

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

8720 Florin Road
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March 7, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Schedules and other Services

Weekdays [M-T-Th-F]: 8:00 AM (Eng.) in person and livestream; *No mass on Wednesdays*

First Saturday: 8:00 AM (English) in person and livestream

Saturday: 4:00 pm English Anticipated Sunday Mass

Sunday: 9:00 AM (livestream) and 11:00 AM English; 1:00 PM Spanish Mass (livestream)

Holy Hour: First Thursday 7-8 PM (Temporary for Lent)

Confession (bilingual): Saturdays of Lent 2:00 - 3:45 PM (back Sacristy behind the Altar/Sanctuary); by appointment call the office.

Stations of the cross: 6PM English; 7:15PM Spanish

Faith Formation Ministries and Groups

Director of Religious Education	Sr. Ma. Elizabeth U. Siguenza RVM	916.381.5200
Catholic Faith Formation		
English Coordinator	Lina Marco	510.334.2106
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RCIA for Children	Emilia Caoagas	916.849.5617
RCIA for Teens	Imelda Nanca	916.744.3434
Catholics Returning Home	Dale & Kit Yamamoto	916.895.1441
Baptism Preparation	Dale & Kit Yamamoto	916.895.1441
Young Adults Ministry		916.381.5200
Legion of Mary	Norma Bolante	916.688.8769
Vocation Committee		

Social Ministries and Groups

Christmas Fair	Michelle Eck	916.524.5097
Fall Festival	PPC/PFC	916.381.5200
Cultural Dinner	Rector's Office	916.381.5200
Parish Breakfasts	Knights of Columbus	916.381.5200
Religious Goods Store	Rector's Office	916.381.5200
Yard Sale	Ann Viernes	916.381.5200

Caregiving Ministries and Groups

Bereavement Ministry	Ella Baxa	916-849-0685
	Solett Smith	916.381.5200
Health Ministry	Clara Heimericks	916.689.3932
Loaves and Fishes Ministry	Diane Welsh	916.682.7810
Social Justice Ministry	Diane Welsh	916.682.7810
Pro Life 4 Life	Charlene Valine	916.682-0557

WELCOME!

You are encouraged to participate in our many functions, events, and activities. We offer opportunities for parishioners to use the time, talent, and treasure that God has given them in praise and glory of His name through our liturgical, care-giving, philanthropic, faith-formation and social ministries.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Councils

Pastoral Council	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Finance Council	Jerry Fong	916.689-9418

Liturgical Ministries

Youth Altar Servers Ministry	Brandon Fong & Marcos Galvan	stpaul.as.ministry@gmail.com
Martha's Daughters	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Art & Environment Ministry	Virgie Monteagudo	916.688.0776
Eucharistic Ministry 4:00pm & 7:30am	Nina Laconsay	
9:00am	Le Pham	
11:00am	Romeo Sembrano	
Hospitality Ministry	Anita Fong	916-689-9418
Ministry of the Word		
Ministry Sick and Homebound	Dale & Kit Yamamoto	916.895.1441
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Liturgy Committee	Rector's Office	916-381-5200
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Philanthropic Ministries and Groups

Catholic Daughters of the Americas	Michelle Eck	916.524.5097
Knights of Columbus	Angelo Mendoza	916-761-6565

Religious Movements and Groups

Couples for Christ	Billy/Virgie Monteagudo	916.688.0776
Families in Christ Jesus Com'ty.	Angie Lovett	916.803.6463
Sto. Niño Family Group	Minda Miguel	916.837.8527

MISSION STATEMENT

We, God's people of St. Paul Catholic Parish In Sacramento, California, a multicultural, inclusive and welcoming community, inspired by the love of Jesus Christ are called: to bring all people of God together in worship, to declare our belief in God's love, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate and grow in our relationship with God.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON: 3/08	Naiomi Michelle Brown † (Recent Death)
TUE: 3/09	Mauricio Zamora † (For Eternal Repose of His Soul) Victor Vicman † (Death Anniversary)
WED: 3/10	NO HOLY MASS
THUR: 3/11	MASS FOR THE SOULS OF THE DECEASED †
FRI: 3/12	Robert "Bob" Benton † (Recent Death)
SAT 3/06	MASS FOR THE SOULS OF THE DECEASED †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalms — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
Monday:	St. John of God
Tuesday:	St. Frances of Rome
Friday:	Abstinence

Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods besides me.
— *Exodus 20:2a, 3*

TOTAL ALLEGIANCE

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God's protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other.

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FEAST OF FAITH

Postures of the Mass

In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. And there are other ritual gestures as well—striking the breast, genuflecting, and of course making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body.

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HEAVEN

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

—John Henry Newman

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's reading from Exodus tells of God giving the Ten Commandments to Moses; this passage is well known to Christians, but it is only the introduction to the entire Mosaic Law, or Torah. The Psalm is a small section of the longest in the Psalter—172 verses—which are generally couplets (two lines) praising the Law as perfect, true, just, right, and so on. The Law is both the source of Jewish identity and the centerpiece of the Jewish intellectual tradition. Paul briefly compares this tradition with those of the Greeks, the two groups in the church at Corinth that were often quarreling. The passage from John's Gospel shows Jesus' righteous anger as he chases the moneychangers from the temple. His actions are a sign of Jesus' own reverence for "my Father's house," which in turn reflects his deep appreciation for the Law.

"THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT . . ."

For pious Jews in first-century Palestine, the Mosaic Law prescribed the way every action in life is dedicated to God. Today's reading from Exodus tells how the Ten Commandments, the introduction to this larger legal code, is given to Israel as a gift from God.

In the Gospels Jesus is portrayed as a rabbi, or someone learned in the Law. A rabbi's learning ideally included both the precepts of the Law and its reverent contemplation as a divine gift, within which one could hear God's own voice. This was the way rabbis through the centuries used the Law to adapt to changing circumstances. This seems to be what Jesus was doing with the moneychangers in the temple.

JESUS, THE LAW, THE JEWS—AND US

When Jesus accused the moneychangers of sacrilege and cleared them out of the temple, the onlookers asked for a sign of his authority to do such a thing. After all, wasn't it a sacrilege to purchase animals for sacrifice with pagan coins? Wasn't this how the Jews adapted to Roman rule? Jesus says nothing about that; he only knows that this commercial activity inside the temple was a sacrilege. Elsewhere in the Gospels Jesus is criticized for not being strict enough with the Law, as when he ate with prostitutes and tax collectors, but here he is prescribing something stricter, something "more."

Jesus is doing something extraordinary, contrary to ordinary practice, prompting the onlookers to request a sign, evidence that God is acting here through Jesus. His insistence that the moneychangers depart, his clear vision regarding "my Father's house," and his cryptic reference to himself as a temple, are signs of his contemplative intimacy with his Father that is the source of his authority about the Law.

Catholics, like first-century Jews, have our regular means for living in God's presence. We have the liturgy, sacraments, devotions, and personal prayer. During Lent, we are asked to be a little stricter with ourselves, listening for God's own voice. If we do, we might discover that we, too, are being called to something "more."

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BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Recent Bereavement

Joseph Ash	Betty Virgen	Rosalinda Basquez
Martin Vasquez	Carmelita Gervacio	Fernando Barajas
Richard Ganahl	Roberto Juan	
Bernardino Naci6n	Berg Latorre	
Marilyn Yelo	Marina Asban	
Aproniana Marquez	Carlos Salazar	
Long Kuayork	Beatriz Tovera	
Robert Benton	Robert Daclan	

May they rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon them. AMEN.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Luis T Barajas	Valentin & Maria Cano Gutierrez & Family	Jose Luis Rodriguez
Jessica Cruz-Mendoza	Maria G. Bustamante	Fernando Flores Carmona & Ma. Guadalupe Rodriguez Flores & Family
Lynny Huynh-Nguyen & Family	Minh & Lynna Ngo & Family	Merle C. Larios & Reesa Laguardor
Alicia Raya & Family	Jose & Nancy Silva	Luis Rivas & Family
Jovanny Hernandez & Briza Batters Aguilera & Family	Sixtus & Grace Aliriagwu & Family	Jose Flores & Angeles Sanchez & Family
Grindys Galvez Hermida & Family	Carmen Lopez Caza-rez & Family	Valentin Gutierrez & Maria Cano & Family
Tricia Rivera & Family	Emmanuel and Ma. Melinda Dabay and Family	

You may register in our website:

<https://stpaul-florin.org/new-parishioners>

If you are new to our parish we welcome you and encourage you to participate in our ministries. If you have any questions please contact the parish office 381-5200 or go to our website and register to any ministry you are inclined to serve.

SICK PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Priscilla Wong	Richard Onia	Aurora De Asis
Shirley Robinson	Janelle Flores	Jackie Gleming
Monica Cordero	Lori Martenia	Mason Kyle Vazquez
Virginia Collier	Eva Rollins	Ronald Graves
Jean Hesse	Robert Cordero	Ana Bouza Mercado
Michael Delgado	Tess Carrasca	Robert Cushing
Jackie Martin	Eduardo Cruz	Henry Loret de Mola
James Solari	Joan Ganahl	Frances Nuñez
Elizabeth Solari	Floyd White Jr	Manuel Nuñez
Maria Lopez	Arlene Ellis.	
Raymond Gutierrez	Myrla Cruz	
Doreathea Viltz	Loretta Miller	
Virginia Thomas	Virginia Campos	
Elnora Williams	Simplicio Baja	
Barbara Sules	Leonida Despi	
Bethany Lewis	Alberto Horcabes	

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Gary B. Foster II	John Marc James	Emanuel Cepeda
Daniel Roy Ryan	Ruben N. Libed	Maxton Perez
Gregorio Rodriguez	Nilo Uy Villaluna Jr.	Landon Perez
Roel C. Dones	Don Jamoles	Charles Q. Wincey
Ricardo Cervantes	Ryan Gandy	Peter A. Tsueda
Stephen Rich	Cody Machado	Jovon Chiguina
Janae Santos	Mark A. Ramos Jr.	Regent Perez
Brian Vergith	Cameron Lindsay	Yolanda Nava
Martin Sinlao	Conner Sommerfield	Jerald Elazegui
Sergio Pineda	Arianna Gutierrez	Stewart Ilagan
Ariel Rollins	Taylor Sommerfield	
Don Carlo Geroche	Justin Broussard	

REMINDERS

People more frequently require to be reminded than informed.
—Samuel Johnson

CHURCH NEWS

Pope Francis Announces Year of Saint Joseph for 2021

On December 8, 2020, the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron saint of the universal Church, Pope Francis issued the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* as an extended reflection of the holy foster father of Jesus and spouse of Mary. According to the Holy Father, Saint Joseph was a father in varied ways: beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous, working, and "in the shadows." He concluded his letter with a short prayer to Saint Joseph as a synthesis of his teachings. The Holy See announced separately that day the Pope's decision to celebrate a special "Year of Saint Joseph," which takes place from December 8, 2020 to the same date in 2021.

Plenary Indulgences Available for the Year of Saint Joseph

The Apostolic Penitentiary issued a decree on December 8, 2020, formally announcing the decision of Pope Francis to celebrate the Year of Saint Joseph through December 8, 2021. Special opportunities to receive a plenary indulgence were also included, subject to the usual conditions: sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Pope, and total detachment to all sin, including venial sin.

The following prayers and activities have been enriched with a plenary indulgence:

- meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father") or participate in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on Saint Joseph;
- perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, inspired by the life and example of Saint Joseph;
- pray the Rosary together as a family or a couple, modeling the virtues of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph;
- dedicate with confidence their daily work to the protection of Saint Joseph the Worker, including the efforts of those who are unemployed, underemployed, or seeking more dignified work;
- devoutly recite the Litany of Saint Joseph (from the Latin Church; available at [USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/litanies/litany-of-saint-joseph](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/litanies/litany-of-saint-joseph)),¹ some or all of the Akathistos hymn to Saint Joseph (from the Byzantine Churches), or another suitable prayer in each liturgical tradition, especially for the intentions of persecuted Catholics in the Church and around the world, and for the relief of all Christians who suffer persecution; or
- devoutly recite another approved prayer to Saint Joseph, for example the "To you, O blessed Joseph" (available at [USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-to-st-joseph-after-rosary](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-to-st-joseph-after-rosary)),² especially on various feasts of Saint Joseph: March 19 (his solemnity), May 1 (St. Joseph the Worker), the Sunday after Christmas (Holy Family), St. Joseph's Sunday (Byzantine Catholics), or on the 19th day of each month, or each Wednesday, traditionally dedicated to honor his memory with pious devotions.

(Next week we will publish the different prayers to St. Joseph)

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, March 13, 2021, 10am-1pm

Calling all Parish Catechetical Leaders! Register to reflect with Michael Ruzicki "At this virtual retreat, we take the time to reflect on the role of the Holy spirit in our ministry. How can we find the joy and love in our own lives, so that we might foster hope in those we serve?" For more information, contact Deacon Kevin Staszko at 916-733-0177 or kstaszko@scd.org

March 14 at 6:30PM via Zoom or YouTube

"Navigate: Weathering the Storm" is our diocesan wide virtual youth group for all Middle School and High School teens to participate in. All teens are encouraged to participate and dive deeper into the Catholic faith and explore its richness. This is a time for teens to find community and fellowship as they learn how to navigate their lives towards Christ. <https://www.scd.org/Navigate> For more information, Contact Antony Ta at 916-733-0151 or ata@scd.org

CFF/RCIA NEWS

Our Catechumens and Candidates are very close to their big day. We pray for them that the Spirit would always guide them through the process. We wish them luck and patience.

All CFF classes will soon be in person. Just wait for the announcement from the diocese, the county and the State.

LOAVES AND FISHES

Loaves and Fishes ask for help in providing basic needs for people experiencing homelessness!

They really need!

Children's toothbrushes	Travel size toothpaste
Children's socks	Children's size belts
Backpacks	Jackets
Blankets	Sleeping bags
Tarps	Bus passes
Shampoo (travel size)	Sleeping bags
Hand sanitizer (travel size)	tissue packs
Blankets	sewing kits
Gift cards (Subway, McDonald's Target, Raleys, Walmart.)	



Pregnant? Worried? Need Help?

You are not alone.

We can help.

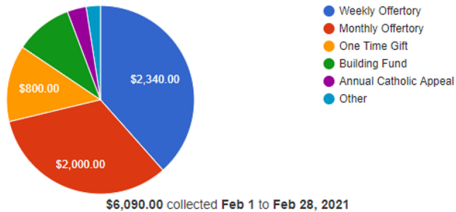
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Call: 800-910-0191

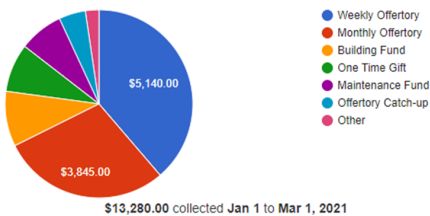
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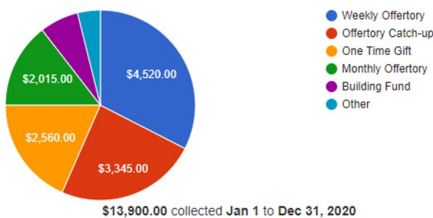
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30 Days This Month This Year Last Month **Last Year**

ST. PAUL LITURGICAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

As we have entered the Season of Lent, wouldn't it be satisfying and rewarding for an individual, a family, or group of individuals say that they would directly purchase some of our liturgical supplies and upgrades for linens, vestments, vessels and other liturgical implements?

If this gift in kind program interests you, please contact the parish office during regular business hours for more information. For those who already stepped up in signing up for this Sponsorship Program, we thank you and may God bless you and your families.

OUR WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Weekend Date	Ordinary Collection	Other Collections	Weekday	Total
2/07	\$ 5,227.00		\$ 122.00	\$ 5,349.03
2/14	\$ 3,545.05	\$1,590.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 5,195.05
2/17	\$ 2,625.76			\$ 2,625.76
2/21	\$ 3,660.25	\$ 205.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 3,893.25
				\$ 17,063.09

PROFIT & LOSS Variance Report for JANUARY 2021

INCOME	Budget	Actual	Difference
Offertory	\$ 29,500	\$ 27,659	\$ 1,841
Other Income	\$ 2,640	\$ 6,534	\$ (3,894)
Religious Articles & Books	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 400
Religious Education	\$ 4,750	\$ -	\$ 4,750
Total Income	\$ 37,290	\$ 34,193	\$ 3,097

EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Difference
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 14,480	\$ 11,033	\$ 3,447
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 1,685	\$ 6,651	\$ (4,966)
Religious Articles & Books	\$ 323	\$ -	\$ 323
Property Tax & Insurance	\$ 2,480	\$ 2,600	\$ (120)
Parish Programs	\$ 3,165	\$ 2,223	\$ 942
Religious Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 4,546	\$ 4,386	\$ 160
Total Ordinary Expenses	\$ 26,680	\$ 26,893	\$ (214)

Net Operating Income \$ 10,610 \$ 7,300 \$ 3,311

OTHER INCOME

Interest	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ (0)
Capitol Campaign & Building	\$ 8,944	\$ 4,666	\$ 4,278
Diocesan & Special Collectic	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Income	\$ 8,944	\$ 4,666	\$ 4,277

OTHER EXPENSES

Interest	\$ 3,100	\$ -	\$ 3,100
Diocesan & Special Collectic	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Fund Drive	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000
Youth Group	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Expenses	\$ 7,100	\$ -	\$ 7,100

Net Other Income \$ 1,844 \$ 4,666 \$ (2,823)

NET INCOME \$ 12,454 \$ 11,966 \$ 488

* Difference = actual - budget



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Quiere unirse a nuestros diferentes ministerios, por que "Nuestro bautismo nos llama a compartir la misión de Cristo". Si esta interesado favor de llamar a cualquier persona de los teléfonos de arriba de esta pagina.

MATRIMONIOS Y QUINCEAÑERAS

Para mas información sobre estos eventos por favor comuníquese con el Diacono Antonio Ramírez al (916) 381-5200.

CLASES PRE BAUTISMALES

Las clases Pre-Bautismales que son el último sábado del mes, de 3:45 Salón Parroquial

NOTA: Para evitar distracciones, por favor no traiga niños. También es necesario que pase a la oficina parroquial a registrar el niño/niña que desean bautizar, antes de atender a las pláticas pre-Bautismales, el horario de la oficina es 9:00 am a 4:00 pm. Las personas que vengán a clase deben presentar el recibo de la oficina.

BAUTISMOS

La celebración del Sacramento del Bautismo, es el primer sábado de cada mes a las 9:45 a.m., en la Iglesia

Requisitos: Haber atendido los padres y padrinos a las pláticas pre-Bautismales y traer comprobante si atendieron en otra parroquia. Padrinos y Madrinas: Si son pareja, que estén casados en la Iglesia Católica, y haber recibido los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana

NOTICIAS DIOCESANAS

Sábado 13 de Marzo, 202, 1pm-4pm

¡Llamando a todos los líderes catecaicos parroquiales!
Regístrese para reflexionar con Hermana María Teresa Montes Lara, O.P. El retiro ofrece un tiempo de oración y relexión. Favor de tener su biblia, sticky notes y una vela a la mano. Para obtener más información, comuníquese Deacon Kevin Stasz-kow al 916-733-0177 o kstaszkow@scd.org

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

7 de marzo de 2021

Yo soy el Señor, tu Dios . . .
No tendrás otros dioses fuera de mí.
— Éxodo 20:2a, 3

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

"LA LEY DEL SEÑOR ES PERFECTA . . ."

Para los judíos piadosos de la Palestina del siglo I, la Ley mosaica prescribía la forma en que cada acción de la vida se dedicaba a Dios. La lectura del libro del Éxodo nos dice cómo los Diez Mandamientos, la introducción a esta Ley amplia, se le da a Israel como un regalo por parte de Dios.

En los evangelios, Jesús es representado como un rabino, o alguien que estudió la Ley. El conocimiento de un rabino idealmente incluía tanto los preceptos de la Ley como su contemplación reverente como regalo de Dios, dentro de la cual uno podía escuchar la propia voz de Dios. Esta era la forma en que los rabinos a través de los siglos utilizaron la Ley para adaptarse a las circunstancias cambiantes. Esto parece ser lo que Jesús estaba haciendo con los cambistas en el Templo.

JESÚS, LA LEY, LOS JUDÍOS Y NOSOTROS

Cuando Jesús acusó a los cambistas de profanación y los sacó del Templo, los mirones preguntaron con qué autoridad hacía tal cosa. Después de todo, ¿qué no era un sacrilegio comprar animales para los sacrificios y pagar con monedas paganas? ¿No fue así como los judíos adoptaron el mandato romano? Jesús no dice nada acerca de eso, él sólo sabe que ese tipo de comercio dentro del Templo era un sacrilegio. En otras partes del Evangelio a Jesús se le critica por que no es lo suficiente estricto con la Ley, así como cuando come con prostitutas y recaudadores de impuestos, pero aquí está indicando algo "más".

Jesús está haciendo algo extraordinario, contrario a la práctica ordinaria, provocando a los mirones que pidan una señal, una evidencia de que Dios está obrando por medio de Jesús. Su insistencia para que los cambistas se vayan, su visión clara sobre "la casa de mi Padre" y su referencia enigmática a él mismo como un templo, son signos de su intimidad contemplativa con su Padre que es el origen de su autoridad sobre la Ley.

Los católicos, como los judíos del primer siglo, tienen nuestros medios habituales para vivir en la presencia de Dios. Nosotros tenemos la liturgia, los sacramentos, las devociones y la oración personal. Durante la Cuaresma, se nos pide que seamos un poco más estrictos con nosotros mismos, escuchando la propia voz de Dios. Si lo hacemos, podríamos descubrir que nosotros también estamos llamados a algo "más".

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LEALTAD TOTAL

En semanas anteriores hemos visto cómo el tema de la alianza, en preparación para la alianza bautismal que se celebra en Semana Santa, ocupa un lugar importante en nuestro ciclo de lecturas de Cuaresma. La noción de una alianza como una relación entre dos partes lleva consigo la expectativa de la responsabilidad mutua y la fidelidad a los términos del pacto. Cuando Dios forjó la alianza con el pueblo judío en el monte Sinaí, se trataba de una promesa de la protección de Dios, y que siempre les permitiría el acceso familiar como Pueblo Escogido. Por su parte, el pueblo judío debería observar los requisitos de la ley, que se resumen aquí en los Diez Mandamientos. Para estar en una relación de pacto con el Señor Dios requiere una relación exclusiva, al igual que ser discípulo de Jesús —que expresamos ritualmente en el Bautismo— exige una total lealtad a Él y a ningún otro.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios entrega los mandamientos al pueblo por medio de Moisés (Éxodo 20:1-7 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) o *Éxodo 17:3-7*.

Salmo — Señor, tú tienes palabras de vida eterna (Salmo 19 [18]) o *Salmo 95 (94)*.

Segunda lectura — Pablo proclama a Cristo crucificado; Cristo es el poder y la sabiduría de Dios (1 Corintios 1:22-25) o *Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Evangelio — Jesús echa a los mercaderes del templo y predice su resurrección (Juan 2:13-25) o *Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 40-42]*.

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma;
Primer Escrutinio

Lunes: San Juan de Dios

Martes: Santa Francisca Romana

Viernes: Abstinencia

EL CIELO

No podemos ver el cielo por el momento, pero a su debido tiempo, así como la nieve se derrite y descubre lo que yacía debajo, esta creación visible se desvanecerá ante las más gloriosas maravillas que son su causa.

—John Henry Newman

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15b; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lc 4:24-30

Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab,
6-7bc, 8-9;
Mt. 18:21-35

Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9;
Lc 11:14-23

Viernes: Hos 14:2-10; Sal 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34

Sábado: Os 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab;
Lc 18:9-14

Domingo: 2 Cr 36:14-16, 19-23; Sal 137 (136):1-6;
Ef 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Lecturas alternativas (Año A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6;
Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

FIESTA DE LA FE

El altar, símbolo de Cristo

Uno de los símbolos visibles al entrar a cualquier iglesia es el altar mismo. De hecho, en los años posteriores al Concilio Vaticano II, las nuevas construcciones tenían como centro al altar, y en torno a él, la asamblea. El altar es el símbolo de Cristo, del cordero inmolado; asimismo, es el lugar del sacrificio. A medida que en la Iglesia se fue desarrollando la teología eucarística desde la perspectiva del sacrificio, los altares fueron adquiriendo mayor importancia, dejando de ser soportes de madera y pasando a ser un elemento fijo, de una sola piedra, pues Cristo es la piedra angular. En razón de esta visión se comenzó a sepultar a los mártires bajo el altar, hasta que se llegó a la pequeña cavidad en la cual se depositaban las reliquias de los mártires. A partir del siglo XV aumentaron los símbolos de veneración al altar como símbolo de Cristo: el beso inicial, la incensación, la reverencia e inclusive, la prostración el Viernes Santo. Altar y mesa. Comunión y sacrificio.

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