PM: OLHOC Parishioners

Sunday, September 10,
8:30 AM: Elsie Canare(+)
10:00AM: Donna
11:30 AM: Jose & Anna Mary Gonzales (+)
7:00 PM: Marcelino & Arleth Pineda

Monday, September 11,
9:00AM: Lorrin Green(+)

Tuesday, September 12,
9:00AM: Sarah & Ralph Dixon (+)

Wednesday, September 13,
9:00 AM: Jeannette Fotang (+)
7:00 PM: Mahop Thomas (+)

Thursday, September 14,
9:00 AM: Mongo Christine(+)

Friday, September 15,
9:00 AM: Helen Malm (+)

Outreach News

Our next Outreach meeting will be September 20, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Fr. Martin Hall.

Meetings last no longer than 1 hour. Everyone is welcome!

The next Shepherds Table will be October 19, 2023.

The collection of nonperishable foods for "Sharing Sunday" continues in the Fr. Martin Hall.

All donations go to the Food Bank, Women's Shelter, and, Children's Aid in Waldorf.

Thank you all!



Tuesday Scripture Study - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

Friday Scripture Study - The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

First Friday - The first Friday of each month the evening Mass in Latin is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, devotion to the Alliance of the two Hearts.

First Saturday - Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

Divine Mercy - Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

OLHOC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office or send email office@olhoc.org.

Mass Readings for September 17, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***First Reading**

Sirach 27:30 -28:7 (130A)

***Second Reading**

Romans 14:7-9

***Gospel**

Matthew 18:21-35

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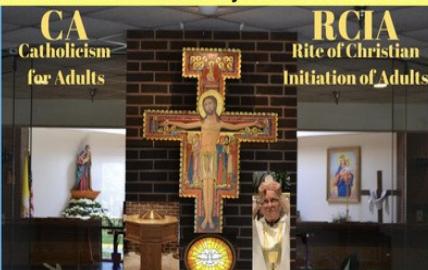


Interested in joining & learning about the Catholic Church for the first time?

Want to complete a Sacrament (Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation)?

Want to learn and understand your Catholic Faith better?

For more info. or to
sign-up please
contact
Deacon Rich
deacon@olhoc.org



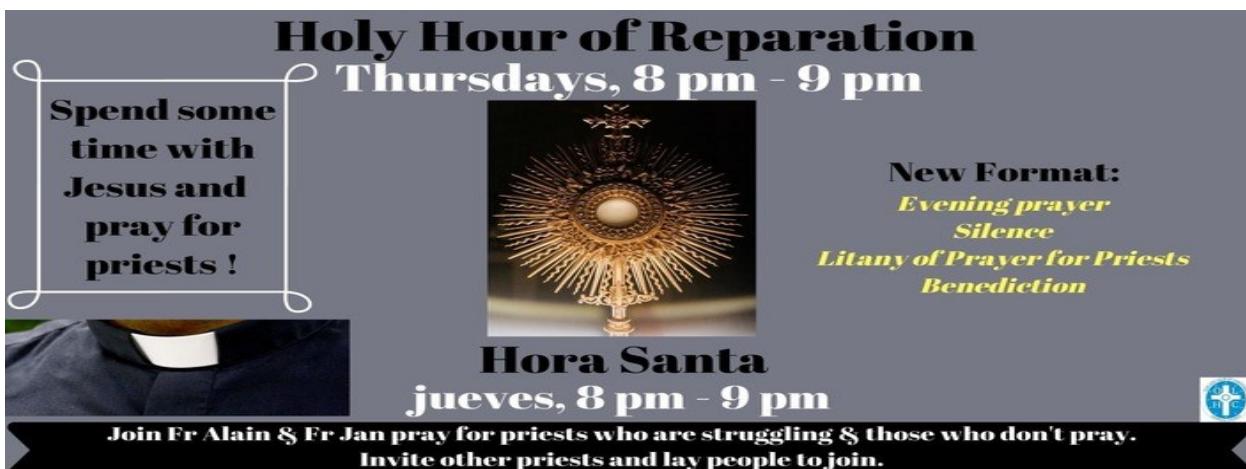
**Classes Meet on
Wednesdays at 7 pm**

All parishioners are welcome and invited to join us!

Rito de Iniciacion Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)

Esta interesado en unirse o aprender sobre la Iglesia Catolica por primera vez? Desea completar sus Sacramentos (Bautismo, Eucaristia y/o Confirmacion) Quiere aprender o entender mejor la Fe Catolica El Programa del RICA (Rito de Iniciacion Cristiana) disenado para 18 años y adultos. Empezamos el 27 de Agosto 2023

Informacion con Milton Galvan/ Maria Lam 240-551-3295 Las Clases son los Domingos a las 4:30 pm Salon 103



Parish School of Religion (CCD) 2023-2024

CCD Registration is Open for 2023-2024

Please visit the website www.olhoc.org/re

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NEW CCD Sessions for 2023-2024

Sundays Session 1 (8:45 AM - 9:45 AM) (for students in 1st & 7th grade, RCIC 1A & RCIC 2A)

Session 2 (10 AM - 11 AM) (for students in PK/K, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th & 8th)

Mondays Session 3 (5:45 PM - 6:45 PM for students in RCIC 1B & RCIC 2B)

Session 4 (7 PM- 8 PM) for students in PK/K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th

Registration for First Holy Communion 2023-2024 is open
visit www.olhoc.org/1communion

**Registration for Confirmation
2023-2024 is open visit
www.olhoc.org/confirmation-1**



September 9-10, 2023: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Join us at our newest Bible Study beginning September 17, 2023
right after 8:30 am Mass in Father Martin Hall

All are welcome!

