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INDOOR MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JUNE 19, 2021

100% Capacity

Parishioners/attendees/guests are encouraged to wear masks, if health conditions exist, or as a personal choice, to ensure maximum safety/precautions for all.

SATURDAY VIGIL

***5:15 pm English**

SUNDAY

6:30 am / 7:45 am / 9:00 am

***10:15 am - interpreted for the deaf**

12:00 pm / *1:45 pm Español / 5:15 pm

DAILY MASS-Effective September 22, 2021

***8:15 am & 5:30 pm**

Daily Mass in Spanish every Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Misa diaria en español cada miércoles a las 5:30 pm

(There is no 5:30 pm Mass from Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Above schedule in effect until further notice.

Thank you for your understanding.

***Masses are Live-stream**

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CONFESSIONS (CONFESIONES)

Saturday (sábado): 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

**YOU SHALL LOVE
THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
WITH ALL YOUR MIND,
AND WITH ALL
YOUR STRENGTH.**

Mark 12:30

**Thirty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

**AMARÁS AL SEÑOR, TU DIOS,
CON TODO TU CORAZÓN,
CON TODA TU ALMA, CON TODA TU MENTE
Y CON TODAS TUS FUERZAS.**

Marcos 12:30

Trigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

31 de diciembre de 2021

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October 31, 2021

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 MISAS

SUNDAY - DOMINGO 10/31

- 6:30 am St. Catherine's Parishioners
- 7:45 am Jose De La Cruz †
- 9:00 am Maglie Estela †
- 10:15 am Rosemary Quiroz †
- 12:00 pm Intentions of Eric Jackson
- 1:45 pm Aniceto Ochoa, Jr. †
- 5:15 pm Carlos & Aurora Rincon †

MONDAY - LUNES 11/01—ALL SAINTS/TODOS LOS SANTOS

- 6:30 am John Chong Kim Fook & deceased fam. members †
- 8:15 am Benjamin Hernandez †
- 10:15 am Pauline Rangel †
- 5:30 pm Sarah Hunter †
- 7:00 pm Juan Reyes & deceased family members †

TUESDAY - MARTES 11/02

- 8:15 am All Souls' Novena
- 5:30 pm Intentions of Chito Ramirez

WEDNESDAY - MIÉRCOLES 11/03

- 8:15 am Intentions of St. Jude's Wirebenders
- 5:30 pm All Souls' Novena

THURSDAY - JUEVES 11/04

- 8:15 am All Souls' Novena
- 5:30 pm Intentions of Lesley Capul

FRIDAY - VIERNES 11/05

- 8:15 am Ann Marie Wellman †
- 5:30 pm All Souls' Novena

SATURDAY - SÁBADO 11/06

- 8:15 am All Souls' Novena
- 10:00 am At WMV—Parishioners
- 5:15 pm Intentions of Vina Lungay Otocky

SUNDAY - DOMINGO 11/07

- 6:30 am Valeriano Tizon †
- 7:45 am St. Catherine's Parishioners
- 9:00 am Jerina Jane San Agustin †
- 10:15 am Intentions of Brittney Lucero
- 12:00 pm All Soul's Novena
- 1:45 pm Geronima Moya †
- 5:15 pm Richard Paul †

† Symbolizes Soul of Deceased

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

Gospel — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

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LITURGY CORNER

October 31 - THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 1 - ALL SAINTS

November 2 - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

November 3 - St. Martin de Porres, Religious

November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

All Souls' Day, November 2 is the commemoration of the faithful with Masses at 8:15am and 5:30 pm. We will also have an All Souls' Memorial Mass on November 6, 2021 at 10:00 am especially remembering those who have died in the past 2 years.

Saint Martin de Porres born in Lima, Peru; at the age of sixteen, he applied to the Dominican convent of the Holy Rosary and eight years later became a lay brother. Martin prayed for hours at a time before the Eucharist. He loved menial tasks: cooking, cleaning, and feeding the unwanted and the abandoned. In the infirmary he cured the sick, and in the backyard he fed the mice, whose language he seemed to know. He died in 1639 at the age of sixty. His attributes in art are a broom and the mice that hearkened to his word.



Saint Charles Borromeo born in northern Italy, at the age of twenty-three he was made a cardinal. One of his greatest accomplishments was the work he did for the Council of Trent, authoring many of its reforms to correct the wrongs named by the Protestants. He began the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for religious education. He died in 1584 at the age of forty-six.

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Liturgical Minister - Reader: We are seeking Readers to proclaim the Word of God at our Masses. If interested in participating in our Reader Ministry contact the Liturgy Office at 951/683-0800 x 14.

BECOMING SAINTS

Follow the saints because those who follow them will become saints. —St. Clement I

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
- Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcd, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

Brothers and Sisters,

Opening question for you. What are the chances that this 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated on the 31st day of October (also known as "All Hallows Eve" or "Halloween")?

Love of God and love of neighbor as well as love of oneself captures the essence of today's readings. In today's first reading we hear Moses speak the words, "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your soul, and with all your strength..." These words were and are the central statement of belief of the Jewish people. These words are known as the *Shema Yisrael*. These are words that are to be recited daily and are so important that often these are the last words a dying Jewish person speaks. For the people of the Jewish faith, the most succinct way of expressing their identity was-and is to this day, reciting the Shema Yisrael.



So here is another question for you. If you were asked today to prove your identity, how might you do so? Well, we might reach for our passport, driver's license, maybe even our birth certificate. These things provide simple facts of our identity: name, date of birth, country of origin, current address and the list goes on. But our identity, who we are, goes beyond these simple facts. What is my personal identity, how do I understand myself, including my self-esteem, my self-image? Additionally, we speak about our social identity. This might include all the varied groups of people who are important in our lives and can be made up of a lot of separate "identities": my race, religion, ethnicity, gender, marital status, even occupation.

These identities, the things that make me "me", draw on my ancestry (where I came from), my hopes for the future (where I am going), and all the relationships which make up my life in the here and now.

In today's gospel a scribe comes to Jesus with a question: "Which is the first of all the commandments?" In response Jesus quotes the words of the *Shema Yisrael*, but goes further and adds a second part, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." By bringing together these two commandments, Jesus makes an important point. While upholding the Old Testament, he offers a clean way of interpreting the numerous laws-through the law of love: love God and love your neighbor as yourself. It is love which connects us with God, love which connects us with our neighbors and love which connects us with our truest self. The very word "religion" means "that which builds together." *Love* is the deepest meaning of religion. Jesus' followers are a people who seek to love the Lord our God and love our neighbor as ourselves.

Now here is the big question. How as Christians can we live today as authentic followers of Christ in the face of so many challenges like indifference, hostility and sometimes even persecution? How do we live faithfully in the present moment so as to be ready to meet our Maker at the end of time? Mark's gospel tells the answer: make love the center of who we are: Love of God, love of neighbor as oneself is how we remain true to who we really are.

Here is a bit of advice: When faced with a decision in life, our first question should always be: How does the law of love of God and neighbor influence this situation?

Love is at the heart of our faith and the fulfillment of every law.

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, 2021 - June 30, 2022
Summary of Weekly Sunday Offering
October 24, 2021**

	Actual Collection	Budgeted Collection
October 3rd	\$ 16,521.03	\$ 15,500.00
October 10th	\$ 16,577.08	\$ 15,500.00
October 17th	\$ 18,180.02	\$ 15,500.00
October 24th	\$ 15,239.37	\$ 15,500.00
Actual Collection		\$ 272,281.83
Budgeted Collection		252,500.00
YTD Collection Overage		\$19,781.83

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY.

**2021 Diocesan Development Fund
October 24, 2021**

Total Pledges Made	\$ 86,365
Less: DDF Assessment	69,750
Total Pledges made to the Parish	\$ 16,615
Total DDF Pledge Payments	\$ 81,405
Less: DDF Assessment	69,750
Cash to the Parish (PDF)	\$ 11,655
Number of donors	288
Parishioner's participation %	10%

PLEASE SUPPORT DDF-2021.



THANK YOU for your prayers and generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on WORLD MISSION SUNDAY!

If you are interested in staying connected year-round to the Pope's missions, and continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, please visit www.MISSIO.org.

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS FOR YOUR MISSION SOLIDARITY!

GRACIAS por sus oraciones y generoso aporte a la colecta para la Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe que se llevó a cabo durante el fin de semana pasado, el DOMINGO MUNDIAL DE LAS MISIONES.

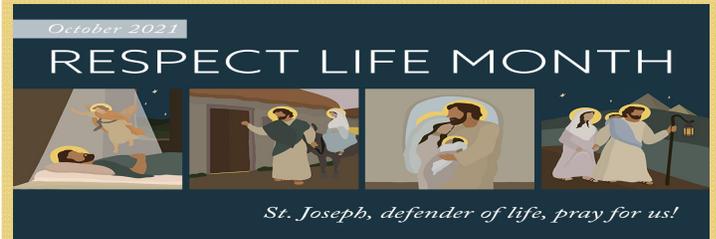
Si está interesado en permanecer conectado todo el año a las misiones del Papa, manteniendo el compromiso del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, por favor visite www.MISSIO.org

¡CON CORAZONES AGRADECIDOS POR SU SOLIDARIDAD MISIONERA!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating LIFE!
respectlife.org/celebrate.



May God grant us the wisdom and courage to lovingly protect His gift of human life at every stage, in sickness and in health; We pray to the Lord...

The value of life has not changed, our culture has. We must turn from being a culture of death to one that values life. When life is not valued inside the womb, it will not be valued outside the womb. The violence on our streets and in the cities are proof of that statement.
- www.prolifecorner.com

"Respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of man and his integral development. Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life."
-John Paul II. Vatican. *Evangelium Vitae*. 25 March 1995. 19 March 2013

CHOOSE LIFE ... YOUR MOM DID!

Message from the Parish Office

The Mass Intentions Book for Year 2022 will be made available beginning Wednesday, November 3, 2021 by **appointment only**. Please call the parish office at 951/781-9855 to schedule an appointment. Thank you for your understanding.

2021 DDF SPECIAL COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEKEND - NOVEMBER 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.**



VINCENTIAN CORNER

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please have them call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 951-684-7386.

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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, November 6. **During the Coronavirus 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.



You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

— Deuteronomy 6:5

All Saints



ALL SAINTS' DAY
November 1, 2021

St. Catherine's will have special Masses at
6:30 am, 8:15 am, 10:15 am and 5:30 pm in
English and 7:00 pm in Español/Spanish
to honor all those who have been faithful disciples
of Christ and who now rejoice in God's presence.

*Each November 1, on All Saints' Day, we are
reminded that our call to holiness is answered
with both our bodies and our souls.*

-Fr. James M. Sullivan, O.P.

Deaths



Please pray for our beloved dead...
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Raymond Anaya Maurice Labbe Carole Gudde
John & Dolores Pimental Mary Lou Couch
Arlyn G. Sweeney Frieda Davis George Lira
Natividad de la Cruz

For all who have died during COVID-19 pandemic.

...May they rest in peace

QUINCEAÑERA INFORMATION



A celebration of a young lady or man's Fifteenth Birthday with a Mass and blessing.

We at St. Catherine celebrate Quinceañeras four (4) times a year in group celebrations.

The next orientation meeting: **Tuesday, November 16th at 7:00 pm via ZOOM.** Please call Lance Wiseman at 951/781-9855 for additional information and log-in code if you are interested in attending the orientation.

“ASK THE CLERGY”



Have you ever had a question about our faith or for our priests and deacons? On our website, we have a feature called “ASK THE CLERGY.” If you have a question, you can submit it online at <https://www.stcofa.org/ask-the-clergy>.

The form to submit will be at the middle of the page. Periodically, we will feature a new question with our clergy's responses.

**Annual
Mass of Remembrance
for the
Faithful Departed**

**Saturday, November 6, 2021
10:00 am**

During the month of November, the Church prays and remembers the souls of the faithful departed.

On Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 10:00 am we will celebrate a special *Memorial Mass* for all those we have lost over the past two (2) years.

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, we invite you to take part in this special Mass.

You are invited to bring a framed 4" x 6" or 3" x 5" picture of your deceased loved one for display at the Memorial Mass. *You can bring your framed photo starting at 9:30 am on Saturday, November 6th. Please remember to collect your photo at the end of Mass. Photos will not be on display for the month.*

For more information you may call Diana Nelson at (951) 781-9855 ext. 18.

Remembering all souls



May they rest in peace

Turn Clocks Back / Standard Time



REMINDER
Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 7th. Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.

RECORDATORIO
El horario de verano termina a las 2:00 am el domingo 7 de noviembre. Recuerde retrasar sus relojes 1 hora.

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**

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish School

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- Religion
- Science
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- Writing
- Art
- Music
- Spanish
- Math
- Physical Education
- Computer Science



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Knowledge
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To learn more visit www.stcofa1.org or call (951) 684-1091

Living Stewardship Now

Spend some time reading the scriptures before going to Mass. Look in your parish bulletin to see upcoming readings or access them online at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Web site: uscbb.org/nab/
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HELP SUPPORT ST. CATHERINE'S YOUTH PROGRAMS!
SHOP RIVERSIDE CARDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE MINISTRY CENTER
7005 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506
Monday to Friday - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Call Lance at 951/781-9855 x 14 for information.

Save the Date ST. CATHERINE'S ADVENT MISSION

"The Holy Family: Joseph, Mary, Jesus"

11/29 - 12/1: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
English mission, in person, inside church

12/3: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Spanish mission, in person, inside church

12/5: Youth mission via Zoom

Stay tuned ... more info in future bulletins!

The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas.

"MARANATHA! ... COME LORD JESUS!"

FEAST OF FAITH**Prayer after Communion**

The rites following the reception of Communion are very short. It is as if the Church is saying to us that the only way to respond to this great gift is to go forth and live it! But there are some significant rites yet before we are sent forth from the Mass. After Communion, we pray together in silence or sing a hymn; both are ways to thank God for the gift of the Son. Then the priest prays another collect, the Prayer after Communion. This prayer, usually very short, gathers our prayers into one. It reminds us of what we have already experienced: in receiving the Eucharist, we have received a foretaste of the heavenly banquet; we have eaten the bread of angels. This reality, this knowledge, should transform us, so that we may journey through this life with our hearts set on eternal life, and find in the Eucharist—which is food from heaven and daily bread—the strength and hope we need to work toward God's kingdom of justice here and now.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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 online gatherings.

This Week-10/31: Life Night

We have a fun night with some Halloween fact and videos. 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 and log-in code.

Next Week—11/7: Life Night

We continue with the session **Keep it Together—"You're Overreacting"** Reflects on how we handle conflict to set health and respectful boundaries. 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 other service opportunities please contact Lance.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER - NEW Shop Riverside cards for 2022 are available for purchase. Cards are valid from date of purchase through all of Year 2022. Please call Lance at 951/781-9855 x 14 if you are interested in purchasing. **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 are not sure at this time when we will be able to start this school year.** For more information please contact Lance.

CONFIRMATION NEWS - UPDATE AS OF 10/31/2021

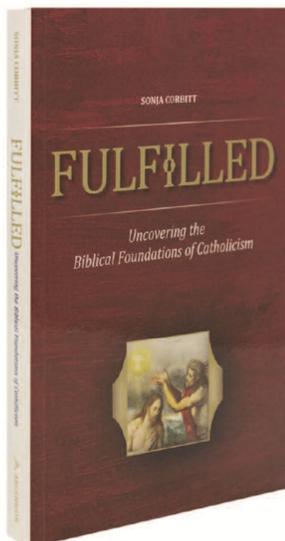
1st Year of Confirmation - Our 2nd Module for the year will be **November 7th or 8th; Zoom code will be emailed the week before.** You only need to attend one of the two modules. If you **missed** the Mandatory Parent & Candidate meeting or make-up meeting please contact Lance for zoom code.

2nd Year of Confirmation - 2nd Year Retreat Information was emailed out. Please check that you received information and **return ASAP.** We have started classes. If you have missed anything, please contact Lance right away for schedules and make-up meeting date. Please make sure to turn in any make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheet from last year ASAP.

3rd Year of Confirmation - Our 1st candidate & sponsor gathering was held on October 16th, if you missed meeting, please look for make-up via email. We have started classes. If you have missed anything, please contact Lance right away for schedules and make-up meeting date. Please make sure to turn in any make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheet from last year asap.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION—Has started for all interested in registering for the new confirmation year. Please contact Lance Wiseman at 951-781-9855 ext. 14 for **APPOINTMENT** & more information.

Our Confirmation process is a three year program, starting in 9th grade, confirming in 11th grade, this includes public or private schools. Please contact Lance Wiseman with any questions.



Are you looking for a way to grow in your faith?

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN WOMEN cordially invites you to join us in a study on the book **FULFILLED: Uncovering the Biblical Foundation of Catholicism** by Sonia Corbett

The St. Catherine of Alexandria Morning Fellowship meets each month on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays.
First meeting: October 12
9:45 am–12 noon
Location: TBD



For more information, call or text Christine Plattner at (909) 227-5566

Fellowship of Catholic Christian Women

**RCIA INQUIRY****INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Though our face-to-face Inquiry gatherings are cancelled at present, our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is **starting an on-line group on Sundays** for those interested in becoming Catholic. If you are interested in joining or have questions, please call 951-781-9855 extension 29 and leave your contact information. God bless and "see you" soon!



**AMARÁS AL SEÑOR, TU DIOS,
CON TODO TU CORAZÓN,
CON TODA TU ALMA, CON TODA TU MENTE
Y CON TODAS TUS FUERZAS.**

Marcos 12:30

EL NÚCLEO DE LA ALIANZA DE DIOS

En la primera lectura de hoy, tomada del Deuteronomio escuchemos el gran resumen del núcleo de la alianza de Dios con Israel, cuyo título está tomado de su palabra inicial, el *Shemá* ("¡Escucha!"). El *Shemá* es a la vez un resumen doctrinal de la fe de Israel y la oración personal/colectiva de los hijos de e hijas de Israel. En la actualidad, los judíos devotos escriben el *Shemá* en un pergamino y lo incluyen en la *mezuzá* que adornan las puertas de muchos hogares judíos. Los residentes besan la *mezuzá*, y por tanto la palabra de Dios, al entrar en sus casas y al salir de ellas a un mundo que a menudo no reconoce ni a Dios ni a la alianza. Recitada varias veces al día, la "fórmula" del Deuteronomio cobra vida como un vívido recordatorio para los judíos devotos de que su relación personal con Dios es a la vez fuente y salvaguarda de su identidad pública como miembros del pueblo elegido de Dios.

EDITANDO EL GRAN MANDAMIENTO

El Evangelio de hoy muestra a Jesús como parte integrante de la tradición de la alianza de Israel: responde a la pregunta del escriba proclamando el *Shemá* del Deuteronomio que ambos habían reverenciado y recitado desde la infancia: "¡Escucha, Israel! El señor es nuestro Dios, sólo el Señor. Por eso amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con todas tus fuerzas" (Deuteronomio 6:4-5). Pero fíjate en los "cambios de redacción" que tanto Jesús como el escriba hacen en el *Shemá*. Al corazón del Deuteronomio, sede bíblica de la voluntad y los afectos, y el alma, la parte más profunda de la persona humana, y a la fuerza, que abarca tanto la capacidad física como el tesoro material, Jesús añade "con toda tu mente", frase que el escriba cambia por "con todo tu entendimiento" (Marcos 12:30, 33). Tal vez Marcos, el autor del Evangelio de hoy, quiso consagrar el servicio del Reino a la reflexión filosófica y la exploración intelectual tan valoradas por el mundo grecorromano, y por el nuestro, en el que se predicaría el Evangelio.

SABER Y HACER

Jesús introduce un nuevo cambio al *Shemá* de Israel: al texto del Deuteronomio, Jesús añade Levítico 19:18: "amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo". Para Jesús, estos mandamientos no pueden separarse. El escriba, encantado con la respuesta de Jesús, pasa a indicar que ha captado uno de los principios centrales del reino de Jesús: el culto ritual y la caridad práctica hacia el prójimo son expresiones gemelas del amor del amor a Dios. Esta idea sitúa al escriba "no muy lejos del reino de Dios", dice Jesús (Marcos 12:34). Pero, ¿está "no muy lejos" lo suficientemente cerca? Para el escriba, como para el rico aspirante a discípulo de hace unos domingos, como para cada uno de nosotros, una cosa es saber lo que debemos hacer y otra muy distinta hacerlo realmente. Entonces, ¿qué pasa con nosotros? ¿Cómo vivimos en la práctica diaria la alianza cuyas palabras conocemos también, pero cuyos hechos nos resultan tan difíciles?

LECTURAS DE HOY

Deuteronomio 6:2-6
Salmo 18 (17):2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Hebreos 7:23-28
Marcos 12:28b-34

FIESTA DE LA FE

La nueva alianza

La nueva alianza es Cristo mismo, el nuevo Israel es la Iglesia. Una vez más, Dios toma la iniciativa y se hace uno de nosotros, plenamente. La participación mutua de Dios no puede ser mayor, pues se hace uno de nosotros y habita entre nosotros. Las categorías se rompen totalmente, no hay deberes nuestros para con Cristo, hay respuesta a una invitación concreta: coman y beban, hagan esto en memoria mía. Jesús mismo instituye, en el contexto de una cena, una nueva alianza. Ya no se destrozará un animal y se pondrá su cuerpo en dos partes para pasar por en medio de ellos, siendo conscientes de que quien rompa esa alianza correrá la misma suerte. Cristo, al derramar su sangre, corta su propio cuerpo para sellar, mediante él, mediante su sangre, la nueva alianza. La noche antes de ser entregado, partió el pan y lo repartió diciendo que era su cuerpo; del mismo modo con el cáliz, sangre de la alianza nueva y eterna. Al beber su sangre nos hacemos uno con él, porque él ya se hizo uno con nosotros. La alianza no es en un animal sacrificado, sino en él mismo, que se hace cordero para el sacrificio. Lo imitamos en la medida en que nos damos a los demás.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ap 7:2-4, 9-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Martes: Sab 3:1-9; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Rom 5:5-11 o 6:3-9;
Jn 6:37-40, o lecturas de entre las Misas para los difuntos
Miércoles: Rom 13:8-10; Sal 112 (111):1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lc 14:25-33
Jueves: Rom 14:7-12; Sal 27 (26):1bcde, 4, 13-14;
Lc 15:1-10
Viernes: Rom 15:14-21; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Lc 16:1-8
Sábado: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27;
Sal 145 (144):2-5, 10-11; Lc 16:9-15
Domingo: 1 Re 17:10-16; Sal 146 (145):7-10;
Heb 9:24-28; Mc 12:38-44 [41-44]

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Guarden los mandamientos y normas del Señor. Ama al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu ser (Deuteronomio 6:2-6).
Salmo — Yo te amo, Señor, tú eres mi fortaleza (Salmo 18 [17]).
Segunda lectura — Jesús permanece para la eternidad y no cesará de ser sacerdote. (Hebreos 7:23-28).
Evangelio — Ama al Señor y a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. No hay ningún mandamiento más importante que estos (Marcos 12:28b-34).

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31 de octubre - TRIGÉSIMO PRIMER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

1 de noviembre - Todos los Santos

2 de noviembre - Conmemoración de todos los fieles difuntos

3 de noviembre - San Martín de Porres, religioso

4 de noviembre—San Carlos Borromeo, obispo

El 2 de noviembre, es el día de la conmemoración de **Todos los Fieles Difuntos**. Habrá misas a las 8:15 am y 5:30 pm. También tendremos una Misa en Conmemoración de los Fieles Difuntos el 6 de noviembre, a las 10:00 am, recordando especialmente a los fallecidos en los últimos dos años.

San Martín de Porres nació en Lima (Perú); a los dieciséis años ingresó en el Convento Dominicano de Nuestra Señora del Rosario y ocho años después se hizo hermano lego. Martín rezaba por horas ante la Eucaristía. Le gustaban las tareas domésticas: cocinar, limpiar y alimentar a los indeseables y abandonados. En la enfermería curaba a los enfermos y en el patio trasero alimentaba a los ratones, cuyo lenguaje parecía conocer. Murió en 1639 a la edad de sesenta años. Sus atributos en el arte son una escoba y los ratones que escuchaban su palabra.



San Carlos Borromeo nació en el norte de Italia, a los veintitrés años fue nombrado cardenal. Uno de sus mayores logros fue el trabajo que realizó para el Concilio de Trento, siendo el autor de muchas de sus reformas para corregir los errores nombrados por los protestantes. Inició la Cofradía de la Doctrina Cristiana (CCD) para la educación religiosa. Murió en 1584 a la edad de cuarenta y seis años.

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