

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

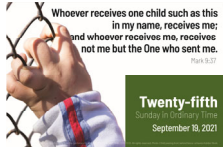
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SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—CYCLE B

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Deacon— Antonio Ramirez



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Mass Schedules and other Services

Weekdays [M-T-Th-F]: 8:00 AM (English)

No mass on Wednesdays

First Saturday: 8:00 AM (English)

Saturday: 4:00 pm English Anticipated Sunday Mass

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (livestream) and 11:00 AM English; 1:00 PM Spanish Mass (livestream)

Holy Hour: First Friday 7-8 PM

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

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
Spanish Coordinators	Ma. Consuelo Gutierrez	916.607.1162
	Aracely Narvaez	916.383.6719
RCIA for Adults	Angie Lovett	916.803.6463
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	Rector's Office	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	Rector's Office	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	Rector's Office	916.381.5200

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 7:30am	Nina Laconsay	
9:00am	Le Pham	
11:00am	Romeo Sembrano	
Hospitality Ministry	Anita Fong	916-689-9418
Ministry of the Word	Rector's Office	916.381.5200
Ministry Sick and Homebound	Dale & Kit Yamamoto	916.895.1441
Music Ministry	Sr. Elizabeth Siguenza, RVM	
Liturgy Committee	Rector's Office	916-381-5200
Wedding Coordinator	Le Pham	
	stpaulwedcoordinator@gmail.com	

Philanthropic Ministries and Groups

Catholic Daughters of the Americas	Michelle Eck	916.524.5097
Knights of Columbus	Vince Neuburger	916-524-8792

Religious Movements and Groups

Couples for Christ	Billy/Virgie Monteagudo	916.688.0776
	Chris & Rena Torres	916.873.7969
Families in Christ Jesus Com'ty.	Angie Lovett	916.803.6463
	Rhett & Monica Tejada	916.308.8764
Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague	Minda Miguel	916.837.8527
Family Prayer Group (MIJ of Prague)	Romeo Sembrano	916.599.7195

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.



MON:	9/20	Basa, Asay & Lim Families (Prayers for Thanksgiving)
TUE:	9/21	Candida Ramirez † (Birthday Remembrance) Virginia Lumbang † (Death Anniversary)
WED:	9/22	NO HOLY MASS
THUR:	9/23	Mary Esther Peña † (Recent Death) Anthony Li Jovita Beltram (Prayers for Healing)
FRI:	9/24	AJ Safrans and Cheriyah Dizon (Special Intentions)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalms — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset
Tuesday:	St. Matthew
Wednesday:	Autumn begins
Thursday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

OUR BEST

The more the world is at its worst, the more we need the Church at its best.

—Anonymous



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.

— James 3:18

THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. There must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

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FEAST OF FAITH

Doxology and Amen

"Doxology" comes from a Greek word meaning "words of praise." The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology addressed to the triune God: "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." It is an exclamation of praise, honor, and glory to God, reminding us that we receive everything from God through the Son, in the power of the Spirit. At the consecration, the priest held up the host and then the chalice for us to see and adore. During the doxology, the host and chalice are held up again, but this time they are held up and offered to God the Father. With the doxology, the Eucharistic Prayer ends, as it began, with words of praise addressed to the Father: truly, it is right and just to give God praise, and we assent to this in our whole-hearted acclamation, "Amen." Never was more meaning packed into so short a word. This "Amen," sometimes and fittingly called "the great Amen," is our response to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

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Worried?
Need Help?

You are not alone.
We can help.

The Gabriel Project
Call: 800-910-0191

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's first two readings present a striking contrast between two pathways in life. In Wisdom and the letter from James we are told of the path of the wicked, which leads to oppression and violence. We also hear of the path of the faithful, which leads to peace and human flourishing. Then our Gospel reading from Mark takes our reflection farther. The choice is shown to be not so simple or obvious. The path of faithfulness means following Jesus' lead, to expand our circle of care toward everyone, especially the most vulnerable. This path also includes opening ourselves to suffering and trials, as we face resistance from within and from outside us. The two paths essentially diverge over whether we refuse or accept God's love. Each day we face such choices as God invites us into the divine circle of care and enlists us to extend our own circle to those around us.

WHO IS HONORED

Today's Gospel passage has two parts: Jesus' announcement again of his coming suffering and death, and a scene with the disciples arguing about who is the "greatest." Mark places these scenes next to each other to emphasize the disciples' failure to understand. Their petty argument was the opposite of what Jesus had described as the way to follow him. The disciples were following the common understanding of group status: to honor the influential and those who seem to contribute the most. Jesus points to the opposite: he honors the vulnerable, the "least" in the community; in this case, a child. And he honors those who welcome the child.

Mark was addressing his own community in the early Church, who were seeking to learn how to live their faith. His questions may be important for us too. Who is honored in our faith community, and why? How do we honor those whom we set as examples? Who benefits from this different kind of "greatness"?

ASK THE HARD QUESTIONS

Twice in today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are reduced to silence. First when Jesus describes his future suffering and death, and again when caught in their argument about who is the greatest. Perhaps they were afraid to really understand his teachings because of what it might cost them. Maybe they were afraid of being seen as ignorant by Jesus and especially by each other. What if they had dared to admit their confusion and ignorance and asked Jesus hard questions? Would Jesus have welcomed them?

Jesus presents a child who is to be welcomed and embraced. The child sets an example: it is the child who knows that he or she doesn't know. The child is free to ask "childlike" questions, and is open to answers. What if, in the intimacy of our prayer, we asked Jesus our own hard, embarrassing questions: about life, about ourselves and our relationships, about God? How might our relationship with God then change?

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BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Joseph Ash	Rosa Linda Basquez	Eleonor Chandler
Martin Vasquez	Fernando Barajas	James Hoppis
Richard Ganahl	Enrique Loret De Mola	Frances Nuñez
Bernardino Naci6n	Esther Navarro Pisi	Brigida Mendoza
Marilyn Yelo	Jimmy Alex Agregado	Cruz Gutierrez
Aproniana Marquez	Carmel Hernandez	Martin Jaquez
Long Kuayork	Velia Nubla	Manuel Nuñez
Robert Benton	Bienvenido Acosta	Gwen Angelica Norodo-
Betty Virgen	Ador Ruz	ra
Carmelita Gervacio	Teofila Basa	
Roberto Juan	Cynthia Heimericks	
Berg Latorre	Olivia Nelson	
Marina Asban	Renato Abenojar	
Carlos Salazar	Rose Arbuckle	
Beatriz Tovera	Yoshiaki Robert Ito	
Robert Daclan	Aukusitino Iulio Jr	

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

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Merle C. Larios & Reesa Laguador, Alicia Raya & Family, Jose & Nancy Silva, Luis Rivas & Family, Jovanny Hernandez & Briza Batres Aguilera & Family, Sixtus & Grace Aliriagwu & Family, Jose Flores & Angeles Sanchez & Family, Grindys Galvez Hermida & Family, Carmen Lopez Cazarez & Family, Valentin Gutierrez & Maria Cano & Family, Tricia Rivera & Family, Yvonne Poe & Anaconta Flores, Emmanuel and Ma. Melinda Dabay and Family, Sophia Denisse Gueco & Jonas Niel Mazon, Iliana Dominguez and Family, Hardeep Singh, Jorge Mungia Jr & Kristina Aganon, Brian & Cristina Ibarra, Edgar Leal, Zenon & Lenie Tocmo and Family, Wendy and Jaime Sebastian, Oanh Nguyen (John, Caleb, Kyle), Dante & Cynthia Pacia; Francesco Baglieri; Gabriela, Miguel, Julian Angelica Emma Cañada; Wesley, Cynthia Murase; Claire B. de Castro, Gary and Noah Rata, Anthony Arellano & Brandy Chapman and Family, Elena Ortiz and Family, Jose & Leticia Ochoa and Family, Beatriz Perez & Arturo Flores and Family, Maria Tong and Family, Enith Camacho and Family, Carlos & Cynthia Rodriguez and Family, Desire Mendoza and Family, Pedro & Deissy Hernandez Silva and Family; Ha Le, Tony Lee, David Le, William Cheng

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 916-381-5200 or go to our website and register to any ministry you are inclined to serve.

SICK PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Priscilla Wong	Lori Martenia	Mary Scardello
Shirley Robinson	Eva Rollins	Rodrigo Reyes
Monica Cordero	Robert Cordero	Erlinda Cordero
Virginia Collier	Tess Carrasca	George Basquez
Jean Hesse	Eduardo Cruz	Susan Ray Sudduth
Michael Delgado	Joan Ganahl	Carol Chavez
Jackie Martin	Floyd White Jr	Gilda Jeronimo
James Solari	Arlene Ellis.	Norberta Bamford
Elizabeth Solari	Myrla Cruz	Cecilia Matanguihan-
Maria Lopez	Loretta Miller	Rivera
Raymond Gutierrez	Virginia Campos	Kim Nguyen
Doreathea Viltz	Simplicio Baja	Belisario Monteagudo
Virginia Thomas	Leonida Despi	Anita Basquez Fong
Elnora Williams	Alberto Horcables	Jack Fontes
Barbara Sules	Jackie Gleming	
Bethany Lewis	Mason Kyle Vazquez	
Richard Onia	Ana Bouza Mercado	
Janelle Flores	Robert Cushing	

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
Janee 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	

HELP IN MOUNTING THE MONITORS

We need help in mounting the two monitors on the pillars of the church above the speakers. The pillars are hollow, therefore, they need braces, like the two speakers, to hold the monitors securely. If you know anybody who can professionally install those braces, kindly contact the office. Thank you.

MINISTRY DAYS POSTPONED

Unfortunately, out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to postpone Ministry Days/Jornada Pastoral until the Spring in hopes of hosting a safe in person gathering. We are working with the venue to determine a new date and will send that out as soon as we have it. Stay-tuned for more information at www.ministrydays.com! If you have already registered that registration will be carried over to our new date or can be refunded. For more Information contact Jennifer Campbell at jcampbell@scd.org or 916-733-0135.

We would also like to share the news that we are co-sponsoring, along with the archdioceses and dioceses of Fresno, Honolulu, Las Vegas, Monterey, Reno, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Jose and Stockton, an online catechetical conference November 4-6. The theme of the conference is "Hope, Heal, Renew: Our Journey Continues." Registration for this conference is open at <https://www.hopehealrenew.org/>

Becoming A Man with the Father's Heart - Retreat for Fathers, Father Figures and all Men

Saturday, October 16, 2021 | 9am - 5pm | \$25 / person (Lunch included) St. Philomene Church, 2428 Bell St., Sacramento, CA 95825 "Man with the Father's Heart". We invite all men 18 years and older to come for a day of conversation, prayer and community, where we will discover what our Lord is calling us to become: "An Obedient Father like St. Joseph". Includes keynotes by Bishop Jaime Soto (virtually), Rev. Loreto "Bong" Rojas (Holy Spirit Parish), Sean Bryan (the Papal Ninja), and Deacon Ken Crawford (St. Clare Parish), as well as opportunities for confessions, participation in Mass and Holy Hour. Register by October 11: <https://tinyurl.com/josephretreat> For more information, contact Alejandro Barraza at 916-733-0134 or abarraza@scd.org

FLOWER AND PLANT DECORATIONS

We need help in procuring plants and flowers for church decoration. We are grateful for your gener-

osity.

SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA FIESTA and 500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

We are inviting you to the 10th Annual Diocesan Fiesta of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila and 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines. It will be celebrated in St. Clare Catholic Church Roseville on September 29, 2021 (Wednesday). The Mass will be at 6:30 p.m. and Bishop Jaime Soto will preside it. Free food & entertainment will follow the mass.

In connection to this, the Novena Mass for the fiesta will be done in 9 different parishes every day. Our assigned day for the novena mass will be on September 21 (Tuesday) at 6PM in our church.

WE ARE CALLED TO BE MINISTERS

Being baptized and confirmed do not end just there. We are not just passive Christians but are expected to be active Christians. Do you remember the parable of the talents? God is expecting us to make use of those talents and not just keep or bury them on the ground. We are called to grow in our faith by our participation in the work evangelization. One of the ways in which we can do this is to join a ministry or two to bear fruits in our faith. It would be a blessing on our part and also on the church. It is a way of serving the church and God too. Whatever we received as a blessing, we return it as a blessing too in the ministries.

On the first page of this bulletin you can find the different areas of the ministry of our church. Find one that befits your charisma and call the respective chairperson to join.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

2021 - 2022 Retreats

Spanish: November 19-21, 2021

English: February 4-6, 2022

English: August 12-14, 2022

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful abortion emotions and begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For information Call 916.733.0161 or email projectrachel@scd.org. All messages are confidential.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



PROFIT AND LOSS FOR AUGUST 2021

Last Month Contributions

August 1-30, 2021

Contributions	Amount
Description	
Monthly Offertory	\$ 2,880.00
Maintenance Fund	
Building Fund	\$ 1,055.00
Offertory Catch Up	\$ 1,285.00
Weekly Offertory	\$ 2,480.00
Other	\$ 160.00
Total:	\$ 7,860.00

This Year Contributions

January 1 - September 13, 2021

Contributions	Amount
Description	
Weekly Offertory	\$ 21,390.00
Monthly Offertory	\$ 21,300.00
Building Fund	\$ 7,550.00
One Time Gift	\$ 3,591.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 2,845.00
Offertory Catch Up	\$ 3,642.00
Other	\$ 810.00
Total:	\$ 61,128.00

This Month Contributions

September 1-13, 2021

Contributions	Amount
Description	
Monthly Offertory	\$2,205.00
Maintenance Fund	
Building Fund	\$525.00
Offertory Catch Up	
Weekly Offertory	\$270.00
Other	\$115.00
Total:	\$3,115.00

INCOME

Offertory	\$ 28,085.42
Sacramental Services	\$ 4,386.00
Use of Plant Facilities	\$ 95.00
Religious Articles & Books	\$ 178.32
Donations & Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 420.00
Religious Education	\$ 6,625.00
Parish Programs (RCIA)	\$ 575.00
Other Receipts	\$ 684.00
Total Income	\$ 41,048.74

EXPENSES

Salaries & Wages	\$ 8,234.04
Payroll Taxes	\$ 123.85
Employee Benefits	\$ 2,618.05
Automotive	\$ 892.70
Church	\$ 5,039.47
Rectory	\$ 1,176.67
Parish Center/Office	\$ 2,716.43
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 2,581.00
Charitable Donations	\$ 650.00
Hall	
Religious Education	
Other Expenditures	\$ 899.58
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 4,552.08
Total Ordinary Expenses	\$ 29,483.87

Net Operating Income \$ 11,564.87

OTHER INCOME

Building Fund	\$ 2,428.13
Special Maintenance	\$ 102.00
Designated Gift (Non Operating)	\$ 4,412.00
Diocesan & Special Collections	\$ 20.00
Total Other Income	\$ 6,962.13

OTHER EXPENSES

Capital Expenditures	\$ 2,596.47
Diocesan & Special Collections	
Diocesan Loan Remittance	
Total Other Expenses	\$ 2,596.47

Net Non-Operating Income \$ 4,365.66

NET TOTAL INCOME \$ 15,930.53

OUR WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

The total collections for the weekend of September 5: **\$ 5,937.86**

MINISTERIOS HISPANOS

Sacristanes	Miguel Mendez Antonio Morales	916-715-5413 916-230.9591
Formación en la Fe Católica : Coordinadoras:	María C. Gutiérrez Aracely Narváez	916.383.6719 916.383.6719
Ministerio de Comunión:	Kelly & Irma Méndez	916.642.3109
Ministerio de la Palabra:	María C. Gutiérrez	916.395.7219
Ministerios Servidores del Altar: Jóvenes		
Francisca Martínez		916.997.1568
— coordinadora de los niños		
Liliana. Ramírez		916.687-1712
Ministros de Hospitalidad:		
José Luis Sánchez		916.457.4713
Miguel Méndez		916.715.5413
Antonio Morales		916.230.9591
Magdiel Solís		510.938-6135
Ministerio de Música de Niños: Covadonga Barrón		916.670.9619
Ministerio de Música de Adultos: Ramiro Mendoza		916.670.5727
Vocaciones:	Guadalupe Salinas	916.955.2150
Virgen de Guadalupe	Ramona Cervantes	916.549.8114
Bautismos	Diacono Ramírez	916.381.5200

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

LO MEJOR

Mientras más malo sea el mundo, mucho más necesitamos que la Iglesia sea lo mejor. —Anónimo

POSIBILIDADES

Todo es posible para el que cree, más para el que espera, y mucho más para el que ama. —San Lorenzo



Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
19 de septiembre de 2021
Los pacíficos siembran la paz y cosechan frutos de justicia.

— Santiago 3:18

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

VIGÉSIMO QUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Las primeras dos lecturas de hoy presentan un contraste sorprendente entre dos caminos de la vida. En el libro de la Sabiduría y en la carta de Santiago se nos habla del camino de los malvados, el cual conduce a la opresión y la violencia. También escuchamos del camino de los fieles, que conduce a la paz y al florecimiento humano. Luego, nuestra lectura del Evangelio de Marcos lleva más lejos a nuestra reflexión. Se muestra que la elección no es tan sencilla ni obvia. El camino de la fidelidad significa seguir el ejemplo de Jesús, para ampliar nuestro círculo de atención hacia todos, especialmente a los más vulnerables. Este camino también incluye abrirnos nosotros mismos al sufrimiento y a las pruebas, ya que nos enfrentamos a la resistencia desde dentro y desde fuera de nosotros. Los dos caminos se apartan esencialmente si rechazamos o aceptamos el amor de Dios. Cada día nos enfrentamos a estas decisiones, ya que Dios nos invita a entrar en el círculo divino del cuidado y nos alista para extender nuestro propio círculo a quienes están alrededor de nosotros.

QUIÉN ES HONRADO

El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy tiene dos partes. El anuncio de Jesús de nuevo de su próximo sufrimiento y muerte, y una escena con los discípulos debatiendo sobre quien es el "más importante". Marcos pone estas escenas una al lado de la otra para enfatizar la falta de comprensión de los discípulos. Su debate insignificante era lo opuesto de lo que Jesús había descrito como la forma de seguirlo. Los discípulos seguían la noción común del estatus del grupo: honrar a los poderosos y a quienes parecen que contribuyen más. Jesús señala lo opuesto: él honra a los vulnerables, a los "menos" en la comunidad; en este caso, un niño. Y él honra a quienes reciben y aprecian al niño.

Marcos se dirigía a su propia comunidad en la Iglesia primitiva, que buscaba conocer cómo vivir su fe. Sus preguntas también pueden ser importantes para nosotros. ¿Quién es honrado en nuestra comunidad de fe, y por qué? ¿Cómo honramos a quienes ponemos como ejemplo? ¿Quién se beneficia de este tipo diferente de "grandeza"?

HACER LAS PREGUNTAS DIFÍCILES

En dos ocasiones en el Evangelio de hoy, los discípulos de Jesús se ven apocados al silencio. Primero cuando Jesús describe su futuro sufrimiento y muerte, y de nuevo cuando se ven atrapados en su discusión sobre quién es el más importante. Tal vez tenían miedo de entender realmente sus enseñanzas por lo que podría costarles. Tal vez tenían miedo de ser vistos como ignorantes por Jesús y especialmente por los demás. ¿Y si se hubieran atrevido a admitir su confusión e ignorancia y hubieran hecho preguntas difíciles a Jesús? ¿Los habría escogido?

Jesús presenta a un niño al que hay que acoger y abrazar. El niño da un ejemplo: es el niño quien sabe que no sabe. El niño es libre de hacer preguntas "infantiles" y está abierto a las respuestas. ¿Qué pasaría si, en la intimidad de nuestra oración, le hiciéramos a Jesús nuestras preguntas difíciles y vergonzosas, sobre la vida, sobre nosotros mismos y nuestras relaciones y sobre Dios? ¿Cómo podría cambiar nuestra relación con Dios?

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El que desea ser primero tiene que hacerse siervo de todos



Si alguien quiere ser el primero, que sea el servidor de todos.



El que RECIBA en mi nombre a uno de estos Niños, a mí ME RECIBE

VIGÉSIMO QUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

EL SIGNIFICADO DE SER DISCIPULOS

La geografía del Evangelio de hoy es importante. Jesús completa su ministerio en Galilea y comienza su viaje a Jerusalén, donde se encontrará con su muerte y resurrección. La predicción de su muerte que aparece aquí es la segunda de tres en el Evangelio según San Marcos, y como de costumbre, es ocasión para una enseñanza importante de parte de Jesús. Hoy esta lección está ligada a la necesidad de un ministerio de servicio. Un juego de palabras arameas vinculaban las palabras “niño” y “servidor”, y por eso el gesto de Jesús de tomar “a un niño [poniéndolo] en medio de ellos” indica cómo se veía a sí mismo: como el Siervo del Señor. Es esta misma conciencia del significado del ministerio que Jesús (y Marcos) desean inculcar en sus discípulos. El ministerio de ellos deberá ser de servicio para que puedan seguir las huellas de Jesús. Y ese servicio podría incluso requerir de ellos que se “entregaran” a la muerte. ¿Cuál habría sido, en la cultura del tiempo de Jesús, una conversación normal sobre el estatus social (“quién es el más importante”) se convierte para Marcos en una idea clave sobre el significado de qué es ser discípulos para sus seguidores de entonces y para nosotros.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios ayudará y liberará a los justos (Sabiduría 2:12, 17-20).

Salmo — El Señor es quien me ayuda (Salmo 54 [53]).

Segunda lectura — La sabiduría trae consigo muchas bendiciones (Santiago 3:16 — 4:3).

Evangelio — Jesús enseña a sus discípulos a tener humildad y sencillez como la de un niño (Marcos 9:30-37).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Esd 1:1-6; Sal 126 (125):1b-6; Lc 8:16-18
Martes:	Ef 4:1-7, 11-13; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Miércoles:	Esd 9:5-9; Tob:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lc 9:1-6
Jueves:	Ag 1:1-8; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lc 9:7-9
Viernes:	Ag 2:1-9; Sal 43 (42):1-4; Lc 9:18-22
Sábado:	Zac 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lc 9:43b-45
Domingo:	Nm 11:25-29; Sal 19 (18):8, 10, 12-14; Sant 5:1-6; Mc 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo:	Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Domingo Catequético
Lunes:	Santos Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Pablo Chŏng Ha-sang y compañeros; Sukot (el día judío para celebrar la cosecha) comienza a la puesta del sol
Martes:	San Mateo
Miércoles:	Comienza el otoño
Jueves:	San Pío de Pietrelcina (Padre Pío)
Sábado:	Santa María Virgen

FIESTA DE LA FE

La fracción del pan

Uno de los primeros nombres que se dio a la celebración eucarística era precisamente este: “la fracción del pan”. De hecho, Lucas es muy preciso al relatarnos que los discípulos de Emaús lo reconocieron “en la fracción del pan”. En la celebración, el sacerdote fracciona la hostia o el pan y deposita una parte menor en el cáliz que contiene la Sangre del Señor, significando así la gloriosa resurrección, un misterio pascual total. Esta acción de partir un mismo pan antes de compartirlo nos recuerda que somos miembros de un solo cuerpo. El pan es precisamente para eso, para compartirse y esta acción de partir el pan nos recuerda la obligación moral que tenemos de compartir nuestro propio pan con quien tiene hambre y, de hacer que la vida propia sea ese mismo pan de vida que comulgamos. El pan ha de ser compartido sin medida alguna, tal y como la vida misma ha de compartirse. Cristo mismo realizó esta acción: “tomó, bendijo, partió y compartió”. Es necesario romper nuestra vida para darla a los demás, a ejemplo de Cristo. —Miguel Arias, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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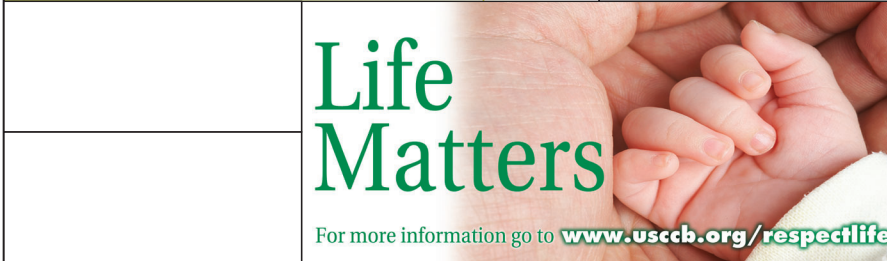
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DECORACIONES DE FLORES Y PLANTAS

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JORNADA PASTORAL

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