

Our Lady of Lourdes Church and School

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Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm (English)

Sunday Mass

7:00 am (English)

8:30 am (Spanish)

10:30 am (English)

12:30 pm (English)

Daily Mass

Monday through Thursday

7:45 am

Friday: 8:30 am

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

2:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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Adoration and Benediction

First Fridays after 8:30 am Mass

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

Rosary

After Daily Mass

Baptism and Marriages

Please call the Parish Office

818-352-3218

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Malachi 1:14-2::2.8-10

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 131

- In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.13

Gospel:

Matthew 23:1-12

All of us strive to be good or even better than we were before. And to improve, there are times when we look for good teachings and teachers, priests and catechists.

Today, we start the National Week of Prayer for Vocations, and our focus is to pray and work for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Of course, married life is also a vocation, but this week we turn our eyes on our great need for priests and men and women who consecrate their life in ministerial service to God and His Church.

During my seminary life, I thought that everything that I would be doing would be ministerial in themselves, taking care of souls, administering the sacraments. But when I became a parish priest, I realized that there was more to it than that: I became a school administrator, builder of schools and churches, maintenance manager of church and school buildings, a referee between warring factions. People were mad at me when the burners and oven in the auditorium were not working well, the hospitality patio was rotten, the school roof was leaking, the floors were not done well. And there are days and nights when I would just tell myself: "what a life!"

Religious leaders have always been around, their role as old as humanity. They were either respected or disliked as the readings of today indicate.

In the time of Jesus, as in any other time, religious leaders were respected. But these leaders, like the Pharisees, were far from being examples of integrity. Likewise, in the time of Malachi (first reading), there were religious leaders who would not listen seriously to God's Word in Sacred Scriptures and so a curse was sent upon them and their blessing. But we ask: were the curses, the indignations and accusations addressed just to the Pharisees and the religious leaders of these different times?

It is to be noted first of all that Jesus was addressing his words to the crowd in front of him and to his disciples. That means, his words were not addressed to the Pharisees and to the religious elders of his time. He was speaking to his disciples. They were the ones who were in

danger of being like the Pharisees. As followers of Jesus, we are also the ones to whom Jesus is addressing those accusations because of the danger that we could become like the Pharisees.

A Pharisee is one who usurps the "chair of Moses" which rightfully belongs to those who took his place, that is, the prophets who were responsible for transmitting the Word of God to the people. The Scribes and Pharisees had replaced the prophets' message with their own precepts and laws, their petty arguments, and rigorous interpretations. They call their own human interpretations the "will and word of God." If today, we still have something similar, if people have taken somebody else's chair, if one substitutes human precepts for prophecy, well then, this is a first sign that the Pharisees are lurking in our midst.

Now, when Jesus says, "do and observe all things that they tell you but do not follow their example," is he saying that we should go after them? In fact, if we look intently, Jesus is giving us a warning as if saying, "ok, go ahead, follow them and you will see how bad it is." This also shows us how inconsistent a Pharisee is. He is a person who says and repeats but never does what he says. "All their works are performed to be seen," says Jesus. They want people to know that they are different from others. When they pray, they make sure people know about it; if they do anything good, they blow their trumpets. In short, they are like those who want all the TV cameras on them.

Lastly, Jesus mentions three titles reserved for respected and honorable persons: "Rabbi" which means 'My great', Father which means "model of life and behavior" and Teacher which means a "Spiritual Guide". When Jesus tells his disciples not to be called by these titles, he meant that in the Church, there shouldn't be anyone assuming a "title of honor" devoid of its meaning and there should be no one wanting to be above others. Let us always remember that faith is not only about belief and prayer. It is more about relationships and a crisscrossing of receiving, believing, practicing, praying, living, and sharing. ♦



Eucharistic Revival Here I am, Lord Nelle Orsburn

We continue our series of reflections on the Eucharist and on the Eucharistic Revival. In this issue, Nelle Orsburn, once again offers another view from the pew, reflecting this time on the Eucharist as personal invitation from our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Every so often, I remember things that I learned in high school. One of those things is a tidbit from High School Physics, Newton's 3rd Law of Motion which, simply put, states that for every action in nature, there is an equal and opposite reaction. Somehow, this piece of trivia popped into my mind as I listened to Jesus' words, "Take and eat... Take and drink..."

Here is an action. What then is the equal and opposite reaction. Presumably his disciples took their share of the bread and ate it, took the chalice and drank from it. But it is only half of the equation. For Jesus said, "*This is my body... this is my blood given up for you...*"



Yes, he gave us his Body, his blood, soul and divinity... his life.

His words then are also an invitation. Our equal and opposite action is to give our life to him. Each time the host is raised in consecration, Jesus personally calls us to give our life to him. He calls each of us by name! How do I know this? Every morning I thank Jesus for making me a Christian. By the grace of God, my parents were Catholic, had me baptized as a baby, and sent me to Catholic School where I learned the truths of our faith. By the grace of God, I met a group of people who made me discover in a deeply personal way God's immense love. By the grace of God, we can be at Mass, reliving Jesus' supreme sacrifice, so that we can be resurrected with him. "*When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.*"

A personal invitation requires a personal response. Here I am. Recall how Samuel woke up from his sleep and readily went to Eli, the priest, who he thought was calling him, not once but three times. (1Samuel 3) Here was a willingness to do his master's bidding, not once, but always. Or Peter and Andrew, tending to their boat and their fishing nets, when Jesus came up to them and said, "... 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:19-20) They wasted no time. They immediately said their "yes".

So what does it mean to give our life to Jesus. Here's a clue: In Matthew 9:13, Jesus refers the Pharisees to the prophet Hosea's words, "For it is loyalty that I desire, not sacrifice, and knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings" So Jesus is not asking for self-immolation, but he is asking us to listen to his Word, to be faithful and loyal to his Word, to live his Word. In last Sunday's gospel reading, Jesus tells us what the greatest and the first law is, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and the second?..."You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37, 39)

This is our call. This is our vocation, and it is not just doing what God calls us to do, it is also being the person God calls us to be, one created in His image and likeness, in the image and likeness of pure love. It is not enough to say I love you, Lord. It is also necessary to love him and serve him through our neighbor, the one he put in front of us, virtually or physically.

Today begins National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 5-11, 2023. It is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. While we are all called to holiness, that universal Christian vocation, i.e., knowing God, loving him, loving our neighbor, there are other vocations that we are called to live: the priesthood and diaconate, religious life, consecrated life, married life. "Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him" (1 Cor. 7:17).

This week our focus is on the priestly and consecrated life. As we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, let us renew our "yes" to give our life to him, to answer his personal call to love God and to love one another, in the path of life he has chosen for us. Let us especially pray that God's call to the priesthood, the religious and the consecrated life may be faithfully heeded, and may He sustain and nourish those who have answered the call.❖

Parish News



News Briefs

OUR SINCEREST THANKS

On behalf of Unbound, thank you very much for welcoming us to your parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth and the elders in our sponsorship program. Through your willingness to partner with Unbound, your parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by their experience.

Adult Religious Education (on Zoom)

Classes are on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings from 7 - 8:20 pm. The focus is on the catechism. There is no charge to attend. To sign up, call the Parish Office @ 818-352-3218 and provide your name, email and mobile number.

October Blood Drive Rescheduled for Sunday November 19:

To donate blood, call 1-800 RED CROSS or register online at <https://www.redcross.org>. If you had an appointment for the October 15, you are already rescheduled .



"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Mt 23:12

L.A. Catholics work together to protect children

Did you know that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles requires all staff members, and volunteers who work in any capacity with or around children, the elderly, or people with special needs, to complete the VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children for Adults program? This program helps prevent child sexual abuse by raising awareness among staff and volunteers, and educating them on warning signs of abuse, potentially unsafe or inappropriate scenarios, and how to respond to suspicious behavior. Adults who undergo VIRTUS® training also learn the five steps

to help prevent child sexual abuse. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is committed to ensuring that parishes, schools and ministries are safe places for everyone in our community. For more information about support for victim-survivors and abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, visit <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>.



Veterans' Day

In honor of all those who have served our country, we will observe Veterans' Day on Friday, November 10. O.L.L. School and the parish office will be closed that day. The morning Mass will be a normally scheduled—at 8:30. To all veterans out there, we thank you for your service!



Theology on Tap

If you think discussing your faith is boring you have not heard Father Michael O 'Loughlin share his faith and story.

A special date has been reserved for all Catholic Adult men and women ages 21 thru their 40's on Thursday November 16 from 7-9 pm at the OLL Parish Hall Knights of Columbus Pub at 10275 Tujunga Canyon Blvd Ca 91042

Space is limited so If you plan to attend please RSVP by calling the OLL Parish Office and leaving your name and cell number or texting Becca Plance at 847-514-3653



HISPANIC COMMUNITY FOOD SALE.

The Hispanic Community Committee will be having a Mexican Food Sale on November 12th, a variety of delicious food to enjoy after Mass. Save the date! Thank you for your support.



BOOK FAIR

Coming soon to a Catholic church in Tujunga!

Elizabeth, cousin of the Virgin Mary, was an elderly relative who miraculously conceived John the Baptist. When Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited, Elizabeth's unborn child leaped in her womb. This encounter, narrated in the Gospel of Luke, symbolizes the divine connection between their sons, John and Jesus, as foretold messengers.

"Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born." (Luke 1:13-15).

At our 7:00 PM All Souls' Mass, we dedicated our Table of Remembrance. On this table were placed pictures of loved ones who have passed and who should be memorialized in church where all parishioners can say a prayer in their honor. The Table of Remembrance will be up for the whole month of November. May they rest in peace!

From scripture to life...

How do you think the "world" looks upon the humble?

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for the printed edition of our bulletin is noon on the Monday prior to the applicable Sunday. Send your notice to bulletineditoroll@gmail.com and jimclank@gmail.com and ollenriquezy@gmail.com (Yolanda in the office) .

These deadlines MAY vary over Thanksgiving and the Christmas and New Year holidays. We thank you for your consideration.



Noticias Breves

NUESTRO MÁS SINCERO AGRADECIMIENTO

En nombre de Unbound, muchas gracias por darnos la bienvenida a su parroquia. Nuestros corazones están llenos de gratitud por la generosidad que usted ha mostrado hacia

los niños, jóvenes y adultos mayores en nuestro programa de apadrinamiento.

A través de su voluntad de asociarse con Unbound, su comunidad parroquial ha dado pasos hacia un caminar más cercano a Jesús en el nombre de los pobres. Oramos para que los miembros de su comunidad parroquial que respondieron al llamado al apadrinamiento sean ricamente bendecidos por su experiencia.

“...porque el que se enaltece será humillado y el que se humilla será enaltecido”.

Mt 23,12

Teología de barril

Si cree que hablar de su fe es aburrido, no ha escuchado al padre Michael O’Loughlin compartir su fe y su historia. Se ha reservado una fecha especial para todos los hombres y mujeres adultos católicos de 21 a 40 años el jueves 16 de noviembre de 7 a 9 p. m. en el OLL Parish Hall Knights of Columbus Pub en 10275 Tujunga Canyon Blvd Ca 91042.

El espacio es limitado, así que si planea asistir, confirme su asistencia llamando a la oficina parroquial de OLL y dejando su nombre y número de celular o enviando un mensaje de texto a Becca Plance al 847-514-3653.



De las escrituras a la vida ...

¿Cómo crees que mira el “mundo” a los humildes?



Los católicos de Los Ángeles trabajan juntos para proteger a los niños

¿Sabía que la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles requiere que todos los miembros del personal y los voluntarios que trabajan en cualquier capacidad con o cerca de niños, ancianos o personas con necesidades especiales completen el programa de VIRTUS® para adultos, “Protegiendo a los niños de Dios para adultos”? Este programa ayuda a prevenir el abuso sexual infantil creando conciencia entre el personal y los voluntarios, y educándolos sobre las señales de advertencia de abuso, escenarios potencialmente inseguros o inapropiados y cómo responder a un comportamiento sospechoso. Los adultos que reciben capacitación VIRTUS® también aprenden los cinco pasos para ayudar a prevenir el abuso sexual infantil. Para obtener más información, visite <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>. La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles se compromete a garantizar que las parroquias, las escuelas y los ministerios sean lugares seguros para todos en nuestra comunidad. Para obtener más información sobre el apoyo a las víctimas-sobrevivientes y los esfuerzos de protección y prevención del abuso de la Arquidiócesis, visite <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>.

VENTA DE COMIDA COMUNITARIA HISPANA.

El Comité de la Comunidad Hispana tendrá una venta de comida mexicana el 12 de noviembre, una variedad de comida deliciosa para disfrutar después de la Misa. ¡Reserve la fecha! Gracias por tu apoyo.



Donación de sangre de octubre reprogramada para el domingo 19 de noviembre:

Para donar sangre, llame al 1-800 RED CROSS o regístrese en línea en <https://www.redcross.org>. Si tenías cita para el 15 de octubre, ya estás reprogramada.



Día de los Veteranos

En honor a todos aquellos que han servido a nuestro país, celebraremos el Día de los Veteranos el viernes 10 de noviembre. O.L.L. La escuela y la oficina parroquial estarán cerradas ese día. La misa de la mañana tendrá un horario normal: a las 8:30. A todos los veteranos, ¡les agradecemos su servicio!



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Papal Prayer Intention November For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



Para el Papa

Oramos por el Santo Padre; que en el cumplimiento de su misión siga acompañando al rebaño que le ha sido confiado, con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo.

SAVE THE DATE

Lector Training

Saturday, November 18, 2023



10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
OLL Church

*Call the Parish Office for details



Advent Retreat

Saturday,
December 9, 2023
1:30 pm - 4:45 pm

THANKSGIVING Look Ahead...

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM followed by the Blessing of the Food.

The school and the parish office will be closed on Thursday November 23 and on Friday the 24th.

Mass Intentions

Saturday November 4 5:00 PM

Antolin †, Consuelo, Raul & Alvin Pingol †
 Tita Schmutzer †
 Natividad Lopez †
 Jose † & Emerenciana †
 Robert Dodd—*2nd Death Anniversary*
 Jose Domingo Enriquez †
 Martha Vargas—*Birthday Blessing*

Sunday November 5 7:00 AM

Sandy Hepburn †	8:30 AM
Sunny Gustavson †	10:30 AM
Aurelia Gomez †	12:30 PM
Lourdes Yabut †	
<i>All Souls in Purgatory</i>	
Tiburcio "Bong" Magsino †	

Monday November 6 7:45 AM

Floresita Centeno †—*2nd Death Anniversary*

Tuesday November 7 7:45 AM

Florencio Alvarez †—*Birthday Remembrance*
 Florencia Catbazan †—*Birthday Remembrance*
 Cristina Ortiz-Luis—*Birthday Thanksgiving*

Wednesday November 8 7:45 AM

Vicente Galimba Jr. †—*12th Death Anniversary*

Thursday November 9 7:45 AM

Frank J. Beierschmitt †—*33rd Death Anniversary*
 Jose Domingo Enriquez †
 Nikka Limgenco Calleja—*Birthday Blessing*

Friday November 10 Veteran's Day 8:30 AM

Aurelia Gomez †

The Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) brought significant reforms to the Catholic Church, emphasizing the importance of the laity's engagement with Scripture. Through the document "Dei Verbum," it encouraged Catholics to read and study the Bible, aiming to foster a deeper understanding of their faith. This emphasis on Bible reading aimed to promote spiritual growth, knowledge of God's word, and a more profound personal relationship with Christ.

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 6 TO 12, 2023

MON	ROM 11:29-36 / Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 / LK 14:12-14
TUES	ROM 12:5-16AB / Ps 131:1BCDE, 2, 3 / LK 14:15-24
WED	ROM 13:8-10 / Ps 112:1B-2, 4-5, 9 / LK 14:25-33
THURS	EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / 1 COR 3:9C-11, 16-17 / JN 2:13-22
FRI	ROM 15:14-21 / Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 / LK 16:1-8
SAT	ROM 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 / LK 16:9-15
SUN	Wis 6:12-16 / Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Mt 25:1-13

XXXI Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario**Primera Lectura: Malaquías 1, 14-2, 2.8-10****Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 131***- Guarda mi alma en la paz, junto a ti, Señor.***Segunda Lectura: 1 Tesalonicenses 2, 7-9. 13****Evangelio: San Mateo 23, 1-12**

Todos nos esforzamos por ser buenos o incluso mejores de lo que éramos antes. Y para mejorar, hay momentos en los que buscamos buenas enseñanzas y maestros, sacerdotes y catequistas.

Hoy iniciamos la Semana Nacional de Oración por las Vocaciones, y nuestro enfoque es orar y trabajar por las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa sin olvidar, por supuesto, que la vida de casados también es una vocación donde un hombre y una mujer entran en una alianza divina consigo mismos y con Dios en el Sacramento del Santo Matrimonio. Sin embargo, tenemos una gran necesidad de sacerdotes y hombres y mujeres que consagren su vida al servicio ministerial a Dios y su Iglesia.



Durante mi vida de seminario pensé que todo lo que haría sería ministerial en sí mismo, cuidando las almas, administrando los sacramentos. Pero cuando me convertí en párroco, me di cuenta de que había más que eso: me convertí en administrador de escuela, constructor de escuelas e iglesias, gerente de mantenimiento de iglesias y edificios escolares, árbitro entre facciones en guerra. La gente se enojó conmigo cuando las estufas y el horno del auditorio no funcionaban bien, el patio de hospitalidad estaba podrido, el techo de la escuela tenía goteras, los pisos no estaban bien hechos. Y hay días y noches en los que simplemente me decía: "¡qué vida!"

Los líderes religiosos siempre han existido y su papel es tan antiguo como la humanidad. Eran respetados o detestados, como lo indican las lecturas de hoy.

En tiempos de Jesús, como en cualquier otro tiempo, los líderes religiosos eran respetados. Pero estos líderes, al igual que los fariseos, estaban lejos de ser ejemplos de integridad. Asimismo, en el tiempo de Malaquías (primera lectura), había líderes religiosos que no escuchaban seriamente la Palabra de Dios en las Sagradas Escrituras y por eso se envió una maldición sobre ellos y su bendición. Pero nos preguntamos: ¿las maldiciones, la colera y las acusaciones estaban dirigidas sólo a los fariseos y a los líderes religiosos de estos diferentes tiempos?

En primer lugar, cabe señalar que Jesús dirigía sus palabras a la multitud que tenía enfrente y a sus discípulos. Es decir, sus palabras no estaban dirigidas a los fariseos ni a los ancianos religiosos de su tiempo. Estaba hablando con sus discípulos. Ellos eran los que estaban en peligro de ser como los fariseos. Como seguidores de Jesús, también somos nosotros a quienes Jesús dirige esas acusaciones por el peligro de que podamos llegar a ser como los fariseos.

Un fariseo es aquel que ocupa la "cátedra de Moisés" que no es la suya. La "cátedra de Moisés" pertenece a quienes tomaron su lugar, es decir, los profetas que eran los encargados de transmitir la Palabra de Dios al pueblo. Los escribas y fariseos han sustituido su mensaje profético por sus propios preceptos y leyes, sus mezquinos argumentos y sus rigurosas interpretaciones. Llaman a sus propias interpretaciones humanas la "voluntad y palabra de Dios". Si hoy todavía tenemos algo similar, si la gente ha tomado la silla de otro, si se sustituye la profecía por preceptos humanos, entonces, esta es una primera señal de que los fariseos acechan entre nosotros.

Ahora, cuando Jesús dice: "Hagan, pues, todo lo que les digan, pero no imiten sus obras", ¿está diciendo que debemos ir tras ellos? De hecho, si miramos atentamente, Jesús nos está dando una advertencia como diciendo: "si los imitan verán que mal está". Esto también nos muestra cuán inconsistente es un fariseo. Es una persona que dice y repite, pero nunca hace lo que dice. "Todo lo hacen para que los vea la gente", dice Jesús. Quieren que la gente sepa que son diferentes de los demás. Cuando oran, se aseguran de que la gente lo sepa; si hacen algo bueno, tocan las trompetas. En resumen, son como aquellos que quieren que les apunten todas las cámaras de televisión.

Por último, Jesús menciona tres títulos reservados a personas respetadas y honorables: "Rabino" que significa "Mi grande", Padre que significa "modelo de vida y conducta" y Maestro que significa "Guía espiritual". Cuando Jesús dice a sus discípulos que no se dejen llamar con estos títulos, quiso decir que en la Iglesia nadie debe asumir un "título de honor" carente de significado y nadie debe querer estar por encima de los demás. Recordemos siempre que la fe no se trata sólo de creer y orar. Se trata más de relaciones y un cruce entre el recibir creer, practicar, orar, vivir y compartir. ♦



Avivamiento Eucarístico

Aquí estoy, Señor
Nelle Orsburn

Continuamos nuestra serie de reflexiones sobre la Eucaristía y el Avivamiento Eucarístico. En este número, Nelle Orsburn ofrece una vez más otra visión desde la banca, reflexionando esta vez sobre la Eucaristía como una invitación personal de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

De vez en cuando recuerdo cosas que aprendí en la escuela secundaria. Una de esas cosas es un dato de Física de la escuela secundaria, la Tercera Ley del Movimiento de Newton que, en pocas palabras, establece que para cada acción en la naturaleza, hay una reacción igual y opuesta. De alguna manera, esta trivia vino a mi mente mientras escuchaba las palabras de Jesús: "Tomen y coman... Tomen y beban..."

Aquí hay una acción. ¿Cuál es entonces la reacción igual y opuesta? Es de suponer que sus discípulos tomaron su parte del pan y lo comieron, tomaron el cáliz y bebieron de él. Pero es sólo la mitad de la ecuación. Porque Jesús dijo: "Este es mi cuerpo... ésta es mi sangre entregada por vosotros..."

Sí, nos dio su Cuerpo, su sangre, alma y divinidad, su vida. Entonces sus palabras son también una invitación. Nuestra acción igual y opuesta es entregarle nuestra vida. Cada vez que la hostia es levantada en consagración, Jesús nos llama personalmente a entregarle nuestra vida. ¡Él nos llama a cada uno de nosotros por nuestro nombre! ¿Cómo sé esto? Cada mañana doy gracias a Jesús por hacerme cristiana. Por la gracia de Dios, mis padres eran católicos, me bautizaron cuando era bebé y me enviaron a una escuela católica donde aprendí las verdades de nuestra fe. Por la gracia de Dios, conocí un grupo de personas que me hicieron descubrir de manera profundamente personal el inmenso amor de Dios. Por la gracia de Dios, podemos estar en Misa, reviviendo el sacrificio supremo de Jesús, para poder resucitar con él. *"Cada vez que comemos este pan y bebemos de este cáliz, anunciamos tu muerte Señor, hasta que vuelvas".*

Una invitación personal requiere una respuesta personal. Aquí estoy. Recordemos cómo Samuel se despertó de su sueño y rápidamente fue hacia Elí, el sacerdote, quien pensó que lo estaba llamando, no una sino tres veces. (1 Samuel 3) Aquí había una voluntad de cumplir las órdenes de su amo, no una vez, sino siempre. O Pedro y Andrés, atendiendo su barca y sus redes de pescar, cuando Jesús se acercó a ellos y les dijo: "... 'Síganme, y los haré pescadores de hombres'. En seguida dejaron sus redes y lo siguieron". (Mateo 4, 19-20) No perdieron el tiempo. Inmediatamente dieron su "sí".

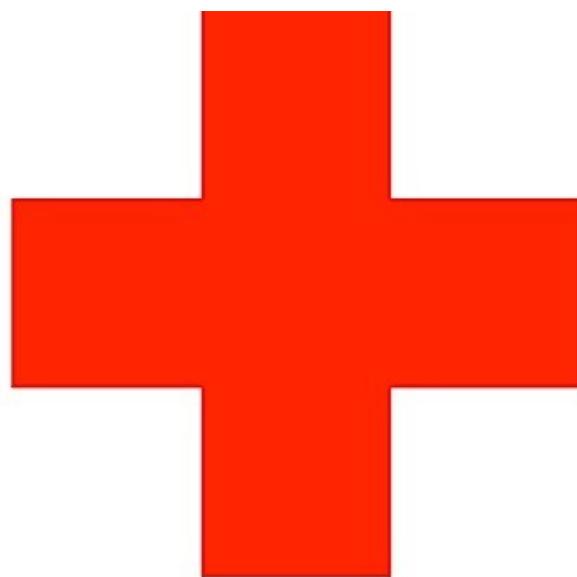
Entonces, ¿qué significa entregar nuestra vida a Jesús? Aquí hay una pista: en Mateo 9, 13, Jesús remite a los fariseos las palabras del profeta Oseas: "Yo quiero misericordia, no sacrificios, y conocimiento de Dios más que holocaustos". Entonces, Jesús no está pidiendo la autoinmolación, pero nos pide que escuchemos su Palabra, que seamos fieles y leales a su Palabra, que vivamos su Palabra. En la lectura del evangelio del domingo pasado, Jesús nos dice cuál es la mayor y la primera ley: "Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente" ¿y la segunda?..."Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo." (Mateo 22, 37, 39)

Este es nuestro llamado. Esta es nuestra vocación, y no es sólo hacer lo que Dios nos llama a hacer, es también ser la persona que Dios nos llama a ser, fuimos creado a su imagen y semejanza, a imagen y semejanza del amor puro. No basta con decir te amo, Señor. Es necesario también amarlo y servirlo a través del prójimo, aquel que él puso frente a nosotros, virtual o físicamente.

Hoy comienza la Semana Nacional de Concientización sobre las Vocaciones, que se celebra del 5 al 11 de noviembre de 2023. Es una celebración anual de una semana de duración de la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos dedicada a promover las vocaciones al sacerdocio, el diaconado y la vida consagrada a través de la oración y la educación, y para renovar nuestras oraciones y apoyo por aquellos que están considerando una de estas vocaciones particulares. Si bien todos estamos llamados a la santidad, esa vocación cristiana universal, es decir, a conocer a Dios, amarlo, amar al prójimo, hay otras vocaciones que estamos llamados a vivir: sacerdocio, vida religiosa, vida consagrada, vida matrimonial. "Que cada uno lleve la vida que el Señor le ha asignado y a la que Dios le ha llamado" (1 Cor. 7, 17).

Esta semana nuestro enfoque está en la vida sacerdotal y consagrada. Al recibir a Jesús en la Eucaristía, renovemos nuestro "sí" para entregarle nuestra vida, para responder a su llamado personal a amar a Dios y a amarnos unos a otros, en el camino de vida que Él ha elegido para nosotros. Oremos especialmente para que el llamado de Dios al sacerdocio, a la vida religiosa y a la vida consagrada sea fielmente escuchado, y que Él sostenga y alimente a quienes han respondido a ese llamado. ♦





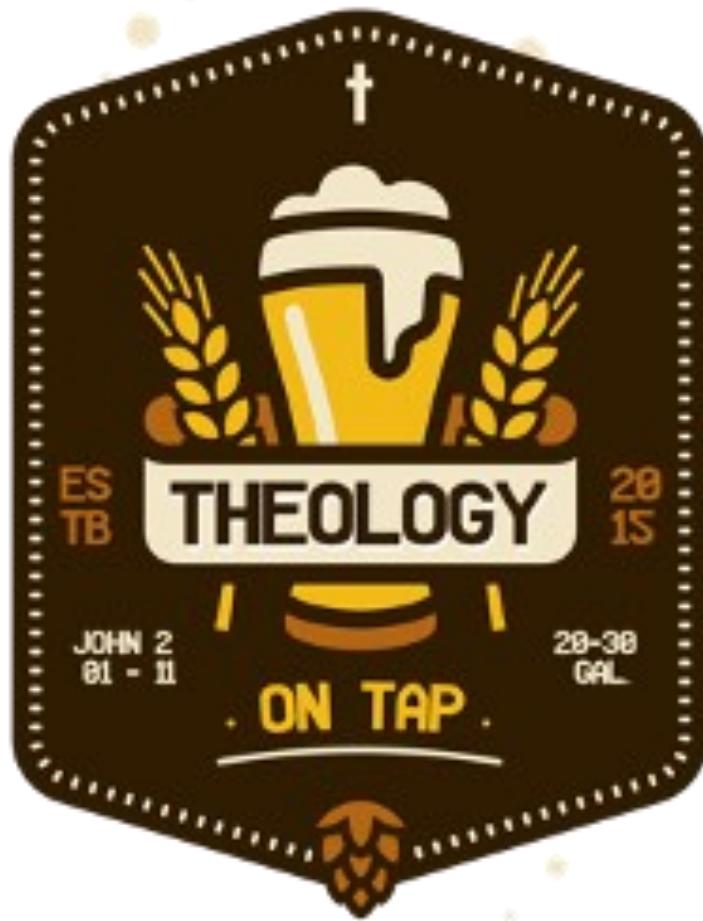
American Red Cross

In partnership with American Red Cross,
Health Ministry will sponsor a Blood Drive on

Sunday, November 19, 2023
from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
in the OLL Auditorium.

To donate blood,
call 1-800 RED CROSS or register on-line at
<https://ww.redcross.org>.

Donate blood now and save lives. Thank you.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Inviting all Catholic Men and Women ages 21 thru their 40's to join us for an evening of faith, fellowship and fun with Father Michael O'Laughlin (on a different evening in November) Thursday November 16 from 7-9pm at the usual place,

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall (Fish Fry location)

10275 Tujunga Canyon Blvd.,

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To RSVP (as space is limited) or for questions contact Becca Plance by text or

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