When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” (Mt 2:13a)
Make sure today to hug your wife and tell her you love her.

Make sure today to hug your husband and tell him you love him.

Make sure today to hug your son and tell him you love him.

Make sure today to hug your daughter and tell her you love her.

Make sure today to hug your father and tell him you love him.

Make sure today to hug your mother and tell her you love her.

Make sure today to hug your brother and tell him you love him.

Make sure today to hug your sister and tell her you love her.

Make sure today to hug all the members of your family and tell them you love them.

And to all those reading this, as your Father, I love you.

And to those who are not reading it, I love you, too.

Happy Feast of the Holy Family!

Fr. Michael

XOXO
A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away...”

~Aaron Lambert | denvercatholic.org~

These words flash in blue across the screen, and the epic John Williams score echoes, almost instinctively, in the mind of any Star Wars fan. Come Dec. 20, these words will appear once more in theaters all around the world as the hugly anticipated next entry in the revered Star Wars series, The Rise of Skywalker, is finally released. A grueling two-year wait since 2017’s The Last Jedi has left Star Wars fans both casual and die-hard speculating about what shocking revelations The Rise of Skywalker will bring with it, and soon, all will be revealed.

If you’re a Star Wars fan, then you already know what to expect. However, if you’ve never seen a Star Wars film before and are curious about the buzz, read on to find out why you need to watch Star Wars.

Aside from being some of the most visually dazzling and epic films ever created, Star Wars is propelled by a compelling storyline rife with some of the most memorable characters in cinematic history. Even those with a passing interest in Star Wars are more than likely familiar with the names Luke Skywalker, Darth Vader, Han Solo, Princess Leia and Chewbacca. This fact alone speaks to the far-reaching impact Star Wars has made on culture.

As with any great story, Star Wars has it all: drama, love, action, epic struggles between good and evil, twists, turns and everything in between. The Rise of Skywalker is the long-awaited conclusion of the new “sequel trilogy” that was launched in 2015 with The Force Awakens. It continues the story started in the original 1970 trilogy comprised of A New Hope, The Empire Strikes Back and The Return of the Jedi. The prequel trilogy, launched in 1999 with The Phantom Menace, follows Anakin Skywalker’s path to becoming Darth Vader.

At its core, Star Wars is a story about destiny. It’s about becoming who you were meant to be. Each of the characters are unwillingly cast into a battle for something greater than themselves, and it draws strong parallels to the Christian life and what it means to be human, which is likely why it’s such a beloved franchise.

It’s also a story about the triumph of good over evil. There’s a certain element of spirituality in the Star Wars universe called the Force. This is an invisible energy which flows though and binds all living things, and only certain people are able to utilize it. Morality also plays an important role in how the Force is used; use the Force for good deeds and for the help of others, and one can be trained as a Jedi. However, use the Force for evil, and one becomes slowly corrupted by the dark side of the Force.

In the end, good always wins over evil, but victory isn’t won without a battle. While the characters in Star Wars are battling for the fate of the galaxy, human persons are entrenched in a battle of their own. Christianity teaches that Jesus Christ already conquered death, and we have nothing to fear; even so, the enemy manages to creep into our lives with sin, and in our falleness, it’s a battle we must fight day in and day out.

But still, hope remains, and above all else, Star Wars is a story about hope. Without hope, the characters in Star Wars would have nothing to fight for. Hope is why we all fight the battles we do. At times, these battles are daunting, exhausting and feel nearly impossible to overcome. But it’s the hope of something better and a brighter future that drives each of us to face those battles head on. In Star Wars, they do it with the aid of the Force. But Christians have something much better than that; we have the creator of the universe on our side.

Stories like the one told in Star Wars are exciting, but more than that, they’re empowering. We may not live a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away, but as the films show, humanity doesn’t change much, no matter the time – or galaxy – they may be living in. So, pop some popcorn, throw on Star Wars and escape from reality a little bit – you might be surprised at just how much that far, far away galaxy looks like our own.
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The study will include a series of twenty-three videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be preceded by a lively group discussion. We will meet every Thursday from 7pm to 8:30 in the lower level of the Cathedral. After 23 sessions you will receive a certificate of completion.

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Weekend Total Offering Percent
Nov 30 / Dec 1 $7,864 $3,636 68%
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December 14/15 $10,002 $1,498 86%

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|                   | 5:00 pm / Nicole Anne Lee S.I. & JoAnne Gamalinda S.I.  
|                   | 6pm Holy Innocents Procession to Our Lady of Guadalupe                                                        |
| **Sunday**        | **December 29**                                                                                                  |
|                   | The Holy Family  
|                   | 7:30 am / Ron Pineda +  
|                   | 9:00 am / Paul Baek +  
|                   | 11:00 am / Roberto De La Vega Jr. +  
|                   | 1:00 pm (Spanish) / Odilia Gonzalez S.I.  
|                   | 3:00 pm (Chinese)  
|                   | 5:00 pm / People of the Parish  
|                   | 7:00 pm / Inocenio Meza +  
|                   | Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23  |
| **Monday**        | **December 30**                                                                                                  |
|                   | 12:10 pm / Dominic Han +  
|                   | 5:10 pm / Manuel Purugganan +  
|                   | 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40                                                            |
| **Tuesday**       | **December 31**                                                                                                  |
|                   | Saint Sylvester I, Pope  
|                   | 12:10 pm / Martina Navares +  
|                   | 5:00 pm Vigil Mass / Faustin Gonzales +  
|                   | 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18                                                            |
| **Wednesday**     | **January 1**                                                                                                    |
|                   | Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
|                   | New Year’s Day; World Day of Peace  
|                   | 10:00 am Mass only / Patty Fox +; Salvador Morales +  
|                   | Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21                                                       |
| **Thursday**      | **January 2**                                                                                                    |
|                   | Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church  
|                   | 12:10 pm / Helen Sienkiewicz +  
|                   | 5:10 pm /  
|                   | 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28                                                            |
| **Friday**        | **January 3**                                                                                                    |
|                   | The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
|                   | 12:10 pm / Deacon Don DeHaven +  
|                   | 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34                                                             |
| **Saturday**      | **January 4**                                                                                                    |
|                   | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious; National Migration Week  
|                   | 5:00 pm / Joseph Lam T Than +  
|                   | 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42                                                                |

**Cathedral Kids**

**Read the Gospel and Color**

**Sharing the Gospel** - After King Herod found out that Jesus had been born, little Jesus was no longer safe. Herod did not want any other kings around, even baby kings like Jesus. In a dream, God warned Joseph that their little family needed to move far away from Herod. Joseph took Mary and Jesus and got out of Bethlehem as quickly and as quietly as they could.

God protected little Jesus. God wants you to be safe, too.

**Prayer** - Dear God, thank you for keeping Jesus safe when he was a little baby.

**Mission for the Week** - If you were not safe, and if you had to move away in the middle of the night, list three small things you would want to bring along.

**Don’t do it! Here’s a Catholic alternative to New Year’s resolutions**

~Katrionta Fernandez @ Aleteia.org~

My in-box always seems to fill with the same questions this time of year, all concerning New Year’s resolutions - the promise of a new year, fresh starts, and personal betterment. Do I have advice on sticking to resolutions, what resolutions do I recommend, how many are too many resolutions?

Writers have a lot of wonderful advice on this very topic, but I am going to suggest something completely contrary to the idea of annual resolutions: Don’t make any. If you don’t want to fail at your resolutions, start by not creating them.

Now I am not saying you can’t fail if you never try, I am alluding more to making more meaningful and lasting change. The kind of change that is deeper than “being more active” or “quitting smoking.” Even deeper than taking on a plethora of spiritual challenges.

I proposed it last year and my opinion on the matter remains the same. The best resolution you can ever make is the one of a daily examen. What is a resolution, after all but a recollection of the year past with the promise to do better in the new year to come?

As Catholics we have the opportunity to start anew every time we receive the sacrament of Penance … New Year’s resolutions are just promises we make to ourselves to modify certain undesirable behaviors. The same could be said of confession; where we examine our sins, seek forgiveness, and promise to try to sin no more.

I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. – Act of Contrition

But resolutions aren’t the same as sins, you may say. Resolving to get more organized or lose weight isn’t a sin to confess.

Yes, but sloth and gluttony are. There is sin rooted at all our vices … Catholics were resolving to do better before it was cool.

If you want to do anything new or different this year, I propose regular confession, at least once a month, and making daily examinations of conscience in the evening. In this way you’ll make daily and monthly resolutions throughout the entire year and that regularity will help it be a little easier to start over if you mess up or fail off track. Just run to confession and start all over again; no need to wait for any balls to drop.

Happy New Year. Merry Christmas, too, for another few days. Don’t be too hard or too easy on yourself. That’s a pretty good resolution, right there.

**Puzzle**

Unscramble words from today’s Gospel:

- Joseph  
- Mary  
- sheep  
- Savior  
- angels

**Listed**

- listed
- byab
- Jephos
- shepe
- Mrya
- Siorav
- enagedj
- anlage
- traedve
Asegúrate hoy de abrazar a tu esposa y decirle que la amas.
Asegúrate hoy de abrazar a tu esposo y decirle que lo amas.
Asegúrese hoy de abrazar a su hijo y decirle que lo ama.
Asegúrate hoy de abrazar a tu hija y decirle que la amas.
Asegúrate hoy de abrazar a tu padre y decirle que lo amas.
Asegúrate hoy de abrazar a tu madre y decirle que la amas.
Asegúrate hoy de abrazarte hermano y decirle que lo amas.
Asegúrate hoy de abrazar a tu hermana y decirle que la amas.
Asegúrese hoy de abrazar a todos los miembros de su familia y decirles que los ama.

Y a todos los que leen esto, como su Padre, los amo.

Y para aquellos que no lo están leyendo, también los amo.

¡Feliz fiesta de la Sagrada Familia!

Fr. Michael

XOXO
Después de muerto Herodes, el ángel del Señor se le apareció en sueños a José y le dijo: “Levántate, toma al niño y a su madre y regresa a la tierra de Israel, porque ya murieron los que intentaban quitarle la vida al niño”. Se levantó José, tomó al niño y a su madre y regresó a tierra de Israel. – Mt 2, 19-21

Las lecturas de la semana del 29 de diciembre de 2019
Domingo: Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14/ Sal 128, 1-2. 3. 4-5 [cfr. 1]/Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17/Mt 2, 13-15. 19-23
Lunes: 1 Jn 2, 12-17/Sal 96, 7-8. 8-9. 10 [11]/Lc 2, 36-40
Martes: 1 Jn 2, 18-21/Sal 96, 1-2. 11-12. 13 [11]/Jn 1, 1-18
Miércoles: Nm 6, 22-27/Sal 67, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 [2]/Gal 4, 4-7/Lc 2, 16-21
Jueves: 1 Jn 2, 22-28/Sal 98, 1. 2-3. 3-4 [3]/Jn 1, 19-28
Viernes: 1 Jn 2, 29—3, 6/Sal 98, 1. 3-4. 5-6 [3]/Jn 1, 29-34
Sábado: 1 Jn 3, 7-10/Sal 98, 1. 7-8. 9 [3]/Jn 1, 35-42

Las conmemoraciones de la semana
Domingo: La Sagrada Familia
Lunes:
Martes: San Silvestre I, Papa; Víspera de Año Nuevo
Miércoles: María, la Santa Madre de Dios; Día de Año Nuevo; Día Mundial de la Paz
Jueves: San Basilio el Magno y San Gregorio Nacianceno, obispos y doctores de la Iglesia
Viernes: Día del Santísimo Nombre de Jesús
Sábado: Santa Isabel Ana Seton, religiosa; Semana Nacional del Migrante

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA
Seguimos en Navidad y hoy la Liturgia hace hincapié en la importancia de la familia. La familia siempre ha sido vivero de esperanza y alegría por el amor de los esposos y el cuidado que deben brindar a sus hijos. La familia, es una pequeña comunidad que inicia en la oración y vocación cristiana. Es desde ahí que la semilla nace para el sacerdocio, la vida religiosa, matrimonio y los hombres y mujeres laicos comprometidos que sirven a la Iglesia y en la sociedad. Los consejos que se dan en las lecturas de hoy son luz que debe iluminar el hogar y debemos practicarlos durante el año. El libro de Sirácide dice así: “El Señor honra al padre en los hijos y respalda la autoridad de la madre sobre la prole.” San Pablo lo resume de la siguiente manera: “Que en sus corazones reine la paz de Cristo, esa paz a la que han sido llamados, como miembros de un solo cuerpo.” En el Evangelio se ve el cómo actuó José y María para proteger a su hijo: “Levántate, toma al niño y a su madre, y huye a Egipto.”

Consejos del Papa Francisco para la familia: “A los recién casados les doy siempre este consejo: ‘Reñid lo que queráis. Si vuelan los platos, dejadlos. Pero nunca acabéis el día sin hacer las paces. ¡Nunca!’ “Para hacer las paces no hace falta llamar a Naciones Unidas, que venga a casa a hacer la paz. Basta un gesto pequeño, una caricia: ‘Bueno, adiós, hasta mañana’. Y mañana se comienza de nuevo”. ¿Qué te anima de estos consejos? ¿Qué harás por tu familia actualmente?

VIVIR LA LITURGIA
Las familias pueden ser desafiantes. Por mucho que puedan ser lugares de amor, crecimiento y vida, también pueden ser lugares de dolor, conflicto y desesperación. ¿Cuál ha sido tu experiencia familiar? No hay forma de evitarlo: ser humano requiere vida familiar. Tenemos que aprender a celebrar y abrazar, así como a perdonar y comprender. Se requiere virtud. San Pablo nos pide: “Pónganse, pues...la compasión tierna, la bondad, la mansedumbre, la paciencia.” Se nos pide que nos soportemos y nos perdonemos mutuamente. Estas son órdenes difíciles para cualquiera, pero no son logros imposibles. Si mantenemos nuestros ojos en Jesús y confiamos en Dios como lo hizo la Sagrada Familia, la visión de San Pablo se puede obtener. Nuestras familias pueden asumir un carácter sacramental y convertirse en lugares donde se revela el amor de Dios.

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA
El GPS de Dios nunca falla
Yo uso el GPS donde quiera que voy, y me sirve bien la mayor parte del tiempo. Sin embargo, a veces me lleva a un lugar que no existe. Luego están esos momentos en que estoy a punto de girar, y el hombre dentro de mi teléfono grita: “¡Señal del GPS perdida!” O “¡Cambio de ruta!” El problema es que, cuando el área no me es familiar, no tengo más opción que escuchar. Podría intentar llegar adonde voy por simple intuición o detenerme para mirar un mapa en papel, pero no confío en mi sentido de dirección. ¡Y no he comprado un mapa en papel en casi una década!

Muchas personas se mueven por la vida sin ninguna dirección. Se encuentran constantemente cambiando de ruta y preguntándose cuándo llegarán a un destino final satisfactorio. Lo que necesitan es una brújula y un compañero para el viaje. Sin embargo, no tienen idea de cómo obtener ninguno de los dos.

La oración puede servir como una brújula, y un compañero para el viaje. Vivir en la corresponsabilidad diaria es imposible sin la oración. Si contamos con nuestra propia voluntad y creemos que podemos ser fructíferos sin el contacto diario con lo Divino, podemos encontrarnos buscando direcciones más que avanzar hacia un destino. Dios, a través de la oración, nos ayudará a ver todo lo que tenemos como regalo. Dios, a través de la oración, nos alejará del materialismo y el egoísmo hacia la libertad y la generosidad. Incluso cuando caemos en pecado, el camino de regreso es más claro. La señal de GPS de Dios nunca se pierde en realidad.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Monday to Friday  11:30 am to 12:00 pm
Saturday  4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
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Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  12:45 pm

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Friday  12:45 pm to 1:30 pm

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Friday  1:30 pm

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