

# CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

35 MOUNTAIN AVENUE • SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY 08876



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† FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022 †

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## WELCOME TO NEW HOUSEHOLDS!

New households moving into the Parish are asked to register at the Parish Office in person during office hours or online at our website: [www.immaculateconception.org](http://www.immaculateconception.org). You must be registered to obtain Godparent/Sponsor Certificates for Baptism or Confirmation. Please contact the Parish Center for further details.

### Parish Center and Hours

**Phone:** 908-725-1112 **Fax:** 908-725-6269

**Email:** [Office@icsomerville.org](mailto:Office@icsomerville.org)

**Web:** [www.immaculateconception.org](http://www.immaculateconception.org)

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

### Office of Children's Faith Formation

908-725-1112 Ext. 1119 or 1128 (Bilingual Secretary)

Religious Formation - Grades: K-8

Mondays: 4:00 - 5:15 pm / 6:15 - 7:30 pm

Wednesdays: 4:00 - 5:15 pm / 6:15 - 7:30 pm

## SCHOOLS

### Immaculate Conception School

908-725-6516 / [www.icsschool.org](http://www.icsschool.org)

Mrs. Kelly Seccamanie, MA, PSA, *Principal*

### Immaculata High School

908-722-0200 / [www.immaculatahighschool.org](http://www.immaculatahighschool.org)

Ms. Joan Silo, MAT, Ed. S., *Head of School*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday

5:00 pm (*in English*)

### Sunday

7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am (*in English*)

1:00 pm (*in Spanish*)

**Note:** The 9:00am (English) and 1:00pm (Spanish) Sunday Masses are livestreamed on our website.

### Holy Day Eve (Vigil)

7:00 pm

### Holy Day

6:30, 8:00 am, 12:10pm (*English*)

7:00 pm (*Bilingual*)

### Daily Masses ( In English)

6:30 & 8:00 am

**Note:** September to June the schedule changes as follows:

Friday, 6:30 & 8:30 am

First Friday, 6:30, 8:30 & 10:00 am

**Note:** The 8:00am & 8:30am Daily Masses are livestreamed on our website.

## CONFESSIONS

### Saturday

3:30 - 4:30 pm in English & Spanish



# † Liturgy and Prayer this Week †

## Parish Mission

*Immaculate Conception is a parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey. We seek to live the gospel as faithful Disciples of Jesus Christ. As Stewards of our God given gifts we proclaim the good news of salvation. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we are commissioned as Apostles to transform all things in Christ.*

## † Mass Intentions †

### Monday, May 16

6:30AM GIACOMO TAMBURELLO  
8:00AM JEAN STERNADORI

### Tuesday, May 17

6:30AM MARY AVERSA  
8:00AM PATRICIA MCCOY

### Wednesday, May 18, Saint John 1

6:30AM THOMAS JUBAK  
8:00AM FELICIDAD LEGASPI

### Thursday, May 19

6:30AM STEPHEN & SOPHIE SCHWED  
8:00AM NENITA DEANG

### Friday, May 20, Saint Bernardine of Siena

6:30AM INTS. OF FRANK QUINN  
8:30AM JAMES DWYER

### Saturday, May 21, Saint Christopher Magallanes

6:30AM SOULS IN PURGATORY  
8:00AM TERESA YANES Y ERIBERTO RAMOS  
5:00PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

### Sunday, May 22, Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30AM LORETTA ABBRUZZE  
9:00AM DONALD MCGOVERN  
11:00AM JACK DUMONT  
1:00PM MAX GRAY

## † Scripture Readings For This Week †

May 15, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For daily readings please go to:

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and click on daily readings

Today's Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

## † Prayer and Devotion †

### ROSARY FOR LIFE

The Rosary For Life is recited on the first Saturday of the month following the 8:00am Mass in the CHAPEL.  
All are welcome.

### ROSARY

PLEASE NOTE: The Rosary which has been recited on Monday's at 2:00pm in the CHAPEL is currently being POSTPONED. Updates about the weekly Rosary gatherings will be posted in future bulletins and/or Flocknote messages.

### NOVENA AND EVENING PRAYER

The Rosary is recited on Mondays at 7:00PM in the CHAPEL followed by the Perpetual Novena Devotion in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Evening Prayer at 7:30PM.

### ADORATION & EXPOSITION

Tues. 8:30am - 3pm; Fri. 9am - 3pm - CHAPEL

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm in the CHAPEL.

## *† Stewardship, A Way of Life. Tithing, God's Plan For Giving. †*

### Offertory (Second Sunday in May) 2022

|                                                |           |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| In Pew, Mail-In Giving                         | \$ 13,714 |
| Additional Catholic Relief Services Collection | \$ 526    |
| Mother's Day Offering                          | \$ 2,205  |
| Weekly Offertory Budget/Expected Amount:       | \$ 19,902 |

### Bishop's Annual Appeal

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$174,965.75 and payments totaling \$147,341.75 from 358 parishioners. This represents 97.7% of your \$179,000.00 goal.  
Thanks for your generosity.



### Food Collection

Please note our food collection will be held **THIS WEEKEND**. Our food collection is held on the 3rd weekend of each month and non-perishable foods are collected at the entrances of the church. We rely on the generous hearts of this Parish Community to help us to continue to fill our neighboring food pantries. It truly is a simple way to help those in need. Please take the time to fill one grocery bag with nonperishable items for those who do not have the means to purchase one of life's basic needs ~ food.



**Our Next Penny Collection will be held on June 4th & 5th**

### Collection for the Development of the People May 21 & 22

The proceeds from this collection benefit the Church in Latin America, the Church in Africa, the Church in Eastern Europe and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.

### Catholic Communication Campaign May 28 & 29

The proceeds benefit the Catholic Communication Campaign (national and local levels) and the Catholic University of America.

### *† Sunday Mass Worship Guides †*

Sunday Mass worship guides will now be available for you to download and view on your mobile phone or tablet. Simply scan the QR Code or please be aware that a PDF version is also available for you to download and print from our website. The worship guide contains the Sunday readings, hymns and responses. Open the QR Code reader on your phone. Hold your device over the QR Code (to the right) so that it's clearly visible within your smartphone's screen. The phone automatically scans the code. Your smartphone reads the code and navigates to the intended destination.



### *† Faith Direct †*

Through Faith Direct you are able to make all of your contributions to Immaculate Conception via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card - just as you do now with a mortgage, household bills and other monthly payments. This is a great way to simplify your giving - and it's the most cost effective, environmentally-friendly way for us to receive your gifts. Faith Direct gives you a statement of your giving each year, that can be used for income taxes. To enroll online, use code NJ630 by going to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or open the QR Code reader on your cellphone. Hold your device over the QR Code (to the right) so that it's clearly visible within your smartphone's screen. The phone automatically scans the code. Your smartphone reads the code and navigates to the intended destination.



### *† Flocknote †*

#### **PARISHIONERS KEEP INFORMED!**

For messages from our Pastor and/or the Diocese for special events/occasions, you can sign-up or register for Flocknote by going to the Church website: [www.immaculateconception.org](http://www.immaculateconception.org) and click on the sub-heading ABOUT, and go to Flocknote, or you can choose to scan the QR Code (to the right) on your cellphone screen.

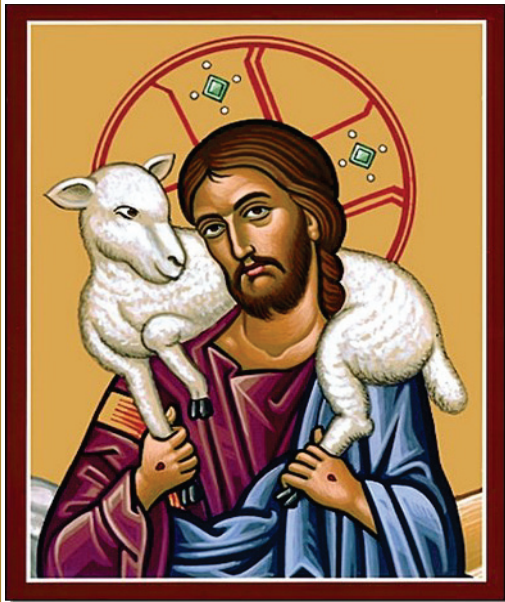




## *† From our Pastor †*

### The Fourth Sunday of Easter

**“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.”**



I don't know much about shepherds and sheep but I do know a thing or two about dogs. I've had three of them over the years, all Golden Retrievers. I knew them very well. I could tell by the look they gave me if the water bowl was empty or if they needed to go out. They also knew me pretty well.

My second dog, Buddy, couldn't see very well as he grew older. When I took him on evening walks on the church grounds, he would listen for me, and if I moved out of his field of vision, he'd stop, look around, and wait for me to call him.

Regardless of the analogy we use, be it shepherds and sheep, or priests and their dogs, the point remains the same. We are not our own. We belong to Christ, who knows us, calls us by name, and asks us to follow Him in a relationship of faith and trust.

I want to point out something in the Gospel text that can easily be overlooked. Notice that all the verbs in this passage are in the present tense. In other words, they are actions taking place now. John is teaching us something about the nature of discipleship simply by his choice of verbs.

“Knowing” and “leading” are what the Good Shepherd does. “Knowing” describes an intimate relationship of love and care. Christ “knows” us, cares for us, and by the gift of His sacrifice, gives us a share in His own Sonship. Jesus alone is “Son”, but as John proclaims in his epistle, we have become sons and daughters because we have a share in His Sonship by baptism. This relationship is what saves us and pledges us to glory in eternity. Nothing in our lives is beyond Christ's grace and care.

But we cannot simply take this for granted. We must respond to it. After all, love given invites love to be returned. The God who knows us is also the God who wills to be known and loved in return.

“Hearing” and “following” are the present actions we do; they are our response to the God who first “knows” us and calls us to communion with Himself. This is the response of faith.

Faith, in its' primary and most important sense, is about relationship, “communion” with Christ in His Body, the Church. Faith has a content, yes, but as communion with God, faith is always transformative. It changes us. It brings us “life in the full”, which is not a subjective standard of happiness, but is nothing less than Christ Himself and participating in His divine nature. He is the Love our hearts seek, the Life that makes our lives complete. And who among us is not searching for this? Who among us doesn't want to know the deepest meaning and purpose of our lives and live from this? Only Christ can reveal this to us in Word and Sacrament, and in communion with others in His Body, the Church.

I said before that Buddy waited for me to call him when he lost sight of me. There is a lesson in this for me, and perhaps for you too.

It is easy to lose sight of Christ in the midst of the distractions of the world and the burdens that weigh heavy on our hearts. But Christ, the Shepherd, calls to us – sometimes through such things - saying, “I am here. Do not be afraid. This is the way.” This is what Christ does in the stirrings of our hearts. We “hear and follow” Him in faith and trust. But we need to listen first, and that, too, is in the present tense...

*Fr. Joseph A. Jelenc*

† *Children's Faith Formation* †



## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word is at the 11AM Mass.

Children in grades Kindergarten to Grade 3 are welcome to join. Children will be called forward to listen to God's Word after the opening prayer at the beginning of Mass to hear the readings and special homily at their own level. The children will return to the congregation during the Offertory.

***Please note the last Sunday of Children's Liturgy of the Word will be May 22 and will resume again in September.***

† *Msgr. Brennan Jubilee* †

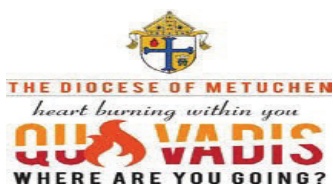


## JUBILEE OF MSGR. SEAMUS BRENNAN'S ORDINATION

Monsignor Seamus F. Brennan who served 18 years of his priesthood at our parish will observe the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood this June. He will celebrate this special event at a 3:30pm Mass on Sunday, June 5th here in Immaculate Conception Church. All are welcome to participate in this special anniversary Mass followed by a light reception in the ICS cafeteria. Please RSVP to [jpeppe@icsomerville.org](mailto:jpeppe@icsomerville.org) by Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

† *Diocese of Metuchen* †

QUO VADIS DAYS  
July 19-22, 2022  
Young Men Ages 14-17



You're invited to spend a few days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more information, please email: [quovadis@diometuchen.org](mailto:quovadis@diometuchen.org).

† *Immaculate Conception Schools* †



# SPARTAN SPIRIT 5K

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 25, 2022  
8:30 AM**

Sponsored by  
**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL  
AND IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL

**60th Anniversary Picnic  
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL  
240 MOUNTAIN AVE  
SOMERVILLE, NJ**

For sponsorships visit:  
[www.immaculatahighschool.org/spartanspirit5k](http://www.immaculatahighschool.org/spartanspirit5k)

Register Today



## † Divine Mercy Chaplet †

The Divine Mercy Chaplet has returned after almost two years on Tuesdays in our beautiful CHAPEL. We begin at 7:00PM and after a short teaching, conclude by 8:00PM. Divine Mercy said.

*"Encourage Souls To Say This Chaplet Which I Have Given You. Whoever Will Recite It, Will Receive Great Mercy At The Hour Of Death." Once More, "Even If There Were a Sinner Most Hardened, If He Were To Recite This Chaplet Only Once, He Would Receive Grace From My Infinite Mercy."*

COME. LET'S GET TOGETHER, BRING OUR ROSARIES AND PRAY TO JESUS, DIVINE MERCY.

If you have any questions, please email Charlotte DeMarco at: [office@icsomerville.org](mailto:office@icsomerville.org) or call at 908-725-1112.

## † Prayer List †

Gladynel Agosto  
Helen Bell  
Barbara Czekaj  
Francisco Fernandez  
Tammy Hines  
Mary Januse  
Steve Kopil  
Beth & Brian Norris  
Tim Norris  
Robert & Pat Tocci  
Gency Torres  
Jennifer Toro Santiago  
Bill & Marilyn Silvaney  
Kevin Stowe Jr.  
Shen Tong  
Vivek Vellore  
Juanita Villafañe  
Kayla & Gregory Wheelan

If you would like to add someone to the sick list, stop by the Parish Center to fill out a form or call us at 908-725-1112.

NOTE: After 2 months, the names are automatically deleted. Please contact the Parish Center if you would like someone who has been removed to be added back to the list. A new form must be completed every 2 months. Thanks for your cooperation.

## † Pro Life Corner †



Jesus calls us to proclaim the Gospel to the world. We are not to be silent or inactive. This means we are to go into the public square and proclaim the truth by word and how we live. In 2011 Archbishop Chaput put it this way in his address entitled Being Human in an Age of Non-Belief: "In the American tradition, people have a right to bring their beliefs to bear on every social, economic, and political problem facing their community. For Christians, that's not just a privilege. It's not just a right. It's a demand of the Gospel. Obviously, we have an obligation to respect the dignity of other people. We're always bound to treat other people with charity and justice. But that good will can never be an excuse for our own silence. Believers can't be silent in public life and be faithful to Jesus Christ at the same time. Actively witnessing to our convictions and advancing what we believe about key moral issues in public life is not 'coercion.' It's honesty. It's an act of truth-telling. It's vital to the health of every democracy. And again, it's also a duty--not only of our religious faith, but also of our citizenship. ... Good laws can help make a nation more human; more just; more noble. But ultimately even good laws are useless if they govern a people who, by their choices, make themselves venal and callous, foolish and self-absorbed. It's important for our own integrity and the integrity of our country to fight for our pro-life convictions in the public square. Anything less is a kind of cowardice. But it's even more important to live what it means to be genuinely human and 'pro-life' by our actions--fidelity to God; love for spouse and children; loyalty to friends; generosity to the poor; honesty and mercy in dealing with others; trust in the goodness of people; discipline and humility in demanding the most from ourselves. These things sound like pieties, and that's all they are--until we try to live them. Then their cost and their difficulty remind us that we create a culture of life to the extent that we give our lives to others. The deepest kind of revolution never comes from violence. Even politics, important as it is, is a poor tool for changing human hearts. Nations change when people change. And people change through the witness of other people--people like each of you reading this. You make the future. You build it stone by stone with the choices you make. So choose life. Defend its dignity and witness its meaning and hope to others. And if you do, you'll discover in your own life what it means to be fully human." During the month of May we have the opportunity to show our support for Life and mothers in need by being generous in our support of Pregnancy Aid and Information Center. Please participate to the extent you are able in the Baby Bottle Boomerang and the May Crib (details in the Bulletin). God bless you for your example of Christian love for neighbor.

Presented by: Kevin Dugan



## † Social Ministry †

### COMING SOON: Ziti for the Needy

Pans will be distributed after all Masses this weekend and frozen meals will be collected after all Masses on 5/29. Please consider meat/veggie casseroles as well! After the weekend of 5/29, frozen trays may be dropped off directly at SHIP. Please help to replenish the freezers at SHIP. SHIP is located at 87 East High St., Somerville, NJ. Please contact 908-393-9545 for drop-off hours.



### Baby Bottle Boomerang



It is your generous donations that make it possible for the Pregnancy Aid Center in Raritan to obtain the resources needed to serve our mothers. We hope you will endorse our mission, giving witness to your belief in the sacredness of human life! Please use the bottles that were distributed after Masses last weekend and fill them with loose change, currency or checks payable to the Pregnancy Aid Center. The bottles will be collected at Masses the weekend of May 21-22. Thank you for your support.

### May Crib

During the month of May donations are being collected for the Pregnancy Aid and Information Center of Raritan. Items that are most critically needed include; clothing from newborns to one year old, bottles, diapers, baby wipes, toiletries, baby formula, layettes and similar baby items. Each year your generosity astounds those who volunteer at the Center and we hope for the same support this year. A crib will be located in each of the Church entrances to receive your kind donations.

Questions? Call Parish Center at 908-725-1112 or email [office@icsomerville.org](mailto:office@icsomerville.org)

## † Knight's Corner †

### HOUSES OF HOPE ~ 2022 MISSION

On Saturday June 12th, Immaculata students, parents and Immaculate Conception parishioners will travel to West Virginia. The mission is to help improve the living conditions of the impoverished and often forgotten people in the Appalachian region. Our presence there, along with the physical labor, brings them the message of God's love and hope.

A replica of the first home built by *Houses of Hope* will be displayed in the back of the Church. If you are interested in making a contribution to Mission 2022 and the Houses of Hope initiative, kindly take a "saw tag" from the display. You can choose from the tags specifying cash donations for a variety of building supplies. Please place the tag, along with your donation with the specified amount, in an envelope and place in the collection basket during Mass or bring it to the Parish Center no later than Monday, May 16th, 2022. ***Please make checks payable to Immaculata.***

Thank you in advance for your prayers and generosity.

For more information regarding Mission 2022 Houses of Hope, please contact Immaculata High School's Campus Ministry at: 908-722-0200 ext. 1123.

KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS #1432  
395 East Main St. Somerville, NJ

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### May

- ⇒ Wed. 5/18 - 8:00 PM Become a Knight at our Charity Unity & Fraternity - 30 minute presentation (register by 5/11 if possible, E-Mail: [kofc1432@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1432@gmail.com))

#### June

- ⇒ Mon. 6/20 - Charity Golf Outing inviting the entire community at Heron Glen Golf Course with full amenities ( <http://www.heronnglen.com/knightsofcolumbus> )

A Fathers Day gift that will give back the day after Father's Day!

Become an online member today FREE! <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

## ***TESTING AND TRIUMPH IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE***

### ***THE EASTER JOURNEY***

#### **FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER**

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051522.cfm>



#### **Monday**

1. What message did you hear in the readings proclaimed at Mass?
2. What did you hear in the homily that was helpful and inspiring?
3. What action are you invited to take this week after hearing the readings and the homily?

#### **Tuesday**

1. Read the first reading from Sunday, Acts 14:21-27
2. Who has been Paul & Barnabas to you, proclaiming *the Good News*?
3. Have you shared about God's great love for you and what he has done for you?

#### **Wednesday**

1. Read the psalm from Sunday, Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
2. How have you experienced God's goodness and *compassion toward* you?
3. Offer a prayer of praise to the Lord, acknowledging him as your king and God

#### **Thursday**

1. Read the Gospel from Sunday, John 13:31-33a, 34-35
2. Is the commandment to love one another as Christ loves us easy or challenging? How so?
3. Do you think that your love for others shows that you are a disciple of Jesus?

#### **Friday**

1. Read the second reading from Sunday, Revelation 21:1-5a
2. How have you experienced the Lord dwelling with you? Has wiped your tears away?
3. This is God's promise to each of us, "*Behold, I make all things new.*"  
Where do you need renewal?

#### **Saturday**

Reflect on this week and consider:

1. What did I learn this week?
2. When did someone proclaim the Good News to me? Have I shared the Good News this week?
3. We can love one another as a sign of the triumph of God's love. Can I be a sign of this victory?



# *† Parish Directory †*



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**Joan Kopil, Lazarus Ministry; Contact the Parish Center at  
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### *† Parish Ministries †*

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any questions about these ministries at 908-725-1112 or  
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- Appalachian Relief Services
- Elizabeth Ministry - Amberle Gilroy
- HOME-Housing Outreach Multipath Empowerment-shelters homeless
- Monthly Food Collection
- Monthly Penny Collection for SHIP
- Pro-Life Outreach
- Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP)
  - SHIP's Galley - Serving or preparing meals
  - SHIP's Mobile Kitchen - Serving meals
  - Parish Contact: Tom Lardner
- St. Zita Ministry - Anna Ferreira
- Project Linus - Lynette Klar
- MAT25 Ministry - Anne Lurski
- St. Joseph's Workers - Tom Lardner

# † Liturgia y Oración de la Semana †



**Boletín en Español**

**15 de Mayo de 2022**

**Quinto Domingo  
de Pascua**

## Lecturas del Domingo

Primera Lectura: Hechos 14:21-27

Pablo y Barnabás viajaron a muchos pueblos y encontraron a numerosos discípulos dispuestos a predicar. Les advirtieron de los problemas que encontrarían. Pablo y Barnabás regresaron a Antioquía, de donde habían partido, y comunicaron a la congregación el progreso logrado.

Segunda Lectura: Apocalipsis 21:1-5a

Juan tuvo una visión de un nuevo mundo y una nueva Jerusalén bajando del cielo. Entonces una voz describió a Jerusalén como un lugar en donde Dios viviría con su gente y los cuidaría. El mundo anterior había desaparecido, y el dolor, la muerte y el sufrimiento también se habían ido.

Evangelio: San Juan 13:31-33a, 34-35

Luego que Judas salió después de la última cena, Jesús dijo a los otros discípulos que no se quedaría con ellos mucho tiempo ya. Jesús les mandó a amarse el uno al otro como lo amaban a él. Jesús declaró que ese amor los distinguiría como sus discípulos.

## Mensaje Espiritual

“Hijos míos, ya no estaré mucho tiempo con ustedes. Les doy un mandamiento nuevo: ámense los unos a los otros. Así como yo los he amado, ámense también ustedes los unos a los otros. En esto todos reconocerán que ustedes son mis discípulos: en el amor que se tengan los unos a los otros.”

Jesús nos dijo “por sus frutos lo conocerás”. En los primeros días de la iglesia los no-cristianos observaban a los creyentes y decían ‘vean cómo los cristianos se aman los unos a los otros.’ Esto no es sorpresa, ya que hemos sido enseñados y dirigidos por Jesús.

Es triste que tantos se la pasen criticando a la iglesia, las debilidades y deficiencias humanas, sin darse cuenta de que somos el cuerpo de Cristo. Qué triste que algunos que profesan ser cristianos pasen tanto tiempo criticando la iglesia católica, en vez de vivir el mandamiento que Jesús dió a todos – amarse los unos a los otros.

Hay una gran diferencia entre división y diversidad. ¿No oró Jesús que “todos sean uno”? Considere una persona a la que se pueda dirigir y hablele de unidad y no división. El viejo dicho ‘si no puede decir nada bueno de una persona, mejor no diga nada.’

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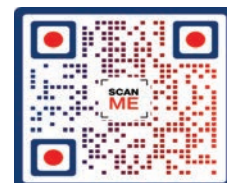
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# † El Rincón del Pastor †

## El Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

"Mis ovejas oyen mi voz. Yo las conozco y ellas me siguen."



No sé mucho sobre pastores y ovejas, pero sé un par de cosas sobre perros. He tenido tres de ellos a lo largo de los años, todos Golden Retrievers. Los conocía muy bien. Me di cuenta por la mirada que me dieron si el tazón de agua estaba vacío o si necesitaban salir. También me conocían bastante bien.

Mi segundo perro, Buddy, no podía ver muy bien a medida que crecía. Cuando lo llevaba a dar paseos nocturnos por los terrenos de la iglesia, me escuchaba y, si me salía de su campo de visión, se detenía, miraba a su alrededor y esperaba a que lo llamara.

Independientemente de la analogía que usemos, ya sea pastores y ovejas, o sacerdotes y sus perros, el punto sigue siendo el mismo. No somos nuestros. Pertenecemos a Cristo, que nos conoce, nos llama por nuestro nombre y nos pide que lo sigamos en una relación de fe y confianza.

Quiero señalar algo en el texto del Evangelio que fácilmente puede pasarse por alto. Note que todos los verbos en este pasaje están en tiempo presente. En otras palabras, son acciones que tienen lugar ahora. Juan nos está enseñando algo sobre la naturaleza del discipulado simplemente por su elección de verbos.

"Conocer" y "guiar" es lo que hace el Buen Pastor. "Conocer" describe una relación íntima de amor y cuidado. Cristo nos "conoce", se preocupa por nosotros y, por el don de su sacrificio, nos da una participación en su propia filiación. Solo Jesús es "Hijo", pero como Juan proclama en su epístola, nos hemos convertido en hijos e hijas porque tenemos una participación en Su Filiación por el bautismo. Esta relación es lo que nos salva y nos compromete a la gloria en la eternidad. Nada en nuestras vidas está más allá de la gracia y el cuidado de Cristo.

Pero no podemos simplemente dar esto por sentado. Debemos responder a ello. Después de todo, el amor dado invita al amor a ser devuelto. El Dios que nos conoce es también el Dios que quiere ser conocido y amado a cambio.

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"Oír" y "seguir" son las acciones presentes que hacemos; son nuestra respuesta al Dios que primero nos "conoce" y nos llama a la comunión consigo mismo. Esta es la respuesta de la fe.

La fe, en su sentido primario y más importante, tiene que ver con la relación, la "comunión" con Cristo en Su Cuerpo, la Iglesia. La fe tiene un contenido, sí, pero como comunión con Dios, la fe es siempre transformadora. Nos cambia. Nos trae "vida en plenitud", que no es un estándar subjetivo de felicidad, sino que es nada menos que Cristo mismo y participando de su naturaleza divina. Él es el Amor que buscan nuestros corazones, la Vida que completa nuestras vidas. ¿Y quién de nosotros no está buscando esto? ¿Quién de nosotros no quiere conocer el significado más profundo y el propósito de nuestras vidas y vivir de esto? Sólo Cristo puede revelarnos esto en la Palabra y el Sacramento, y en la comunión con los demás en Su Cuerpo, la Iglesia.

Dije antes que Buddy esperó a que lo llamara cuando me perdió de vista. Hay una lección en esto para mí, y quizás también para ti.

Es fácil perder de vista a Cristo en medio de las distracciones del mundo y las cargas que pesan sobre nuestro corazón. Pero Cristo, el Pastor, nos llama, a veces a través de tales cosas, diciendo: "Aquí estoy. No tengas miedo. Esta es la forma." Esto es lo que Cristo hace en el movimiento de nuestros corazones. Lo "escuchamos y lo seguimos" con fe y confianza. Pero primero tenemos que escuchar, y eso también está en tiempo presente...

*Fr. Joseph A. Jelenc*



## † Rincón Pro-Vida †

Jesús nos llama a proclamar el Evangelio al mundo. No debemos estar en silencio o inactivos. Esto significa que debemos ir a la plaza pública y proclamar la verdad de palabra y cómo vivimos. En 2011, el arzobispo Chaput lo expresó de esta manera en su discurso titulado Ser humano en una era de no creencia: "En la tradición estadounidense, las personas tienen derecho a aplicar sus creencias en todos los problemas sociales, económicos y políticos que enfrenta su comunidad". "Para los cristianos, eso no es solo un privilegio. No es solo un derecho. Es una exigencia del Evangelio. Obviamente, tenemos la obligación de respetar la dignidad de las demás personas. Estamos siempre obligados a tratar a las demás personas con caridad y justicia". Pero esa buena voluntad nunca puede ser una excusa para nuestro propio silencio. Los creyentes no pueden permanecer en silencio en la vida pública y ser fieles a Jesucristo al mismo tiempo. Dar testimonio activo de nuestras convicciones y promover lo que creemos sobre cuestiones morales clave en la vida pública no es 'coerción'. Es honestidad. Es un acto de decir la verdad. Es vital para la salud de toda democracia. Y nuevamente, también es un deber, no solo de nuestra fe religiosa, sino también de nuestra ciudadanía... Las buenas leyes pueden ayudar a hacer una nación más humana, más justa, más noble. Pero en última instancia, incluso las buenas leyes son inútiles si gobiernan a un pueblo que, por sus elecciones, se vuelve venal e insensible, tonto y ensimismado. Es importante para nuestra propia integridad y la integridad de nuestro país para luchar por nuestras convicciones pro-vida en la plaza pública. Cualquier cosa menos es una especie de cobardía. Pero es aún más importante vivir lo que significa ser genuinamente humano y 'pro-vida' con nuestras acciones: fidelidad a Dios, el amor al cónyuge y a los hijos, la lealtad a los amigos, la generosidad con los pobres, la honestidad y la misericordia en el trato con los demás, la confianza en la bondad de las personas, la disciplina y la humildad para exigirnos lo máximo a nosotros mismos, cosas que suenan a piedad y eso es todo lo que son, hasta que tratamos de vivirlos. La mayoría y su dificultad nos recuerdan que creamos una cultura de la vida en la medida en que entregamos nuestra vida a los demás. El tipo más profundo de revolución nunca proviene de la violencia. Incluso la política, por importante que sea, es una herramienta pobre para cambiar los corazones humanos. Las naciones cambian cuando la gente cambia. Y la gente cambia a través del testimonio de otras personas, personas como cada uno de ustedes que leen esto. Tú haces el futuro. Lo construyes piedra a piedra con las decisiones que tomas. Así que elige la vida. Defiende su dignidad y da testimonio de su significado y esperanza para los demás. Y si lo haces, descubrirás en tu propia vida lo que significa ser plenamente humano". Durante el mes de mayo tenemos la oportunidad de mostrar nuestro apoyo a Life y a las madres necesitadas siendo generosos en nuestro apoyo a Pregnancy Aid. y Centro de Información Por favor participe en la medida de sus posibilidades en el Boomerang del Biberón y el Pesebre de Mayo (detalles en el Boletín) Dios los bendiga por su ejemplo de amor cristiano al prójimo.

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2. ¿Qué escuchaste en la homilía que te ha inspirado o ayudado?
3. ¿Qué te está invitando a hacer el Señor esta semana a través de las lecturas y homilía que escuchaste?

#### **Martes**

1. Lee la primera lectura del Domingo, Hechos 14,21-27
2. ¿Quién ha sido Pablo o Bernabé para ti, proclamando *la Buena Nueva*?
3. ¿Has compartido acerca del gran amor de Dios por ti y sobre lo que Él ha hecho por ti?

#### **Miércoles**

1. Lee el salmo del Domingo, Salmo 144, 8-9; 10-11; 12-13ab
2. ¿Cómo has sentido la bondad y misericordia de Dios hacia ti?
3. Ofrece una oración de alabanza al Señor, reconociéndolo como tu rey y Dios.

#### **Jueves**

1. Lee el Evangelio del Domingo, Juan 13,31-33a, 34-35
2. ¿Se te hace fácil o retante seguir el mandamiento de Cristo de *amar los unos a los otros*?
3. ¿Crees que tu amor por los demás demuestra que tú eres un discípulo de Jesús?

#### **Viernes**

1. Lee la segunda lectura del Domingo, Apocalipsis 21,1-5a
2. ¿De qué manera has sentido que el Señor *vive contigo*? ¿Te ha limpiado tus lágrimas?
3. Esta es la promesa de Dios a cada uno de nosotros, "*Ahora yo voy a hacer nuevas todas las cosas*"  
¿Cómo necesitas ser renovado(a)?

#### **Sábado**

Reflexiona sobre lo que has recibido del Señor esta semana:

1. ¿Qué aprendí esta semana?
2. ¿Cuándo me han proclamado la Buena Nueva? ¿He compartido la Buena Nueva esta semana?
3. Podemos amarnos los unos a los otros como signo del triunfo del amor de Dios. ¿Puedo ser signo de esta victoria?



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