

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
Martinez, California

THE MOST
HOLY TRINITY
JUNE 16, 2019



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*O Lord our God,
how wonderful your name in all the earth!*

Psalm 8:2

LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM
SUNDAY: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM
12:30 PM (Spanish)
WEEKDAYS: 8:00 AM

HOLY DAYS: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM
ADORATION: Thursdays from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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All items **must** be submitted by **Fri, June 7** by noon for June 16
Please direct your inquiries to:

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All submissions must be submitted via email and
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NEW

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISMS:

Registration is mandatory two months prior to Baptism month. Please call the office to make an appointment once you have your documents ready. Parents & Godparents are required to attend a mandatory Baptism preparation class one month before reception of the Sacrament.

All information regarding requirements and schedules, can be found on the website at www.stcmtz.org

FIRST EUCHARIST:

The Religious Education Program Registration begins in August and classes start in September. The First Holy Communion program is a two year program. All other classes are one year (K-8).

CONFIRMATION:

Youth Confirmation Program Registration begins in August. It is a one year program for all incoming Freshmen or above. Please contact: Paul or Jenny Holland at jenniferdevita@gmail.com for more information. For Adult Confirmation, please call the office.

MARRIAGES:

Arrangements and mandatory preparation need to be arranged at **least eight months** prior to the wedding. No dates can be set prior to an initial meeting with a priest. No exceptions.

RECONCILIATION:

Confession times are weekly on Saturday's from 3:00 - 4:00 PM and by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is the continuation of the Lord's compassion for the sick. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of two sacraments which heals and saves the baptized person from sin. The other sacrament of healing is Penance. For an anointing during working hours, please call the Parish office.

FUNERALS:

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services at 925-932-0900. A representative will contact

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PASTORAL ARE TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Do you know someone who is homebound and/or ill & would like to receive the Eucharist or just a visit from a friendly face? If so, please email: Deacon Dave Holland at: daveh@cfcsoakland.org or call (925-413-9240) with your neighbor's name, address, and telephone number. St. Catherine Pastoral Care to the Sick & Homebound will arrange for a visitor from the parish. Thank you.



WORSHIP

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SAT	6/15	4:30	Michael and Walter Narodzonek†
SUN	6/16	7:00	Int. Saint Catherine of Siena Parish
		8:30	Swieszcz & Bratten Families†
		10:30	Mario Rose†
		12:30	Joe and Gustavo Cardenas†
MON	6/17	8:00	Kirk and Brydie Kuykendall †
TUE	6/18	8:00	Vilma Costa †
WED	6/19	8:00	McLoughlin and Dugan Families †
THU	6/20	8:00	Special Intention
FRI	6/21	8:00	Barbara Nicks †
SAT	6/22	8:00	Rodolfo Salgado †
		4:30	Gianna Olarni †
SUN	6/23	7:00	Joe Balestrieri †
		8:30	Int. Saint Catherine of Siena Parish
		10:30	Erlinda and Agapito Bonifacio
		12:30	Louisa Doña and "Otto" Doña



STEWARDSHIP

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

June 9, 2019 WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Collection	\$ 5127.00	Weekly Offering
Catholic Charities	\$ 10.00	
Catholic Communications	\$ 65.00	

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



2019 Bishop's Appeal

SCS Goal Summary:

Parish Goal:	\$23,000.00	Remaining:	\$8,738.00
Funds Raised:	\$14,262.00	% of Goal Raised:	62.01%

Wow, what a year! To better state that - what a GREAT year! We have covered a lot of material and participated in many fun and exciting projects. The students have grown in leaps and bounds and are ready for a well-deserved break. Before we say our summer good-byes we need to recognize our incredible volunteers. The individuals who contribute so much of their time, energy and resources to make our school just a little bit better. There are far too many to name but you know who you are! Thank you for supporting our students and our school.





DISCIPLESHIP

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

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity: Teaching the mystery. By Alice Camille

In parishes across the Christian world, preachers commenting on the teaching of the Trinity will be sorely tempted to say something about Saint Patrick's shamrock. Variations on this theme, in my experience, have included tricycles (three wheels, bearing the faithful along in one direction) and the U.S. government (three branches—executive, legislative, judicial—one purpose, to serve the people!). Here's a suggestion: Resist this temptation to reduce a mystery to utter manageability. It's lame, a tad offensive, and, besides, it doesn't work. It is human nature to get attached to the metaphor and not let it go. The whole time you are speaking, your listeners are back at the introduction of the image, wondering: If God is a shamrock, what are we to make of a four-leaf clover? The members of your assembly will be assigning Father, Son, and Spirit to various positions on your model (front wheel or back? If Jesus is judicial, then the Holy Spirit is legislative?).

Doing the geometry or the arithmetic on the Trinity is equally frustrating, like presenting to a classroom an unsolvable problem. God is Three-in-One, some homilists will declare. Actually, One-in-Three, others will correct. We find ourselves back on the beach with Augustine, watching the child digging a hole and filling it with the ocean, bucket by bucket. If we stay at this long enough, we get nowhere fast and miss another teachable moment, while the ocean passes through the sand and vanishes.

How to talk Trinity -The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes that Christians are baptized in the *name* of the Father, Son, and Spirit—not in the *names*. God is revealed as Father, Son, and Spirit, but remains one Being. We do not have three Gods, so we are at pains not to say “they” or to speak of “them” in discussing the Trinity. Yet nonetheless we have come to know God in three ways that appear discrete to us within the limitations of time and space. So the first thing we learn about God in Trinity is this: that the nature of God is a unity. Over the course of human history we have met the Holy One as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. The purpose of God's relationship with us remains the same in each encounter: to share the gift of divine life with us. Teaching God as a unity is fundamental because we are a monotheistic religion. All too often presentations about the Trinity result in producing the opposite impression: an image of God as a triple threat or polytheistic safety net—or at best, the actor in three distinct divine transactions in human history. There is *one* “transaction,” if we are to use the word, and that is love. Even in our human relationships, the language of love is spoken in a variety of ways depending on the context: parental, fraternal, sexual, communal, to name a few. That God is revealed to us as source of life, restorer of life, and expander of life's possibilities should be no surprise to anyone who has known the dynamic character of loving relationships.

If God is one, why talk Trinity at all? What can we learn from the concept of Trinity that we don't get straight from monotheism? Here, the multiple naming of God does apply. The Creator, also known as Most High and Almighty, “The God Who Is” as Moses was given to understand, can be personable and close at hand but ever remains an awe-inspiring presence. Though willing to enter into committed relationships with individuals and their descendants, this God is still experienced fearfully as cloud and fire, roaring wind and thunder, burning bush or smoking oven. Jesus, however, reintroduces us to the Most High God as “Father.” The name does not suggest gender so much as startling proximity and intimacy, the sort of familial communion that those of a common flesh, blood, home, and story share. God is most certainly that Holy Other who spoke to Adam, Abraham, Moses, and Mary. But in that last conversation with Mary, God also took up residence within her, and through her with the likes of us. We could never have known God as Father (or Mother or Family if you prefer) if not for the one who knew himself as Son. The God Who Is stands outside of human history but intersects with it upon selective and significant occasions. The God Jesus knew—and revealed to us in his self-offering—stood completely within our history and became subject to it in all of its raw potential for horror in order to rescue us from its brutal consequences. But to be fully human Jesus had to leave this world, because that is what all of us must do at some hour yet unknown to us. So how do we hold onto his revelation of God's enduring involvement and investment in our lives? It is this third angle of the mystery that engulfs us here, the abiding Spirit of God that “remains” until the end of time. Sometimes we ignore the Holy Spirit because the Spirit seems to have no back story. The Most High was first revealed as the God “of” somebody: Abraham, Jacob, Naomi, David. We meet God through the divine dealings with these folks. Later, we came to know God as Jesus did—in fact, as Jesus himself presented God's compassion and authority.

St. Catherine of Siena Divine Renovation

Dear Families and Friends,
May the Risen Lord bless you all.

If you recall, on Christmas we launched our Five-Year Plan 2019-2023. ***The end goal is to bring our Parish from a preservation mode to an active missionary community.*** This is a sacrificial pledge to a divine renovation of St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Along with other areas of the pastoral plan, this year we have committed ourselves to upgrading our facilities with a hope that all things visible at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Church may give a more visible testimony for the greater honor and glory of God. This year we will begin with our common home, the Parish Church. **Why do we begin with the Parish Church?**

The reason is that the *physical* church we have is not only the heart of the spiritual Church, the community of faith, but also the visible sign of God's presence in the City of Martinez. In this Church, we come to worship and encounter God and one another every day. Thanks to this Church, we gather and make real, the visible presence of God in a liturgical, and above all, a Eucharistic assembly.

Furthermore, the Church is called the *building* of God. "The Lord compared himself to the stone which the builders rejected, but which was made into the corner-stone. On this foundation the Church is built by the apostles and from it the Church receives solidity and unity. This edifice has many names to describe it: the house of God in which his *family* dwells; the household of God in the Spirit; the dwelling-place of God among men; and, especially, the holy *temple*. This temple, symbolized in places of worship built out of stone, is praised by the Fathers and, not without reason, is compared in the liturgy to the Holy City, the New Jerusalem" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No.756). Therefore, to renovate the Parish Church is to show a visible act of commitment on our part to continue building up the Church of God here at St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

Our Parish Church was built with a tremendous amount of hope, love, faith and labor in 1940. It is now our precious inheritance, and therefore our great responsibility, to not only preserve her presence, but moreover to add to her grandeur and holiness. Inspired by this, we are going to make the following renovations which will be done in two phases:

Phase I. The Interior of the Parish Church

- An interior paint in an off-white color with appropriate highlights and accents
- A new cathedral red carpet
- A new marble floor for the Sanctuary
- Restoration of the Pews with new kneelers and hymnal racks
- A new wood flooring underneath the Pews
- A new sound system
- Repairs of four main stained-glass windows in the Sanctuary

Phase II. The Exterior of the Parish Church

- A new layer of protection for all stained-glass windows
- A new exterior paint in an off-white color with appropriate highlights and accents
- A new ADA compliant ramp along the Estudillo Street.
- A new beautiful landscaping along the Estudillo Street.
- A new exterior paint in an off-white color with appropriate highlights and accents for the Rectory and the School.

As the mystery of the Incarnation teaches, what is visible can show us the invisible reality of God. From the beginning, the Church has wonderfully used colors and symbols to communicate Her faith. For every "new" renovation we make in or outside of the Parish Church, there is a theological and symbolic reason which is designed to communicate a certain mystery of faith. Here are some colors and design features we may use for the above improvements for your better understanding:

- White:** In liturgy and sacred arts, white symbolizes: Purity, virginity, innocence, glory, resurrection. The color White is also the color of the Dominican Order's habit to which our patron saint belongs.
- Gold:** The color of Gold symbolizes the glory of God, Godhead, refining process, kingship, Words of wisdom, truth, and knowledge, faith, and heaven.
- Red:** The color of Red signifies blood, zeal, passion, martyrdom, action, fire, charity, spiritual awakening and cleansing. It also glorifies the sun and the joy of life and love. It also denotes the Holy Spirit. It is the liturgical color of Pentecost, Feast days for Holy Martyrs and Apostles, and the Passion of Christ.
- Dark Brown Color:** Brown is a symbol of the earth and is often the color of a Monk's robe, signifying humility, humanity and God's connection with the commonplace and the ordinary. Thus, the combination of Dark Brown, Gold, Red, and White makes the reality of the Inclination and union between Divinity and humanity visible to all. For more details on the divine renovation projects please check out the bulletin and web-site.

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Cont. Where are the funds for all these projects?
 The first source is from our savings. In the last many years, we have set aside money for major facility improvements. Secondly, thanks to some very generous parishioners who contributed together a substantial *non-restricted* financial gift to the parish. Thanks to these funds we can improve the House of God and other facilities. One should not confuse these funds with the commonly known as P.A.C.E I&II or now Combined Capital Campaign Funds, which began in 1999 until now for a Parish Center Building. These accounts are restricted.

Friends, in the end, we entrust our Parish Church to God and His Love. We also count on each member's support and prayers for the Parish. If you would like to contribute financially to any of these projects, let it be a gift of a pew or a square foot carpet, please contact **Mr. Troy Killorn or Mrs. Karen Glen at (925) 228-2230**. You can also send your offering with the memo: ***Divine Renovation Projects*** to St. Catherine of Siena Parish Office, 1125 Ferry Street, Martinez, CA 94553. Thank you very much and may God bless you and those you love.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Le -Administrator, Mrs. Karen Sandri,
 Mr. Dennis Koller, Mr. Don Brocca, Mr. Troy Killorn
 Mr. Carlos Melendez, Facility Team and Finance Council

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE			
Sunday, 6/16		Ninth Sunday of Easter	
8:00 AM	PH		
2:00 PM	CH		Baptisms
Monday, 6/17			
7:30 AM	CH		Rosary
9:00 AM	CH		Pew Removal
Tuesday, 6/18			
7:30 AM	CH		Rosary
6:00 PM	CH		Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	PC		Scripture Reflection with Clergy
7:00 PM	CH		YLI Meeting
7:30 PM	CH		Spanish Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 6/19			
7:30 AM	CH		Rosary
8:30 AM	PC		Parish Office Closed
6:15 PM	PH		IGNITE Bible Study
6:30 PM	PCL		Legion of Mary Ministry Meeting
Thursday, 6/20			
7:30 AM	CH		Rosary
12:00 PM	CH		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 PM	CH		Benediction
Friday, 6/21			
7:30 AM	CH		Rosary
Saturday, 6/22			
7:30 AM	CH		Rosary
9:30 AM	PCL		SVdP Food Distribution
12:00 PM	PCL		IGNITE Bible Study
1:30 PM	CH		Baptism
3:00 PM	CH		Reconciliation
Sunday, 6/23			
8:00 AM	PH		Hospitality - Choir
1:45 PM	CH		Corpus Christi
			Procession to Polish Church
4:00 PM	PH		Year-End Wrap-up Youth Group
CH = Church		RC = Rectory	SC = School
PH = Parish Hall		YD = School Yard	YS: Youth Shack
NO Baptisms or classes will be conducted during the months of JULY and AUGUST.			
We will resume our normal schedule in September.			

Most Holy Trinity cont.

But where do we look to learn about the Holy Spirit who came to stay? We need go no further than the life of the church, from the Acts of the Apostles to the activity of Christians today.

Applying the word—The Spirit and the church

If we have trouble telling the story of the Holy Spirit, it's not for lack of material. This is a story we need to make more familiar to our communities. Do we "preach" the Spirit, or are we uncomfortable or uncertain about the whereabouts of this presence? Many contemporary Christians are actually Binarians rather than Trinitarians. We have encountered God in two historical ways, and that's enough for us. Having God in the neighborhood is one thing; having God at the center of our lives is something else again. The indwelling Spirit and the ensuing expression of grace through our lives is our most dynamic encounter with the Trinity, and we can't afford to miss it.

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Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Divine Renovation Projects of the Church

Stained-glass Window Repair and Protective Covering – \$34157.00

Restoration of the Altar Windows (4) and protective covering on all glass of the Church exterior.

The 4 stained-glass windows in the Sanctuary date back from the original wood framed church that was built where the school now sits. They have fallen into disrepair and needed restoration immediately to save them from collapse. These four windows have been removed and are currently being restored at the studio. They should be completed and re-installed by the end of June.

Protective coverings – the stained-glass window protective coverings currently installed have started to fall apart and in some cases are missing. Upon completion of the restoration project, all of the windows will have Polycarbonate protection sheets installed on the exterior of the church. This will not only protect them from objects being thrown but will protect from the ill-effects of the sun on the windows, which will prevent bowing from the heat.

The following projects are scheduled to begin pending diocesan approval in mid-June 2019.

Main Church:

Pew Restoration and enhancement – \$78,220.00

The pews are original to the church installed in 1940 and are in desperate need of restoration. The kneelers are in disrepair, and the hymnal racks are of inadequate size to hold the larger hymnals. The pews will be removed from the church and transported to the factory in Los Angeles for complete disassembly and restoration. They will be sanded down, re-stained, varnished, and have new invisible anchoring systems, and kneelers installed. This project will take approximately 6 – 8 weeks for completion. During the restoration process folding chairs will be in place for all liturgical celebrations.

Main Church Floor coverings – \$60,900.00

The existing carpeting in the church is showing substantial wear (color fading, seams coming apart, staining) it has served its purpose for over 25 years. The carpet will be replaced with new Cathedral Red broad loom carpet. The flooring currently under the pews is starting to lift in various places and has been damaged from the current pew kneelers. New “wood look” vinyl planks will be installed under the pews, which will be easier to clean and are water proof. This same flooring will be installed in the choir area, where the organ, piano, and instrumentalists sit, as well as under the baptismal font, which currently has carpet. The Sanctuary which is currently carpeted will have a marble tile installed. The marble is similar to that of the Altar and will enhance the beauty of the sanctuary.

Interior Paint of the Church - \$67,570.00

The interior of the church has sustained water damage in the past and was never fully restored after the repairs. As part of the renovation project new colors have been selected to create a beautiful worship space. Under the direction of our pastor, and collaboration with the facilities team, it has been decided to paint the body of the church white, with accents of Gold, (to enhance our stained-glass windows.) The ceiling of the church has large exposed wooden beams, the frames around the windows will be painted dark brown to appear as wood to match the beams.

Church Sound System – Upgrade and Enhancements - \$37850.00

The current sound system in the church dates to the 1960's and has been patched and repaired over time. It has become unreliable for use during the liturgies and is in need of upgrade and enhancement. The upgrade will take us from the analog age to the digital age offering many more years of trouble-free service. This will provide new microphones for the presider, ambo, choir/musician mics, and new speakers throughout

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

A Question has been asked...

We received a letter from a Parishioner, asking for clarification in an area of the Financial Report. We are open to complete transparency and welcome specific questions that can be answered in this format.

Fr. Anthony: My name is Doreen Penn and I am a parishioner at St. Catherine's. Thank you for publishing the financial reports in the Sunday bulletin. Regarding the PACE campaigns, I found myself wanting to hear more about the progress of the building. Is it stalled or is work progressing? It looks like there are expenses being charged to the project. Are these architect's fees or some other consultant fees? Any clarification/update would be appreciated. Thank you for everything you do. This is a wonderful parish.

Thank you, Doreen, for your inquiry. We will try to answer these questions as succinctly as possible. Currently the PACE I and PACE II projects are inactive, placed in two separate accounts at the Diocesan level, earning interest. The current Combined Capital Campaign "Fulfilling the Promise", is in its final months, concluding in October of 2019. These funds are also held at the Diocese in a separate account, earning interest. There is not at this time any active building project and no funds are being spent on any costs associated with building. The Combined Capital Campaign has paid a portion of the money (\$88,750) it agreed to pay the Diocese in the original agreement. Over the course of the years, monies were spent to run Giving Campaigns, as well as pay for architectural designs and other costs that accompanied the plan to start building during the PACE II campaign, in approximately 2005. Between 2002 and 2006 just a little under \$296,199 was spent on the architectural designs. During the three separate campaigns, \$150,088 was paid to Walsh & Associates for managing the Fundraising campaigns. The remaining \$253,216 was spent on a variety of miscellaneous expenses, including, but not limited to, fundraising events, administrative costs, advertising, as well as city permits. Please check the Parish website for a breakdown of the expenses by category.

Willa O'Leary—Young Ladies Institute Scholarships

YLI President, Peggy Hagerthy, Gerri Liberty (past president) and St. Catherine of Siena alumni, Carissa Baltazar recording secretary, recently presented the Willa O'Leary YLI \$500 scholarship to Ashton Viramontes a graduating 8th grader. Congratulations Ashton! This year St. Catherine of Siena 7th graders Lilliana Gonzalez and Craig Morgan received the two \$200 YLI scholarships. They were chosen for "exemplifying student learning expectation". Willa O'Leary was a longtime parishioner and a member of the YLI for twenty years. At the time of her death, she made a donation to the YLI designated for scholarships for St. Catherine of Siena 8th grades.



READINGS & REFLECTIONS

Join in the Weekly Scripture Reflection with the Clergy
Tuesdays 7:00 –8:15 PM (Parish Center - - St. Gabriel Room)

Sunday, Jun 16, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

TRUTH IS WHAT REVEALS REALITY

A powerful politician once asked a condemned man: "What is truth?" If Pilate had sought truth, he'd have recognized his prisoner and set Jesus—and himself—free. Dostoevsky warned what happens to those who lose contact with the truth: They "lose all respect for themselves and for others. And having no respect, they cease to love." It's easy for Pilate to condemn a man who doesn't matter. Choose respect, choose love, and everyone begins to matter. TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15 (166). "But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."

Monday, Jun 17, 2019

WAGE PEACE

Jesus' call to nonviolence is often misinterpreted as passivity and weakness. Far from it! In the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, nonviolence does not mean surrendering to evil, but actively and courageously responding to it with good, "and thus breaking the chain of injustice." It means being someone "who is convinced of God's love and power, who is not afraid to confront evil with the weapons of love and truth alone." Join what the Holy Father called the "Christian revolution" of loving your enemy and start waging peace. TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42 (365). "When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one to him as well."

Tuesday, Jun 18, 2019

IT RAINS ON EVERYBODY

Jesus asks us to love people who've been hateful and pray for people who are hurting us. Why should we do such a thing? Because it makes us more like God—and after all, we are the children of God. God brings rain down on everybody indiscriminately, and sunshine, too. God does not withhold divine blessings from bad people and give them to good people, though you'd have a hard time getting some folks to believe that. Perfect human justice is merely even-stein. Divine justice, bounded by mercy, goes way beyond just deserts. TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48 (366). "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Wednesday, Jun 19, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ROMUALD, ABBOT

GET SOME EXPERT ADVICE

Saint Romuald lived from the first millennium into the second. He likewise bridged the world of monastic prayer and the rest of the world by showing that ordinary experiences are examples of how to relate to God. He said, for example, "Sit in your cell as in paradise. Put the whole world behind you and forget it"—perhaps anticipating today's "turn off your cell phone and television." He said, "Watch your thoughts like a good fisherman watching for fish," suggesting that if you know how to fish—be silent, still, and wait for the fish to make themselves known—then you know how to pray. A great saint can point us to holiness in simple, commonplace ways. TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367). "Your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

Thursday, Jun 20, 2019

NEEDS NEED TESTING

Perhaps you've heard the saying: "God doesn't need our prayers—we do." God knows what we need even before we ask. Truth be told, often enough we don't really know what we need, only what we want. They aren't always the same thing, as another popular saying reminds us: "Be careful what you pray for, you just might get it!" So we pray for what we want, and God sees to it that we get what we really need, and later, we realize God was right, again—thank God! TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Friday, Jun 21, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ALOYSIUS GONZAGA,

RELIGIOUS Earthen treasures Young Aloysius Gonzaga intentionally walked away from his family's wealth and power, choosing to join the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. Gonzaga lived such an extreme life of prayer and selfdenial that his superiors told him to eat more and spend increased time with friends. While studying theology in Rome when a plague broke out, he volunteered to care for the sick in a Jesuit hospital. That sacrifice eventually claimed his life at the tender age of 23. Give thanks for the friends who stand by you and renew you in times of joy and of struggle—the real treasure in your life. TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23 (369). "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy . . . but store up treasures in heaven."

Saturday, Jun 22, 2019

MEMORIALS OF JOHN FISHER, BISHOP, AND THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS

BE A BELIEVER FOR ALL SEASONS

Fisher and More, who were friends, were executed (in 1535) within 15 days of one another over their opposition to King Henry VIII's divorce of Catherine of Aragon and his plans to take over the church in England. On the scaffold More described himself as the "king's good servant—but God's first." The film version of More's life, A Man for All Seasons, won six Oscars, including Best Picture. Watch the movie and give some thought to how you can put God first in your life. TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34 (370). "Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"



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LECTURAS Y REFLEXIONES DE LA SEMANA

Domingo, Junio 16, 2019

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD

La verdad es lo que revela la realidad

Un político poderoso le preguntó una vez a un hombre sentenciado: “¿Cuál es la verdad?” Si Pilatos hubiera buscado la verdad, hubiera reconocido a su prisionero y hubiera dejado libre a Jesús, y a sí mismo. Dostoievski advertía lo que les sucede a quienes pierden contacto con la verdad: “. . . pierden todo el respeto por sí mismos y por los demás. Y al no tener respeto, dejan de amar.” Es fácil para Pilatos condenar a un hombre que no tiene importancia. Elige el respeto, elige el amor, y todos empiezan a tener importancia. **LECTURAS PARA HOY:** *Proverbios 8:22-31; Romanos 5:1-5; Juan 16:12-15 (166).* “Cuando venga él, el Espíritu de la verdad, los guiará hasta la verdad completa.”

Lunes, Junio 17, 2019 : La libertad de la paz

El llamado de Jesús a la no violencia a menudo se interpreta erróneamente como pasividad y debilidad. ¡Lejos de ahí! En palabras del Papa Emérito Benedicto XVI, la no violencia no significa rendirse al mal, sino responder activa y valerosamente con el bien y así romper la cadena de injusticia. Significa ser alguien “convencido del amor y el poder de Dios que no tiene miedo de confrontar el mal con las armas del amor y la verdad.” Únase a lo que el Santo Padre llamó la “revolución cristiana” de amar a su enemigo y comience a librar la paz.

Lecturas de hoy: 2 Corintios 6: 1-0; Mateo 5: 38-42 (365). “Cuando alguien te golpea en la mejilla derecha, voltea la otra hacia él también”.

Martes, Junio 18, 2019 ; Llueve sobre todo el mundo

Jesús nos pide que amemos a las personas que han sido odiosas y que oremos por las personas que nos están lastimando. ¿Por qué deberíamos hacer tal cosa? Porque se parece más a Dios, y después de todo, somos hijos de Dios. Dios hace llover sobre el todos indiscriminadamente, y lo soleado, también. Dios no retiene las bendiciones divinas de la gente mala y se las da a las personas buenas, a pesar de que le será difícil hacer que algunas personas lo crean. La justicia humana perfecta es meramente uniforme. La justicia divina, limitada por la misericordia, va más allá de los desiertos.

Lecturas de hoy: 2 Corintios 8: 1-9; Mateo 5: 43-48 (366). “Pero te digo, ama a tus enemigos y reza por los que te persiguen”.

Miércoles, Junio 19, 2019; Obtenga algún consejo experto

San Romuald vivió desde el primer milenio hasta el segundo. Asimismo, unió el mundo de la oración monástica y el resto del mundo al mostrar que las experiencias comunes son ejemplos de cómo relacionarse con Dios. Dijo, por ejemplo, “siéntate en tu celda como en el paraíso. Ponga todo el mundo detrás de usted y olvídelo.” tal vez anticipando el “apagado de su teléfono celular y la televisión” Dijo: “Mire sus pensamientos como un buen pescador observando peces,” sugiriendo que si sabe cómo pescar, callados, tranquilos, y esperen a que los peces se den a conocer, entonces sabrán cómo rezar. Un gran santo puede señalarnos la santidad de maneras simples y comunes.

Lecturas de hoy: 2 Corintios 9: 6-11; Mateo 6: 1-6, 16-18 (367).

Jueves, Junio 20, 2019 ; "Tu Padre que ve lo que está oculto te recompensará".

Necesidad de pruebas de necesidades

Tal vez haya escuchado decir: "Dios no necesita nuestras oraciones, nosotros sí". Dios sabe lo que necesitamos incluso antes de pedir. A decir verdad, a menudo no sabemos lo que necesitamos, solo lo que queremos. No siempre son lo mismo, como otro dicho popular nos recuerda: “¡Ten cuidado con lo que oras, podrías obtenerlo!”. Así que oramos por lo que queremos, y Dios se encarga de que recibamos lo que realmente que necesitamos. Necesitamos, y luego, nos damos cuenta de que Dios tenía razón, otra vez. ¡Gracias a Dios!

Lecturas de hoy: 2 Corintios 11: 1-11; Mateo 6: 7-15 (368). “Tu padre sabe lo que necesitas antes de que le preguntes”.

Viernes, Junio 21, 2019; Tesoros de la tierra

El joven Aloysius Gonzaga se alejó intencionalmente de la riqueza y el poder de su familia, eligiendo unirse a la Compañía de Jesús, los Jesuitas. Gonzaga vivió una vida tan extrema de oración y abnegación que sus superiores le dijeron que comiera más y pasara más tiempo con sus amigos. Mientras estudiaba teología en Roma, cuando estalló una plaga, se ofreció como voluntario para atender a los enfermos en un hospital jesuita. El sacrificio finalmente reclamó su vida a la tierna edad de 23 años. Da gracias por los amigos que te apoyan y te renuevan en tiempos de alegría y de lucha, el verdadero tesoro de tu vida.

Lecturas de hoy: 2 Corintios 11:18, 21-30; Mateo 6: 19-23 (369).

“No se acumulen tesoros en la tierra, donde la polilla y la descomposición destruyen. Guarda tesoros en el cielo”.

Sábado, Junio 22, 2019; Ser creyente por todas las estaciones

Fisher y More, que eran amigos, fueron ejecutados (en 1535) con 15 días de diferencia entre ellos por su oposición al divorcio de Catalina de Aragón del rey Enrique VIII y sus planes de hacerse cargo de la iglesia en Inglaterra. En el andamio, More se describió a sí mismo como el buen siervo del rey, pero el primero de Dios. La versión cinematográfica de la vida de More, *A Man for All Seasons*, ganó seis premios Oscar, incluyendo Mejor Película. Mire la película y piense cómo puede poner a Dios primero en su vida. **Lecturas de hoy:** 2 Corintios 12: 1-10; Mateo 6: 24-34 (370). “¿No es la vida más que la comida y el cuerpo más que la ropa?”

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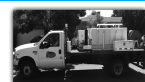
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