

CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

WEEKENDS

Saturday

Hours: Noon-6:00pm

Mass

5:00pm (English)

Confessions

3:30-4:45pm

Sunday

Hours: 6:30am-7:00pm

Masses

7:00am (English)

9:00am (Vietnamese)

11:00am (English)

1:00pm (Spanish)

5:30pm (English)

Confessions

8:15-8:45am

10:15-10:45am

12:15-12:45pm

4:30-5:15pm



WEEKDAYS

Monday

Hours: 9:00am-2pm

Mass: 12:10pm (English)

Confessions: 11:30am-Noon

Tuesday

Hours: 6:30am-2pm

Masses: 7:00am & 12:10pm

Confessions:

6:30am-6:50am

& 11:30am-Noon

Wednesday-Thursday

Hours: 6:30am-6pm

Masses: 7:00am & 12:10pm

Confessions:

6:30am-6:50am

& 11:30am-Noon

Friday

Hours: 9:00am-6pm

Mass: 12:10pm

Confessions:

11:30am-Noon

*“Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward will be great in heaven.”*

-Matthew 5:12

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 29, 2023

RECTOR'S CORNER

January 29, 2023

"A Light to Reveal You to the Nations"

Dear Friends in Christ:

Anh chị em thân mến trong Chúa Kitô:

Estimados Amigos y Amigas en Cristo:

On Thursday, February 2, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a festival of great light in reference to the words of Simeon in the temple: "a light for revelation to the Gentiles". In addition to our 7:00 AM and 12:10 Masses, we will have a special 7:00 PM Mass to celebrate with more solemnity. As Director of Liturgical Living, here are some words from Steffani on the tradition of Candlemas, which dates back to the early Church:

"Candlemas is the fortieth day after Christmas, and is the day the Church celebrates when the Blessed Virgin Mary in obedience with Mosaic law, presented the Christ child to Simeon the Just, in the temple (Numbers 18:15), and submitted herself for the ritual purification (Luke 2:22).

On this feast day, Catholics customarily bring all the candles they will use in their home throughout the coming year to the Church to be blessed. St. John Chrysostom wrote: 'The bee is more honored than other animals, not because it labors, but because it labors for others' (12th Homily). So, I realized that the bees, like the clergy and religious men and women in the Church, work unceasingly for the common good of the hive and obey without question their superiors, and above all their queen.

The symbolism of bees also signifies the way the Church generates her spiritual fruits because bees are virginal, they don't have any sexual contact. As the Church gives grace through the purity of her divine Sacraments, so the bees give us honey and wax by the labor of their pure bodies. This is why their wax, considered the fruit of a virgin labor, is worthy to burn in the candles on the altar at the offering of the Holy Sacrifice.

In light of this theological meaning, candles intended for liturgical use were expected to be made of 100% all natural, beeswax prior to Vatican II. Now the expectation is that they will be made of at least 51% beeswax or natural oils."

All are invited to bring a candle from home to be blessed at Mass so that it can be enshrined in a prayer space at home in the domestic church for the coming year. For those who do not have a candle, Steffani Aquila will be present before the Masses offering the opportunity to buy a candle through His Girl Sunday, with some proceeds coming back to the parish.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place all our trust in you! Amen!

Yours in Christ,



Very Rev. Jeffrey L Bame
Pastor & Rector



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WORSHIP



WORSHIP is the beginning and end of all things for a Catholic—our Catholic life begins in baptism. It is the source and summit of Catholic life, including that of a parish. We receive from God, and we make offering to God, with our joint participation with Christ in the ultimate offering to God the Father in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. For many, this is all that there is to Catholic life—go to Mass—but it is merely the beginning. By our **WORSHIP** and by our baptism, we **BELONG** to the Body of Christ, are called to **GROW**, to **GIVE** back, and **GO** forth in authentic discipleship. Of course, all of this leads back to **WORSHIP**.

Mass Intentions & Special Intentions: January 28-February 3

Saturday, January 28
5:00pm Edward P. White

Sunday, January 29
7:00am Intentions of Benjamin G. Johnson
9:00am For Community Intentions
11:00am For the People of the Parish
1:00pm Micaela Ramirez †
5:30pm Bernadine & F.R. Pizzitola †
& For Deceased Clergy of the Archdiocese
(See "Requiescat in Pace" on Page 8)

Monday, January 30
12:10pm Kathleen M. Womack †

Tuesday, January 31
7:00am Jesse Guia †
12:10pm John Smith †

Wednesday, February 1
7:00am
12:10pm Jesse Assaf †

Thursday, February 2
7:00am Larry & Josephine Nicastro †
12:10pm Patricia & Donald B. Sisson †

Friday, February 3
12:10pm Sean Patten †

For upcoming weddings: Daniel Lopez & Maria De Los Angeles Lopez (2/4), Jimmy Thai Nguyen & Nancy Nghe (2/18), Willie Weili Hsu & Phoung Ngoc Hoang (2/20), Zaid Thomas Barazi & Macarena Martinez (3/4)

+ FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +

The Beatitudes are uttered several times today. The Responsorial Psalm, Gospel, and Communion antiphon all reflect Jesus' teaching. At 11 AM, our Cor Jesu Choir sings the Communio in Latin, then follows with English in The Beatitudes by Welsh composer Paul Mealor. Music today also looks to Feb. 2's Feast of the Presentation, marking the last Sunday of "Christmas" with Herbert Howells' Nunc Dimittis, Simeon's exclamation upon seeing Jesus. Organ music at 11 AM includes Charles Tournemire's "Mystic Organ" Gregorian chants for the Presentation; the postlude today references Mary as the Great Eastern Gate of the Temple, gateway to Jesus.

Readings: #1080

Prelude: L'Orgue Mystique № 11 (Purificatio B.M.V.)

Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)

Introit: Laetetur cor (mode II)

Gregorian Chant

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice; seek the Lord and be strengthened; seek his face for evermore.

V. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; declare his deeds among the gentiles.

Ps. 105:3-4, 1

Processional Hymn: #670 All Creatures of Our God and King

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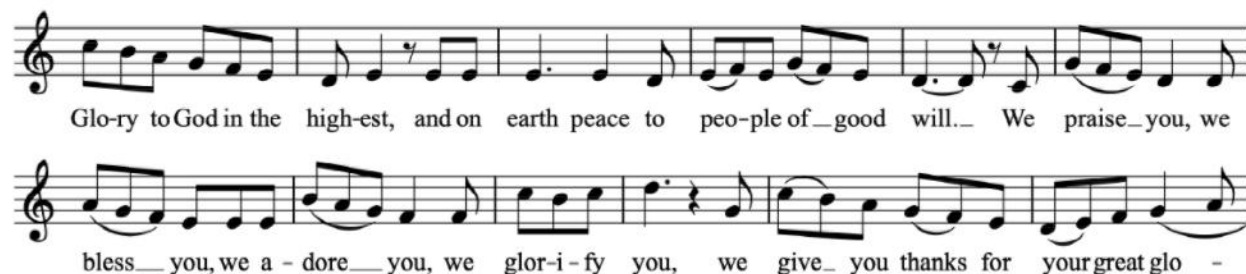
Kyrie (Mass of St. Gregory the Great)

Luke Mayernik (b. 1981)



Gloria (Mass of St. Gregory the Great)

Luke Mayernik



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WORSHIP

ry, — Lord God, heav-en - ly King, O God al-might - y Fa - ther.

Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be - got-ten Son, — Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,

you take a - way the sins of the world, — have mer - cy on us; —

you take a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; — you are seat-ed — at the

right hand of the Fa-ther; have mer - cy on us. — For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, — you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, — a - men.

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Psalm 146

Owen Alstott (b. 1947)

Bless'd are the poor in spir-it; — the king-dom of heav-en is theirs! —

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Offertory

#774 Blessed Are They

David Haas

11 AM: Nunc dimittis (Collegium Regale)

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.

Luke 2.29-32

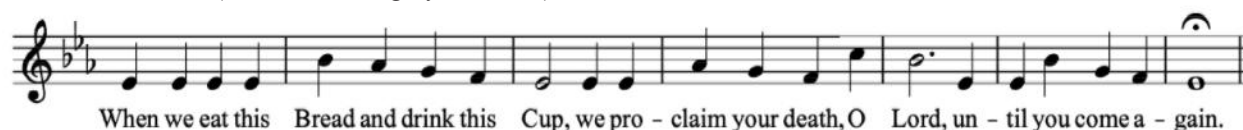
Sanctus (Mass of St. Gregory the Great)

Luke Mayernik



Memorial Acclamation (Mass of St. Gregory the Great)

Luke Mayernik



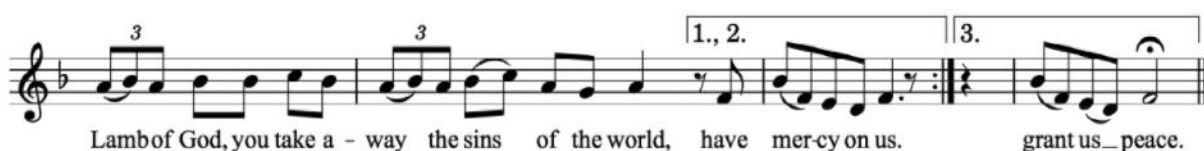
Great Amen (Mass of St. Gregory the Great)

Luke Mayernik



Agnus Dei (Mass of St. Gregory the Great)

Luke Mayernik



Holy Communion

#907 O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

ST. COLUMBA

Beati mundo corde (mode I)

Gregorian Chant

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God; blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God; blessed are those who suffer persecution for the sake of justice, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 AM: The Beatitudes

Paul Mealor (b. 1975)

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:
for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers:

for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and
shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:
for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Amen

Matthew 5:3-12

Recessional Hymn: #775 The Kingdom of God

LAUDATE DOMINUM

Postlude: The Great Gate of Kyiv

Modest Mussorgsky (1839-1881)

PARISH LIFE



CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

Candlemas Mass & Tradition

FEBRUARY 2ND
MASS @ 7AM,
12:10PM, & 7PM

100% Beeswax
Candles will be
sold before and
after all Masses.
A portion of each
purchase will go
back to supporting
the Cathedral.
Cards & cash
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ST. BLAISE THROAT BLESSING

In honor of St. Blaise we will
bless throats at 7AM, 12:10PM,
& 6:30PM First Friday Mass





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By the grace of baptism, we **BELONG** to the Body of Christ, the Church. We are adopted sons and daughters of God who are built up as a family through the Body and Blood of Christ. This is true in a mystical sense and also in a very human, institutional sense as we belong to the Church and to our parish family.

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of Lenten Service**






Saturday, March 4, 2023 8am
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Parish Food Drive

Pickup a handout from the Ushers with the full list of needs to serve our neighbors. Or, scan the QR code below to order from the shopping list online and have the items sent straight to the Cathedral Centre!

Donations can be dropped off in the Food Drive bins in the Narthex.

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STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for supporting the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. In addition to our Parish Offertory Box and Poor Box found in the back of the church, you can donate via Faith Direct using our parish code TX363 at www.faithdirect.net.

1/22/23 Offertory:	Collected: \$22,893	Budgeted: \$32,000	(\$9,107)
2022-23 YTD:	Collected: \$766,042	Budgeted: \$960,000	(\$193,958)
2022 DSF Gifts:	Paid: \$225,377	Goal: \$141,750	+159%
DSF Participation:	Donors: 283	Families: 646	43.8% Participating

The more we grow in our Catholic faith, the more we realize how blessed we are and how in turn we are called to **GIVE**. We come to realize that all that we are and all that we have is a gift from God. We are called to give back to God and our neighbor in practical charity and true stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

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PARISH LIFE

Incorporated into the Life of Christ and His Church by the grace of baptism and the sacraments, we are called to **GROW** in virtue, prayer, and knowledge. God continues to sow the seed and asks us to nurture what has been sown so that we can grow into Christian maturity and bear fruit more abundantly.

GROW

GO

The authentic Catholic life leads us not to membership and disjointed action, but to discipleship and to mission. The act of divine worship ends with the dismissal to **GO** forth. We are sent, as another dismissal formula says, to go and glorify the Lord with the entirety of our lives and to make disciples of others.

FIRST FRIDAYS AT SACRED HEART

6:30 PM MASS
7:30 PM DINNER
8:15 PM PRESENTATION AND Q&A

FEBRUARY 3, 2023

**So Ancient and So New:
Sacred Music and You**

Speaker:

Dr. Crista Miller

Director of Music and
Cathedral Organist
Co-Cathedral of
the Sacred Heart



We will have a special
throat blessing at Mass
to celebrate the Feast of
St. Blaise.



COUPLES RETREAT

*The Wedding Feast:
Yours and the Lord's*



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023 | 10AM-5PM

The Cathedral Centre: 1701 San Jacinto (free parking available)

\$50 per couple*

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Wonderful speakers to inspire your marriage
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sacred Music; Confession available
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Engaged couples welcome!



* Free for couples in marriage prep at St. Michael Catholic Church
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DAILY REFLECTIONS

Join our 'Daily Reflections & Homilies' group on the Tabella app to receive Father Jeff's Daily Reflections & Sunday Homilies. The Tabella App also provides popular podcasts such as *The Bible In A Year*, *The Catechism In A Year*, *Catholic Answers*, *Ask Father Josh*, and *His Beloved Catholic Podcast*. Visit Tabella.App for more.

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Silent Retreat

February 26th, 2022

St. Mary's Seminary

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to learn how to make a
decision with God.

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POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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WORSHIP

+ PRESENTATION OF THE LORD +

Readings: #1229

Lighting of Candles: Ecce Dominus (mode III)

Sprinkling: Lumen ad Revelationem (mode VII)

A Light for revelation to the gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.

Processional: Let Zion's Bridal Room be Clothed

Let Zion's bridal-room be clothed:
He comes, her Lord and her Betrothed. Alleluia! (x2)
Let man and woman, by faith's light,
Their vigil keep throughout the night. Alleluia! (x5)
Saint Simeon, sent forth in joy,
Exults to see the baby Boy: Alleluia! (x2)
The light in Whom all things are known
Has now upon the nations shone. Alleluia! (x5)
His parents to the temple bring
The Temple as an offering, Alleluia! (x2)
The righteousness of law He chose
Though to the law He nothing owes. Alleluia! (x5)
So, Mary, bring this little one,
Yours and the Father's only Son, Alleluia! (x2)
Through whom our offering is made
By whom our ransom price is paid. Alleluia! (x5)
And forward, queen of virgins, go
And let rejoicing overflow, Alleluia! (x2)
With gifts bring forth your newborn Son
Who comes to rescue everyone. Alleluia! (x5)
Lord Jesus Christ, the Glory bright
Who guides the nations into light, Alleluia! (x2)
Be praised, and for eternity
Be glorified, O Trinity. Alleluia! (x5)

Gloria: *see pages 3-4*

Psalm 24

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Offertory: #865 Christ, Mighty Savior

Eucharistic Acclamations: *see page 5*

Holy Communion

Responsum accepit Simeon (mode VIII)

Simeon had received a revelation from the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. And when they brought the child into the Temple, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Lord, now you can let your servant go in peace."

#510 Of the Father's Love Begotten

Recessional: #874 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

Requiescat in Pace

For the recently deceased: Msgr. Fred O'Conner †, Pope Benedict XVI †, Kyle David Palmer †, Nathan McClelland Wornell †

For Deceased Clergy of the Archdiocese (January 21-27): Msgr. George Harcer, C.S.Sp. (†1991), Msgr. J.B. (Jack) Jones (†2003), Rev. Vac Chlapik (†1904), Rev. Pete Clancy (†1913), Rev. F.M. Huhn (†1915), Rev. Clement Lowrey (†1917), Rev. M. Heintzelmann (†1929), Rev. F. Nona (†1930), Rev. Joseph C. Morrell (†1968), Rev. Thomas A. Ryan (†1968), Rev. Finan Glynn, O.Carm. (†1969), Rev. William H. Wood, M.M. (†1976), Rev. J. Jesus Medrano, O.S.A. (†1993), Rev. Abraham Sy Thunyo Ho, O.P. (†1995), Deacon Tomas Rodriguez (†2003)

AYUDA DE ADORACIÓN

MISA DE 1 PM

Introit: Sálvanos Señor (modo II)

Janet Gorbitz

Sálvanos Señor y Dios nuestro; reúnenos de entre las naciones, para que podamos agradecer tu poder santo y nuestra gloria sea alabarte.

Sal. ¡Felices los que respetan el derecho y practican la justicia en todo tiempo!

Entrada: #659 Unidos en Caridad

#4 Kyrie (Misa San José)

Mary Frances Reza

#5 Gloria (Misa San José)

Mary Frances Reza

Liturgia de la Palabra

Primera lectura

Sof 2, 3; 3, 12-13

Salmo 145

Eleazar Cortés

Dichosos los pobres en el espíritu, porque de ellos es el Reino de los Cielos.

Segunda lectura

1 Co 1, 26-31

Evangelio

Mt 5, 1-12a

Ofertorio: #711 Bienaventurados

L. C. Montgomery

Acclamaciones Eucarísticas

#109 – 112 Misa Melódica

Alejandro Mejía

Santa Comunión

Beati mundo corde (modo I)

Canto Gregoriano

Bienaventurados los de limpio corazón, porque ellos verán a Dios; bienaventurados los pacificadores, porque ellos serán llamados hijos de Dios; Bienaventurados los que padecen persecución por causa de la justicia, porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos.

#654 Ama a Tu Señor

Al Valverde

Salida: #657 Amar

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UN MENSAJE DEL DIÁCONO GALVÁN

POCO DE HUMOR:

Una persona sale de viaje, encomendándose a La Santísima Trinidad. Al llegar a una curva muy cerrada, se salió del camino, se accidentó y perdió la vida. Al llegar al cielo, disgustado, le pregunta a San Pedro, "¿en dónde está Dios?" San Pedro llama al Espíritu Santo y este llega rápidamente.

El hombre le reclama, "¿porque dejaron que me accidentara, que no les había dicho que me acompañaran en mi camino?" El Espíritu Santo le contesta, "cuando subiste la velocidad arriba de 80 millas por hora, tuvimos miedo y nos bajamos".

LAS BIENAVENTURANZAS

Las quejas y lamentos de infinidad de personas se elevan hasta lo más alto de los cielos porque no estamos contentos con nuestra situación. Frecuentemente renegamos de Dios porque todo nos sale mal en los negocios, quizás por alguna enfermedad de la que no hemos podido sanar, todo lo vemos como castigo de Dios. Por qué otros que se portan mal están mucho mejor que nosotros. Cuando sentimos nuestra conciencia tranquila, esperamos que Dios se porte mejor con nosotros. Quien no entienda las enseñanzas de las bienaventuranzas y las acepte en su vida, sufrirá el doble y sin esperanza alguna. La vida del cristiano no es la felicidad que el mundo nos ofrece, la felicidad del cristiano está en la vida eterna de la que Jesús nos invita en las bienaventuranzas.

¡Celebra las fiestas de Febrero!



Presentación del Señor

Jueves, Feb. 2

Misa a 7AM, 12:10PM, & 7PM

Se venderán velas 100% de cera de abeja antes y después de todas las misas.

El Día de la Candelaria

- 1 Tiene su origen en **dos pasajes importantes de la Biblia**: La Purificación de María y la Presentación del Niño Jesús al templo.
- 2 La Ley de Moisés prescribía que toda mujer **se presentara al templo 40 días después** de haber dado luz, para purificarse.
- 3 Simeón fue al templo, al mismo tiempo que María y José, tomó al Niño Jesús y lo llamó: "**Luz para alumbrar a las naciones**".
- 4 La Misa de este día inicia con la **bendición de las velas**, mismas con las que los fieles entran en procesión a la iglesia.
- 5 En México, lo que se acostumbra es **presentar la imagen del Niño Dios** al templo, a fin de que sea bendecida.

San Blas

Viernes, Feb. 3

En honor a San Blas bendeciremos gargantas en la Misa de 7AM, 12:10PM, y en la Misa del Primer Viernes a las 6:30PM.



Febrero - La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

El mes de febrero está dedicado a la Sagrada Familia. En palabras de Su Santidad el Papa León XIII, "Nada puede ser verdaderamente más saludable o eficaz para que las familias cristianas mediten que el ejemplo de esta Sagrada Familia, que abarca la perfección y plenitud de todas las virtudes domésticas."

Acto de Consagración a la Sagrada Familia

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Ma Quỷ Có Thật Không?

1. Định nghĩa

Theo trình thuật những trang đầu của sách Sáng thế, ma quỷ đã xuất hiện dưới hình ảnh con rắn để cám dỗ ông bà nguyên tổ bất tuân lệnh Chúa qua việc hái trái cấm ăn (x. St 2,16-17). Và “ma quỷ phạm tội ngay từ lúc khởi đầu” (1Ga 3,8), “nó là kẻ nói dối và là cha sự gian dối” (Ga 8,44).

Theo Giáo Lý Hội Thánh Công Giáo:

Số 391: “Thoạt đầu đó là một Thiên thần tốt do Thiên Chúa tạo dựng. “Chắc chắn ma quỷ và các thần dữ khác được Thiên Chúa tạo dựng đầu tốt lành theo bản tính, nhưng chính chúng đã làm cho mình nên ác xấu”[1].

Số 392: “Kinh Thánh nói đến tội của các thiên thần này. Sự “sa ngã” đó cốt tại một lựa chọn tự do của các thụ tạo thiêng liêng này, họ chối bỏ Thiên Chúa và Nước của Ngài một cách triệt để và không thể thay đổi”[2].

Định nghĩa trên nói đến “sự sa ngã của các thiên thần”. Như vậy, ma quỷ không chỉ có một, mà chúng rất đông, như sách Khải huyền minh chứng: “Bấy giờ, có giao chiến trên trời: thiên thần Micae và các thiên thần của người giao chiến với Con Mãng Xà. Con Mãng Xà cùng các thiên thần của nó cũng giao chiến. Nhưng nó không đủ sức thắng được, và cả bọn không còn chỗ trên trời nữa. Con Mãng Xà bị tống ra, đó là Con Rắn xưa, mà người ta gọi là ma quỷ hay Satan, tên chuyên mê hoặc toàn thể thiên hạ; nó bị tống xuống đất, và các thiên thần của nó cũng bị tống xuống với nó” (Kh 12,7-9). Cái đuôi của con mãng xà đã “quét hết một phần ba các ngôi sao trên trời mà quăng xuống đất” (Kh 12,4) có thể được hiểu là “một phần ba” các thiên thần trên trời đã tham gia vào cuộc nổi loạn của Satan, cho thấy có nhiều thiên thần sa ngã, đó cũng là lý do khiến cho những ảnh hưởng của Satan ngày càng lan rộng trên thế giới[3].

Như vậy, không giống với triết học định nghĩa về ma quỷ như là sự thiếu vắng của điều thiện, nhưng ma quỷ là những thực thể hiện hữu. Theo định nghĩa của Kinh Thánh và Giáo Lý Hội thánh Công giáo, ma quỷ là có thật, chúng là những thiên thần sa ngã và chúng rất đông. Bằng chứng là ma quỷ đã nhiều lần được nhắc đến trong Kinh Thánh, cách riêng là được chính Đức Giêsu đề cập.

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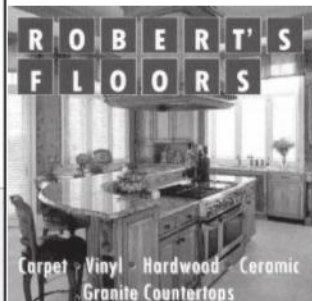
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