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INDOOR MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 26, 2021

100% Capacity

Parishioners/attendees/guests are required to wear
face masks upon entering the church.

SATURDAY VIGIL

*5:15 pm English

SUNDAY

6:30 am / 8:30 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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CONFESIONS (CONFESIONES)

Saturday (sábado): 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022



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A VOICE CAME
FROM HEAVEN,
“YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU I AM
WELL PLEASED.”

LUKE 3:22

DEl CIELO
LLEGÓ UNA VOZ
QUE DECÍA:
“TÚ ERES
MI HIJO,
EL PREDILECTO;
EN TI ME
COMPLAZCO”.

LUCAS 3:22

**EL BAUTISMO
del SEÑOR**
9 de ENERO de 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 - INTENCIÓNES DE MISASSUNDAY - DOMINGO 01/09

6:30 am John Joseph McFarland †
 8:30 am Irene McFarland †
 10:15 am Cesar Landar †
 12:00 pm St. Catherine's Parishioners
 1:45 pm Maria Luisa Zuniga †
 5:15 pm Gil Domingo †

MONDAY - LUNES 01/10

8:15 am Melanie Garion †
 5:30 pm Herminia Santos Chua †

TUESDAY - MARTES 01/11

8:15 am Intentions of Rachel Gossett
 5:30 pm Doroteo Cayamanda †

WEDNESDAY - MIÉRCOLES 01/12

8:15 am Emilia Inaldo †
 5:30 pm Antonia Gallo †

THURSDAY - JUEVES 01/13

8:15 am Intentions of Bradley Walker
 5:30 pm Antonia Gallo †

FRIDAY - VIERNES 01/14

8:15 am Mauricio Centeno †
 5:15 pm Raul Gallo †

SATURDAY - SÁBADO 01/15

8:15 am Raul Gallo †
 10:00 am At WMV - Parishioners
 5:15 pm Intentions of Johnny Sicat

SUNDAY - DOMINGO 01/16

6:30 am St. Catherine's Parishioners
 8:30 am Robert Patrick Nyc †
 10:15 am Armando Landar †
 12:00 pm Intentions of Everett Gossett, Jr.
 1:45 pm Deisi Pineda †
 5:15 pm Altagracia Camarena †

† Symbolizes Soul of Deceased



St. Catherine Church has radio frequency capability at 72.9 MHz Wideband Audio Input with 10.0 db for the FM Radio that you can hear with your in-ear headphone direct from the presider's microphone.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
 Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
 Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
 Jn 2:1-11

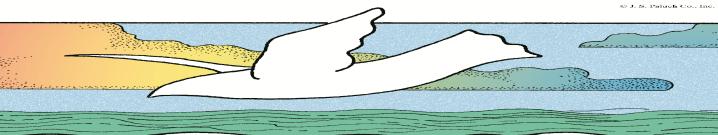
LITURGY CORNER

January 9 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
January 13 - Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

The Baptism of the Lord After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Saint Hilary elected Bishop in Poitiers in 353 at the height of the Arian heresy, Hilary held true in the face of tremendous opposition. He was exiled to Phrygia, present-day Turkey, for his defense of the orthodox faith. Upon his return, he worked to guide his brother bishops who had fallen prey to pressure from the Arians; he died in 367; he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1851.

Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Calendar begins Monday, January 10. Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ will be celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. Color Green is the color during Ordinary Time. -ORDO



He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— Titus 3:5

**The Parish Offices will be closed
 Monday, January 17, 2022
 in observance of
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Psalm 104.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

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Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is the last day of the Christmas season, and the readings today herald the start of Jesus' ministry.

In today's first reading, Isaiah speaks God's words of comfort to Judean captives in Babylon. The same God who led their ancestors through the desert in the exodus story will again bring them through the "rough country" (Is. 40:4) to new freedom. The prophet proclaims that God will come as a strong yet tender shepherd, gently carrying them home. Scholars tell us that the book of Isaiah was written over a period of more than two hundred years, so not by a single prophet, and is clearly divided into three parts. Today's first reading begins the second part and given the extreme duress the Israelites were living under in exile it is no coincidence that the author's very first word in today's reading is "comfort" (Is. 40:1)

The second reading announces once again that the "grace of God has appeared, saving all" (Ti. 2:11). We are further reminded that God pours out his saving presence in Jesus Christ, not because of human merit, but because the very character of God is "loving mercy," extended to all without exception. When we hear Paul tell Titus that we were saved by the bath of rebirth and renewed by the Holy Spirit, we realize what a gift we have been given!

There is clearly a feeling of "comfort" in being immersed in something especially if we are feeling insecure. To be wrapped in warmth, or the company of those close to us, is reassuring. The same can be said of water. Immersion is a common part of rituals and plays a part in many of our religious practices. Christian immersion practices usually go under the name of baptism. The word "baptism" comes from the Greek word for immersion.

We often associate baptism with John the Baptist. John famously encouraged people to immerse themselves in water. This is often described as a spiritual cleansing, but there is much more to it than that. John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. Today we tend to think of repentance as feeling sorrowful-a change of heart. The repentance John spoke of was about inviting people not to be sorrowful, but to announce a change in their own lives. With his baptism, Jesus begins his ministry and the kingdom of heaven is inaugurated.

When Jesus comes out of the waters of the Jordan river, a voice from heaven proclaims: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" and the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove. If we stop to think about all of this for a moment, we can see how remarkable this event is. In the gospels we seldom hear the Father's voice; it is Jesus who is the voice of God, and we never see the Holy Spirit. This event appears to be the only time when we see through our human senses the Holy Trinity: the voice of God the Father, the taking of visible form by the Holy Spirit and of course, the Son of God, the Word of God in human form, Jesus. Jesus' immersion in water is symbolic of God's immersion in humanity.

May God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, descend on you as God descended on Jesus at his baptism, keep you safe and guide you.

Faithful



STEWARSHIP . . . 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
December 26, 2021**

	<u>Actual Collection</u>	<u>Budgeted Collection</u>
December 5th	\$ 17,190.80	\$ 16,000.00
December 12th	\$ 19,683.48	\$ 16,000.00
December 19th	\$ 14,336.95	\$ 16,000.00
December 26th	\$ 43,730.67	\$ 40,000.00
Actual Collection	\$ 446,639.29	
Budgeted Collection	\$ 418,000.00	
YTD Collection Overage	\$28,639.29	

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

**2021 Diocesan Development Fund
December 26, 2021**

Total Pledges Made	\$ 100,223
Less: DDF Assessment	69,750
Total Pledges made to the Parish	\$ 30,473
Total DDF Pledge Payments	\$ 100,047
Less: DDF Assessment	69,750
Cash to the Parish (PDF)	\$ 30,297
Number of donors	415
Parishioner's participation %	14%

PLEASE SUPPORT DDF-2021.

VINCENTIAN CORNER



After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved with whom I am well pleased."

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please have them call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 951-684-7386 so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Please contact Robert Lucero at (951) 784-7642 for more information.



We need **COOKIES, CRACKERS, MACARONI & CHEESE** for the grocery bags given to those in need of assistance with food.

Donations can be dropped off at St. Catherine's Ministry Center, 7005 Brockton Ave., Riverside, CA 92506 M-F 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Thank you

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

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We pray to the Lord for all Christians:
May we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel of God's love and the dignity of every human life.

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9 DAYS FOR LIFE
JANUARY 19 - 27, 2022

9daysforlife.com

PRAY TO
PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE!



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, **9 Days for Life**, Wednesday, January 19 – Thursday, January 27. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. **Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!**

Feeding the Hungry Ministry WARM BLANKETS & SOCKS NEEDED



Cold weather is coming on and it is hard to get warm without socks or blankets. Those less fortunate than us are in need of our help. We are asking for donations of **NEW SOCKS AND CLEAN, GENTLY USED BLANKETS. All items must be sealed individually with plastic or in a trash bag.** Donations can be dropped off during weekend Masses in the container located at the entrance of the church or at the Ministry Center Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Thank you for helping those in need!

"Truly, I say to you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me" - Matthew 25:40

Did you know that St. Catherine's Feed the Hungry Ministry has provided over 20,000 meals to the homeless over the last seven years? This has all been made possible by the incredible volunteers and the very kind donations from the St. Catherine's Parishioners who so generously donate to keep this operation going. If you would like to donate your time, please contact Steffi Chen at 310.266.9796. You can also participate by putting a donation in an envelope and writing "**Feed the Hungry**" on the outside and dropping it in the collection basket at Mass or by mail:

St. Catherine of Alexandria Church
7005 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

Remember, this is an act of mercy and you will be following the words Jesus said:

"When I was hungry you fed me."



Thank You!

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Catherine for your support of the "Giving Tree!"

Because of your generosity and goodness, many children were able to have a joyous Christmas. Riverside Life Services was also given gifts to help new moms and dads.

Best wishes for a happy and blessed New Year to everyone!

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, January 15, 2022.



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.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our Advent and now our Christmas season wonderful!

A special thanks to our readers, environment team, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, ushers, hospitality ministers, music ministers, altar servers, sacristans, communication ministers, sign language interpreters, and of course, our clergy. **Happy New Year!**



IMPORTANT! FOR YOUR INFORMATION Effective Immediately

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, is **required to wear a face mask** when you enter the church.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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To maintain safety protocols, we will wait until after the flu season to determine if we will place our missals and songbooks in the pews.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Baptism of the Lord

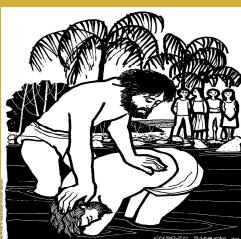
Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Living Stewardship Now

**"He became what we are
that He might make us what
He is."**

-Saint Athanasius

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REFLECTION QUESTION:

**What can I do this week to be well pleasing to
God?**

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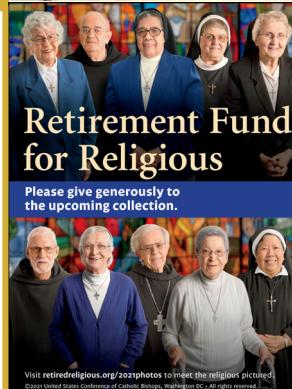
Please pray for our beloved dead...
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**Guadalupe Razo
Irma Veronica Mortimer**

**Ulysses Quintanilla
Jose Manuel Mata**

For all who have died during COVID-19 pandemic.

...May they rest in peace



**There will be a
2nd Collection for the
Retirement Fund for Religious
this weekend January 8 & 9
Please give to those who have
given a lifetime.**

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous. Thank you for your support and generosity!

**Habrá una segunda colecta para el
Fondo Diocesano de Jubilación de Religiosos
este fin de semana, 8 y 9 de enero de 2022.
Done a los que donaron su vida.**

Donen en agradecimiento. Un donante al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos escribe: "Todavía recuerdo las lecciones que las hermanas nos dieron y cómo nos inculcaron el amor a nuestra fe". Muestre su agradecimiento por la devoción en el servicio de las hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes ancianos de órdenes religiosas católicas. Su donativo la semana que viene a la colecta ayuda a dar cuidado, medicinas y más. Por favor sean generosos. ¡Gracias por su apoyo!

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish School



Educating the Whole Child



*Enlightened by Knowledge
Enriched by Faith*
St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish School



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

WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!
PLEASE EXCUSE THE MESS

THE PEW RESTORATION PROJECT IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.
THE PEWS LOCATED IN THE BACK SECTION ARE REMOVED.

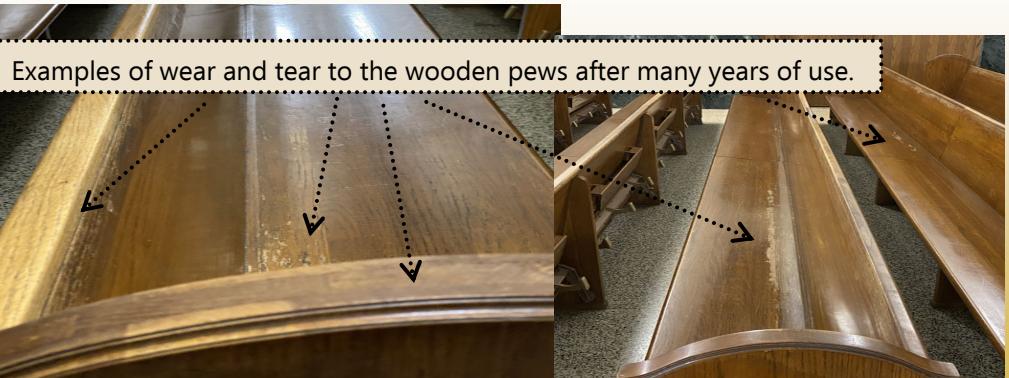
The week of December 27th, book holders were removed from the pews.

The week of January 3rd, pews located in the back section of the church have been removed and are being temporarily replaced with chairs until the pews are reinstalled. Please take precaution when sitting in the back section of the church.

And remember: Refinishing project will be from January 3, 2022 to February 23, 2022.

Your DDF contributions have made this project possible. Thank you!

**THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE
DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (DDF) EVERY YEAR!**



Examples of wear and tear to the wooden pews after many years of use.

"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 responses from our clergy.

Holy Father's Intention for the month of January 2022:

Intention for true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

HURTFUL SIN

Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden, but it is forbidden because it is hurtful.

—Benjamin Franklin



FAITH FORMATION IS SEEKING NEW CATECHISTS

Do you have just two hours to give on Wednesdays for our Parish children?

The Faith Formation Staff and Parish need **YOU** to help these children prepare for receiving their Sacraments, learn about our Roman Catholic Traditions, live out the Gospel and journey in our faith together. The rewards are many. Please pray to see if our Lord is calling you to this Ministry. If interested or for questions, please call Olivia, 951-781-9855 x 25.

***Please note** any adult (ages 18+) working with children on a regular basis as a volunteer will need to follow certain guidelines and training before being allowed to help. Please don't let this turn you away. It's for the safety of all involved.



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!



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 lwise@stcofa.org or 951-781-9855 Ext. 14 if you are interested in joining us for online gatherings.

This Week-1/9/2022: Life Night. Come join us as we start a new series for this month. 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-1/16/2022: Life Night-Come join us as we continue our new series for this month. 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 - NEW Shop Riverside cards for **2022** are available for purchase. 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 1/9/2022

1st Year of Confirmation – Our 3rd Module for the year will be **THIS WEEKEND, January 9th or 10th, Zoom code was 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, please contact Lance for Zoom code.

2nd Year of Confirmation – Reminder **Saturday, January 8th was the first Sponsor & Candidate Gathering via Zoom**. If you missed the gathering, please contact Lance for make-up. Please make sure to turn in any make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheet from last year ASAP.

3rd Year of Confirmation - We have sent via email all retreat paperwork, please check your email, complete form and return to the office or email back ASAP. Please make sure to turn in any make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheet from year ASAP.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION—Has started for all interested in registering for this 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.



DEl CIELO LLEGÓ
UNA VOZ QUE DECÍA:
“TÚ ERES MI HIJO,
EL PRÉDILECTO;
EN TI ME COMPLAZCO”.

LUCAS 3:22

EL BAUTISMO del SEÑOR

9 de ENERO de 2022

UN MODELO PARA NUESTRA VIDA DE ORACIÓN

El ciclo de Adviento/Navidad que comenzó el 28 de noviembre termina con el Bautismo del Señor. Es probable que tengamos una imagen de nuestra mente (basada en los detalles de los Evangelios y las obras de arte) de cómo era esa escena. Podríamos preguntarnos: “¿Quién más estaba allí y quién no?” Ningún discípulo estaba presente porque Jesús aún no había comenzado su ministerio. Tendrían que esperar hasta la Transfiguración para escuchar un mensaje similar. Sin embargo, se da cuenta de las tres personas de la Santísima Trinidad: el Padre (la voz del cielo), el Hijo Jesús y el Espíritu Santo. Curiosamente, sólo Lucas señala que fue después de que Jesús fuera bautizado y mientras oraba cuando se oyó la voz. Todos los evangelios muestran a Jesús orando en momentos cruciales de su ministerio; este no es más que el primer ejemplo de la necesidad de Jesús de arraigar en la oración a lo largo de su vida, un modelo que debemos seguir.

EN LA CÚSPIDE DE UNA NUEVA CREACIÓN

Fue en el cuarto domingo de Adviento del pasado mes de diciembre cuando oímos hablar por primera vez del encuentro de los dos primos, Juan y Jesús. Entonces fue en el vientre de sus madres, Isabel y María. Ahora los primos se encuentran de nuevo en la orilla del río Jordán. Juan es ya muy conocido, tanto que la gente había empezado a preguntarse si era el Mesías tan esperado. Jesús, en cambio, está a punto de comenzar su ministerio. Se podría decir que Jesús entró en las aguas del Jordán como persona privada y salió de ellas como persona pública. La voz del cielo no dejó ninguna duda al respecto. Al llegar al final del tiempo de Navidad, nuestras lecturas hacen eco de Isaías y Tito (véanse las lecturas de Adviento y del día de Navidad) y, junto con el Salmo 104 de hoy, nos señalan a Pentecostés. Estamos en la cúspide de una nueva creación.

JUAN EL BAUTISTA: ¿PATRÓN DE LOS MINISTERIOS DE LA LITURGIA?

Juan el Bautista era lo que hoy podríamos llamar un “influenciador social”. La gente prestaba atención a lo que decía. Y lo que decía afectaba a las decisiones de la gente. Sin embargo, el Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda el objetivo último de Juan el Bautista: “Viene uno más poderoso que yo”. El Bautista camina por la fina línea que separa el llamar la atención sobre sí mismo con su ardiente predicación y luego redirigir esa atención hacia Jesús, el “Hijo amado”. Juan el Bautista podría ser considerado el “santo patrón” de quienes tienen el ministerio de lectores, ministros extraordinarios de la Eucaristía, cantores, ujieres, acólitos y músicos. ¿No es la enseñanza de Juan una buena meta para un ministro litúrgico (o cualquier otro)? Arraigados en la gracia de su propio bautismo, los ministros deben ser lo suficientemente hábiles y confiados como para atraer la atención de la gente (yo, al menos, no desviarla!) y luego volver a centrar gradualmente esa atención en Jesús. Es una responsabilidad dinámica e impresionante.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11
Salmo 104 (103):1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,
27-28, 29-30
Tito 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22



ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

El Bautismo del Señor

Dios todopoderoso y eterno, que proclamaste solemnemente a Jesucristo como tu Hijo muy amado, cuando, al ser bautizado en el Jordán, descendió el Espíritu Santo sobre él, concede a tus hijos de adopción, renacidos del agua y del Espíritu Santo, que se conserven siempre dignos de tu complacencia. 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: ¿Qué puedo hacer esta semana para ser digno de la complacencia de Dios?

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“Dios se hizo humano para que nosotros lleguemos a ser divinos”.

-San Atanasio

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Sal 116 (115):12-19; Mc 1:14-20
- Martes: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mc 1:21-28
- Miércoles: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Sal 40 (39):2, 5, 7-10;
Mc 1:29-39
- Jueves: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Sal 44 (43):10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mc 1:40-45
- Viernes: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Sal 89 (88):16-19; Mc 2:1-12
- Sábado: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Sal 21 (20):2-7;
Mc 2:13-17
- Domingo: Is 62:1-5; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primer lectura — Miren a mi siervo, en quien tengo mis complacencias (Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7)
o *Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11*.

Salmo — El Señor bendice a su pueblo con la paz (Salmo 29 [28]) o *Salmo 104 (103)*.

Segunda lectura — Dios ungíó con el Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret (Hch 10:34-38) o *Tito 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

Evangelio — Despues del bautismo de Jesús, el cielo se abrió (Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22).

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**INFORMACIÓN LITÚRGICA****9 de enero - EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR****13 de enero - San Hilario, Obispo y doctor de la Iglesia**

El Bautismo del Señor después que Jesus fue bautizado, se abrió el cielo y el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre Él como una paloma y del cielo llegó una voz que decía: "Tú eres mi Hijo, el predestinado; en ti me complazco".

San Hilario, elegido obispo en Poitiers en el año 353, en el apogeo de la herejía arriana, se mantuvo firme frente a una tremenda oposición. Fue desterrado a las lejanas costas de Frigia, la actual Turquía, por su defensa de la fe ortodoxa. A su regreso, trabajó para guiar a sus hermanos obispos que habían caído en la presión de los arrianos; murió en 367; fue declarado Doctor de la Iglesia en 1851.

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**Lo hizo mediante el bautismo,
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por la acción del Espíritu Santo.**

— Tito 3:5

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