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Schedule of Masses/Horario de Misas

Saturday.....5:00pm
Sabado.....6:30pm español
Sunday.....7:30 am & 10:00 am
Domingo.....12:00 pm español
Weekdays.....8:00am

Holy Days

English.....8:00 am
Español.....6:00 pm

First Friday

Holy Hour..... 8:30 am-5:00pm
Mass.....5:00 pm

Sacraments

Confession/Saturday 3:45pm-4:45pm
Baptism.....1st & 3rd Sat. 11:00 am English
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Marriage.....6 months advance notice

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Exposicion del Santisimo: *Due to the pandemic we are no longer exposing the Blessed Sacrament till further notice. / Debido a la pandemia el Santisimo no estara expuesto hasta nuevo aviso.*

Veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina/Veneracion a la Reliquia de Sor. Faustina: The 3rd Thursday of each month at 3:00pm/ Cada 3er Jueves de cada mes a las 3:00 pm.

Palm Sunday/ Domingo de Ramos 2022



I waited all year for this day to witness the tradition of the Church to begin the Holy Week. The blessing of the palm indicating the solemn and triumphant entrance of Jesus to the city of Jerusalem. The parish of St. Michael, both the English and the Hispanic community have prepared to relive the joyful spirit of Jesus in His triumph over the power of darkness and the coming of His suffering. The church was beautifully decorated with red carpet and the altar looked very gorgeous with red altar linens with royalty accent. The blessing of palms in English was well participated by our people with many children, attending catechism classes waiving their palms when Msg. Gus was blessing it.

The Hispanic community portrayed the solemn entrance of Jesus in Jerusalem with the Roman Soldiers and Jesus was riding on the donkey. It was very spectacular event in the parish and hundreds of the parishioners participated. What happened in Jerusalem more than two thousand years ago, it is now happening in our parish, making his entrance very much alive. What a blessing to be able to relive this in our church today.

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Please contact parish office for more details: (209) 931-0639

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When Margie Smiles

God said to Jesus, time to rise and shine, and Jesus said just 10 minutes Dad, and God said, you resurrect this minute young man!

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Our Gifts to the Lord

April 2022

Budgeted Offertory	\$	25,000.00
Weekly Collection	\$	13,041.93
Month to Date	\$	22,821.19
Difference (month)	\$	2,178.81

Thanks for your generous offerings!
Please continue to use your church envelopes.



APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
ABRIL ES NACIONAL ABUSO INFANTIL MES DE LA PREVENCIÓN

April is designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Throughout the year, but especially in the month of April, all are asked to increase awareness, to educate ourselves and our community, and to seek healing for those who have been impacted by abuse. Did you know . . . Hope is rising. Throughout scripture there is evidence that we are called to be ambassadors of hope and healing. Children of abuse, victims of crimes, their families and loved ones need to know that their voices are heard. Each of us has a unique ability to support individuals who are hurting, to promote healthy relationships and to build communities that are safe from those who may want to do harm. How has God called you to be an ambassador of hope and healing?

Abril está designado como el Mes Nacional de Prevención del Abuso Infantil. Durante todo el año, pero especialmente en el mes de abril, se les pide a todos que tengamos más conciencia, que nos informemos y eduquemos a nuestra comunidad, y que busquemos la sanación de aquellos que han sido afectados por el abuso. Sabías que. . . La esperanza surge. A lo largo de las Escrituras hay evidencia de que estamos llamados a ser embajadores de esperanza y sanación. Los niños de abuso, las víctimas de delitos, sus familias y seres queridos necesitan saber que sus voces son escuchadas. Cada uno de nosotros tiene una capacidad única para apoyar a las personas que están sufriendo, para promover relaciones saludables y para construir comunidades que estén a salvo de los que quieren hacerles daño. ¿Cómo te ha llamado Dios a ser un embajador de la esperanza y la sanación?

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Training Dates:

Spanish:

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Lectors' Training - 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Communion Ministers' Training- 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

English:

Saturday, April 30, 2022

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Communion Ministers' Training- 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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Please pre-register using the attached form or online at www.stocktondiocese.org/liturgical-training.

Pre-registrations are due on **Monday, April 4, 2022.**

For more information, contact: Isela Quezada or Cynthia Chavez
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Horario y Fecha de los Entrenamientos:

Español:

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Entrenamiento de Lectores - 9:00 am a 12:30 pm

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Inglés:

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Entrenamiento de Lectores - 9:00 am a 12:30 pm

Entrenamiento de Ministros de Comunión - 1:30 pm a 4:30 pm

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Iglesia de Santa María de la Asunción
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Costo:

Cada entrenamiento (Lector o Ministro de Comunión) cuesta \$20.
Lunch will not be provided. Bring your sack lunch!

Favor de preinscribirse usando la forma adjunta o a través de nuestra pagina de red al www.stocktondiocese.org/entrenamiento-liturgico.

Preinscríbase antes del **lunes, 4 de Abril de 2022.**

Para más información comuníquese con: Isela Quezada o Cynthia Chavez
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Parish Updates/*Actualizaciones Parroquiales

04-15-2022-Bishop’s Ministry Appeal-We want to thank the **128 Donors** (up from 124) who have donated to the Bishop’s Ministry Appeal!! In addition, we have increased our total of **\$48,225.00 to \$48,450.00 in One Time Gifts and Pledge payments**. We continue to pray that **EVERYONE** joins together, as we are so very close to meeting our **Diocesan goal of \$55,326.00** and more importantly, our **parish goal of \$80,000!!!** Just a reminder that whatever monies go over and above our Diocesan goal, we will use for the sorely needed **re-modeling of the classrooms connected to the Church**.

04-15-2022-Llamamiento del Ministerio del Obispo-¡Queremos agradecer a los **128 Donantes** (en comparación con 124) que han donado al Llamamiento del Ministerio del Obispo!! Además, hemos aumentado nuestro total de **\$48,225.00 a \$48,450.00 en pagos únicos de Regalos y Promesas**. Continuamos orando para que **TODOS** se unan, ya que estamos muy cerca de cumplir con nuestra **meta diocesana de \$ 55,326.00** y, lo que es más importante, nuestra **meta parroquial de \$ 80,000!!!** Solo un recordatorio de que cualquier dinero que vaya más allá de nuestro objetivo diocesano, lo usaremos para la remodelación tan necesaria **de las aulas conectadas a la Iglesia**.

04-08-2022- Thank-you to the following parishioners who have generously donated to the **Rose Liel Project**:

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Second Collection/ Segunda Colecta

There will be a second collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeals -April 23 & 24th

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Respect Life Ministry:

“Any policy that violates the natural right to life that belongs to an innocent person is unjust and therefore is incapable of having the force of law.” The Gospel of Life, 90. The Church does not say that laws allowing abortion are just ‘bad laws. 'Rather, they are acts of violence, and must be resisted rather than obeyed. To be valid and binding, a law must never contradict the law of God.”

Prayer: Father, as we live amidst unjust laws, give us the grace to recognize them as invalid to say so to others, and to work to change them. Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day, by Fr. Frank Pavone

Ministerio Respeto a La Vida:

"Cualquier política que viole el derecho natural a la vida que pertenece a una persona inocente es injusta y, por lo tanto, es incapaz de tener fuerza de ley". *El Evangelio de la Vida*, 90. La Iglesia no dice que las leyes que permiten el aborto sean sólo "malas leyes". "Más bien, son actos de violencia, y deben ser resistidos en lugar de obedecidos. Para ser válida y vinculante, una ley nunca debe contradecir la ley de Dios".

Oración: Padre, mientras vivimos en medio de leyes injustas, danos la gracia de reconocerlas como inválidas para decirlo a los demás, y de trabajar para cambiarlas. *Reflexiones pro-vida para cada día*, por el p. Frank Pavone



Baby Bottle Drive

On April 30/May 1, the Respect Life Ministry will be handing out baby bottles to raise funds for Directions Medical Clinic, our local alternative to abortion. Your support helps provide accurate information and compassionate assistance to women who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. Their free and confidential services include: pregnancy testing, limited ultrasounds, pregnancy options education, parenting classes, baby clothes, diapers and furniture plus post abortion healing classes.





Colecta de Biberones

El 30 de abril/1 de mayo, el Ministerio Respeto a la Vida entregará biberones para recaudar fondos para Directions Medical Clinic, nuestra alternativa local al aborto. Su apoyo ayuda a proporcionar información precisa y asistencia compasiva a las mujeres que se encuentran en un embarazo no planificado. Sus servicios gratuitos y confidenciales incluyen: pruebas de embarazo, ecografías limitadas, educación sobre opciones de embarazo, clases para padres, ropa para bebés, pañales y muebles, además de clases de curación posaborto.



Easter Sunday/ Domingo de Pascua

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "think about the things above rather than things of earth." We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad! *En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo les recuerda a los Colosenses que ellos han sido resucitados con Cristo, exhortándolos a que "se preocupen por las cosas de arriba, no por las de la tierra". Nosotros también, hemos sido resucitados con Cristo. ¡Regocijemonos y alegrémonos!*

Mass Intentions for the Week Year C:		Wong Family Intentions
Saturday 8:00 PM	April 16th Jose Galvez † Wong Family Intentions Andrew Magnasco † Bob Foppiano † Craig Crumpacker † Elsie Sanguinetti † Jaime Kerr (Birthday Intention)	5:00PM Elsie Sanguinetti † Guenther Reitnauer † Craig Crumpacker † Lillian Bava † Fermin & Transito Razo † Maria Cortes † Felipe Cortes †
Sunday 7:30AM	April 17th Loretta Wiebe † All Souls in Purgatory Lillian Mazzanti † Guenther Reitnauer † Merses Ormund † Larry Silveira †	Readings for the Week Monday Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Ps 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28: 8-15 Tuesday Acts 2: 36-41; Ps 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22; Jn 20: 11-18 Wednesday Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35 Thursday Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48 Friday Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 & 4,22-24,25-27a; Ps 118:24; Jn 21:1-14 Saturday Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15 Sunday Second Sunday of Easter Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
10:00AM	Lillian Bava † Elsie Sanguinetti † Manuel Trovao † Maria Parente † Nieva Malacad †	
12:00PM	Diego Perez Huerta †	
Monday 8:00AM	April 18th Tom Bielejeski † Maria Bernardo † Bob Foppiano † Unborn Babies	
Tuesday 8:00AM	April 19th Cleaveland School Victims Elsie Sanguinetti † All Souls in Purgatory	
Wednesday 8:00AM	April 20th Maria de Jesus Pichardo 89th Birthday Yolanda & Ivan Hamlow	
Thursday 8:00AM	April 21st Nell & Ben Giannecchini † Jack Ospital † Dennis Green † All Priest & Nuns	
Friday 8:00AM	April 22nd Josephine & Antonio Piccoli † Greta Hermann † All Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday 8:00 PM	April 23rd Yolanda & Ivan Hamlow † Clarence Marvin Hughes † Marie Johnston †	

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. *Dios Todopoderoso y Eterno, Tú eres la salud eterna de aquellos que creen en Ti. Escúchanos por Tus siervos enfermos por quienes imploramos la ayuda de Tu tierna misericordia, para que siendo restaurados a la salud corporal, puedan darte gracias en Tu Iglesia. Por Cristo nuestro Señor.*

Prayers for the Sick: Ma Lourdes Q. Fua, Ruth Huber, Sharon Lemos, Skip Bowe, Valeti Fakava, Lourdes Parada, Bill Wakeland, Jesus Espinoza, Norma Padilla, Malia Tesimoni, Deni Castle, Don Barrows, Michael Cowan, Louise Barbagelata, Judy Aguila, Ted Kerr, Natalie Tinoco, Sean Murphy, Gloria Biglieri, Ron Misasi...*Please call the office to add or remove your loved ones name. 209-931-0639*

Gospel Reflection: Matthew 20:1-16; In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

Family Connection

The workers in this parable sound very much like squabbling children, comparing what they have each been given and making complaints to the parent. Among children there is a tendency to equate love with gifts and material things. This tendency can devolve into a spirit of entitlement, which runs counter to the spirit of gratitude. Any effort we make to overcome this tendency, to keep love from being entwined with gifts and possessions, will enable our children to accept completely the love that God gives freely and generously. Observe together any tendency within your family to make comparisons. Are children sometimes heard saying that another child received a greater portion of a favorite food at dinner or dessert? Does one person complain that a parent spends more time with one child over another? Ask if such comparisons are helpful. Discuss together why such comparisons are made. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16. Consider these questions: Why do the workers grumble? Is the landowner's assessment accurate? Unfortunately, we are sometimes like these workers when we make the comparisons we discussed earlier. Conclude in prayer together remembering that love cannot and ought not to be measured. Sit quietly together acknowledging God's great love for each person as individuals and for your family. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 145, or the Lord's Prayer.

What is Easter?

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. **The Paschal Candle** used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations. The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14) "What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind;... So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one." (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49)

Reflexión del Evangelio: Mateo 20:1-16; En la parábola de los obreros de la viña, Jesús enseña acerca de la misericordia generosa de Dios.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús se mueve de Galilea para enseñar en Judea, donde es buscado por grandes multitudes y probado por los fariseos en temas como el matrimonio y el divorcio. Jesús también se encuentra con un joven rico que es incapaz de aceptar la demanda de Jesús de que deje sus posesiones para seguirlo. La respuesta de Jesús al joven rico suena muy parecida a la conclusión que encontraremos en el Evangelio de hoy: el primero será el último y el último será el primero.

En la superficie, la parábola de los trabajadores en el viñedo parece ser una ofensa al sentido común. Aquellos que trabajan un día más largo deberían recibir más dinero que aquellos que trabajan solo una o dos horas. Cuando se ve de esta manera, el terrateniente parece injusto. Esto se debe a que estamos leyendo en la parábola nuestras propias nociones preconcebidas de cómo se deben cuantificar la justicia y la igualdad.

Una lectura atenta nos muestra que el terrateniente pagó en los términos que se negociaron. El terrateniente, al parecer, ha actuado con total justicia. Sin embargo, la parábola va más allá de eso, y llegamos a ver que el terrateniente no es simplemente justo, es excepcionalmente justo. Es radicalmente justo. Él ha dado a aquellos que trabajaron en el campo durante un día completo su debido pago. Pero también ha dado un salario de día completo a aquellos que trabajaron solo una hora. Nadie es engañado, pero unos pocos reciben abundantemente del terrateniente, así como nosotros recibimos de Dios más de lo que es meramente justificable o debido. Dios, como el terrateniente, es radicalmente justo y abundantemente generoso. Los trabajadores que se quejan son hechos parecer tontos mientras lamentan el hecho de que el terrateniente ha hecho a todos los trabajadores iguales. De hecho, ¿qué más se puede pedir que ser tratado como un igual en el trabajo o en cualquier otro lugar?

La parábola nos recuerda que, aunque Dios no nos debe nada, él ofrece abundante e igualmente. Ocasionalmente nos sentimos tentados a pensar que nuestras propias acciones merecen más recompensa, más de la abundante misericordia de Dios, que las acciones de los demás. Pero la generosidad de Dios no puede ser cuantificada o dividida en diferentes cantidades para diferentes personas. Cuando pensamos de esa manera, estamos tratando de relacionarnos con Dios en nuestros términos en lugar de aceptar las formas radicalmente diferentes de Dios.

Conexión familiar

Los trabajadores en esta parábola suenan muy parecidos a los niños peleándose, comparando lo que se le ha dado a cada uno y haciendo quejas a los padres. Entre los niños hay una tendencia a equiparar el amor con los regalos y las cosas materiales. Esta tendencia puede convertirse en un espíritu de derecho, que va en contra del espíritu de gratitud. Cualquier esfuerzo que hagamos para superar esta tendencia, para evitar que el amor se entrelaze con dones y posesiones, permitirá a nuestros hijos aceptar completamente el amor que Dios da libre y generosamente. Observen juntos cualquier tendencia dentro de su familia a hacer comparaciones. ¿A veces se escucha a los niños decir que otro niño recibió una porción mayor de una comida favorita en la cena o el postre? ¿Una persona se queja de que un padre pasa más tiempo con un niño que con otro? Pregunte si tales comparaciones son útiles. Discutan juntos por qué se hacen tales comparaciones. Luego lean juntos el Evangelio de hoy, Mateo 20:1-16. Considere estas preguntas: ¿Por qué se quejan los trabajadores? ¿Es precisa la evaluación del propietario? Desafortunadamente, a veces somos como estos trabajadores cuando hacemos las comparaciones que discutimos anteriormente. Concluyan juntos en oración recordando que el amor no puede ni debe ser medido. Siéntense juntos en silencio reconociendo el gran amor de Dios por cada persona como individuos y por su familia. Oren juntos el salmo de hoy, el Salmo 145, o el Padre Nuestro.

¿Qué es la Semana Santa?

La palabra "Pascua" proviene del inglés antiguo, que significa simplemente el "Este". El sol que sale en Oriente, trayendo luz, calor y esperanza, es un símbolo para el cristiano del Cristo resucitado, que es la verdadera Luz del mundo. **El cirio pascual** utilizado durante la Vigilia Pascual es un símbolo central de esta luz divina, que es Cristo. Se mantiene cerca del ambón durante todo el tiempo de Pascua y se enciende para todas las celebraciones litúrgicas. La Vigilia Pascual es la "Madre de todas las Vigilias" y el Domingo de Pascua es el más grande de todos los domingos. El tiempo de Pascua es el más importante de todos los tiempos litúrgicos, que los católicos celebran como la resurrección del Señor de entre los muertos, que culmina en su Ascensión al Padre y el envío del Espíritu Santo sobre la Iglesia. La octava de Pascua comprende los ocho días que se extienden desde el primer hasta el segundo domingo. Es una forma de prolongar la alegría del día inicial. Hay 50 días de Pascua desde el primer domingo hasta Pentecostés. Se caracteriza, sobre todo, por la alegría de la vida glorificada y la victoria sobre la muerte expresada más plenamente en el gran grito rotundo del cristiano: ¡Aleluya! Toda fe fluye de la fe en la resurrección: "Si Cristo no ha resucitado, entonces vacía está nuestra predicación; vacía, también, está tu fe". (1 Corintios 15:14) "Lo que siembras no cobra vida a menos que muera. Y lo que siembras no es el cuerpo que ha de ser, sino un grano desnudo de trigo, tal vez, o de algún otro tipo; Así también lo es la resurrección de los muertos. Se siembra corruptible; se cría incorruptible. Se siembra deshonorosamente; se levanta gloriosamente. Se siembra débil; se levanta poderoso. Se siembra un cuerpo natural; se levanta un cuerpo espiritual. Si hay un cuerpo natural, también hay uno espiritual. Así también está escrito: "El primer hombre, Adán, se convirtió en un ser vivo", el último Adán un espíritu vivificante. Pero lo espiritual no fue lo primero; más bien lo natural y luego lo espiritual. El primer hombre era de la tierra, terrenal; el segundo hombre, del cielo. Así como lo fue el terrenal, así también lo es el terrenal, y así como lo es el celestial, así también lo son los celestiales. Así como hemos llevado la imagen del terrenal, también llevaremos la imagen del celestial". (1 Corintios 15:36-37, 42-49)