

St. Bartholomew

CATHOLIC CHURCH



3601 Altamesa Fort Worth, Texas 76133
Parish office is located in the building
on east side of church.



"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."
"Ve y vende lo que tienes, dáselo a los pobres y tendrás un Tesoro en el cielo; después ven y sígueme."

Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time (B)

October 11, 2015

Parish Mission/ Misión Parroquial:

To Focus on Jesus in all things, discern His will and obey by His grace.
Enfocarse en Jesús en todas las cosas, discernir su voluntad y obedecer por su Gracia

Mass Schedule

Daily Schedule for October 12-16: **Monday:** Mass at 8:30a.m.
Tuesday: Liturgy of the Hours at 8:30a.m.
Wednesday: Liturgy of the Hours at 8:30a.m., Mass at 6:30p.m.
Thursday: Mass at 12:10p.m.
Friday: Mass at 8:30a.m.: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
following Mass until 2:00p.m.
Weekend Masses: **Saturday:** 4:30 p.m. Mass—English
Sunday: 9 a.m. - English; 11 a.m. - English; 1 p.m. - Español; 3p.m. - Español

A nursery is provided at the following Masses: 4:30p.m. Saturday; 9a.m., 11a.m., 1p.m. & 3p.m. Sunday.
Se provee guardería durante las siguientes misas: sábado 4:30pm. Domingo, 9am, 11am, 1pm & 3pm.

Weekly Calendar/Calendario Semanal

Sunday: 11th *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time~28º Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario*

- Coffee and donuts**, after 9 a.m. and 11a.m. Masses in the church hall
- RCIA**, 10:30a.m. in the Office Library. Today’s topic: “ Jesus: True God and True Man” , taught by Paul Park
- CCD classes (K-4th grade)** . Session 1 –10:30a.m., Session 2 -11:45a.m. in the parish life center
- Adult Scripture Study**, 10:30a.m. in the church building, room 23
- English Women’s ACTS Pot luck** after 11 a.m. Mass in the Great Hall
- **Estudio Biblica en Español**, 11:45 a.m. in the church building , room 23
- Safe Environment Initial Class** en Español, 4:30 p.m. in the Church building, room 21
- **Confirmation**, 3:30p.m. in the Youth Room
- Spanish Choir Practice**
- Redescubre el Catholicismo**, 2:30 p.m. in the Church Building, room 14
- Rosary for the Family**, 4:30p.m. in the Parking Lot
- Young Women’s Vocation Group**, 4:30 p.m. in the Church Building, room 23
- Marriage Enrichment**, 7p.m. in the church building, room 14
- **YSN** at 7p.m. in the Youth Room
- Rediscovering Catholicism Spanish**, 7p.m. in the Church building, room 23
- Sunday Night Bible Study** at 7p.m. in the church. Joe Winterling is leading this Bible Study of the Letter of Romans

Monday: 12th—*Office Closed in observance of Columbus Day– Oficina cerrada*

- **Mass at 8:30a.m.**
- Sacramentos–Adultos, 7p.m.in the Office Library**

Tuesday: 13th

- ESL Classes**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. in the Parish Life Center and 6-9p.m.GED classes at 6-9p.m. in the Parish Life Center
- Sew Blessed**, 11a.m. in the church building, room 14
- Spanish 3p.m. Mass Choir practice** , 6 p.m. in the church
- SVDP Leadership Meeting**, 6:30 p.m. in the Church building, room 23
- Hispanic Prayer Group Choir**, 7p.m. in the Parish Life Center, room 1/3
- Estudio Biblica en Español**, 7p.m. in the Church building, room 14

Wednesday: 14th

- Men’s Morning Prayer Group**. All men are welcome to join us at 6:00 a.m. in the church. Doors open at 5:30 a.m.
- ESL Morning Classes**, 9:00a.m. in the Parish Life Center
- Women’s Wednesday Morning Bible Study**, 9:30a.m. in the church building, room 14.
- Spanish Guitar Practice**, 6pm. In the church building, room 21
- Hispanic Prayer Group Choir**, 7p.m. in the church building, room 23
- **Music Rehearsal** 7p.m. in the church
- CCD classes (Grades 5&6)**, 7p.m. in the Parish Life Center
- Discovery (Grades7&8)** , 7p.m. in the youth room. Doors open at 6:30p.m. All are welcome!
- Spanish Scripture Study**, 7p.m. in the church building, room 14

Thursday: 15th

- ESL Classes**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. in the Parish Life Center and 6-9p.m.GED classes at 6-9p.m. in the Parish
- Spanish Choir Rehearsal**, 7:00p.m. in the church
- Knights of Columbus meeting**, 6pm. in the Parish Life Center, room 3
- Young Adult Ministry**, 7p.m. in the Parish Life Center, room 1
- Baptism Class Spanish**, 7p.m. in the Church building, room 14

Friday: 16th

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 9:15a.m-2:00p.m. in the church chapel
- Talleres de Oracion y Vida**, 7p.m. in the Parish Life Center , room 11
- Children’s RCIA** 7p.m. in the Parish Life Center
- Hispanic Prayer group**, 7p.m. in the church building, room 14

Saturday: 17th

- St. Augustine’s Group** , email info@catholicmenspurity.com
- Saturday AM Bible Study**, 9:00a.m. in the Church building, room 14. This Bible study is led by Jerry Brannon
- Confirmation Retreat, 8a.m. in the Youth room**
- ACTS Share Groups, 9 a.m. in the Parish Life Center, room 1/3**
- ACTS Reunion**, after 4:30p.m. Mass in the Church building, room 14
- Confessions/ Confesiones**, 3p.m. in the chapel

Next Sunday: 18th *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time~28º Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario*

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| • Taste of St. Bart’s Fall Festival | • Spanish Choir Practice |
| • No Coffee and donuts | • Rediscovering Catholicism Spanish |
| • RCIA | • Sunday Night Bible Study |
| • No CCD, Confirmation, or YSN | |



Safe Environment Classes

If you are involved in any ministry at the church you must have Safe Environment Training (CCD, Taste of St. Bart's, Youth Ministry, Music, Liturgical, etc). Below are initial training dates:
OCTOBER 11, Sunday, 4:30 pm, Initial, Spanish.
You must call the office to register for the class. No children are allowed and there is no babysitting.

Clases de ambiente seguro

*Si usted está envuelto en algún ministerio en la parroquia, usted debe tener el entrenamiento de Ambiente Seguro. (CCD, Taste of St. Bart's, Ministerio Juvenil, Liturgia, etc.)
Abajo están las fechas para entrenamiento inicial.*

OCTUBRE 11, Domingo, 4:30 pm, Entrenamiento Inicial, Español

Debe de llamar a la oficina para inscribirse para la clase. No se permiten niños y no hay cuidado de niños.

"The English RCIA team has a need for volunteers to help provide hospitality every other month. We meet in the Office Library from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm on Sundays until the Feast of Pentecost. Volunteers are welcome to join with the catechumens and candidates on their journey of faith. Interested parishioners may contact David Kaiser by email at dlkaiser@flash.net or by phone at (817) 718-1133."

Sacraments

* BULLETIN DEADLINE THIS WEEK: *
* WEDNESDAY, 10a.m. *
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Sacrament of Baptism (newborns - age 6): Parents requesting the Sacrament of Baptism should be either living within parish boundaries or be registered in the parish. Parents and godparents are expected to attend a baptism class for an infant to be baptized. Parents are required to bring a signed photocopy of the child's state-registered birth certificate to the baptism class. Godparents who are not registered at St. Bartholomew must provide a letter from their parish which verifies that they meet the godparent requirements. All paperwork must be turned into the office before scheduling your child's baptism date. The next class will be 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 12th in the church hall. Call the office to sign up for this class. Parents also need to call the office if you need to use the nursery while attending this class. For more information, call Art & Cecelia Villa, 817-292-3897. The next English Baptism ceremony will be Saturday, November 7th at 10 a.m. in the church for those who have attended the class.

Sacramento del Bautismo (Recién nacidos hasta 6 años): Los padres que soliciten el bautismo deben vivir dentro de los límites de la parroquia o ser miembros registrados. Los papas y los padrinos deben asistir a una clase pre-bautismales. Por favor pase a la oficina parroquial para obtener el paquete con la información y formas necesarias antes de asistir a la clase pre-bautismal. Los padrinos que no estén registrados en San Bartolomé deben proporcionar una carta de su parroquia en donde verifique que están registrados y que cumplen con los requisitos para ser padrinos. Necesita entregar una fotocopia del certificado de nacimiento del bebe emitido por el estado. La próxima clase de bautismo en español será en el edificio de la iglesia, el jueves 15 de octubre a las 7 p.m. Si no trae todos los documentos necesarios no podrá tomar la clase. Habrá cuidado de niños disponible. Los bautismos en español se realizan el primer sábado de cada mes a las 11 a.m. La próxima fecha para bautismo en español será sábado, noviembre 7 a 11 a.m., en la iglesia.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Students wishing to prepare for this Sacrament must be in 11th grade and are expected to be in religious education (i.e. YSN, bible study or religion class at school) for one year before registering for Confirmation. This class is closed for the year. *Para la Confirmación el próximo año, se va a requerir un año de educación religiosa (YSN) antes de inscribirse para la Confirmación. Un adolescente que necesita recibir la Confirmación y las clases posteriores debe inscribirse y asistir regularmente al programa YSN un año previo a las clases de Confirmación.*

Sacrament of Matrimony: Please call Deacon Gary Brooks at least six months before you wish to marry.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confesiones: Saturday: 3-4 p.m. in the chapel.

Talleres de Preparación de Sacramentos para Adultos



Si usted tiene 18 años o más, y necesita el Sacramento de Confirmación o Primera Comunión, habrá unos Talleres de Preparación, los lunes por la noche, comenzando el 12 de Octubre de 7-9 pm; terminando con la Celebración del Sacramento en la Festividad de Cristo Rey el 22 de noviembre. Hay un costo de \$10 no retornables. Para inscribirse, favor de pasar a la oficina. Es mandatorio registrarse antes de la clase.



Altar Servers

Junta para servidores y entrenamiento para nuevos servidores.

Lunes Octubre 19, 7:00 de la tarde, en la Iglesia. Todos están bienvenidos a participar de este entrenamiento. Para los jóvenes se requiere por lo menos estar en el grado 7. Para más información comuníquese con Julissa en la oficina parroquial.

Altar server meeting and training for new servers.

Monday, October 19th, 7:00 pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to participate youth are especially needed, must be in 7th grade or higher. If you would like more information or for an application please contact Julissa at the parish office.



NO olviden de registrar s tarjeta de Kroger Plus Card. Obtén una tarjeta de Kroger Plus Card en la tienda. Después ve al **www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com**, **entra a tu cuenta o crea una. Vete a Go to Community Rewards**, SVPD organization # 94395, then SVPD- St. Bart's Conference y salvalo.

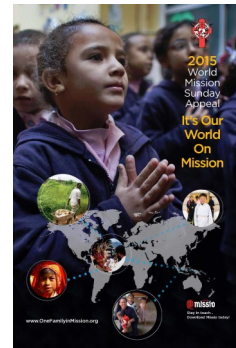
In the Parish and . . . Around the Diocese

Welcome Newcomers

Joe Jr. & Lucy Gail Alviar
Peter & Debra Carney
Osvaldo A Chaparro
Emmanuel & Queen E. Ekwuruke
Simón & Saira Alejandra Farias
José Antonio & Joana Flores
Juan Carlos & María Carmen Guerrero
Irma Largo
Mary Macías
Maria Maribel Natividad
Eduardo & Nancy Pinales
José Segura
Emilia Uribe
Saúl & Gricelda Víctor
Margarito & Carina Carbajal
Arturo & Susana Mora
Moises & Areli Mora
Francisco Fernandez
Enrique & María Capillo
Ricardo & Cassandra Conde

World Mission Sunday Next Weekend

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to support the 1,150 of the youngest dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and please be generous in next weekend's collection for the Society of the Propagation on the Faith.



Domingo Mundial de las Misiones

El próximo fin de semana celebraremos el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones. Este año estamos invitados a apoyar las 1.150 diócesis más jóvenes en África, Asia, Islas de Pacífico, partes de Latinoamérica y Europa. Por favor, mantenga a las misiones en sus plegarias y por favor, sea generoso en la recolección del próximo fin de semana destinado a la Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe.



Have you signed up for Faith Direct yet?

Faith Direct enables parishioners to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. Please enroll by responding to the mailing you will receive, or by visiting www.faiithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is TX653. There are also enrollment forms in the racks at the back of the church.

If you or someone you know is homeless and needing help finding a job, check out the website, www.iwillwork.org. This is also part of the Leg Up Program.

Upcoming Spanish Women's Cursillo—

November 19-22.

Contact Rafael Cuevas 817-291-4713



YOUNG CATHOLIC
PROFESSIONALS
Working in Witness for Christ™

Young Catholic Professionals Fort Worth Chapter

Executive Speaker Series:

Jeff Schiefelbein, Chief Culture Officer & Founder of 5 St. Patrick Cathedral Pastoral Center

Tuesday, October 20th, 2015

7:00pm-9:00pm

All young professionals in their 20s and 30s are welcome

FREE wine, beer, & appetizers

For more information visit: www.ycpfortworth.org

shop for a cause
with Ten Thousand Villages
and Catholic Relief Services!



Shop for a Cause With Catholic Relief Services and Ten Thousand Villages on Friday October 16!

Join Catholic Relief Services and [Ten Thousand Villages](http://www.ten-thousand-villages.org) for a community shopping event. On Friday, October 16, fifteen percent of sales from customer-designated purchases will go to the CRS Fair Trade Fund, which benefits artisans and farmers overseas.

HERE'S HOW TO HELP

■ VISIT the [Ten Thousand Villages](http://www.ten-thousand-villages.org) store near you at 4601 West Freeway, Suite 220, Fort Worth, TX 76107. Invite your friends, family, youth group, senior group or mom's ministry.

■ BRING this bulletin or mention CRS at checkout.

■ SHOP ONLINE on October 16 and use promo code CRS2015.

Great Hall and Parish Hall Rentals

If you have a wedding, anniversary, or other special event coming up in the future consider renting our beautiful facilities for your event. Call Cheryl Brooks at 817-292-7703 for rates and make reservations.

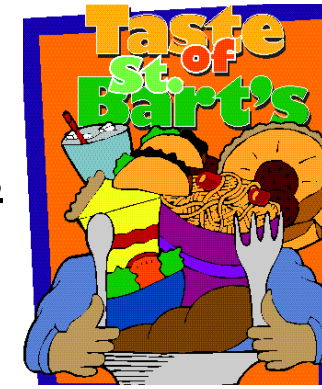


NEED Adult Volunteers for Discovery Youth Program on Wednesday nights for the Fall. Call Eric Hernandez 817-480-5471 for more info

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Taste of St. Bart's Fall Festival
NEXT Sunday, October 18, 12-6 p.m.

Reserve la Fecha: El Festival de Otoño del Sabor a San Barts
es el Domingo,
18 de octubre, de 12-6pm



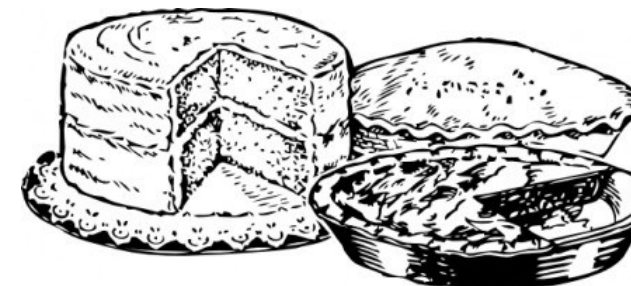
Vendors: New this year! Do you have a product / craft that you
would like to sell? Rent a spot at our Taste of St. Bart's.
Applications are available at the sign up tables in the back of the
church or in the office. Deadline is October 14th



We are still collecting brand name canned sodas and bottled water. Especially in demand are Dr. Pepper, Coke, Diet Coke, root beer, orange and red flavored sodas. Your donation can be left in the back of the church or brought to the Great Hall the day of the Taste of St. Bart's

A partir de este fin de semana estaremos recolectando refrescos enlatados y agua embotellada. Los refrescos que especialmente tienen más demanda son el Dr. Pepper, Coca-Cola, Coca-Cola Light, root beer, sodas con sabor naranja y rojas. Puede dejar su donación en la parte posterior de la iglesia.

Hey BAKERS !
need Lots of cakes
for the Cake Spin and
desserts for the Dessert
Booth. Yum! To be dropped off at the church
Saturday, 10/17 from 3-4:30p.m.
and on Sunday, 10/18 starting at 8am
in the Great Hall.



Flowers on the Altar this weekend are in honor of the Blessed 50th Wedding Anniversary of Linda and John Lafleur.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS
FOR SVdP



Go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com. The St. Barts Reward Number is #94395. Contact is Tilie Kitowski – 817.292.7544

Rosario bilingüe por las familias.

Prepárate! en este mes de Octubre, Mes del Rosario ,no dejes de rezar el Rosario en tu hogar. Aquí en la Iglesia tendremos un Rosario bilingüe por las Familias. El domingo 11 de Octubre a las 4:30 p.m. en la explanada de la iglesia. El Papa Francisco nos pide que oremos por las familias nos lo recordó en su reciente visita a Estados Unidos. Vengan y oremos por el Sínodo sobre la Familia que se llevará a cabo en Roma del 4 al 25 de este mes de Octubre.
" Familia que reza unida permanece unida "(San Juan Pablo II)



Bilingual Rosary for families

Get ready! During this month of October, the month of the Rosary, do not stop praying the Rosary at home. Here in the Church we will have a bilingual Rosary for Families on Sunday, October 11 at 4:30 pm in the courtyard of the church. Pope Francis asks us to pray for the families as he reminded us in his recent visit to the United States. Come and pray for the Synod on the Family that will be held in Rome from October 4-25. "Family that prays together stays together" (Saint John Paul II)

Daily Readings

		<u>First Reading</u>	<u>Responsorial</u>	<u>Second Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sunday	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 7:7-11	Ps 90:12-17	Heb 4:12-13	Mk 10:17-30
Monday	12th	Rom 1:1-7	Ps 98:1bcde,2-4		Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	13th	Rom 1:16-25	Ps 19:2-5		Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	14th	Rom 2:1-11	Ps 62:2-3,6-7,9		Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	15th	Rom 3:21-30	Ps 130:1b-6b		Lk 11:47-54
Friday	16th	Rom 4:1-8	Ps 32:1b-2,5, 11		Lk 12:8-12
Saturday	17th	Rom 4:13,16-18	Ps 105:6-9,42-43		Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 53:10-11	Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22	Heb 4:14-16	Mk 10:35-45



Low Gluten Hosts Available

If for health reasons you or a family member needs to receive a Low- gluten host at Communion , please see Deacon Gary before or after Mass or call the office so that arrangements can be made.

Hostias bajas en gluten están disponibles

Si por razones de salud usted o alguien de su familia necesita recibir una hostia baja en gluten, (glucoproteína) hablar con el diácono antes de la misa o llamar a la oficina para hacer los arreglos necesarios.

Coffee and Donuts this Sunday after the 9a.m. and 11a.m. Masses. If you would like to volunteer to help with Coffee and Donuts call Shane Chubbs at 214-914-5636. No Coffee and Donuts next week. support the Taste of St. Bart's.



Servicios de Consejería en St. Bart's

Olga Harris, LPC esta ofreciendo consejería en español en St. Bartholomew Church. Para mas información favor de llamar al [682-710-3941](tel:682-710-3941) o [817-914-5629](tel:817-914-5629).

Pamela Stunz, Ph.D.,Asociada-LMFT, esta ofreciendo consejería en St Bartholomew Catholic Church en ingles. para mas información favor de llamar al [\(817\) 253-2013](tel:817-253-2013) o enviar correo electrónico a pamelastuntzcounseling@gmail.com

COUNSELING SERVICES AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Pamela Stuntz Ph.D., LMFT-Associate is offering counseling at St. Bartholomew Church in English. For more information, please call (817) 253-2013 or e-mail at pamelastuntzcounseling@gmail.com

Olga Harris, LPC is offering counseling in Spanish at St. Bartholomew Church. For more information, please call 682-710-3941 or 817-914-5629.

For parishioners, speak to the counselor about the monetary assistance that can be provided.



Young Adult Ministry

Thursday, October 15th, YAM will kick off Bishop-elect Robert Baron's Catholicism video series. Please prayerfully consider participating in this amazing program. It's a ten week program that will bless you beyond your widest imagination.



Youth Ministry News!



Need Altar Servers (Grades 7 and up) Training is Monday, October 19th, 7p.m. Must get an application ahead of time from Eric or the office.

YSN (Youth Sharing Night) Grades 9-12 is today , Sunday, October 11th at 7p.m. in the Youth Room.

Discovery (Grades 7-8) 7p.m. in the Youth Room. Doors open at 6:30. All are Welcome!

Taste of St. Bart's Volunteers needed Sun., Oct 18, 12-6pm
Set up, Clean up, Games, Drinks, Popcorn/Snow cones/
Cotton Candy, Bounce Houses all could use your help. See
Eric.



Confirmation Class is today, Sunday,
October 11th. Confirmation ceremony is January
31st.

Remember that in order to enter into Confirmation your junior or senior year you must be attending a continuing religious education program such as YSN, our High School youth program, the year prior to registering for Confirmation.

In need of Food and Snack Helpers for YSN: Call Eric for details
Disciples Assemble !

The First Wednesday, of the Month, November 4th

We are excited to announce that Disciples Assemble! is moving to the 1st Wednesday of every month at the 6:30p.m. Mass. Open to all youth. Gather at 6:15p.m. Discovery Grades 7 & 8 will start with Mass and then go to the Youth Room.

Financial Update This Week

Staff

Fr. John Robert Skeldon, Pastor

Fr. Hector Medina, Parochial Vicar

Gary Brooks, Deacon
Pastoral Associate, gary@stbartsfw.org

Reyes Tello Jr, Deacon
John Coe, Deacon
Maurice Moon, Seminarian Intern

Sister Yolanda Pineda, MCSH
Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry

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FAX Number: 817-292-2568

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Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-8:00p.m.
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Sunday: 9a.m.-3p.m.
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817-238-1869

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Marie Tamulevicz, Secretary
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Nursery Director
Teri Kolodechik: 817-292-8748

Youth Minister
Eric Hernandez: 817-480-5471
e-mail: eric@stbartsfw.org

Annulments

Deacon Gary Brooks
Ministry to the Sick
Pat Ward: 817-690-1402
Call Pat or the parish office for hospital or home visits. On Sundays the Eucharist will be brought to those who desire it.

Prison Ministry

Ed Brady: 817-309-3302
Spanish Marriage Enrichment:
Abel & Bertha Olmos: 817-201-6336

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Food Pantry: 817-361-8420
Hours: MWF, 1-4 p.m.; Th, 6:00-8:00p.m.
Sat, 9-11 a.m.; Tues & Sun--closed



Reflexión Magnánima de Padre John Robert Skeldon

Toda la humanidad añora algo. Añora saber que nuestra vida tiene significado, que somos importantes en este mundo aunque a veces suele ser áspero y cruel. Tenemos una abundancia de maneras en el que buscamos esto, algunos con fama y fortuna, y otros en los rincones silencios de nuestro corazón. Pero cualquier método que usemos todo nos lleva a la misma verdad, añoramos, buscamos, necesitamos significado.

El evangelio hoy de San Marcos, habla de un hombre, un hombre sin nombre. Este es uno de mis favoritos pasajes, como es muy rico en su mensaje. El hombre sabe que hay más que las observancias externas de la ley que ha seguido toda su vida. Todos sabemos que hay más que la rutina del diario. Pero nada más porque sabemos que hay más, no quiere decir que estamos abiertos cuando ese “mas” cruza nuestro camino. Muchos queremos dictarle al más, en nuestros términos pequeños podríamos llamar a este más Dios. El hombre en el evangelio que fue con Jesús no respondió cuando se le llamó. O quizás respondió, pero entre su rutina normal y el miedito él no puede tomar el próximo paso que lo liberaría. Él le gusta su vida con la rutina normal, sus posesiones, quizás para él es suficiente saber que siempre hay algo estirándole a su corazón, pero no quiere someterse a eso. ¿Cuántos de nosotros somos así? El hombre, joven y rico, como ha llegado la tradición a referirse a él, somos nosotros. Él representa el anhelo, la humanidad soñadora en la gloria y debilidad. Él es, al igual que nosotros somos pusilánimos (pusilánimos—de alma pequeña, miedosos, viviendo de nuestros egos). Lo que siente en su corazón este joven rico es ser magnánimo, (magna alma—de alma grande, confiando, viviendo para el otro). Tal vez lo más grande de este evangelio, y la cosa más sorprendente, es que a pesar del temor (pusilánimo) que sentía este joven rico, y de su inhabilidad de tomar el próximo paso, Jesús lo ama. Este es el único lugar en los evangelios sinópticos que se dice que alguien recibe el amor de Jesús. Ni María, su madre, ni los discípulos se dice que reciben el amor de Jesús. Este es el único pasaje en los evangelios sinópticos que lo menciona, (si no me creen, lean los evangelios).

Vamos a leer ahora las palabras nobles otra vez, “Jesús, mirándolo, con amor...” Esto es lo que todos queremos saber, por lo que anhelamos, por lo que venimos a misa los domingos. A pesar de nuestra pusilánimo, nuestro temor, nuestra inhabilidad de tomar el próximo paso, nuestra pequeñez, nuestros pecados, nuestra falta de fe y confianza, Jesús nos mira y nos ama.

Este pasaje del evangelio y esta acción de Jesús enseña la mentira y creencia que la iglesia es solo para los salvados, o virtuosos, o los fuertes, o de sociedad. Y como digo muchas veces, hermanos y hermanas, “la iglesia no es hotel de santos, sino hospital de pecadores” la iglesia es un “hospital ambulante”, como lo dice el Papa Francisco tantas veces. Y como lo dijo el gran Agustín hace muchos siglos, es una sociedad mezclada de santos y pecadores. Y Jesús mirando a la iglesia (ustedes y yo, y los que no están ahora), Jesús nos ama.

No hay más grande sabiduría, que caminar con fe y confianza en este camino. De empezar a movernos de pusilánimos a magnánimos. Es la sabiduría a la que el escritor del libro de la sabiduría y de nuestra primera lectura, se refiere: “La preferí a los cetros y a los tronos, y en comparación con ella...” Es el enfoque de la segunda lectura, de la carta a los hebreos:

Hermanos: La palabra de Dios es viva, eficaz y más penetrante que una espada de dos filos. Llega hasta lo más íntimo del alma, hasta la médula de los huesos y descubre los pensamientos e intenciones del corazón. Toda creatura es transparente para ella. Todo queda al desnudo y al descubierto ante los ojos de aquel a quien debemos rendir cuentas.

A pesar de nuestra pusilánimo Jesús no mira a los ojos y nos ama.



Magnanimous Musings of Fr. John Robert

All of humanity longs for something. We long to know that our lives have meaning, that we *matter* in the eyes of this sometimes harsh and cruel world. We have a plethora of ways in which we look for this *meaning*. Some of us in fame and fortune, some of us in the quiet corners of our hearts. But, whatever the methods employed, they all drive at the same truth: we long for, search for, need meaning.

So, the nameless man who came up to Jesus in today's gospel passage from Mark. This is one of my favorite gospels, rich in meaning as it is. He knows there is more to the external observances of the law that he has been doing most of his life. All of us know that there is more to the *routine* that we are engaged in. But, just because we sense that there is more does not necessarily mean we will actually be open to it when it crosses our path. Most of us want to dictate to this *more* (Shall we call it God?) on our own small terms. So the man who came up to Jesus doesn't *respond* when *called*. Or perhaps, he responds, but out of his normal life pattern of routine and *fear*. He can't take the next liberating step. He likes his routine-ridden life, he likes his possessions; perhaps, it is enough for him to have acknowledged that ever-present *tug* in his heart pulling him to something more, but then never really acting on it. How many of us are like that?

The *rich, young man*, as the tradition has come to refer to him, is us, stands for longing, dreaming humanity in all its glory and weakness. He is—and we are—pusillanimous (*pusilla anima*—small-souled, fearful, living out of our egos). The *tug* in the *rich, young man's* heart is to be magnanimous (*magna anima*—large-souled, trusting, living for the *other*).

Perhaps, the greatest part of this gospel story, and the thing that is the most confounding, is that in spite of the rich, young man's *fearfulness* (pusillanimity)—his inability to take the next step—he is still loved by Jesus. The only time in all of the synoptic gospels that anyone is said to be a recipient of Jesus' love. Not even Mary, not even the disciples, are said to be recipients of Jesus' love, according to the synoptic gospel texts. This *rejecter* of the call of Jesus is the only one. (Read your gospels if you don't believe me!)

Let us read those noble words again: "Jesus, looking at him, loved him...." This is what we all want to know, what we all long for, why we come to mass every Sunday. That, in spite of our pusillanimity, our fearfulness, our inability to take the next step, our pettiness, our sinfulness, our lack of faith and trust, *Jesus, looking at us, loves us*.

This gospel passage and this action of Jesus puts to the lie the false premise that the Church is only for the saved or the virtuous or the strong or a society of the like-minded. As I am wont to say many times, brothers and sisters: "The Church is not a hotel for saints, but a hospital for sinners." The church is a "field hospital" as Pope Francis says so often. As the great Augustine said so many centuries ago: a *societas permixta*, a mixed society of saint and sinner. And Jesus, looking at the Church (you and I and the ones not here today), loves us.

There is no greater wisdom, than to—in faith and trust—begin to walk down this way, to begin to move from pusillanimity to magnanimity. That is the *wisdom* that the writer of the book of Wisdom, our first reading, refers to: "I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her...." And it is the entire focus of the second reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

In spite of his pusillanimity, *Jesus, looking at him, loved him....* In spite of our pusillanimity, *Jesus, looking at us, loves us....*