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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

I have come to set
the earth on fire,
and how I wish
it were already blazing!

Luke 12:49

Twentieth
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2022

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He venido a traer fuego a la tierra
¡y cuánto desearía
que ya estuviera ardiendo!

Lucas 12:49

Vigésimo
DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO
14 de agosto 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 - INTENCIONES DE MISASSUNDAY - DOMINGO 08/14

6:30 am St. Catherine's Parishioners
 8:30 am Intentions of Jerome Murphy
 10:15 am Maxima Urgello †
 12:00 pm Carlos Ramos Estevez †
 1:45 pm Belinda Ann Vargas †
 5:15 pm Intentions of Sarah Campobasso

MONDAY - LUNES 08/15

8:15 am Valerie Lopez †

TUESDAY - MARTES 08/16

8:15 am Intentions of Victor Lucero

WEDNESDAY - MIÉRCOLES 08/17

8:15 am Evangelina Cabrera †

THURSDAY - JUEVES 08/18

8:15 am Josefina Campos †

FRIDAY - VIERNES 08/19

8:15 am Virginia Webb †

SATURDAY - SÁBADO 08/20

8:15 am Susana Aguinaldo †
 10:00 am At WMV - Parishioners
 5:15 pm Flordeliza Bugarin †

SUNDAY - DOMINGO 08/21

6:30 am Intentions of Sophia & Brendan Nolan
 8:30 am Intentions of Marty & Mary Swanson
 10:15 am Mary Hansen †
 12:00 pm Cesar Landar †
 1:45 pm St. Catherine's Parishioners
 5:15 pm Bernie Vasquez †

† Symbolizes Soul of Deceased



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

LITURGY CORNER

August 14 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 15 - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 16 - Saint Stephen of Hungary

August 19 - Saint John Eudes, Priest

August 20 - Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." CCC 966

Saint Stephen at the age of twenty-five was crowned the first king of Hungary. He strove to Christianize the Hungarian tribes by founding monasteries, building churches, and abolishing pagan laws. It is said that he wrote the *Admonitions*, letters of advice for Emeric, his son: "Be humble in this life, that God may raise you up in the next. Be gentle so that you may never oppose justice. Be honorable so that you may never voluntarily bring disgrace upon anyone;" he died in 1038. MAGNIFICAT

Saint John wrote, "As our last end, our center, and supreme good, God alone is capable of giving us true peace, perfect rest, and of filling and satiating the immense capacity of our soul. When our soul renounces everything earthly to give itself entirely to its creator, he fills it with ineffable repose, with a peace surpassing all understanding and the reward of infinite blessings;" he died in 1680. MAGNIFICAT

Saint Bernard's preaching, preserved for us in his letters and sermons, earned him the title Doctor of the Church in 1830; he is considered the last of the Fathers of the Church; he wrote, "The reason for loving God is God himself. The measure is to love him beyond measure;" he died in 1153. MAGNIFICAT



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, August 15th is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation however will be celebrated at the 8:15 am Mass.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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Brothers and Sisters,

In the early church many thought being a Christian would mean a life of peace, without pain or struggle. In today's gospel St. Luke underscores that discipleship is not without price. The world will not gladly welcome the kingdom of God. The eagerness of God to build His kingdom on earth is not always comfortable for us. It brings us challenges that put us at odds with the values in society. Yet God always gives us strength and hope.



Today's readings show us the suffering that God's chosen must often endure to bring people closer to God.

The prophet Jeremiah is cast into a pit. St. Paul in the 2nd reading urges us to keep "our eyes fixed on Jesus" so that we do not "lose heart" (Heb. 12:2-3) and Jesus warns of the hornet's nest his mission will stir up. It will invite conversion in some and provoke violent resistance in others, even bringing divisions within families. The picture of Jesus seen here is hardly the calm shepherd with a lamb on this shoulder. However, it serves to draw our attention to the implications of taking Christ's message out into the world. In today's gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that he has come to "set the earth on fire." He asks them: "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?" He then answers his own question: "No." Perhaps the disciples assumed the answer would be "yes." But as Jesus carried out his public ministry, it became clear that he was simply too radical for some people. His mere presence was enough to divide families into those who were in favor of him and those who were against him: father against son, daughter against mother. For many, following Jesus was just too risky.

Though the message of Jesus is peace, it is a hard-won peace that may at times seem more like division, because he is opposing the corruption of the world. Jesus' message was hard but honest. It was about challenging the powerful and tackling injustice. No one who hears and considers his words could feel misled about the cost of discipleship or the fact that it can make enemies as well as friends. With all the divisiveness present in society today, it seems like the last thing we need is a gospel text that seemingly encourages more division. However, sometimes we need to be shaken out of our complacency. The message of Jesus is not just about being nice. It means being angry at times, confronting injustice and unfair systems and taking a stand. The gospel is a call to conversion. So here is my question for you: Are you a lukewarm follower of Jesus or do you share his passion in spreading the kingdom according to your abilities?

I'd like to take the last of our reflection time today and remind you that tomorrow our church celebrates one of the great Marian Feasts, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast is a celebration of Mary's sharing in the fullness of God's love in her death. More importantly, the feast points to the promised future for all. Mary reminds us of our own desire for complete union with God. She reminds us that fulfilling that desire can only happen when we live lives faithful to the values of God.

Faithful

Jesus endured the cross, despising its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.
—Hebrews 12:2

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
August 7, 2022

	<u>Actual Collection</u>	<u>Budgeted Collection</u>
August 7th	\$ 25,403.12	\$ 16,925.00
Actual Collection		\$ 103,172.61
Budgeted Collection		100,425.00
YTD Collection Coverage		\$ 2,747.61

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

2022 Diocesan Development Fund
August 7, 2022

Pledges Made	\$ 78,564
Less: DDF Assessment	66,700
Total Pledges made to the Parish	\$ 11,864

Pledges Made	\$ 66,990
Less: DDF Assessment	66,700
Cash to the Parish (PDF)	\$ 290

Number of donors	500
Parishioner's participation %	17%

PLEASE SUPPORT DDF-2022.

NO 1

EXTREME, EXPENSIVE, UNNEEDED

CALIFORNIA BISHOPS OPPOSE CA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROTECT ABORTION

The California Catholic Conference vehemently opposes Proposition 1 (SCA 10), which looks to enshrine the most extreme forms of abortion into the California Constitution. We believe in protecting life at every age in every stage. We are extremely troubled by the language in Prop 1, which is so broad and unrestrictive that it would encourage and protect even late-term abortions, which most Californians oppose. We also fear the boundless scope of this proposed amendment, which asserts a new constitutional right to “reproductive freedom” but does not define what that means.

This constitutional amendment, as written, will legalize and protect abortion up to the point just prior to delivery. It is distressing that so many California leaders would push an amendment that allows the taking of a human life moments before birth. In this regard, Prop 1 would more closely align California with the extreme abortion policies of only a few countries rather than those of the majority of western democracies, which do not allow late-term abortions.

The sad reality is that California already has some of the most accommodating abortion laws and services in the nation. And by providing extensive funding for abortion services without any corresponding equitable funding for pregnant women and mothers, the state exercises a destructive, coercive power in favor of ending innocent lives. Enshrining this amendment’s language into the constitution will extend the danger of coercive abortion to babies with unquestioned viability.

The California Catholic Conference will be actively engaged in opposing the upcoming ballot initiative and asking the state’s 12 million Catholics to work to raise awareness and vigorous opposition in our dioceses, parishes, and communities.

Website: <https://cacatholic.org/article/california-bishops-oppose-ca-constitutional-amendment-protect-abortion>

VOTE NO ON PROP. 1

Help Refurbish Mary's Grotto



My name is Matthew Tarascio, a youth with St. Catherine's Youth Ministry, also a Boy Scout from Troop 703. My Eagle Project is to restore and beautify Mary's Grotto located at the front of the parish hall. I plan on planting rose bushes to fill the empty space, restore the landscape and irrigation system. Please consider donating a monetary contribution to this project.

Should you have any questions about the project, the Youth Minister and I will be outside after every Mass during the weekend of August 13-14.

Please make checks payable to St. Catherine and write on memo line "Mary's Grotto."

Thank you for your consideration.

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

Intention for small business

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

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 20, 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.





Reflection on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15, 2022

The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. The *Catechism* explains that Mary "was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (CCC, 974).

Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ'" (CCC, 1025 citing St. Ambrose, *In Luc.*,10,121:PL 15 1834A.).

We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of unborn children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid.

Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives. Are we open to God's precious gift of new life? How do we support expectant mothers and parents of young children? Do we prioritize showing our love and care for loved ones who are ill or aging?

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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The Assumption, Laurent de La Hyre

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Welcome to our new Altar Servers!

Maya Alabbasi – 10:15 am

Nathan Beckman – 8:30 am

Aaliyah Cabreza – 6:30 am

Angel Calderon – 5:15 pm Saturday

Michelle Calderon – 5:15 pm Saturday

Bella Calvillo – 10:15 am

Michael Colocho – 1:45 pm

Caroline Constantino – 5:15 pm Saturday

Elsie Cramer – 8:30 am

Sophia Day – 8:30 am

Raul Espinoza – 10:15 am

Chloe Hollero – 12:00 pm

Analia Lucero – 5:15 pm Saturday

Gaby McCarron – 8:30 am

Julie McCarron – 8:30 am

Ikenna Nnadi – 10:15 am

Hannah Nocon – 12:00 pm

Denyse Perez – 10:15 am

Zachary Qui – 10:15 am

Lucas Quintero – 10:15 am

Andrew Reyna – 10:15 am

Logan Rudd – 10:15 am

Sean Rodriguez – 8:30 am

Luke Webster – SCA

Shyanne Williams – 6:30 am

"Being an Altar Server is a call to prayer and mission ... Serving at the altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus, which in turn enables you to open yourselves to others, to journey together ... The closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer."

–Pope Francis, August 4, 2015

Deaths



Please pray for our beloved dead...

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

Cecelia Harris

William Fitzgerald, Sr.

Dorothy Jessica Averill

Judith Ludwig

Marcos Lopez

Fredrick Smith

Micaela Pasillas

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

...May they rest in peace

Join us on
Friday, September, 16th
6:30 pm-8:00 pm


Women
Discernment
Evening

Found,
Touch &
Transform




@ Vocation office or
Join on Zoom

12725 Oriole Ave., Grand Terrace
RSVP "God" at
909-572-1992


The Fellowship of Catholic Christian Women is beginning a new scripture study in September:

"NEVER ON SUNDAY: A Look at the Women NOT in the Lectionary"

This scripture study invites us to look at the significant stories of women who are missing from our Sunday readings. These stories were left behind when the lectionary was compiled. Their life stories, circumstances, and witness of faith will never be read aloud on a Sunday or developed in the homily. The stories of these women deserve to be heard and told.

Join now to get your book in time! We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 9:45 am to 12 noon, beginning in September.

For more information, contact Christine Plattner at coplattner@yahoo.com or text/call (909) 227-5566.



Fellowship of Catholic Christian Women
Women gathering in the Spirit to grow closer to Christ Jesus.



Catholic Charities San Bernardino & Riverside Counties
invites you to attend

Music Brings
HOPE IV

**An Evening of Great Music
Bringing Hope to the Poor**

Saturday October 1, 2022 • 5-9pm
Grand Arbor Botanic Garden and Sculpture Park
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Locally Catered Food, Live Music, and Fun
Wine and Craft Beer available for purchase
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Live Music



Folk 5pm
Micah Justice

Country 6pm
Factory Tuned

Rock 7pm
Leaving Europa

Blues 8pm
Grits & Bourbon

Please Purchase Tickets Online: www.ccsbriv.org
\$60 per person • \$75 per person at the door
• \$500 table of 10 advance purchase

Proceeds will support Catholic Charities' critical work to fight poverty in our local community.

Information: call (951) 353-8108

Thank You!
to
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Riverside Council, No. 1638

St. Catherine Church sincerely appreciates your contributions of \$100,000.00 to the parish and \$50,000.00 to the scholarship fund at St. Catherine School.

The parish funds will be used for church improvements and equipment.

Thank you for sharing and living your faith with your parish community!

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SCAN ME

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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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who have prepared for those who love you
good things which no eye can see,
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love,
so that, loving you in all things and above all things,
we may attain your promises,
which surpass every human desire.
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:

What has God promised to me?

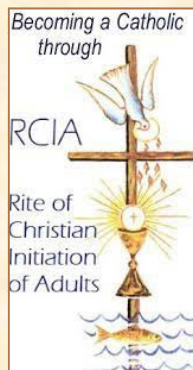
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LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

*God wants you for some task that only you can
do. Don't wait for the "right" moment. Volunteer
now.*

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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 - 8/14/2022: Life Night: Tonight we have a fun night with some games and time to get to know each other better. 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—8/21/2022: Life Night: Tonight we will have a few short films and talk about them. 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 2023 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. Valid from date of purchase through **ALL of Year 2023**. Please contact 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 will be looking to start up in October for this school year.** For more information please contact Lance.

CONFIRMATION NEWS - UPDATE AS OF 8/14/2022

1st Year of Confirmation – Reminder All 1st year make-up work is due. Please contact Lance for any make-ups, paperwork and any questions. Remember to finish up all requirements for the 1st year.

2nd Year of Confirmation – Reminder all 2nd year make-up work is due. Please contact Lance for any make-ups, paperwork, and any questions. Remember to finish up all requirements for 1st & 2nd year.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION—We have started registering for 2022/23 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.

Vigésimo

DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

14 de agosto de 2022

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¿EL RECHAZO Y LA DIVISIÓN?

Mañana es la solemnidad de la Asunción. María está con la "gran nube de testigos" descrita en Hebreos: los que mantuvieron sus ojos firmemente fijos en Jesús. Puede que no pensemos en María cuando escuchemos las duras palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy, pero cuando dijo "sí" a Gabriel, corría el riesgo de sufrir el rechazo y la división que describe Jesús. Como seguramente sabían los primeros cristianos, sostener a Jesús como único líder y perfeccionador de la fe significaba que probablemente te encontrarías dividido de aquellos en tu casa que tenían otras creencias. Este hecho no es desconocido en nuestro tiempo y lugar, y muchos de nosotros seguramente conocemos un hogar dividido por la cuestión de la religión, incluso si las divisiones se producen únicamente por la indiferencia. Es probable que una vida de fe vivida en plenitud nos exija separarnos de alguna manera, manteniendo nuestra mirada firme en Jesús, para que un día también nos unamos a la gran nube de testigos.

FUEGO EN EL BARRO

Se ha descrito a los profetas como si estuvieran ardiendo con el mensaje de Dios. Hoy, ese fuego en Jeremías tiene que seguir ardiendo en el fondo de una cisterna de barro. Los gobernantes de su propio pueblo (incluido el rey de Judá, Sedecías) lo han colocado allí por decirles un mensaje impopular, aunque veraz. Los suyos lo dejan allí, hundido en el barro, para que se muera de hambre. Hace falta un extranjero, un forastero, para convencer al rey de Judá de que hay que rescatar a Jeremías y perdonarle la vida para que siga siendo el profeta de Dios. Como ocurre a menudo en la vida de los profetas, la ayuda y el poder salvador de Dios se manifiestan a través de personas inesperadas y de formas inesperadas. A menudo podemos encontrarnos empantanados en el barro de un tipo u otro. ¿Tenemos realmente el fuego del mensaje de Dios en nosotros, para poder buscar nuestro rescate en lugares que no esperamos?

EL FUEGO DEL ESPÍRITU EN EL VERANO

Hace una o dos generaciones, estos domingos de verano del tiempo ordinario se habrían conocido como domingos "de Pentecostés". Esa convención de nomenclatura ayudaba a recordar que el fuego de Pentecostés del Espíritu nos llevaba a través de todos los domingos hasta el final del año litúrgico. Aunque ya no utilicemos ese nombre para estos domingos, la realidad subyacente es la misma. El fuego del que habla hoy Jesús es el fuego del Espíritu. El fuego del que habló cuando dijo a sus seguidores que eran luz para el mundo era la llama del Espíritu encendiendo la lámpara del discipulado. Se necesitan discípulos valientes para permitir que el fuego ardiente del que habla Jesús entre en sus vidas, para permitir que su luz, su calor e incluso su limpieza actúen en ellos y a través de ellos. Aunque no queramos pensar en el calor del fuego del Espíritu en un domingo de verano, ese Espíritu está siempre con nosotros, ardiendo en nuestro interior.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Jeremías 38:4-6, 8-10
Salmo 40 (39):2, 3, 4, 18
Hebreos 12:1-4
Lucas 12:49-53

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Señor Dios, que has preparado bienes invisibles para los que te aman, infunde en nuestros corazones el anhelo de amarte, para que, amándote en todo y sobre todo, consigamos tus promesas, que superan todo deseo.

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 es lo que me promete Dios?

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Jesús aceptó la cruz, sin temer su ignominia, y por eso está sentado a la derecha del trono de Dios.

— Hebreos 12:2

He venido a traer fuego a la tierra
¡y cuánto desearía
que ya estuviera ardiendo!

Lucas 12:49

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: **Vigilia:** 1 Cr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Sal 132 (131):6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lc 11:27-28
Día: Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Sal 45 (44):10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lc 1:39-56

Martes: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Miércoles: Ez 34:1-11; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Jueves: Ez 36:23-28; Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Viernes: Ez 37:1-14; Sal 107 (106):2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Sábado: Ez 43:1-7a; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Domingo: Is 66:18-21; Sal 117 (116):1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lc 13:22-30

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El profeta del Señor sufre peligros y deshonra para proclamar el no grato mensaje de Dios para la ciudad (Jeremías 38:4-6, 8-10).
Salmo — Señor, date prisa en socorrerme (Salmo 40 [39])
Segunda lectura — No te desanimes. Persevera en la lucha igual que Cristo soportó la cruz (Hebreos 12:1-4).
Evangelio — Jesús vino a purificar la tierra con su santo fuego y a sembrar división y no paz (Lucas 12:49-53).

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INFORMACIÓN LITÚRGICA

14 de agosto - VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

15 de agosto - ASUNCIÓN DE LA BIENAVENTURADA VIRGEN MARÍA

16 de agosto - San Esteban de Hungría

19 de agosto - San Juan Eudes, presbítero

20 de agosto - San Bernardo, abad y doctor de la Iglesia

La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María “Finalmente, la Virgen Inmaculada, preservada de toda mancha de pecado original, al terminar el curso de su vida terrenal, fue llevada en cuerpo y alma a la gloria celestial, y exaltada por el Señor como Reina sobre todas las cosas, para que se conformara más plenamente con su hijo, el Señor de los señores y vencedor del pecado y de la muerte”. CIC 966

San Esteban, a la edad de veinticinco años, fue coronado como primer rey de Hungría. Se esforzó por cristianizar a las tribus húngaras fundando monasterios, construyendo iglesias y aboliendo las leyes paganas. Se dice que escribió las Admoniciones, cartas de consejo para Emeric, su hijo: “Sé humilde en esta vida, para que Dios te eleve en la siguiente. Sé amable para que nunca te opongas a la justicia. Sé honorable para que nunca traigas voluntariamente la desgracia a nadie”; murió en 1038. MAGNIFICAT

San Juan escribió: “Como nuestro último fin, nuestro centro y bien supremo, sólo Dios es capaz de darnos la verdadera paz, el descanso perfecto, y de llenar y saciar la inmensa capacidad de nuestra alma. Cuando nuestra alma renuncia a todo lo terrenal para entregarse enteramente a su creador, él la colma de un reposo inefable, de una paz que supera todo entendimiento y de la recompensa de infinitas bendiciones”; murió en 1680. MAGNIFICAT

La predicación de **San Bernardo**, conservada para nosotros en sus cartas y sermones, le valió el título de Doctor de la Iglesia en 1830; se le considera el último de los Padres de la Iglesia; escribió: “La razón para amar a Dios es Dios mismo. La medida es amarlo sin medida”; murió en 1153. MAGNIFICAT



El lunes, 15 de agosto **no** es un Día de precepto para La Asunción de la Bienaventurada Virgen María sin embargo se celebrará en la misa de las 8:15 am.

DAR DE VUELTA

La Virgen recibió la salvación para poder darla de vuelta a los siglos.

—Pedro Crisólogo



GRUPO DE ORACIÓN BÍBLICA

Anfitrión: Padre Luis A. Segura, MSC
Cada viernes en español

por Zoom
7:00 pm a 8:00 pm



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¡ÚNASE A NOSOTROS!

Reflexión sobre la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María, 15 de agosto de 2022

La Solemnidad de la Asunción celebra la entrada de la Santísima Virgen a la gloria celestial. El *Catecismo* explica que María “fue llevada en cuerpo y alma a la gloria del cielo, en donde ella participa ya en la gloria de la resurrección de su Hijo, anticipando la resurrección de todos los miembros de su cuerpo” (CIC, 974).

La Asunción de María al cielo nos recuerda que la vida en la tierra es una peregrinación a nuestro destino final. Nos preparamos con esperanza para pasar a la vida eterna mediante las decisiones que tomamos hoy. Cuando elegimos vivir y seguir a Dios en nuestra vida cotidiana, fortalecemos nuestra relación con Él, y esta relación es el verdadero sentido del cielo: “Vivir en el cielo es ‘estar con Cristo’” (CIC, 1025 citando a San Ambrosio, *De Lc.*, 10,121:PL 15 1834A.).

Podemos ver cómo, durante toda su vida, la Santísima Madre continuamente eligió profundizar su relación con Dios. Fue modelo de cómo valorar y respetar Su preciado don de la vida humana, desde el momento de la concepción a su muerte natural. En la Anunciación, mediante su “sí”, María fue testigo de la innegable humanidad de los niños por nacer al concebir y llevar al niño Jesús en su seno. Después de la Anunciación, al haberse enterado de que su prima Isabel estaba encinta, fue de prisa en su ayuda.

Nuestra Santísima Madre nos muestra cómo nuestra forma de vivir hoy nos puede preparar, en la esperanza, para entrar a la gloria celestial al final de nuestra vida. ¿Estamos abiertos al don preciado de Dios de nueva vida? ¿Cómo apoyamos a las madres embarazadas y a los padres de niños pequeños? ¿Priorizamos demostrar nuestro amor y cuidado a nuestros seres queridos enfermos o ancianos? ***Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros, pecadores, ahora y en la ahora de nuestra muerte. Amén.***

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patio trasero de la escuela de St. Catherine, cerca de las mesas de picnic. Se ofrece cuidado médico para adultos, laboratorio y medicamento de bajo costo, los pacientes serán atendidos conforme lleguen y se registren.

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