St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

. Martinez . California . January 27 . 2019 .

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Catherine of Siena Parish follows Jesus by welcoming all, sharing our gifts, and giving glory to God.

La parroquia de Santa Catarina de Siena sigue a Jesús dándole la bienvenida a todos, compartiendo nuestros dones y dando gloria a Dios.

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BAPTISMS: Registration is mandatory two months prior to Baptism. Parents & Godparents are required to attend a mandatory Baptism preparation class before reception of the Sacrament.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements and mandatory preparation need to be arranged at least eight months prior to the wedding.

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All items must be submitted by Fri, Feb 1 by noon for Feb 10.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM
SUNDAY: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM English
12:30 PM Spanish

WEEKDAYS: 8:00 AM (Thursday is a Communion Service)

HOLY DAYS: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM

ADORATION: Fridays from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27, 2019

What is the Holy Mass and Why is it Important?

I'm just a humble 80 year old Church usher, auxiliary lector, and chorister. My ministry is only a grain of wheat and; I'm doing my best to keep my faith alive. My heart is filled with joy during the Holy Mass. This liturgical prayer is a privilege encounter with the living Christ. Receiving Holy Communion is a joyful personal friendship with the Son of the living God, risen from the dead. The Holy Mass is an intense union with Jesus Christ. We get together, talk, and then we eat--we share His living body and blood. My voice is tinged with love, respect, and emotion whenever I verbalize "Peace be with you." The Holy Mass is so beautiful, very important, reflective, gracious, miraculous, as sunlight shines on the crucifix during communion. Why?

Clearly, the voice of Christ said, "Come to Me, all you that labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you." —Mathew 11:28. "The bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world." —John 6:52. "Take ye and eat; this is My body, which shall be delivered for you; do this for the commemoration of Me." —-1 Corinthian 11:24. "He that eat My flesh, and drink My blood, abide in Me, and I in him." —John 6:57. "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." —John 6:64.

These are the living words of Christ, Son of the living God, the eternal truth, delivered for our salvation-- we must receive them with heartfelt thanks and with strong faith. They are inseparably engrafted in His heart. They are words of great tenderness, full of sweetness and love. The sweetness of His words during the Holy Mass are clearly beautifully spoken by our Priest and Pastor, Fr. Anthony. Christ invites us, encourages us, commands us to approach Him at the altar and sanctuary with confidence; to share celebration, to partake with Him and to reject the undesirable food of immorality, if we desire to obtain eternal life and glory everlasting.

My faith is strengthened because of the mystery of the Holy Mass when I listen to the Homily, Penitential Act, the Apostles' Creed, witness the Offering of Gifts, the Blessed Sacrament of Communion, and when we sing all the liturgical hymns serenading God. The Holy Mass is very important, because we praise and glorify God in His infinite goodness. Why? Because I love to repay God. Everything we have all comes from God and I am very grateful to Him for creating me in this boundless universe.

—C.C. Salonga

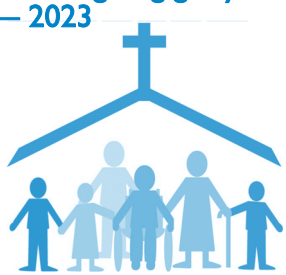
IGNITE WEEKLY READING REFLECTION WITH CLERGY
MONDAYS 6:30—7:45 PM Parish Center ~ St. Gabriel Room

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH MISSION
To follow Jesus by welcoming all, sharing our gifts, and giving glory to God.
2019 — FIVE YEAR PLAN — 2023

WORSHIP
To facilitate a transforming encounter with God as we come together in worship.

DISCIPLESHIP
To empower a community of Christian people walking together as disciples of Jesus in order to share His good news.

STEWARDSHIP
To create a culture in the parish rooted in gratitude and generosity.



HOSPITALITY
To form a joyful family community that reaches out and receives one another as Christ reaches out and receives us.

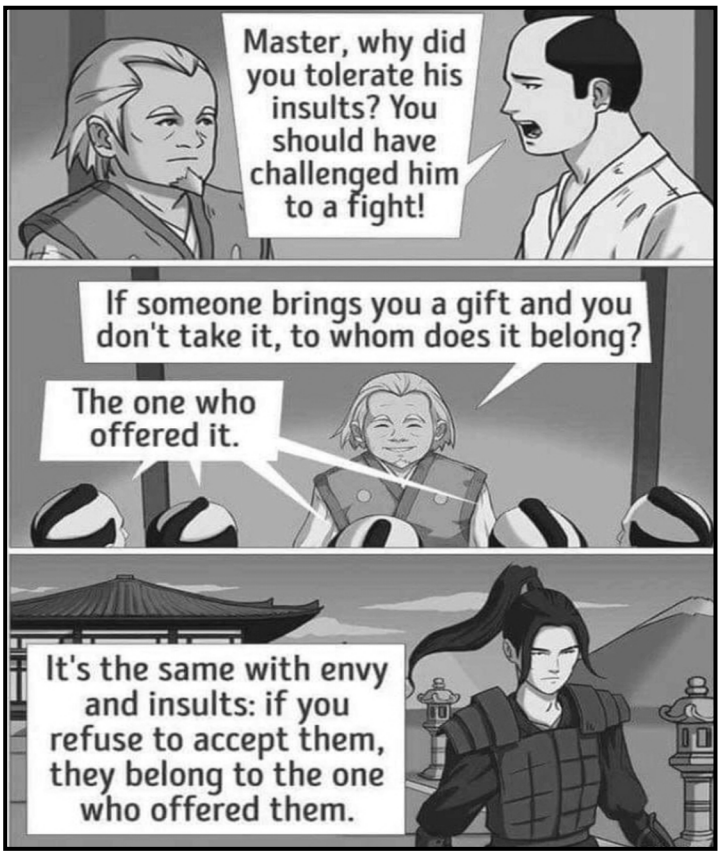
FACILITIES
To assure that our Church and facilities testify to the greater honor and glory of God.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Week-at-a-glance dates, times, and locations are taken from the web site calendar: www.stcmtz.org. If further clarification is needed, please contact the parish office at 925.228-2230 extension 0.

Sunday, 1/27		**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
		Catholic Schools Week Begins
8:00 AM	PH	Hospitality—School Hosts
2:00 PM	PCL	Guadalupe Society Meeting
3:45 PM	PCL	Confirmation Prep Class
6:00 PM	PCL	Youth Group
Monday, 1/28		**St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.**
6:30 PM	**PC**	**Reading Reflection with Clergy**
Tuesday, 1/29		**St. Dallan, pray for us.**
6:00 PM	CH	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM	CH	Spanish Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 1/30		**St. Hyacinth, pray for us.**
5:00 PM	PH	Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM	CH/SC	Faith Formation PreK-8th Grades
6:15 PM	PC 206	RCIA Meeting
6:30 PM	PCL	Legion of Mary Meeting
Thursday, 1/31		**St. John Bosco, pray for us.**
6:00 PM	SC	SCS Kindergarten Information Night
7:00 PM	CH	EME Training & Refresher training
Friday, 2/1		**St. Brigid of Ireland, pray for us.**
12:00 PM	CH	Adoration
5:00 PM	CH	Benediction
Saturday, 2/2		**St. Joan, pray for us.**
9:30 AM	PCL	SVdP Food Distribution
10:00 AM	CH	Funeral: McCorkel
11:00 AM	PH	Funeral Reception
11:30 AM	CH	EME Training & Refresher training
3:00 PM	CH	Reconciliation
Sunday, 2/3		**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM	PH	Hospitality—Choir Hosts

CH = Church **RC = Rectory** **SC = School**
PH = Parish Hall **YD = School Yard** **YS: Youth Shack**
PC = Parish Center **PCL: Parish Center Library**



ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS
A Lumen Christi Academy School

Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Join our community at Open House **Sun, Jan 27 from 9:30 am to 12 noon;** and a Book Fair & hospitality in the parish hall. We have many wonderful things to share! Applications will be available and also on our website. Financial aid available for families who wish to have a Catholic Education. Come see what St. Catherine School can do for your children.

St. Catherine of Siena
Kindergarten
INFORMATION NIGHT—THU. JAN 31 @ 6 PM

JOIN US @ ST. CATHERINE AUCTION on SAT, FEB 23 & GOLF TOURNAMENT on SAT, MAR 30

LOOKING AHEAD

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming parish events.

THURSDAY, 1/31	7:00 PM	New & Refresher EME Training
SATURDAY, 2/2	11:30 AM	New & Refresher EME Training
MONDAYS	6:30 PM	Weekly Reflections with the Clergy
WEDNESDAYS	6:30 PM	Weekly Devotion with Legion of Mary
SATURDAY, 2/9	5:00 PM	Ignite FORMED Movie Study Part #2
WEDNESDAY, 3/6	Masses	Ash Wednesday 8am, 12:10, 6, & 7:30 pm
THURSDAY, 3/7	5:00 PM	Prayer Cenacle: "Beneath His Cross"
FRIDAY, 3/8	5:00 PM	Retreat: "Do Not Waste Your Suffering"
FRIDAYS in LENT	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross preceded by Soup
SATURDAY, 3/9	5:00 PM	Retreat: "Do Not Waste Your Suffering"
TUESDAY, 4/9	7:00 PM	Lenten Communal Penance Service
SATURDAY, 4/13	5:00 PM	Ignite FORMED Movie Study Part #3
THU through SAT	4/18-4/20	Paschal Triduum

CLIP & SAVE

CALLING ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST & ALL THOSE WHO WANT TO SERVE IN THIS MINISTRY

Mandatory to attend one (of the two) upcoming training sessions for updates and review

THU, JAN 31 @ 7 PM in the Church OR
SAT, FEB 2 @ 11:30 AM in the Church

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IGNITE FORMED MINI-SERIES

Presence—The Mystery of the Eucharist

Sat., Feb 9, Mar 9, @ 5:30 to 8:00 PM

Parish Center Library. Meal provided. Donations accepted. Explore the truth & beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist from its origins.

Future Formed events: Sat. Apr 13 & Sat. May 11.

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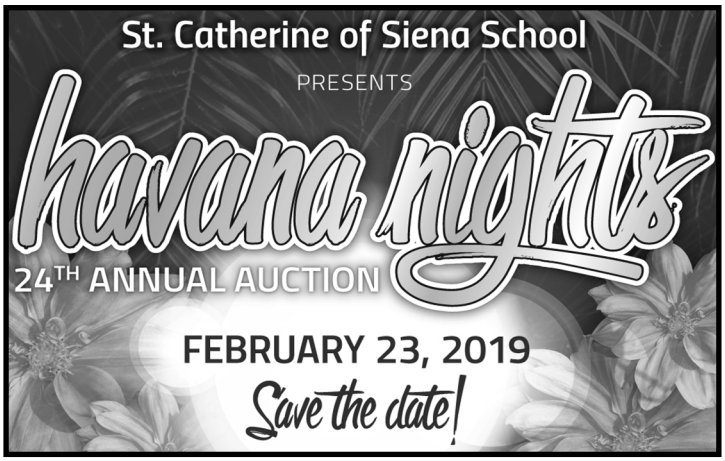

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SAT	1/26	4:30	Michael & Walter Narodzonek †
SUN	1/27	7:00	Int.Alex & Jenny Concepcion-Birthday
		8:30	Bratten & Swieszcz Families †
		10:30	Int. St. Catherine of Siena Parish
		12:30	Mary Jessie Rangel †
MON	1/28	8:00	Agnes Riccabuono †
TUE	1/29	8:00	Kirk & Brydie Kuykendall †
WED	1/30	8:00	Int. St. Catherine of Siena School
FRI	2/1	8:00	Louis Charles D'Angelo †
SAT	2/2	8:00	Carmelo Astilla †
		4:30	Cynthia Castro †
SUN	2/3	7:00	Int. St. Catherine of Siena Parish
		8:30	Maria Cerejo †
		10:30	Elizabeth Astbury †
		12:30	†

Call the Parish Office for Mass intentions.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

JANUARY 20, 2019 CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Collection	$5,275.00
Bingo	$ 840.00
Knights of Columbus Dec. Crab Feed	$ TBA
Seminary	$1,221.00

Weekly Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity!

REMEMBER ST. CATHERINE PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB FEED

Sat, FEB 9 . St. Catherine Parish Hall

6 PM: Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks available.

6:30 PM: All the crab you can eat!

$50 tickets must be purchased in advance.

Call Rik Silva @ 925-334-2429 or 925-639-9946

Support Our School

See's Easter Candy Fundraiser March 20 through April 3. See a St. Catherine student or call the school.

CONCERT SERIES CLIP & SAVE

"I'll Be Seeing You" Cantare Con Vivo Chamber Ensemble

Sun. Feb. 17 @ 3:30 PM Temple Isaiah, Lafayette

"Verdi's Requiem" Cantare Con Vivo Chorale

Sat. Mar. 17 @ 7:30 PM Walnut Creek Presbyterian

"By and By" Cantare Con Vivo Chamber Ensemble

Sun. May 5 @ 4:00 PM Lafayette Christian Church

"There is Sweet Music Here"

Chorale, Chamber Ensemble & Children's Choirs

Sat. Jun 1 @ 7:30 PM Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian

For information and ticket prices please contact Melody Jimison at docmelody@Comcast.net

St. Catherine Parish offers deepest sympathy and prayers for the families; and, the repose of the souls of

Linda McCorkle

Refugio Salazar

who entered eternal life.

READINGS & REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUN, JAN 27, 2019: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Crack open a Good Book

As recently as a generation ago, faithful Catholics cheerfully assigned Bible-quoting to the category of "Protestant" behaviors. We have sacraments, they "only" have scripture—or so the defense was typically mounted. In truth, our liturgy is one of word *and* sacrament, and the wealth of Catholic tradition is known by those who fully claim both. When Jesus was handed the scroll of Isaiah, He quickly located the passage that would introduce His message. Are you as comfortable finding your way around the Good Book?

Today's readings: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69). *"[Jesus] unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.' "*

MON, JAN 28, 2019: MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Poetry that is simply divine

Thomas Aquinas (1225-74), an Italian Dominican priest, was a quiet and brilliant philosopher whose writings have formed and informed generations of theologians and pastors. However, it is Thomas' poetry that has expressed Catholic belief for many Catholics through the ages. Thomas composed the words to the hymn "Pange Lingua" (and its final two verses, "Tantum Ergo") for the Feast of Corpus Christi. "*Tantum ergo, sacramentum . . .* : Come adore this wondrous presence; bow to Christ, the source of grace." This "sacrament most holy" ties us to the past, nourishes us today, and gives us hope for what is to come.

Today's readings: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30 (317).
"Christ is mediator of new covenant . . . those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance."

TUE, JAN 29, 2019: Was Jesus a family man?

Those who espouse "family values" might squirm a bit at the passages in the gospel where Jesus seems to be showing a bit of disrespect to his own family. Jesus is teaching us here that our loyalties and obligations go beyond our families of origin. As Christians, we belong to a larger family with larger responsibilities—to listen to the words of Jesus and to seek the will of God. Jesus redefines family, not with the intention of excluding anyone, but rather to invite everyone to join a greater family with a greater vision of family values.

Today's readings:
Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35 (318).
"Jesus said, 'Whoever does the will of God is My brother and sister and mother.' "

WED, JAN 30, 2019: Bless my soil

You can't always take parables in the gospels on face value, which is why it helps to have a good study Bible or scripture commentary at hand when you break open the word. But every now and then the gospel writers have Jesus explain exactly what he meant. Such is the case with the parable of the seeds and the soil. What to make of the birds eating some seeds while others wither or were choked by weeds? Easy: The seed is the word of God. Some are denied the word. Others show initial enthusiasm but go on to something else after a time. Others turn away when trouble strikes or allow worldly concerns to distract them. But where is the rich soil found? In the ones who hear the word and accept it and try to live it. Where does the seed of God's word fall in your life?

Today's readings:
Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20 (319).
"And these are the ones sown on the good soil: They hear the word and accept it and bear fruit."

THU, JAN 31, 2019: MEMORIAL OF JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER
Love and support your local child

Saint John Bosco was born in Italy in 1815 into a family of farm workers. He became a priest and a teacher, devoting his life to the care and education of abandoned and neglected children. His approach was considered novel at the time: He used love instead of punishment to shape the behavior of his students. John embraced the spirituality of Saint Francis de Sales and dedicated his work to him when he founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales (also known as the Salesians of Don Bosco). How can you support teachers and those who care for children? What are some ways you, in the spirit of John Bosco, can extend love and compassion to children, especially those most in need?

Today's readings: Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25 (320).
"There is nothing hidden except to be made visible; nothing is secret except to come to light."

FRI, FEB 1, 2019: Whose stuff is this?

Christians commonly suffered the confiscation of their property during the persecutions of the early Church, and Church property has been confiscated by hostile governments ever since. Perhaps that is why the Catholic Church defends the right to private property. Yet the Church also says that this right is not absolute; it is limited by the concept of the "social mortgage," our mutual obligations to one another and to a just distribution of wealth. You can read about Church teaching on property and other social issues in the first "social encyclical," *Rerum novarum* ("On the Condition of Labor"), written by Pope Leo XIII and issued in 1891. Take a look at it on the Vatican website.

Today's readings: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34 (321).
"You cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting."

SAT, FEB 2, 2019: FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Your loving kindness shall not be in vain

There is a lot going on for our prayerful consideration today. It is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the ancient story of faithful parents presenting their baby at the Temple. It is also a day of prayer for men and women who have consecrated their lives with vows of poverty, obedience, and chastity in service to the Church. And it was on February 2, 1945 that the Nazis hung the Jesuit priest, Alfred Delp. Delp's final message to friends was this: "If through one man's life there is a little more love and kindness . . . then he will not have lived in vain." Parents, vowed religious, and every one of us can do our best to not live in vain.

Today's readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524). *"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace."* In one guidebook, the place was oddly listed as the "Mount of Hurling."

SUN, FEB 3, 2019 : FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Take the leap of truth

While that sounds like a site for over eager partygoers, Mount Precipice, as it's more widely known, is a hill overlooking Nazareth where Jesus almost met an early end. Citizens of His hometown loved having a celebrity to claim as their own, but when Jesus suggested that God might claim foreigners ahead of Israelites because of their welcome to prophets, the Nazoreans proved His point by attempting to run Him off a cliff. Telling the truth rarely makes us popular. It can even be dangerous. Take the plunge!

Today's readings: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Luke 4:21-30 (72). *"They rose up, drove Him out of the town, and led hHm to the brow of the hill . . . to hurl Him down headlong."*

Lecturas y Reflexiones de la Semana

27ENE2019 TERCER DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO Abre un buen libro.

Hace tan solo una generación, los católicos fieles asignaron alegremente las citas de la Biblia a la categoría de comportamientos "protestantes". Tenemos sacramentos, ellos "solo" tienen escrituras, o por lo tanto la defensa fue montada típicamente. En verdad, nuestra liturgia es una de las palabras y de la festividad, y la riqueza de la tradición católica es conocida por aquellos que afirman plenamente ambos. Cuando se le entregó el rollo de Isaías, rápidamente localizó el pasaje que presentaría su masaje. ¿Está usted tan cómodo encontrando su camino alrededor del Buen Libro?
Lecturas de hoy: Nehemías 8: 2-4a, 5-6 8-10; Corintios 12: 12-30; Lucas 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21 (69). "Jesús desenrolló el rollo y encontró el pasaje donde estaba escrito: 'El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí'."

28ENE2019 MEMORIAL DE THOMAS AQUINAS, SACERDOTE, DOCTOR DE LA IGLESIA Poesía que es simplemente divina.

Tomás de Aquino (1225-74), un sacerdote dominicano italiano, fue un filósofo tranquilo y brillante cuyos escritos han formado e informado a generaciones de teólogos y pastores. Sin embargo, es la poesía de Thomas la que ha expresado la creencia católica para muchos católicos a través de los tiempos. Thomas compuso las palabras del himno "Pange Lingua" (y sus dos últimos versos, "Tantum ergo") para la Fiesta de Corpus Christi. "Tantum ergo, sacramentum: ven y adora esta maravillosa presencia; Inclínate ante Cristo, la fuente de la gracia." Este sacramento más santo nos ata al pasado, nos nutre hoy y nos da esperanza para lo que está por venir.
Lecturas de hoy: Hebreos 9:15, 24-28; Marcos 3: 22-30 (317). "Cristo es el mediador del nuevo pacto ... los que son llamados pueden recibir la herencia eterna prometida".

29ENE2019 ¿Era Jesús un hombre de familia?

Aquellos que tienen "valores familiares" pueden retorcerse un poco en los pasajes del Evangelio donde Jesús parece estar mostrando un poco de este irrespeto para su propia familia. Jesús nos está enseñando aquí que nuestras lealtad y obligaciones que van más allá de nuestras familias de origen. Como cristianos, pertenecemos a una familia numerosa con grandes responsabilidades: escuchar las palabras de Jesús y buscar la rueda de Dios. Jesús redefine a la familia, no con la intención de excluir a nadie, sino más bien para invitar a todos a unirse a una familia más grande con una visión más amplia de los valores familiares.
Lectura de hoy: Hebreos 10: 1-10; Marcos 3: 31-35 (318). "Jesús dijo: 'El que hace la voluntad de Dios es mi hermano, mi hermana y mi madre'".

30ENE2019 Bendito mi suelo.

No siempre puedes tomar parábolas en los evangelios sobre los valores nominales, por lo que es útil tener a mano un buen estudio bíblico o un comentario de las Escrituras cuando rompes la palabra. Pero de vez en cuando, los escritores de los evangelios le piden a Jesús que explique exactamente lo que quiso decir. Tal es el caso de la parábola de las semillas y el suelo. ¿Qué hacer con las aves que comen algunas semillas mientras que otras se marchitan o se ahogan con las malas hierbas? Fácil: La semilla es la palabra de Dios. A algunos se les niega la palabra. Otros muestran entusiasmo inicial, pero pasan a otra cosa después de un tiempo. Otros se alejan cuando hay problemas o permiten que las preocupaciones mundanas los distraigan. Pero, ¿dónde se encuentra el rico suelo? En los que escuchan la palabra y la aceptan y tratan de vivirla. ¿Dónde cae la semilla de la palabra de Dios en tu vida?
Lecturas de hoy: Hebreos 10: 11-18; Marcos 4: 1-20 (319). "Y estos son los que se siembran en la buena tierra: escuchan la palabra y la aceptan y dan fruto".

31ENE2019 MEMORIAL DE JUAN BOSCO, SACERDOTE, FUNDADOR RELIGIOSO Ama y apoya a tu niño local.

San Juan Bosco nació en Italia en 1815 en el seno de una familia de trabajadores agrícolas. Se convirtió en sacerdote y maestro, dedicando su vida al cuidado y la educación de los niños abandonados y descuidados. Su enfoque fue considerado algo nuevo en ese momento: usaba el amor en lugar de castigo para moldear el comportamiento de sus estudiantes. Juan abrazó la espiritualidad de San Francisco de Sales y le dedicó su trabajo cuando le fundo la sociedad de San Francisco de Sales (también conocido como los Salesianos de Don Bosco). ¿Cómo puedes apoyar a los maestros y a los que cuidan a los niños? ¿Cuáles son algunas maneras en que usted, en el espíritu de John Bosco, puede extender amor y compasión a los niños, especialmente a los más necesitados?
Lecturas de hoy: Hebreos 10: 19-25; Marcos 4: 21-25 (320). "No hay nada que se oculte, excepto que se haga visible; Nada es secreto, excepto para salir a la luz ".

01FEB2019 ¿De quién es esto?

Los cristianos comúnmente sufrieron la confiscación de sus propiedades durante las persecuciones de la iglesia primitiva, y la propiedad de la iglesia ha sido confiscada por gobiernos hostiles desde entonces. Quizás es por eso que la Iglesia Católica defiende el derecho a la propiedad privada. Sin embargo, la iglesia también dice que este derecho no es absoluto; está limitado por el concepto de "hipoteca social", nuestras obligaciones mutuas entre sí y a una distribución justa de la riqueza. Puede leer sobre la enseñanza de la iglesia sobre propiedad y otras cuestiones sociales en la primera "encíclica social", Rerum novarum ("Sobre la condición del trabajo"), escrita por el Papa León XIII y publicada en 1891. Mire el Web del Vaticano.
Lecturas de hoy: Hebreos 10: 32-39; Marcos 4: 26-34 (321). "Aceptaron alegremente el saqueo de sus posesiones, sabiendo que ustedes poseían algo mejor y más duradero".

02FEB2019 FIESTA DE LA PRESENTACIÓN DEL SEÑOR Tu bondad amorosa no será en vano.

Hay muchas cosas por la que debemos considerar la oración diaria. Es la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor, la historia antigua de padres fieles que presentan a su bebé en el Templo. También es un día de oración para hombres y mujeres que han consagrado sus vidas con votos de pobreza, obediencia y castidad en el servicio a la iglesia. Y fue el 2 de febrero de 1945 cuando los nazis colgaron al sacerdote jesuita, Alfred Delp. El mensaje final de Delp a los amigos fue el siguiente: "Si a través de la vida de un hombre hay un poco más de amor y amabilidad ... entonces él no habrá vivido en vano". Padres, religiosos prometidos, y cada uno de nosotros puede hacer todo lo posible para no vivir en vano.
Lecturas de hoy: melachi 3: 1-4; Hebreos 2: 14-18; Lucas 2: 22-40 (524). "Ahora, Maestro, puede dejar ir a su sirviente en paz".

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En un libro de guía, el lugar estaba catalogado de forma extraña como el "Monte de Hurling". Si bien eso suena como un sitio para los asistentes a la fiesta, el Monte Precipicio, como es más conocido, es una colina con vistas a Nazaret, donde Jesús casi se encuentra temprano fin. A los ciudadanos de su ciudad natal les encantaba tener una celebridad que reclamar como propia, pero cuando Jesús sugirió que Dios podría reclamar extranjeros frente a los israelitas debido a su bienvenida a los profetas, los nazarenos demostraron su punto al intentar arrinconar. Decir la verdad rara vez lo hace tan popular. Incluso puede ser peligroso. ¡Dar el paso decisivo!
Lecturas de hoy: Jeremías 1: 4-5, 17-19; Corintios 12: 31—13: 13; Lucas 4: 21-30 (72). "Se levantaron, lo sacaron de la ciudad y lo llevaron a la cima de la colina ... para arrojarlo de cabeza".

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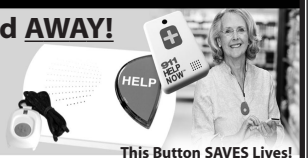

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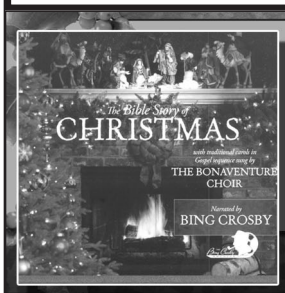

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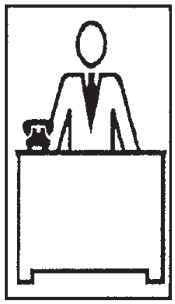

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