

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church Martinez, California

January 15, 2023 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Now I have
seen and
testified that
he is the*

Son of God.

John 1:34

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30 PM
SUNDAY HOLY MASS:
7:00 AM, 8:30 AM (LIVESTREAMED), 11:00 AM
1:00 PM (SPANISH MASS)

RECONCILIATION: 7:15- 7:45 AM Daily (M-F)
Thursday: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM

DAILY ROSARY: Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM
DAILY MASS: Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Mon-Sat: 8:30 AM
Thursday: 5:30 - 6:30 PM

ADORATION: Thursday's 3-7 PM

**Join in on the Weekly Scripture Reflection with the Clergy
every Tuesday (via ZOOM) 7– 8:15 PM
Please call the office (925) 228-2230 Ext 7 to be connected to the link or
email dcnalbertd@stcmzt.org
to have your name added to the weekly Zoom invite.**



Sunday, Jan 15, 2023

Tend your inner lamp

Why do we take so many pictures of sunsets and sunrises? Why fill our homes with chandeliers, lamps, and candles? To the eye, light is incredibly attractive. It illuminates all that surrounds it, offering us not simply its own glow, but redeeming the whole environment swallowed by darkness and delivering it back to us. People who carry an inner light are similar. We're attracted to their aura, but even more so to how clear and bright reality appears when we're in their company. Saints attract others with their light long before the church bestows on them the customary halo. Let your light shine!

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34 (64). "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Monday, Jan 16, 2023

Help the dream awaken in all hearts and minds

Many people have today off from school and work in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Why not make it a "day on" instead? Spend at least a little time working for peace and justice today, as King did every day. This is the only federal holiday that is also designated by Congress as a national day of service. The Catholic Church has embraced King's call for racial equality. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Racism and every form of discrimination ... must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design." Lift a hand to help in your community, and pray that love banish hate.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22 (311). "The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them."

Tuesday, Jan 17, 2023

Make space for silence

The Apophthegmata Patrum is a 1,600-year-old collection of writings known as the Sayings of the Desert Fathers. These texts record the teachings of the earliest Christian monks, who congregated in the desert of Egypt. The wisest among these monks was Anthony the Abbot. He wrote: "Just as fish die if they stay too long out of water, so the monks who loiter outside their cells or pass their time with men of the world lose the intensity of inner peace." When Christianity became politically accepted—and martyrdoms ceased—Anthony sought the desert to experience a different kind of sacrifice. There he found silence and solitude, too. Seek God in silence today.

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY, ABBOT

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28 (312). "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry?"

Wednesday, Jan 18, 2023

There's room in this big tent

Every camper knows that it's a stretch of the imagination to think that a four-person tent can really fit four people! You're lucky if two people and a backpack fit! In Catholic circles, however, tents have a different meaning. Instead of being short on space, this tent is expandable, able to include everyone, not just one or two. This image is core to the church's "Synod on Synodality" in which

Catholics, including the marginalized, give voice to their experience and together discern God's call. If you want more specs on this big tent, have a look at the USCCB website.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6 (313). "[Jesus] said to the man with the withered hand, 'Come up here before us.' "

Thursday, Jan 19, 2023

Come in from the cold

Christmas is over and Epiphany has faded. In much of the Northern Hemisphere, the days are cold and dark. This is when the warmth of the Christian tradition is more important than ever. Pope Francis has often encouraged Christians to practice their faith in warmth and kindness: "Let us light fires of fraternity around which people can warm themselves," he said at a 2022 meeting with migrants in Malta. That's advice we can all take to heart—and to hearth. Can you find a word or gesture today to add positive warmth to a wintry world?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12 (314). "He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him."

Friday, Jan 20, 2023

Twelve is enough

Twelve months of the year. Twelve inches in a foot. Twelve numbers on the face of a watch. We certainly like our twelves. So does the church. The most famous of course is the 12 apostles, often simply called the Twelve. There's also the 12 days of Christmas and 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit. It's not just that 12 is a handy number for grouping things, it also carries symbolic value. It signifies completion or fullness. Twelve eggs, for example, means you have a full carton. And 12 apostles means the church has everything it needs to preach the Good News. Count your spiritual blessings—by the dozen!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19 (315). "He appointed Twelve, whom he also named Apostles."

Saturday, Jan 21, 2023

No has always meant no

As a young girl of 13 or 14, Agnes refused all suitors because she had betrothed herself to Christ. As punishment, she was taken to a brothel. One man attempted to violate her, only to be mysteriously struck blind—until Agnes restored his sight. Historical or not, this story reminds us that the scandal of child sex trafficking has always been, and still is, very much with us. Millions of girls and boys are kidnapped, bought and sold, exploited and violated for profit every year. You can help end childhood sex trafficking at the Save the Children and United Nations websites. Act in honor of courageous Agnes.

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21 (316).

"Cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God."

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BAPTISM

As we the Church begin Ordinary Time, we reflect upon the Baptism of Jesus, and its significance in our own lives and communities. The Gospel of John does not narrate the Baptism like the other Gospels. Instead, John the Baptist gives testimony, emphasizing that Jesus has received the Holy Spirit. Jesus will go on to baptize with this same Spirit, as he did immediately after his resurrection (John 20). What might this mean for us, who share in this same Baptism? Today's reading from Isaiah suggests that we are to be a "light to the nations," a people proclaiming and sharing God's love. Paul's greeting to the church in Corinth reminds us that we are simultaneously God's sanctified people and yet continually called to become holy. Baptism begins our journey, where we know the Spirit dwells within, and the same Spirit summons us to full maturity in Christ.

LAMB OF GOD

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist names Jesus as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This name "Lamb of God" is rich in meaning, and can be interpreted in various ways. From the Old Testament, it evokes the lamb of Passover, linked to God's rescue of the Hebrew people from Egypt. It is also an image of God's faithful servant, as in Isaiah 53 as a "lamb led to slaughter."

We can notice that here Jesus is the Lamb "of God." He is God's own Lamb, belonging to God. Jesus is not a cultic sacrifice to God, or a demand from God. John is presenting a traditional image in a new way. The Lamb "takes away" our sin, both exposing the reality of our sin to us (which we often hide from ourselves), and also forgiving us our sin. This same Lamb is filled with the Holy Spirit, and shares this Spirit to heal our troubled hearts.

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

Today's first reading is taken from the second of four "Servant Songs" in Isaiah. This Song was written around the time that the people of Israel were near release from their exile in Babylon. Israel, and also the author, had been traumatized by their separation from Jerusalem and their seeming abandonment by God.

At this time of great vulnerability and despair, God gives them consolation and affirmation. God gives the exiles a vote of confidence and an expansion of vision. God will heal their hearts, and give them new energy to be "a light to the nations." Their purpose is not just survival, but to be the means by which God will bring the whole world into communion and harmony with God. For us today, when sometimes our parishes and communities face challenges of shrinkage and survival, perhaps God may similarly energize us, and remind us of the dignity and breadth of our mission.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

VISION

Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.
—Anonymous

Mass Intentions

SAT	01/14	8:00	Rev. Vincent Brylka†
		4:30	Int. A Cure for ALS
SUN	01/15	7:00	Nora Cordova†
		8:30	McLoughlin & Curtin Families†
		11:00	Henry Lejan†
		1:00	Int. People of the People
MON	01/16	8:00	Adeline Dominique Galiza†
TUES	01/17	8:00	Baby Mason Fernandes
WED	01/18	8:00	Int. St. Catherine School Families
THUR	01/19	8:00	Rev. Cannon A. Gerard Jordant†
FRI	01/20	8:00	Fr. Albert McNight C.S.Sp†
SAT	01/21	8:00	Jill Vasil†
		4:30	Al Bocek†
SUN	01/22	7:00	
		8:30	Keith Kelly†
		11:00	Michael Aboussiet†
		1:00	Int. People of the People

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pray for the sick offer's prayers for parishioners, families, and friends who are sick (long-term) or have special needs. Requests can be requested by calling the parish office at (925) 228-2230. Names will be removed after three weeks or at the end of each month.



2023 Memorial Candles

Available to honor the deceased. They are located in the Sacred Heart of Jesus alcove inside the church and can be reserved for one year, renewable thereafter. For more information: (925) 228-2230 Ext 1.



Lector Training - January 21st 10:00 am (inside the church)

We will be holding a Lector Training for anyone interested in being a new lector or returning to this ministry. If you have not attended a training this past year (2022) you will be required to attend this training. For more information, please contact Sylvia Lloren at (925) 228-2230 Ext 1.

Called to *Serve*

Please call the office if you are interested in serving a ministry.



Prayer for a Miracle

*Holy Father, God of all creation,
Who brought light from darkness,
And life from desolation,
We Implore you for a miracle for
Those afflicted with ALS.
We implore you to aid
The sick and the families
Who battle this terrible disease.
Mend their broken hearts and
Bind up their wounds.
Please give them
Strength, mental and Physical,
To fight this malady.
Father, we beseech you,
To relieve them from their distress
And, through Your Divinity, heal them.
Amen*



St. Catherine of Siena Parish offers deepest sympathy and prayers for the families and, the repose of the soul of all who entered into eternal life.

Victims of Ukraine
Reverend Vincent Brylka



For Emergency Only
Anointing of the Sick
(Only for those who are experiencing an imminent death)
Please Call (925) 228-2230 Ext 6
Please leave your name, phone # , address.

Celebrating 150 years

As we celebrate 150 years as a Parish community of faith we would love to hear your fond memories of St. Catherine of Siena Parish or School. Surely there are some of you who have a funny story to share or a memory dear to your heart. Please send any stories 300 words or less, single-spaced in Times New Roman font to Sylvia Lloren who is the Director of Communication at sylvial@stcmtz.org. If you have any questions please call the parish office.

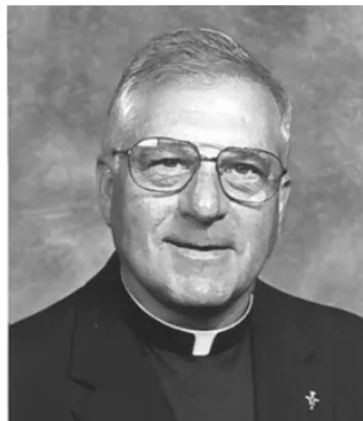


THE FATHER AND MOTHER OF A PRIEST

To his mother he gives the Maniturgium, which was used to cleanse his hands; consecrated and made holy when the bishop anointed them with sacred chrism at his ordination. The Maniturgium is a simple white piece of linen that represents the burial shroud of Christ that protected His sacred body during His 3 days in the tomb. The Maniturgium is given to the mother, because she was the first protector of the newly ordained priest, during his time in her womb. The Maniturgium is a reminder to the people of God of His love and protection – especially towards His priests. When the newly ordained priest's mother is called home to God, she is buried holding the Maniturgium so that all in Heaven and on Earth will know that she is the mother of a priest. And on the last day when we are raised from the dead, she can present the Maniturgium to Christ the Lord and say, "my son too shared in your priesthood."

To his father, the priest presents his first confessional stole. The stole is the sign of priestly office, and the priest wears it when he engages in holy things, like celebrating the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance. In the Sacrament of Penance, we experience God's justice, mercy and reconciling Love. It was the father of the newly ordained priest who first taught him about justice and mercy. And so the purple stole used to hear confessions, where the priest reconciles the faithful into God's love, is presented to the priest's father. And like the mother of the newly ordained, when the priest's father dies, he is buried holding the purple stole so that all in Heaven and on Earth will know that he was the father of a priest. And on the last day when we are raised from the dead, he can present the purple stole to Christ the Lord and say, "my son too shared in your priesthood."

On the 57th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, Dec. 18, 2022, Father Vincent R. Brylka died at Summit Hospital in Oakland. He was 83.



Father Brylka found his greatest joy at the altar, celebrating the Eucharist.

"It has been a life-rewarding experience, showing me the deep faith and love of God which can be found in the lives of the faithful," Father Brylka wrote in a reflection on priesthood 40 years after his ordination.

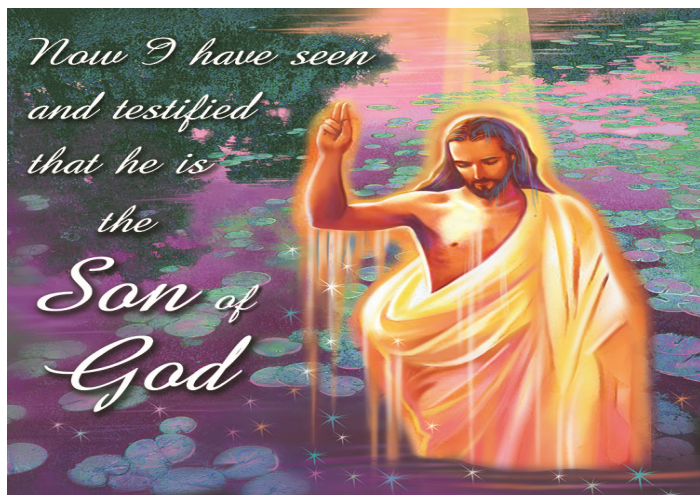
"A personal sense of fulfillment comes from being able to be the Lord's servant in a very literal sense. In so many of life's experiences people need, want, search for or rejoice in the presence of the Higher Power. I am humbled to have received the gift of this vocation to the priesthood, so that through the ministry of the church, the life of God might touch the lives of humankind."

Ordained in the seminary chapel of the Seraphicum Pontifical College in Rome, Father Brylka began his ministry as a Conventual Franciscan.

After serving in teaching, pastoral and provincial ministry, he arrived in the Diocese of Oakland on Aug. 15, 1989. He was in residence and assisted at St. David of Wales Parish in Richmond before being assigned as parochial vicar at St. Leander Parish in San Leandro.

He served as parochial vicar at St. Anne Parish in Union City from 1992 to 1994.

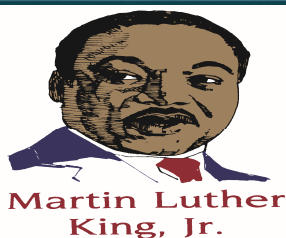
Father Brylka went to St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Martinez as Parochial Administrator in 1993 and was named Pastor in 1997. He was incardinated into the Diocese of Oakland in 1996. In 2001, Father Brylka was named pastor of St. Clement Parish in Hayward, where he served until his retirement in 2007. In retirement, he lived at Bishop Begin Villa in Oakland.





Support the Seminarians of the Diocese of Oakland

Please consider giving if you missed the collection last week.



The office will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday.



Beer's & Blessings

As one of Martinez's most well known story tellers, Tom Greerty (St. Catherine School Alumni / Parishioner and Knights of Columbus Grand Knight) will be the guest speaker for the Martinez Historical Society's first quarterly gathering of the New Year. Tom will be speaking on a variety of topics.

**Join us on Sunday,
January 29, 2023 - 1 PM
Martinez Veterans Memorial Building,
930 Ward St.,**



STEWARDSHIP

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

January 15, 2023

		ONLINE
Weekly Offering:	\$6,006.00	\$2,279.00
Seminary:	\$1,301.00	
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 110.00	\$ 68.00
Christmas:	\$ 340.00	\$ 50.00
Diocesan 2nd Collection:		\$ 175.00
School Support:		\$ 53.00
Parish Maintenance:		\$ 25.00
St. Vincent de Paul:		\$ 45.00
Organ Fund:		\$ 25.00

**Thank you for your continued support,
both Spiritual and Financial.**

If you are looking for a ways to help our parish, here are a few options and/or envelopes:

- 1) On-line Giving: www.stcmztz.org
- 2) My parish App:
CLICK on the "giving icon"
- 3) "NEW" Scan the QR Code:



2022 GOAL: \$23,000.00

Parish Funds Raised:

\$21,990.00

**% of Goal: 95.61%
as of 12/15/2022**



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
of Contra Costa County

St. Vincent de Paul Thanks You
and wishes you Christmas Blessings!

"Special Thanks to all you Angels young and old who work so hard each Saturday to care for us all. Everyone in their own special ways. You have my gratitude." God bless, Neighbor We join our neighbor to thank all of you for your support of St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year. On Dec. 17 at the Christmas distribution, we served 73 households that included 210 children and adults. We gave out \$1860 dollars in Angel Tree Target and Walmart gift cards. St. Vincent de Paul volunteers and the Boy Scout Troop 1351 Martinez distributed bags of produce, food, and grocery cards for Christmas meals. Along with your donations, we received holiday grants from the Contra Costa and Solano Food Bank and the St. Vincent de Paul District Council. Also, 7 families with 10 children at Mountain View Family Shelter received gift cards. The neighbors are thankful to you for sharing the joy of Christmas. Please pass the word, friends seeking assistance can call **Saint Vincent de Paul at 925-788-7409 for help.** Your kindness and generosity allow us to continue to help those in need among us.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH Calendars

Perhaps you noticed that this year we didn't celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after Epiphany (today), but instead on last Monday, the day after Epiphany. Why the shift? It all has to do with regional calendars. Within certain general boundaries, every national conference of bishops is able to set its own liturgical calendar according to how it is felt to benefit the people in that region most. So, for example, the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated January 6 on the Church's universal calendar. But the bishops of the United States decided that, for the benefit of the faithful, it would be better for Epiphany to be celebrated on a Sunday every year. So here in the States we see Epiphany's date vary from January 2 to January 8. The biggest problem this presents is that the Baptism of the Lord, which is normally celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, would push back the whole liturgical calendar by a week on the years when the Sunday celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8, putting the U.S. out of sync with the rest of the Catholic world at least until Lent. To avoid that scenario, the U. S. bishops decreed that in those years the Baptism of the Lord would fall on the Monday after Epiphany, leaving the rest of the calendar intact. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

There are still a few calendars left (Spanish or English). Please see an usher or call the office. Due to the limit of calendars donated this year, we ask that you only take one per family. If you would like an additional calendar, please call/come by the office. Thank you and Happy New Year!



Thank you to all who participated in the Nativity Christmas Mass.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer to Begin the Day

Lord God, may everything we do

begin with your inspiration

and continue with your help,

so that all of our work today will bring us closer you.

Guide us in our work today,

that we may do it not for ourselves alone,

but for the common good of all.

We ask this in your name. Amen.

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St. Benedict Church Presents...

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Upcoming Events



Seafood Pasta Dinner

Sponsored by Martinez Council Knights Of Columbus #6039

Saturday January 21, 2023

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall

600 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA

Doors open at 5:30, Dinner served at 6:30

The dinner includes:

**Salad, Garlic Bread,
Pasta With Seafood or Sausage**



Tickets must be purchased before January 17,
The price is \$20 for single persons or \$50 per family.

Drinks are not included

Orders **"To Go"** are accepted

Call Rik Silva @ 925-334-2429 for information & credit card
purchases.

VIKING CRUISES PRESENTS

Sail The Night Away!

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

DINNER-AUCTION-DANCING

FEBRUARY 11, 2023

Pleasant Hill Senior Center
6:00 pm, Check-in begins at 5:30

SCHOOL OFFICE : (925) 228-4140

PRE-ORDER

NOW



SCAN ME

National Catholic Schools Week begins on the last Sunday in January and runs for an entire week. This year it is celebrated from **January 29th to Feb 4th**. It is annually celebrated in the United States to promote the exceptional education that comes with functioning as a Catholic school. Education has always been a vital part of decision-making for every family and parent and with this week-long occasion, people can have a glimpse of the excellent standards, formation, programs, and teachings Catholic schools can offer

Catholic Schools Week

You are invited to our kick-off of Catholic Schools Week on January 29th. Holy Mass will begin at 8:30 AM with hospitality in the Parish Hall thereafter. The school will be open for anyone interested in enrolling and /or visiting the facilities. For more information. Please contact the school at (925) 228-4140



Join Bishop Barber and the
East Bay Catholic Faithful

Cathedral of Christ the Light Respect Life Mass and 2023 Walk for Life San Francisco Rally

JANUARY 21, 2023 | 9:00am



Beginning:

9:00am	Cathedral of Christ the Light Respect Life Mass
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Join:

9:00am	Mass at Cathedral of Christ the Light
10:15am	Walk and BART together to San Francisco Civic Center
11:00am - 12:30pm	Walk for Life Info Fair
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Walk for Life Rally
1:30pm	Walk on Market Street to Justin Herman Plaza/Embarcadero BART from San Francisco Embarcadero Station to Oakland

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

- † Cathedral of Christ the Light Parking: \$5.00/car, available on a first come/first served basis
- † Parking Lot open 9:00am to 6:00pm
- † Travel as a Parish Community

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ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY DISCERNMENT RETREAT

JANUARY 27-29, 2023



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Most Rev. Steven J. Lopes
Bishop of the Ordinate of
the Chair of Saint Peter

Must be a single man 21 years or older
All meals and lodging provided

To register, contact: **REV. CARL ARCOSA**
vocations@oakdiocese.org
(510) 267-8356



CYO CTK / St.Catherine / St.Stephen Track and
Field Signups: Tuesday Jan 17th, 6-7pm and
Wednesday Jan 25th 6-7pm, in the Christ The
King Parish Hall in Pleasant Hill. Children 2nd -
8th grades are welcome! More information
and signup forms at ctktrack.org, or
email info@ctktrack.org with questions.

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15 2023

Segundo Domingo
del Tiempo Ordinario



BAUTISMO

Al comenzar el Tiempo Ordinario, la Iglesia reflexiona sobre el Bautismo de Jesús y su significado en nuestras vidas y comunidades. El Evangelio de Juan no narra el Bautismo como los demás Evangelios. En su lugar, Juan el Bautista da testimonio, subrayando que Jesús ha recibido el Espíritu Santo. Jesús seguirá bautizando con este mismo Espíritu, como hizo inmediatamente después de su resurrección (Juan 20). ¿Qué puede significar esto para nosotros, que compartimos este mismo bautismo? La lectura de hoy de Isaías sugiere que debemos ser una “luz para las naciones”, un pueblo que proclame y comparta el amor de Dios. El saludo de Pablo a la iglesia de Corinto nos recuerda que, al mismo tiempo, somos el pueblo santificado de Dios y, sin embargo, estamos continuamente llamados a ser santos. El bautismo inicia nuestro camino, en el que sabemos que el Espíritu habita en nuestro interior, y el mismo Espíritu nos convoca a la plena madurez en Cristo.

ESTRELLA DE LA MARAVILLA

En el Evangelio de hoy, Juan el Bautista nombra a Jesús como el “Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo”. Este nombre “Cordero de Dios” es rico en significado, y puede interpretarse de varias maneras. Desde el Antiguo Testamento, evoca el cordero de la Pascua, vinculado al rescate de Dios del pueblo hebreo de Egipto. También es una imagen del siervo fiel de Dios, como en Isaías 53 como “cordero llevado al matadero”.

Podemos notar que aquí Jesús es el Cordero “de Dios”. Es el propio Cordero de Dios, que pertenece a Dios. Jesús no es un sacrificio de culto a Dios, o una demanda de Dios. Juan está presentando una imagen tradicional de una manera nueva. El Cordero “quita” nuestro pecado, tanto exponiendo la realidad de nuestro pecado (que a menudo ocultamos de nosotros mismos), como perdonando nuestro pecado. Este mismo Cordero está lleno del Espíritu Santo, y comparte este Espíritu para sanar nuestros corazones atribulados.

LUZ PARA LAS NACIONES

La primera lectura de hoy está tomada del segundo de los cuatro “Cantos del Siervo” de Isaías. Este Canto fue escrito en la época en que el pueblo de Israel estaba a punto de salir de su exilio en Babilonia. Israel, y también el autor, habían quedado traumatizados por su separación de Jerusalén y su aparente abandono por parte de Dios.

En este momento de gran vulnerabilidad y desesperación, Dios les da consuelo y afirmación. Dios da a los exiliados un voto de confianza y una ampliación de su visión. Dios sanará sus corazones y les dará nuevas energías para ser “una luz para las naciones”. Su propósito no es sólo sobrevivir, sino ser el medio por el que Dios llevará al mundo entero a la comunión y la armonía con Dios. Para nosotros hoy, cuando a veces nuestras parroquias y comunidades se enfrentan a desafíos de contracción y supervivencia, tal vez Dios pueda energizarnos de manera similar, y recordarnos la dignidad y la amplitud de nuestra misión.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Isaías 49:3, 5–6
Salmo 40 (39):2, 4, 7–8a, 8b–9, 10
1 Corintios 1:1–3
Juan 1:29–34

PUES BIEN, YO LO VÍ Y DOY TESTIMONIO
DE QUE ÉSTE ES EL HIJO DE DIOS.

JUAN 1:34

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