



COME, YOU WHO ARE
BLESSED BY MY FATHER.

*Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world. Whatever you did
for one of these least ones, you did for me.*

Matthew 25:34, 40



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 22, 2020

We, the Catholic community of St. Joseph, Placentia, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, center our lives on Jesus Christ. Together we grow as disciples of the Lord in faith and action.

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November 22, 2020 | Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King
of the Universe | Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 | 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 | Mt 25:31-46

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today, we acknowledge and celebrate Christ the King. It's hard to put this royal image together with today's Gospel passage, where Jesus is not asking to be treated like a king, but rather instructing us to perform merciful deeds for the least of his brothers and sisters. Yet it is the perfect follow-on to the previous three Sundays' Scriptures, where Jesus tells us what it means to live a life of holiness, preparation, and faithful investment in the Kingdom. Now we see what awaits those of us who turn over our lives to him, seeing the face of Jesus in the least among us – the poor, the imprisoned, the thirsty, the stranger. "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I confess that judgment day readings scare me a little. Some days I behave more like a "goat" than a "sheep." Side note: After a deep dive into the Internet (did you know that sheep have 54 chromosomes and goats have 60?), I've concluded that Jesus isn't talking about farm animals here. He's talking about us humans and the choices we make or don't make through sins of omission. The list seems endless if I focus on all the things I *could* be doing to help others each and every day. Yet, rather than getting caught up in fear or guilt, today's readings encourage me, and remind me, that Jesus has told us what we need to do to be counted as "sheep" on the last day.

ACTIONS

- Choose one corporal work of mercy today and act on it. What does it look like to "visit the sick"? Donate blood; make food for someone who isn't feeling well; check in on an elderly neighbor.
- Do you know some "sheep" – people who radiate faith and kindness to others? Just as you might network with a professional in your field, invite that person out for coffee. Ask them about their faith and how it inspires them in their daily lives.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Outdoor Mass & Live Streaming

Thursday, November 26, 2020 at 9:00 AM

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"Walking With God During Difficult Times"

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Music Ministry
Paul Nguyen, Director

Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM
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Gathering Song:

HE IS EXALTED Twila Paris © 1985 Straightway Music

1. He is exalted the King is exalted on high / I will praise Him / He is exalted forever exalted and I / will praise His name!

He is the Lord / forever His truth shall reign / Heaven and earth / rejoice in His holy name / He is exalted the King is exalted on high / He is exalted the King is exalted on high!

READING 1

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Responsorial Psalm:

PSALM 23 Sarah Hart © 2016 OCP Publications

The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want. (2x)

READING 2

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no

food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Preparation of the Gifts Song:

SHEPHERD ME, O GOD Marty Haugen © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.

Shepherd me O God beyond my wants / beyond my fears / from death into life.

1. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul / You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth / My spirit shall sing the music of your Name.
2. Though I should wander the valley of death / I fear no evil for you are at my side / Your rod and your staff / my comfort and my hope.

Communion Song:

WHATSOEVER YOU DO Willard Jabusch © 1967, 1977 OCP Publications

Whatsoever you do / to the least of my people / that you do unto me.

1. When I was hungry you gave me to eat / When I was thirsty you gave me to drink / Now enter into the home of My Father.
2. When I was homeless you opened your door / When I was naked you gave me your coat / Now enter into the home of My Father.
3. When I was weary you helped me find rest / When I was anxious you calmed all my fears / Now enter into the home of My Father.
4. When in a prison you came to my cell / When on a sickbed you cared for my needs / Now enter into the home of My Father.
5. When I was laughed at you stood by my side / When I was happy you shared in my joy / Now enter into the home of My Father.

Recessional Song:

HERE IS OUR KING David Crowder © 2005 worshiptogether.com

(Refrain 1): **Here is our King / Here is our Love / Here is our God who's come / to bring us back to Him / He is the one / He is Jesus / And He is our King / He is our Love / He is our God who's come / to bring us back to Him / He is the one / He is Jesus / Jesus.**

1. From wherever spring arrives / to heal the ground / from wherever searching comes / the look itself / a trace of what we're looking for / So be quiet now and wait / The ocean / is growing / The tide is coming in / here it is. (to Refrain 1)

2. And what was said to the rose to make it unfold / was said to me here in my chest / So be quiet now / and rest / So be quiet now / and rest / The ocean / is growing / The tide is coming here it is. (Refrain 2)

(Refrain 2): **Here is our King / Here is our Love / Here is our God who's come / to bring us back to Him / He is the one / He is Jesus / And He is our King / He is our Love / He is our God who's come / to bring us back to Him / He is the one / He is Jesus / He is Jesus / Majesty / finally / here!**

Pastoral Letter: "Christ the King by Father Martin Bui"

After a few days on the job, the new security guard came home sad. Looking at his sadness, his wife asked, "What's wrong honey?" "I was fired," he cried. "Oh my! What happened?" his wife asked. "Well, when I was on duty at the desk I dozed off for a moment, and while I was asleep someone broke into the building and stole lots of computer equipment." "But honey, you're such a light sleeper. I'm surprised you didn't wake up. There must have been some noise when the burglar broke in." "I was not fired for falling asleep," he confessed. "I was fired for wearing earplugs." I believe we do the same thing with our lives. We keep our ears plugged so we can go through life without hearing the sounds that disturb us. It may not be burglars but there are sounds that could wake us from the sleepiness of our lives.

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King and next week we will start a new liturgical year with the first Sunday in Advent. This feast of Christ the King used to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October before the feast of All Saints to display Christ as King of all the saints. Now, this feast ends our liturgical year. One of the main themes we hear in the gospel is that Christ will be judge over all who come to him. We hear in this gospel not only he will judge us for what we do to our fellow human beings but also what we fail to do for even the least of them. And we hear a long list of things we are to do and people we are to care for. To feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and visit the sick and imprisoned.

We are called to listen to the cries of the poor or oppressed, to those who live on the margins of our society. But we often put in our own earplugs and refuse to hear the cry of the needy voice. We do this in small ways when we block out the voice of our spouse or children when they really need to share the story of the day. We also do this in bigger ways when we block out the voices of the oppressed and under-privileged in our society. It may be something as simple as when our spouse or children talk and we tune them out. Or when the needy in our society speak and we block them out because we are angry or disagree with them. Or we simply don't make the effort to hear them. We put in our earplugs!

We live in a neighborhood where we do not have many poor people and so we do not hear the cry of the poor. We hear on television, or see an article in the paper, about the immigrant workers' rights. We are angry because there are many illegal immigrants. We pretend that we do not hear these voices. The earplugs we use are often the busyness of our lives; we don't have a chance to hear. Yet, Christ will judge all according to our deeds: those done and those left undone!

That is a chilling warning, but there is a more dominant theme in the readings: the image of God as a good shepherd. The prophet Ezekiel reminds the people of Israel that even though their leaders have abandoned them, their God will lead them as a shepherd leads his flock. Then in the responsorial psalm we hear that the Lord is our shepherd and there is nothing we shall want. And in the gospel, Jesus tells us how he separates us, like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. The shepherd would lead his flock by walking ahead and calling his sheep, often by name. His sheep, knowing his voice, would follow immediately. Any mountain goats that had gathered with the sheep would not follow because they would not recognize the voice. You see, in the end, the judgment we receive is actually our own judgment on ourselves, for we will follow the voice of the One with whom we are familiar.

Our task is to listen and really hear that voice of the Savior who calls us to follow him. We must attune ourselves to his voice so we can recognize it when he calls. We know that this is hard work for there are lots of competing voices. It is easy to come to church every Sunday and listening to God in our liturgy but we must live the liturgy in our daily lives. That is where the real work is, listening to God's voice in the midst of daily life. I believe that the voice of God often comes through the cries of the poor, oppressed, or underprivileged. The cry of the poor in our own family, spouses, children, or parents. It is hard to attune ourselves to those voices. But that is our duty. So this week as we reflect on our lives, maybe we need to remove the earplugs of frustration, anger, ambivalence or indifference so we can hear the voice of God speaking through the least in our society and in our family. This week, may we take our earplugs out and hear the voice of God through the cries of the poor.

VENGAN, BENDITOS DE MI PADRE;

*tomen posesión del Reino preparado
para ustedes desde la creación del mundo.
Cuando lo hicieron con el más insignificante
de mis hermanos, conmigo lo hicieron.*

Mateo 25:34, 40



NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO,
REY DEL UNIVERSO

22 de noviembre de 2020

EL REY SIERVO

Al celebrar la solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, muchos de los himnos e imágenes tradicionales del día son gozosos y triunfales. Para algunos, estas connotaciones pueden ser percibidas como negativas. En estos días en que hay fuertes divisiones dentro de la Iglesia, y cuando algunos líderes gubernamentales están tan lejos del pueblo, necesitamos escuchar todas las Escrituras de hoy y dibujar una imagen más grande y completa de Cristo como rey siervo. En Ezequiel, vemos a Dios como el pastor tierno y amoroso y el que juzgará en la Segunda Venida. Esto se relaciona con el Evangelio de Mateo y la separación de ovejas y cabras y “lo que sea que haga”. Oramos el Salmo 23 con gran familiaridad y esperanza. Primero Corintios nos explica cuidadosamente el orden en que todo sucederá. Esto no es una dictadura malvada, o un líder hambriento de poder, sino la culminación de un plan que fue cuidadosamente establecido en el amor.

VIEJA IDEA, NUEVA AÑADIDURA

Tal vez sea importante recordar que, si bien la imagen de Cristo como Rey ha sido conocida en toda la cristiandad, su fiesta fue establecida en 1925 como una reacción y una respuesta al creciente secularismo, comunismo y ateísmo que después de la Primera Guerra Mundial se estaban cada vez más extendiendo. Si retrocediéramos aun más en el tiempo, recordaríamos que a lo largo de la historia rara vez ha habido un tiempo de paz en el mundo cristiano. La misma Tierra Santa ha sido frecuentemente un campo de batalla. La misma historia de la Iglesia tiene cismas y divisiones; y cada concilio de la Iglesia fue convocado para tratar de corregir alguna noción equivocada, evento mundial o herejías de la Iglesia. Tampoco los líderes de la Iglesia siempre han tenido las manos limpias, y ha habido guerras, genocidios e insurrecciones “en el nombre de Cristo”. Hoy, cuando más y más personas abandonan a una Iglesia organizada, y se identifican como “personas espirituales, pero no religiosas”, la necesidad de Cristo como líder y guía es más apremiante que nunca.

HEREDAR EL REINO

El mundo en el que vivimos es complejo. Somos una sociedad diversa y global en donde hay muchos asuntos y opiniones que van desde el cambio climático hasta la política y la religión. A veces tratamos de resolver todo, y es difícil saber qué y a quién creer. Uno puede encontrar múltiples perspectivas de la misma noticia y las redes sociales pueden fácilmente influenciarnos. Sin embargo, cuando nos centramos en la historia del Evangelio, parece muy simple. No tenemos que saberlo o averiguarlo todo. No somos nosotros los que estaremos en el trono en el día del Juicio Final. Cuando Dios empiece a separar las ovejas de las cabras, la fórmula es una simple regla de oro. “¿Cuándo viste a Cristo en los demás? ¿Cuándo respondiste como corresponde?” No preguntará si eres católico o incluso si eres cristiano; si tienes antecedentes penales o una enfermedad terminal; si tienes un doctorado o una educación hasta quinto grado; o qué idiomas hablas. La llamada es para recordar que “todo lo que hiciste con el más insignificante, conmigo lo hicieron”. Y luego estará la invitación: “ven- gan benditos de mi Padre; tomen posesión del Reino preparado para ustedes desde la creación del mundo”.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Ezequiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Salmo 23 (22):1-2, 2-3, 5-6
1 Corintios 15:20-26, 28
Mateo 25:31-46

Canto de Entrada:

VIVA JESÚS EL REY Arnulfo Carrillo © 1980 OCP Publications

1. Viva Jesús el Rey que está en el cielo y aquí en la tierra / que siempre me acompaña y va conmigo a donde quiera / Está en el río que baja por la montaña entre sus aguas / Es luz de las estrellas Nos da la vida cada mañana.

Viva Jesús el Rey / Viva Jesús el Rey / Viva que viva siempre que siempre / viva Jesús el Rey.

PRIMERA LECTURA

Ezequiel 34, 11-12. 15-17

Esto dice el Señor Dios: "Yo mismo iré a buscar a mis ovejas y velaré por ellas. Así como un pastor vela por su rebaño cuando las ovejas se encuentran dispersas, así velaré yo por mis ovejas e iré por ellas a todos los lugares por donde se dispersaron un día de niebla y oscuridad. Yo mismo apacentaré a mis ovejas, yo mismo las haré reposar, dice el Señor Dios. Buscaré a la oveja perdida y haré volver a la descarriada; curaré a la herida, robusteceré a la débil, y a la que está gorda y fuerte, la cuidaré. Yo las apacentaré con justicia. En cuanto a ti, rebaño mío, he aquí que yo voy a juzgar entre oveja y oveja, entre carneros y machos cabríos".

Salmo Responsorial:

SALMO 22 Jack Miffleton © 2015 OCP Publications

El Señor es mi pastor / nada me falta.

SEGUNDA LECTURA

1 Corintios 15, 20-26. 28

Hermanos: Cristo resucitó, y resucitó como la primicia de todos los muertos. Porque si por un hombre vino la muerte, también por un hombre vendrá la resurrección de los muertos. En efecto, así como en Adán todos mueren, así en Cristo todos volverán a la vida; pero cada uno en su orden: primero Cristo, como primicia; después, a la hora de su advenimiento, los que son de Cristo. Enseguida será la consumación, cuando, después de haber aniquilado todos los poderes del mal, Cristo entregue el Reino a su Padre. Porque él tiene que reinar hasta que el Padre ponga bajo sus pies a todos sus enemigos. El último de los enemigos en ser aniquilado, será la muerte. Al final, cuando todo se le haya sometido, Cristo mismo se someterá al Padre, y así Dios será todo en todas las cosas.

EVANGELIO

Mateo 25, 31-46

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Cuando venga el Hijo del hombre, rodeado de su gloria, acompañado de todos sus ángeles, se sentará en su trono de gloria. Entonces serán congregadas ante él todas las naciones, y él apartará a los unos de los otros, como aparta el pastor a las ovejas de los cabritos, y pondrá a las ovejas a su derecha y a los cabritos a su izquierda. Entonces dirá el rey a los de su derecha: 'Vengan, benditos de mi Padre; tomen posesión del Reino preparado para ustedes desde la creación del mundo; porque estuve hambriento y me dieron de comer, sediento y me dieron de beber, era forastero y me hospedaron, estuve desnudo y me vistieron, enfermo y me visitaron, encarcelado y fueron a verme'. Los justos le contestarán entonces: 'Señor, ¿cuándo te vimos hambriento y te dimos de comer, sediento y te dimos de beber? ¿Cuándo te vimos de forastero y te hospedamos, o

desnudo y te vestimos? ¿Cuándo te vimos enfermo o encarcelado y te fuimos a ver?' Y el rey les dirá: 'Yo les aseguro que, cuando lo hicieron con el más insignificante de mis hermanos, conmigo lo hicieron'. Entonces dirá también a los de su izquierda: 'Apártense de mí, malditos; vayan al fuego eterno, preparado para el diablo y sus ángeles; porque estuve hambriento y no me dieron de comer, sediento y no me dieron de beber, era forastero y no me hospedaron, estuve desnudo y no me vistieron, enfermo y encarcelado y no me visitaron'. Entonces ellos le responderán: 'Señor, ¿cuándo te vimos hambriento o sediento, de forastero o desnudo, enfermo o encarcelado y no te asistimos?' Y él les replicará: 'Yo les aseguro que, cuando no lo hicieron con uno de aquellos más insignificantes, tampoco lo hicieron conmigo'. Entonces irán éstos al castigo eterno y los justos a la vida eterna".

Preparación de las Ofrendas:

TÚ VAS CONMIGO Bob Hurd © 1998 OCP Publications

Tú vas conmigo / Tú vas conmigo / Mi pastor mi guía mi Señor / Tú vas conmigo.

1. Me guía por el sendero justo / por el honor de su nombre / Aunque camine por cañadas oscuras / nada temo porque tú vas conmigo / Tu vara y tu cayado / me consuelan me sosiegan.
2. Preparas una mesa ante mí / enfrente de mis enemigos / me unges la cabeza con perfume / mi copa rebosa / mi copa rebosa.

Canto de Comunión:

TU CUERPO Y SANGRE, SEÑOR Eleazar Cortés © 1994 OCP Publications

Déjanos disfrutar / eternamente de tu divinidad / por el misterio de tu amor / tu cuerpo y sangre Señor.

1. Pan que del cielo bajó / a darnos la eternidad.
2. Aquel que coma este pan / ya nunca más morirá.
3. El Sacramento de amor / que el mismo Cristo nos da.
4. Pan de justicia y verdad / que nos alivia el dolor.

Canto de Salida:

VIVA JESÚS EL REY Arnulfo Carrillo © 1980 OCP Publications

1. Viva Jesús el Rey que está en el cielo y aquí en la tierra / que siempre me acompaña y va conmigo a donde quiera / Está en el río que baja por la montaña entre sus aguas / Es luz de las estrellas Nos da la vida cada mañana.

Viva Jesús el Rey / Viva Jesús el Rey / Viva que viva siempre que siempre / viva Jesús el Rey.

2. Vive aquí conmigo Está conmigo y me da la fuerza / de caminar sin prisa y dar alabanza a Jesús que reina / Canta como tú cantas Viene en el viento Se va sonriendo / Es Jesucristo mismo que se refleja y está conmigo.

3. El amor que nos tiene nos lo demuestra desde hace tiempo / es el amor del Padre que yo lo siento aquí muy dentro / Viene aquí conmigo Está presente y me da la fuerza / Crece como tu hermano como tu amigo y está tu gente.

EL REY PASTOR

La tarea del pastor y la tarea del rey no pueden ser más diferentes la una de la otra. Los pastores están en el último escalón de la sociedad, mientras los reyes están en el más elevado. Pero Dios dice, por medio del profeta Ezequiel, que el Mesías regirá de manera muy diferente a las autoridades de la tierra que oprimen a su pueblo y le causa daño por ser malos gobernantes.

Nuestro Rey asume el trabajo por sí mismo. Cristo, como un pastor, dará reposo a sus ovejas, buscará a la extraviada, traerá de vuelta a las perdidas y dispersas. Curará a las heridas y vendará a las lesionadas. Él no delega, sino que las apacientará “con justicia”. Tenemos a un rey que vela por nosotros y que no tiene miedo de “juzgar entre oveja y oveja” (Ezequiel 34:17).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El pastor-rey busca a los perdidos y sana a los heridos (Ezequiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo nuestro rey ha conquistado la muerte (1 Corintios 15:20-26, 28).

Evangelio — El Hijo del Hombre se sentará en su glorioso trono y los separará unos de otros (Mateo 25:31-46).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ap 14:1-3, 4b-5; Sal 24 (23):1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lc 21:1-4

Martes: Ap 14:14-19; Sal 96 (95):10-13; Lc 21:5-11

Miércoles: Ap 15:1-4; Sal 98 (97):1-3ab, 7-9; Lc 21:12-19

Jueves: Ap 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 21:20-28
Día de Acción de Gracias (sugerencia):
Ecl 50:22-24; Sal 145 (144):2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lc 17:11-19

Viernes: Ap 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Sal 84 (83):3-6a, 8a; Lc 21:29-33

Sábado: Ap 22:1-7; Sal 95 (94):1-7ab; Lc 21:34-36

Domingo: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Sal 80 (79):2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mc 13:33-37

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

Lunes: Trigésima Cuarta Semana del Tiempo Ordinario; San Clemente I; San Columbano; Beato Miguel Agustín Pro

Martes: San Andrés Dũng-Lạc y compañeros

Miércoles: Santa Catalina de Alejandría

Jueves: Día de Acción de Gracias

Sábado: Bienaventurada Virgen María

SANTA CECILIA (Siglo II)**22 de noviembre**

Santa Cecilia es la patrona de los músicos, pero antes de cantar, su vida toda fue un canto para Dios. Nació en Roma y desde muy joven prometió entregarse a Dios y permanecer casta. Su padre no pensó así y la obligó a casarse con un no cristiano llamado Valeriano, quien no sólo respetó su voluntad, sino que también se hizo cristiano. Fue él mismo quien convirtió a su hermano Tiburcio, para luego, ser martirizados ante su negativa de adorar a los dioses de Roma. Al ver la manera heroica en que morían, Máximo, un cortesano se convirtió al cristianismo y también lo martirizaron. Cecilia dio sepultura cristiana a los tres, acción que le valió la reprensión y el juicio frente al Prefecto Almaquio, quien al ver que no desistía de su fe mandó que la quemaran en el baño de su casa, pero el fuego no le hizo nada. Después, mandó que la decapitaran y luego de golpearla en el cuello, agonizó durante tres días hasta que entregó su espíritu. Fue sepultada en las catacumbas de san Calixto.

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ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

Un acto de acción de gracias, cuando las cosas marchan mal para nosotros, vale más que miles de gracias cuando las cosas van conforme a nuestras inclinaciones.

—San Juan de Ávila

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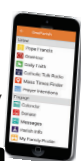
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