



ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH COMMUNITY

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MASS SCHEDULE

Face masks are encouraged upon
entering the church.

SATURDAY VIGIL

***5:15 pm**

SUNDAY

6:30 am

8:30 am

***10:15 am (ASL)**

12:00 pm

***1:45 pm Español/Spanish**

5:15 pm



DAILY MASS

Monday - Saturday: *8:15 am

Monday - Friday: 5:30 pm

(Except from Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Wednesdays 5:30 pm Mass is in Español/Spanish

***Masses are Live-stream**

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CONFESSIONS (CONFESIONES)

Saturday (sábado): 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

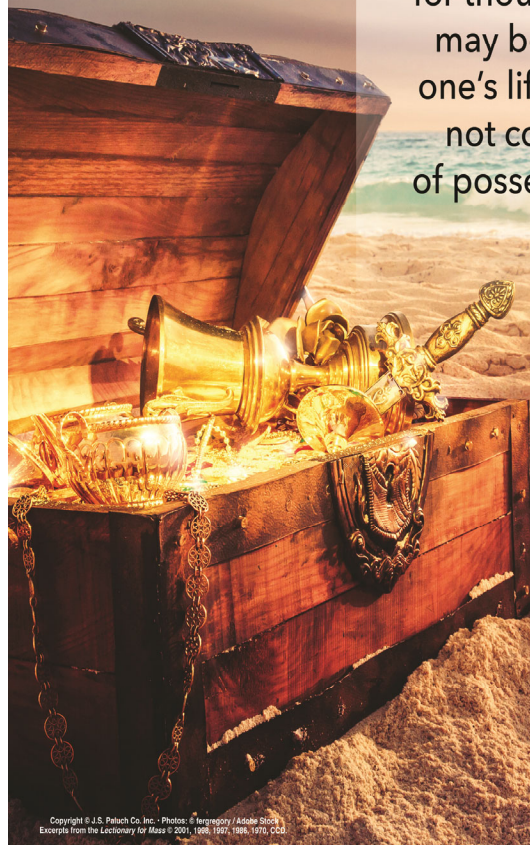
Weekdays by appointment only

Please call the Parish Office at 951/781-9855

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Take care to guard
against all greed,
for though one
may be rich,
one's life does
not consist
of possessions.

Luke 12:15



Eviten toda clase de avaricia,
porque la vida del hombre
no depende de la abundancia
de los bienes que posea.

Lucas 12:15

Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

31 de julio de 2022

July 31, 2022

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

One God, One people in Christ, One community of love guided by the Holy Spirit to impact lives.

Un Dios, Un pueblo en Cristo, Una comunidad de amor guiada por el Espíritu Santo para impactar vidas.

MASS INTENTIONS - INTENCIONES DE MISASSUNDAY - DOMINGO 07/31

6:30 am St. Catherine's Parishioners
 8:30 am Bonnie Ryan †
 10:15 am Intentions of Michael Pannell
 12:00 pm Intentions of The De La Torre Family
 1:45 pm Los difuntos de la Familia Sierra †
 5:15 pm Intentions of John Vargas

MONDAY - LUNES 08/01

8:15 am Rafaela Bedolla †

TUESDAY - MARTES 08/02

8:15 am Raul Aliaga Lopez †

WEDNESDAY - MIÉRCOLES 08/03

8:15 am Intentions of St. Jude's Wirebenders

THURSDAY - JUEVES 08/04

8:15 am Dominga Funes Aliaga †

FRIDAY - VIERNES 08/05

8:15 am Rosalia Chua †

SATURDAY - SÁBADO 08/06

8:15 am Intentions of Robert Lucero
 10:00 am At WMV - Parishioners
 5:15 pm Zeny Harrington †

SUNDAY - DOMINGO 08/07

6:30 am Dr. Robert Joseph DeCarmo †
 8:30 am Intentions of Dorothea Crews
 10:15 am St. Catherine's Parishioners
 12:00 pm Carmela Cianciulli †
 1:45 pm Felix Sanchez Arias †
 5:15 pm Intentions of Myla Sarah Mansur & Family

† Symbolizes Soul of Deceased

LITURGY CORNER**July 31 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

August 1 - Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

August 2 - *Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;*
Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

August 4 - Saint John Vianney, Priest

August 5 - *The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major*

August 6 - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Saint Alphonsus received his degrees in civil and canon law at sixteen; he left a promising law career to enter the priesthood; driven to prayer, he heard the Lord's voice: "Leave the world and give yourself to me;" in 1732 he founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (the Redemptorists); he died in 1787. *MAGNIFICAT*

Saint Eusebius the first Bishop of Vercelli, a town in northern Italy; an opponent of the Arian heresy, a false teaching that Jesus was not really divine, this caused confusion in the church for two centuries; due to his opposition, he was exiled and eventually returned to his diocese; he died in 371.

Saint Peter in 1856 he founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, he wrote, "We must quickly get to work to save souls by the divine Eucharist, to awaken [a world] numbed in dormant apathy because they don't know the gift of God, Jesus, the Eucharistic Emmanuel." He died in 1868. *MAGNIFICAT*

Saint John Vianney desired from a young age to be a priest; popularly known as the Cure of Ars; he wrote, "Jesus Christ, who cares for all, would not in his unbounded charity leave his faithful without help and consolation in that most momentous and critical hour of their lives, and has, therefore, instituted a special sacrament for the sick and dying. Through this sacrament they are to receive consolation, and material and spiritual help." He died in 1859.

Basilica of Saint Mary Major the date marks the dedication of Rome's first Marian basilica, consecrated to Mary by Pope Sixtus III around the year 435. It is said that Mary signaled her choice of the church's site with an August snowfall.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
 Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
 Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

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My Brothers and Sisters,

How much of our lives is dominated by concerns over money and possessions? At one extreme we can be desperate to survive from day to day; at the other extreme we can become addicted to increasing our wealth. Many of us work hard to make life comfortable for ourselves and our families, working for that promotion or raise, saving enough for a good retirement. Our readings today are a wonderful antidote to our culture's attitude that the accumulation of material wealth should be everyone's goal. "Vanity of vanities!" cries the narrator in our 1st reading ridiculing the idea we have total control over the rest of our lives. St. Paul, in our 2nd reading invites them and us, to refocus our attention. It is through the raising of Christ from the dead that we are called to rise above things of the world which keep us from being Christ-like. Setting our focus on Christ we will grow rich in God. As St. Paul says, "Seek what is above" (Col.3:1).



A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens is one of the best-loved stories about Christmas ever written. First published in 1846, it is thought to have had the astounding effect of renewing the celebration of Christmas itself throughout Great Britain. In the space of one night, the miser Scrooge is subject to visitations from the ghost of his former partner Jacob Marley as well as those of Christmas past, present and future. These experiences put Scrooge in touch with the bright young man he once was, the terrifyingly destructive person he has become and the devastation that lies ahead both for him and for others if he does not change his ways. The effect when he awakes from this series of nightmares on Christmas Day is a total transformation. He emerges as a person now full of joy and kindness and perhaps even a sense of mischief. The ghostly guides from the previous night have put him in touch with his deeper self. It has taken a mixture of remembered joy and good times as well as anxious fear to achieve this change, but the new Scrooge becomes a symbol of how we should live in generous concern both for our families as well as for our neighbors and friends. Where there was meanness in Scrooge there is now openness, penny-pinching is replaced by acts of great generosity and reconciliation. If we stop for a minute to think about it, the parable of the man building bigger barns has a touch of Scrooge's ghost of Christmas future.

In a consumer-oriented society such as ours, the lesson from today's readings is counter-cultural. We are challenged to reject the idea that money brings happiness. We are encouraged to build wealth instead of what matters to God. However, there is a miracle in all this, and that miracle is that many people still manage to put their energies into concern for others and seek to build up community in whatever way they can. Recall those wonderful people we talked about two weeks ago who cook hot breakfast for those in need on Saturday at Catholic Charities. These are the ones who listen to the inner voice of love that express the human heart at its best or as Tiny Tim would say in A Christmas Carol: "God bless us, every one!"

Faithful

STEWARDSHIP . . . Thank you for supporting your parish, St. Catherine of Alexandria!
Thank you for your generous contribution. God bless you.

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
Summary of Weekly Sunday Offering
July 24, 2022

	Actual Collection	Budgeted Collection
July 3rd	\$ 14,962.36	\$ 16,700.00
July 10th	\$ 18,101.17	\$ 16,700.00
July 17th	\$ 14,853.75	\$ 16,700.00
July 24th	\$ 13,674.13	\$ 16,700.00
Actual Collection		\$ 61,591.14
Budgeted Collection		66,800.00
YTD Collection Shortfall		\$ (5,208.59)

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY.
Thank you for your generosity.

2022 Diocesan Development Fund
July 24, 2022

Pledges Made	\$ 72,190
Less: DDF Assessment	66,700
Total Pledges made to the Parish	\$ 5,490
DDF Assessment	\$ 66,700
Less: DDF Pledge Payments	57,899
Total Amount Payable to the Diocese	\$ 8,801

Number of donors **435**
 Parishioner's participation % **15%**

PLEASE SUPPORT DDF-2022.

The Transfiguration of The Lord-August 6th



We celebrate a feast of God's glory. The marvelous events of this day are told in the gospels of Matthew 17:1-2, Mark 9:1-3, and Luke 9:28-29: Jesus took Peter, and brothers John and James, and went up a high mountain by themselves to pray. While Jesus was praying

his face changed in appearance, it shone like the sun, and his clothing became dazzling white as light, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

The transfiguration of Jesus prefigures the transformation in glory to which we are called by our sharing in the paschal mystery - the dying and rising of Jesus. ORDO

The Parish Offices will be closed Wednesday, August 10, 2022, for a Staff Retreat and will open Thursday, August 11th at 10:00 am.



VINCENTIAN CORNER



In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

This week, as you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive.

If you know of someone that needs assistance, please have them call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 951/684-7386 so that together we can continue to help those who are suffering.

Thank you for your contributions to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You make a difference to those that are in need. ***Please remember that any contributions by check should be made payable to SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL and not to St. Catherine's.***

Are you feeling called to join our team of volunteers? Contact Robert Lucero at (951) 784-7642 for information.

"Lord, keep our hearts clean and our vision clear, so that we may be free from greed and selfishness."

Amen

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We are in need of CANNED CHICKEN MEAT & PASTA SAUCE, for the grocery bags given to those in need of assistance with food.
Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on First Friday, August 5, 2022 immediately following the 8:15 am Mass and will end at 11:00 am.

"We do not sin when we adore Christ in the Eucharist; we do sin when we do not adore Christ in the Eucharist" (St. Augustine).



CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Men, are you looking for faith, hope and prayer in your life?

The Catholic Men's Fellowship is a lay ministry, fully approved by the Church, that reaches out to all men. We act to encourage one another, to strengthen our faith in Christ, and to become better sons, brothers, husbands, fathers, and friends. **COME JOIN US!** We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm and 4th Saturday of the month at 9:00 am. Meetings are held at St. Catherine's Youth House-6956 Nixon Dr., Riverside, CA.

ALL MEN WELCOME!

Call Jose at 949-468-6165, John at 951-741-9971, Robert at 951-784-7642 or Al at 951-212-1971 or email your contact information to cmfofriverside@gmail.com.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 pm



**Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.**

— Psalm 90:12

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

The mobile clinic will be at St. Catherine's school from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for adult clients on Saturday, August 6, 2022

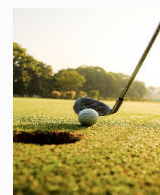
During the pandemic, please call 714-633-4600 for pre-screening and to make an appointment.

Free Adult Medical care is offered, labs and meds are as low cost as possible. Patients sign in on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information or to volunteer visit their website at www.lestonnacfreeclinic.org.



OCTOBER 1, 2022

FAHNESTOCK CLASSIC



2nd Annual Golf Tournament



SHANDIN HILLS GOLF COURSE
SAN BERNARDINO, CA

Shotgun start 8:00 am
Best Ball
Luncheon, awards, and
raffles to follow.



Scan to Register
Early Registration end
August 1st!

SUPPORT OUR RETIRED PRIESTS AND BROTHERS!

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC)

The MSC priests and brothers have dedicated their lives to serving their communities and spreading the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus everywhere. MSC priests take the vow of poverty chastity and obedience. As a community, we are called to support our priests and brothers. As the cost of living and healthcare continues to increase, our priests and brothers need our support. Money raised will go to help our elderly religious. Please consider supporting this tournament by either playing or becoming one of our sponsors.

Please visit our website: <https://tinyurl.com/MSCgolf2022> to register for the golf tournament and/or become one of our many sponsors.



Deaths



Please pray for our beloved dead...

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Edward Ouellette
Anne Reyes

Robert S. Miller
Cecelia Harris

Sandro Capraro
William Fitzgerald, Sr.

Andrew Salcedo

For all who have died during the COVID-19 pandemic.

...May they rest in peace



**Rev. Ephraim Arciga, MSC
Parochial Vicar**

Welcome to St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish Fr. Ephraim!

Rev. Ephraim Palma Arciga, MSC, was ordained to the priesthood in 2000 in the Philippines, and his assignment as a parochial vicar at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church marks his first position in the United States.

Fr. Ephraim, as he is known, is a member of the MSC Philippine Province under the administration of the USA/MS Province.

Fr. Ephraim was born on March 17, 1970 in Santa Cruz, Lanuza, Surigao del Sur province in the Philippines to Pedro Veñas Arciga and Maria Aciquia Palma and was the fifth-born in a family of seven children. He is a 1991 graduate of San Nicolas

College in Surigao City on the island of Mindanao and received his bachelor of arts after majoring in English.

His path to the priesthood began with a one-year novitiate beginning in 1993 in Quezon City under novice master Fr. Generoso Sabio, MSC, a former pastor at St. Catherine's. He studied from 1994 to 1999 at the Institute of Formation and Religious Studies and from 1997 to 1999 at the Maryhill School of Theology, both in Quezon City, on the island of Luzon. His first profession came in 1994 and his final profession in 1999.

Fr. Ephraim was ordained a deacon on Dec. 6, 1999 and entered the priesthood June 8, 2000 when he was ordained by Bishop Irineo Amantillo, CSSR, D.D. at Virgen de la Paz y Buen Viaje Parish, Surigao City, in the province of Surigao del Norte.

His assignments in the Philippines included co-pastor and ad-interim parish priest at Virgen de la Paz y Buen Viaje Parish from 2000 to 2002; and parish priest at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Pilar, Camotes Island, from 2002 to 2006.

Beginning in 2006, Fr. Ephraim served in several positions aimed at encouraging vocations to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. He served from 2006 to 2008 as vocation promoter for Visayas at the MSC Formation Center in Cebu City.

While serving as a parish priest from 2008 to 2013 at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu province, he also served his first term as MSC national vocation director.

He served as rector of the MSC Formation Center from 2014 to 2018; and then a second term as MSC national vocation director, from 2018 to 2020 while based at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Lapu-Lapu City. He went on to serve as national vocation director/socius while at the MSC Chevalier Novitiate House in Malolos City, Bulacan province, beginning in 2020.

He was assigned to St. Catherine as parochial vicar for a term of three years, effective July 1, 2022.

Fr. Ephraim enjoys singing, playing guitar and tennis.

2022 DDF SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE NEXT WEEKEND - AUGUST 6 & 7

You can make your donation *several ways*:

- **In the collection basket at Mass**
- **Via **ONLINE GIVING** at St. Catherine's website: www.stcofa.org**
- **Mail your check to St. Catherine of Alexandria-7005 Brockton Ave., Riverside, CA 92506**

Thank you for your continued support!

Donating to DDF supports your Church and Ministries.



TO REPORT THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD

by a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer, call the toll free
Sexual Misconduct Hotline 1-888-206-9090

**PARA REPORTAR EL ABUSO SEXUAL
DE UN MENOR**

por parte de un sacerdote, diácono, empleado o voluntario,
llame a la **Línea Directa de Conducta Sexual
Inapropiada 1-888-206-9090**

PRAYER OF THE WEEK**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

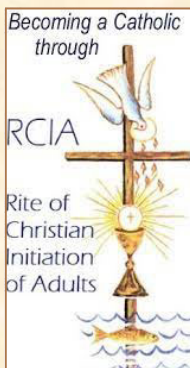
Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and
guide, you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

REFLECTION:**How has the Lord answered my prayers?**

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Living Stewardship Now

Wealthy or not, there are many ways to share God's blessings:
Give away gently-used clothes and household items to local charities.
Buy locally and support businesses in your neighborhood.
Resist advertising; buy only as much as you need.
Spend time with family and friends.
Share non-perishable food with local food banks.
Support your parish and good causes with your time and skills.
Be good to the earth: Reduce waste, recycle, plant a garden.
Turn off the TV and try biking, hiking, fishing, reading or just walking.
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RCIA Inquiry

Have you been worshipping with us, but have never officially taken the step to become Catholic?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but have not celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?

Have you joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If you, or someone you know, answers **YES** to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through a process called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. Please call 951-781-9855 extension 29 and leave your contact information.

***We would love to help you through the journey
of becoming Catholic!***



Lance Wiseman - 781.9855 ext. 14

All High-School-Age Youth LIFE NIGHT
Sundays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. after LIFE TEEN Mass

LIFE TEEN (high school age teen)

Due to the Coronavirus the **Life Night** are meeting online almost every Sunday 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Contact Lance Wiseman at lwiseman@stcofa.org or 951-781-9855 ext. 14 if you are interested in joining us for our online gatherings.

This Week - 7/31/2022: Life Night: Tonight we continue the series with "Atomic Simulation." We will discuss human relationships and the desire for love from a Trinitarian perspective and bring awareness to the many counterfeits of love that we experience daily. Please check your email for log-in codes. **We are on Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.** Contact Lance for more information.

Next Week - 8/4/2022: Life Night: Atomic series continues with "Cultural Anomaly." This session is for us to understand that holiness—being set apart for God—is dangerous to the status quo because it challenges mediocrity and inspires us to follow God's will for our lives. Please check your email for log-in codes. **We are on Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.** Contact Lance for more information.

Remember Life Nights are open to **all High School age youth and we invite you to join us.** They are held most Sundays via ZOOM at this time. Please contact Lance if you have questions or need more information.

YOUTH SERVICE HOURS - For service opportunities, please contact Lance Wiseman at 951/781-9855 ext. 14.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER - Remember the money raised helps support St. Catherine's Youth Programs. Please contact Lance for other upcoming fundraisers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - THE EDGE - a Ministry for youth in middle school from 6th to 8th grade in private or public schools. **We will be looking to start up in September for this school year.** For more information please contact Lance.

CONFIRMATION NEWS - UPDATE AS OF 7/31/2022

1st Year of Confirmation - If you **missed** the MAKE-UPS, please contact Lance for more information or if you have questions.

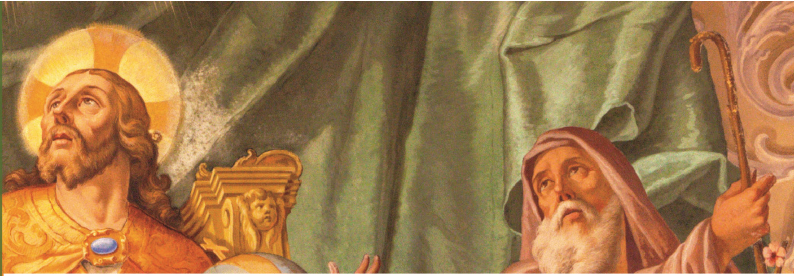
2nd Year of Confirmation - Makes-ups were held July 25th to July 29th. If you missed them, **please contact Lance to see about another option for make-up.** All 1st & 2nd year make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheets are past due, please turn in to Lance **ASAP.**

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION—For all interested, **registrations began July 19, 2022** for the new Confirmation year. Please contact Lance Wiseman at 951-781-9855 ext. 14 for an **APPOINTMENT** & more information.

Our Confirmation process is a three year program, starting in 9th grade and confirming in 11th grade, this is the required process for anyone in either public or private schools. Contact Lance with any questions.

Puesto que ustedes han resucitado con Cristo, busquen los bienes de arriba, donde está Cristo, sentado a la derecha de Dios.

COLOSENSES 3:1



NADA TERRENAL DURA PARA SIEMPRE

“Enséñanos a contar bien nuestros días”. ¿Existe una oración más sabia y prudente para las personas de todas las edades que este verso del salmo responsorial de hoy? Mientras saboreamos los hermosos pero limitados días del verano, recordamos que nada es eterno. En la primera lectura de hoy, el maestro (Qoheleth) afirma que “todo es vanidad”, aunque el Evangelio de Lucas describe la facilidad con que nuestras posesiones pueden poseernos. La segunda lectura también lo señala: “Piensa en lo de arriba, no en lo de la tierra”. Hoy vemos el problema de la riqueza desde ambos lados: desde el punto de vista de la persona rica que inevitablemente tiene que dejar sus riquezas a otra persona y desde la perspectiva del heredero potencial que está en desacuerdo con su hermano sobre cómo dividir su herencia. El problema está claro; la sabiduría también.

NO PUEDES LLEVARLO CONTIGO

Stephen Covey, en su libro “Los siete hábitos de la gente altamente efectiva”, menciona como segundo hábito: Comenzar con el fin en mente. ¿No es ese el objetivo de nuestras reflexiones bíblicas de hoy? Sabemos que vamos a morir. Sabemos que “no podemos llevarlo con nosotros”. Si alguna vez has tenido que limpiar la casa de una persona fallecida, sabes con qué facilidad los objetos que antes eran un tesoro se convierten en otra carga con la que hay que lidiar. O tal vez haya experimentado lo rápido que la alegría de poseer el último teléfono inteligente se vuelve tan obsoleta como el propio modelo. Entonces, ¿cómo pensamos en todas las cosas que compramos, acumulamos, nos preocupamos por dónde guardarlas y pagamos impuestos por ellas? Y si alguna vez tenemos que mudarnos, ¡que eso no ocurra por que es demasiado trabajo!

RICO EN LO QUE LE IMPORTA A DIOS

Lucas nos pone en el camino correcto cuando afirma que debemos ser “ricos en lo que le importa a Dios”. Ni que decir tiene que no está diciendo que las posesiones en sí mismas sean malas. El salmo de hoy pide a Dios -dos veces- que “nos prospere el trabajo de nuestras manos”. El peligro es que, como dijo un gracioso, “nunca tenemos suficiente de lo que realmente no necesitamos”. ¿Qué es lo que le importa a Dios? ¿Qué es lo contrario de la vanidad? La bondad con los demás, la misericordia, el perdón, la generosidad con los pobres y los necesitados: todo esto permanece más allá de la muerte. Es lo que podemos llevar con nosotros cuando morimos. El gran misterio de todo esto es que Dios nunca es superado en generosidad; cuanto más damos, más tenemos.

El 31 de julio es también la fiesta de Ignacio de Loyola, fundador de la Compañía de Jesús. Él personifica la riqueza en lo que realmente importa. Sus aspiraciones militares y cortesanas se esfumaron tras ser gravemente herido en combate. Su posterior cambio de opinión le llevó a fundar una de las órdenes religiosas más influyentes de la historia de la Iglesia. Si lo contrario de la vanidad es la riqueza que permanece después de la muerte, Ignacio es hoy honrado con toda propiedad.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Eclesiastés 1:2; 2:21-23
Salmo 90 (89):3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 y 17
Colosenses 3:1-5, 9-11
Lucas 12:13-21

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Decimotavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Ayuda, Señor, a tus siervos, que imploran tu continua benevolencia, y ya que se glorían de tenerte como su creador y su guía, renueva en ellos tu obra creadora y consérvalos los dones de tu redención.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

PREGUNTA DE REFLEXIÓN

¿Cómo responde el Señor a mis oraciones?

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Rico o no, hay muchas maneras de compartir las bendiciones de Dios:

Donar la ropa que esté poco usada y artículos domésticos a algún lugar benéfico.

Comprar en tu comunidad y apoyar a los negocios de tu localidad.

Muéstrate resistente a los anuncios; compra solo lo necesario.

Pasa tiempo con familiares y amigos.

Comparte con algún banco de alimentos local alimentos que no se echen a perder.

Apoya los esfuerzos de tu parroquia y las causas buenas con tu tiempo y habilidades.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes:** Jer 28:1-17; Sal 119 (118):29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
- Martes:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Sal 102 (101):16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 o Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Miércoles:** Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
- Jueves:** Jer 31:31-34; Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
- Viernes:** Nah 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
- Sábado:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pe 1:16-19; Lc 9:28b-36
- Domingo:** Sab 18:6-9; Sal 33 (32):1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lc 12:32-48 [35-40]

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — No pases la vida luchando por las ventajas materiales (Eclesiastés 1:2; 2:21-23).

Salmo — Ojalá escuchen la voz del Señor: “No endurezcan el corazón” (Salmo 90 [89]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo te ha resucitado a una nueva vida (Colosenses 3:1-5, 9-11).

Evangelio — Esté alerta en contra de toda ambición, porque tu vida no consiste en las posesiones materiales, sino en las riquezas del Reino de Dios (Lucas 12:13-21).

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INFORMACIÓN LITÚRGICA

31 de julio - DECIMOCTAVO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

1 de agosto - San Alfonso María de Ligorio, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

2 de agosto - *San Eusebio de Vercelli, obispo;*
San Pedro Julián Eymard, presbítero

4 de agosto - San Juan María Vianney, presbítero

5 de agosto - *Dedicación de la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor*

6 de agosto - TRANSFIGURACIÓN DEL SEÑOR

San Alfonso se licenció en derecho civil y canónico a los dieciséis años; dejó una prometedora carrera de abogado para entrar en el sacerdocio; impulsado por la oración, escuchó la voz del Señor: "Deja el mundo y entrégate a mí"; en 1732 fundó la Congregación del Santísimo Redentor (los Redentoristas); murió en 1787. MAGNIFICAT

San Eusebio, primer obispo de Vercelli, una ciudad del norte de Italia; se opuso a la herejía arriana, una falsa enseñanza según la cual Jesús no era realmente divino, lo que causó confusión en la Iglesia durante dos siglos; debido a su oposición, fue exiliado y finalmente regresó a su diócesis; murió en el año 371.

San Pedro en 1856 fundó la Congregación del Santísimo Sacramento, escribió: "Hay que ponerse rápidamente a trabajar para salvar a las almas por la divina Eucaristía, para despertar [a un mundo] adormecido en la apatía adormecida porque no conoce el don de Dios, Jesús, el Emmanuel eucarístico"; murió en 1868. MAGNIFICAT

San Juan María Vianney deseó desde joven ser sacerdote; conocido popularmente como el Cura de Ars; escribió: "Jesucristo, que cuida de todos, no dejaría a sus fieles, en su ilimitada caridad, sin ayuda y consuelo en la hora más trascendental y crítica de sus vidas, y ha instituido, por tanto, un sacramento especial para los enfermos y moribundos. Por medio de este sacramento deben recibir consuelo y ayuda material y espiritual"; murió en 1859.

Basílica de Santa María Mayor la fecha marca la dedicación de la primera basílica mariana de Roma, consagrada a María por el Papa Sixto III hacia el año 435. Se dice que María señaló su elección del emplazamiento de la iglesia con una nevada en agosto.

En la Transfiguración del Señor celebramos una fiesta de la gloria de Dios. Los maravillosos acontecimientos de este día se relatan en los evangelios de Mateo 17:1-2, Marcos 9:1-3 y Lucas 9:28-29: Jesús tomó a Pedro, y a los hermanos Juan y Santiago, y subieron solos a un monte alto para orar. Mientras Jesús oraba, su rostro cambió de aspecto, resplandeció como el sol, y sus vestidos se volvieron blancos como la luz, como ningún batán de la tierra podría blanquearlos. La transfiguración de Jesús prefigura la transformación en la gloria a la que estamos llamados por nuestra participación en el misterio pascual: la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús. ORDO



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