Pastor’s Corner

"His father asked for a tablet and wrote 'John is his name,' and all were amazed.

Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God."

This weekend we not only celebrate the birth of John the Baptist, but also the gift of his parents who welcomed this child late in life. The great work of parenting never really ends, even when our children have to parent us sometimes. This weekend, we also learn something about the parenting of God, our Father. John’s father, Zechariah, doubted the possibility of he and his wife bearing a child and God punished him by taking away his ability to speak. For nine months, Zechariah lost his unlimited talk. All his minutes were used up. I sometimes wonder what a joy it must have been for his wife, Elizabeth. Their communication skills musty have improved greatly during those nine months.

What would our world be like if all of us refrained from speaking for nine months? What if the Father disciplined all of us doubters by taking away our ability to speak? After nine months, what great gift would be born into the world?

The benefit of not speaking leads to us being better listeners. To hear more clearly the messages being revealed to us from our Father might actually give us some answers to all the frustrating and sad situations we see developing in the world. Even though Zechariah was allowed to use a tablet, the Father might include in our mandatory silence, refraining from Facebook, Instagram, twitter, texting, blogs, and even pastor’s corners. No more sitcoms, 24 hour news, weather channels and arguments; the voice of humanity silent for nine months. It’s nice to dream about such things.

Of course, our voice has a purpose. We don’t have to speak every foolish and unimportant thought that crosses our mind. Most things are best left unsaid and forgotten. The important things are seldom put into words. But when Zechariah got back the gift of speech, he spoke blessing God. Isn’t that why God gave us the ability to speak? To be a voice crying out in the wilderness?

What marvels God truly has done for us. He is the Giver of every gift we have. Praise God always, for He is Good. He speaks to us and His Word gives us Life. Blessed be God! Blessed be God forever!

~Father Michael~

Question: June 24 celebrates the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. How was that date chosen and why?

Answer: The date set for John the Baptist’s birth only came into existence once the date to celebrate Jesus’ birth was set. Evidence shows that by the middle of the fourth century Christians were celebrating the birth of Jesus around December 25. No one at that time knew when Jesus was born, but the date seemed to be selected to counter the Roman festival to the sun god.

Once December 25 had been selected for the birth of Jesus, a number of other dates could be set, using the biblical evidence at hand. When the angel appeared to Mary and she conceived, her cousin, Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, was in her sixth month. If Jesus was born on December 25, then he had to be conceived nine months before, on March 25. If Elizabeth was then in her sixth month, then John the Baptist was due three months later on June 25.

Then why June 24? A rather convincing reason stems from John’s witness in John’s Gospel. There John the Baptist says that Jesus must increase and he, John, must decrease. The other Gospels also have John point to Jesus and not himself as the chosen one of God. In making John’s birth a day less than Jesus’ full nine months, the Christian community communicated this Gospel reality in its liturgical calendar. Thus the Christian community continued to highlight John’s mission and ministry. Maybe we could strive toward that same mission in our own lives.

~Romans 13:10~

“Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.” ~ Romans 13:10 ~
Right on the heels of the apparent suicide of fashion designer Kate Spade, America woke up Friday morning to the news of yet another suicide: CNN’s Anthony Bourdain. They join a growing list of celebrities who have taken their own lives in recent years, including three talented musicians: Avicii, Chris Cornell of Soundgarden, and Chester Bennington of Linkin Park.

But it would be an enormous mistake to conclude that this is only a growing problem for high-profile figures suffering the slings and arrows of fame and fortune. Suicide is a growing problem for all Americans.

Right between the news of Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain came a CDC report that suicide rates increased by 25 percent across the United States from 1999 through 2016. The rates increased in nearly every state, and half of the states saw suicide rates go up more than 30 percent. In total, almost 45,000 lives were lost to suicide in 2016. It’s among our leading causes of death.

Why is this happening? The CDC notes that while suicide is often attributed to mental health, more than half of people who died by suicide did not have a known mental health condition. Suicide, the CDC concluded, is rarely caused by a “single factor,” but contributing causes may include relationship problems; recent or upcoming crises; health, financial, housing, and legal problems; and substance abuse.

And I can’t help but think that the story goes even deeper. Nietzsche once said the human heart is a “labyrinth” forever hidden to the world outside—the world that operates according to government action, news reports, and public opinion. There are icebergs of the soul hidden even from friends, family members—maybe even ourselves. Maybe, in the end, the only one who knows all the causes of any one person’s tragic suicide is God himself.

While the causes may not be ours to know, we can hear the same cries echoing out across the country: my life is not worth living. A recent song by Logic and Alessia Cara, “1-800-273-8255” (titled after the Suicide Prevention Lifeline number) speaks movingly of the state in which many people on the brink of suicide find themselves. “I don’t want to be alive,” Logic sings with heartbreaking desperation. “I don’t want to be alive. I just want to die today. I just want to die...They say every life’s precious, but nobody cares about mine.” How many people have spoken these words from the depths of their being? How many have then spoken them out loud? And how many, never hearing anything to the contrary, have acted on them?

These cries call out for our collective resources promoting physical, mental, and social health. But the Church also has and must deliver a unique spiritual response to those cries, one that Benedict XVI delivered beautifully in 2011: ‘It is good that you exist.” Whatever happens with you or to you, you are a beloved child of God, and it is good that you exist. Your life’s worth is not measured by your productivity, social status, career path, bank account, love life, friendships, health, beauty, happiness, wit, or talent. It’s not a function of how the world or other people look at you. Your worth is measured by the sign of God’s infinite love for you: your being. Creation is not a distant single factor, but God is creating you, because he desires you, accepts you, and loves you. And even if every last person in the whole crazy world tells you otherwise, your life remains incredibly precious and important, because God has a job for you that only you can do.

Everyone you meet is fighting a great battle; some, veritable wars. But both celebrities and workaday people are increasingly battered, bleeding, and—whether cumulatively or suddenly upon waking one morning—hopeless. More and more people are feeling like they’ve lost their fight.

But the Church remains a field hospital. Its doors opened two thousand years ago, and they’re still open today. And above its doors is a message of hope, even and especially to the hopeless:

“It is good for you to be here.”
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

What power lies in a name? Have you ever met a "David," "Holly," or "Jack" and said, "They don't look like a David, Holly, or Jack?" Sometimes our name actually adds something to our person. Peculiar people sometimes have peculiar names. Some people of tremendous strength have names that we deem strong as well. Sometimes we give nicknames to people because of some attributes they exhibit.

In the Bible, names mean a lot. Saul changes his name to Paul when he converts. Adam means "man," as in the first man. Eve means "to live" or "to breathe." Elizabeth took great care to name her son John as God commanded, even if other family members did not understand why such a unique name not found in their lineage. It was a unique name for a child who had a unique future of preparing the way for the Messiah.

We have our baptismal names, our surnames, our Confirmation names, and our maiden names. But all disciples of Jesus also bear the same name: Christian. People may wonder what does a David, Holly, or Jack really look like, but they should never wonder what a Christian looks like. We are looking for donations of sellable items, especially religious items, like rosaries, statues, pictures, and Nativity sets. And, volunteers of all kinds are always welcome.

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이름에 어떤 권력이 있는가? 당신은 "David," "Holly," 또는 "Jack"을 만났을 때你说 "They don't look like a David, Holly, or Jack?" 때때로 우리의 이름은 사람에 대해 추가적인 것을 나타냅니다. 특이한 사람들은 종종 특이한 이름을 가집니다. 위안부 강한 사람들은 우리에게 보이는 특이한 이름으로 간주할 수 있습니다. 종종 우리는 사람들을 니콜램을 부여하기에 어떤 속성을 나타내는 이유입니다.

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### Read the Gospel and Color

**Sharing the Gospel** - Keys are important. They open locked doors. They turn cars on and off. They protect your things, so no one takes what belongs to you. Imagine Peter’s surprise when Jesus gave him the keys to heaven! Peter understood that Jesus was the Savior. By sharing what he knew, Peter could open heaven to many people.

**Prayer** - Jesus, help me to tell my friends that you are the Savior.

**Mission for the Week** - God has given your parents the key to your house. Always let your parents open the door to your home. Let them welcome your friends.
Esquina del Pastor

"Su padre pidió una tableta y escribió 'John es su nombre', y todos quedaron asombrados. Inmediatamente se abrió su boca, se liberó su lengua, y habló bendiciendo a Dios".

Este fin de semana no solo celebramos el nacimiento de Juan el Bautista, sino también el regalo de sus padres que dieron la bienvenida a este niño tarde en la vida. El gran trabajo de crianza nunca termina, incluso cuando nuestros hijos tienen que criarnos a veces. Este fin de semana, también aprendemos algo sobre la paternidad de Dios, nuestro Padre. El padre de Juan, Zacarías, dudaba de la posibilidad de que él y su esposa tuvieran un hijo y Dios lo castigaba quitándole su capacidad de hablar. Durante nueve meses, Zacarías perdió su charla ilimitada. Todos sus minutos se agotaron. A veces me pregunto qué alegría debió haber sido para su esposa, Elizabeth. Sus habilidades de comunicación deben haber mejorado mucho durante esos nueve meses.

¿Cómo sería nuestro mundo si todos nos abstengáramos de hablar durante nueve meses? ¿Qué pasa si el Padre nos disciplina a todos los que dudamos quitándonos la capacidad de hablar? Después de nueve meses, ¿qué gran regalo nacería en el mundo?

El beneficio de no hablar nos lleva a ser mejores oyentes. Para escuchar más claramente los mensajes que nuestro Padre nos ha revelado en realidad podrían darnos algunas respuestas a todas las situaciones frustrantes y tristes que vemos desarrollar en el mundo. Aunque a Zachariah se le permitió usar una tableta, el Padre puede incluir en nuestro silencio obligatorio, absteniéndose de Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, mensajes de texto, blogs e incluso esquinas de pastor. No más comedias, noticias de 24 horas, canales meteorológicos y argumentos; la voz de la humanidad en silencio durante nueve meses. Es bueno soñar con tales cosas.

Por supuesto, nuestra voz tiene un propósito. No tenemos que hablar cada pensamiento tonto y sin importancia que cruzan nuestro mente. La mayoría de las cosas se dejan sin decir y se olvidan. Las cosas importantes rara vez se expresan con palabras. Pero cuando Zacarías recuperó el don del habla, habló bendiciendo a Dios. ¿No es eso que Dios nos dio la capacidad de hablar? ¿Para ser una voz que grita en el desierto?

¿Qué maravillas Dios realmente ha hecho por nosotros. Él es el Dador de cada regalo que tenemos. Alabe a Dios siempre, porque Él es Bueno. Él nos habla y Su Palabra nos da Vida. ¡Bendito sea Dios! ¡Bendito sea Dios por siempre!

~Padre Michael~

Pregunta: el 24 de junio celebra la fiesta de la Natividad de San Juan Bautista. ¿Cómo se eligió esa fecha y por qué?

Respuesta: La fecha establecida para el nacimiento de Juan el Bautista solo comenzó a existir una vez que se estableció la fecha para celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús. La evidencia muestra que a mediados del siglo IV los cristianos celebraban el nacimiento de Jesús alrededor del 25 de diciembre. Nadie en ese momento sabía cuándo nació Jesús, pero la fecha parecía ser seleccionada para contrarrestar el festival romano al dios sol.

Una vez que se seleccionó el 25 de diciembre para el nacimiento de Jesús, se podrían establecer varias fechas más, usando la evidencia bíblica que tenemos entre manos. Cuando el ángel se le apareció a María y ella concibió, su prima, Isabel, la madre de Juan el Bautista, estaba en su sexto mes. Si Jesús nació el 25 de diciembre, entonces tuvo que ser concebido nueve meses antes, el 25 de marzo. Si Isabel estaba en su sexto mes, entonces Juan el Bautista debía presentarse tres meses más tarde, el 25 de junio.

Entonces, ¿por qué el 24 de junio? Una razón bastante convincente proviene del testimonio de Juan en el Evangelio de Juan. Allí, Juan el Bautista dice que Jesús debe aumentar y él, Juan, debe disminuir. Los otros Evangelios también hacen que Juan señale a Jesús y no a sí mismo como el elegido de Dios. Al hacer el nacimiento de Juan un día menos que los nueve meses completos de Jesús, la comunidad cristiana comunicó esta realidad evangélica en su calendario litúrgico. Por lo tanto, la comunidad cristiana continuó destacando la misión y el ministerio de Juan. Tal vez podríamos luchar por la misma misión en nuestras propias vidas.

"El amor no hace mal a un vecino; por lo tanto, el amor es el cumplimiento de la ley". ~ Romanos 13: 10 ~
LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

¿Qué poder hay en un nombre? ¿Alguna vez conociste a un "David", una "Hada" o un "Juan" y dijiste: "no tienen cara de David, Hada o Juan"? A veces nuestro nombre le aporta algo a nuestra personalidad. Las personas peculiares a veces tienen nombres peculiares. Algunas personas muy fuertes tienen nombres que también consideramos fuertes. A veces ponemos apodos según algunos de los atributos que esa persona muestra.

En la Biblia, los nombres tienen mucho significado. Saúl cambió de nombre cuando se convirtió y pasó a llamarse Pablo. Adán significa "hombre", como el primer hombre. Eva significa "vivir" o "respirar". Isabel tuvo mucho cuidado de llamar a su hijo Juan como Dios le había ordenado, aun cuando otros miembros de la familia no entendían por qué le pondría un nombre tan particular que no se encontraba en su linaje. Era un nombre particular para un niño que tenía el futuro particular de preparar el camino para el Mesías.

Tenemos nombres de bautismo, apellidos, nombres de confirmación y nombres de soltería. Pero todos los discípulos de Jesús además llevan el mismo nombre: cristianos. La gente podría preguntarse cómo es realmente un David, una Hada o un Juan; pero nunca debería preguntarse cómo es un cristiano. Desdichadamente, con mucha frecuencia, quienes llevan este nombre no reflejan las características representadas en este nombre. En resumen, un cristiano se parece a Cristo. Un cristiano actúa como Cristo. Un cristiano no es más que Cristo para un mundo que busca descubrir el verdadero significado de su nombre.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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- Jueves: San Ireneo, obispo y mártir r
- Viernes: San Pedro y san Pablo, apóstoles
- Sábado: Primeros Mártires de la Santa Iglesia Romana
- Domingo siguiente: 13er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

VERSO DEL EVANGELIO DE DOMINGO

Por aquellos días, él le llegó a Isabel la hora de dar a luz y tuvo un hijo. A los ocho días fueron a circuncidar al niño y le querían poner Zacarías, como su padre; pero la madre se opuso, diciéndoles: "No. Su nombre será Juan". (Lc 1, 57. 59-60)

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA

El ángel le dijo: "No temas, Zacarías". (Lc. 1:13). Por aquello del miedo de encontrar a Dios en la vida y que revele cosas que no se comprenden de inmediato. El Evangelio nos dice que Zacarías se turbó al verlo, y el temor se apoderó de él. ¿Qué hubieras hecho tú en lugar de Zacarías? ¿Cuál hubiera sido tu respuesta? Para iluminar la respuesta, tenemos la luz de las palabras del Papa Francisco, que nos dan pequeñas pautas a seguir en la Solemnidad de hoy. Dijo él: "Los días más largos del año; los días que tienen más luz, porque en las tinieblas de aquel tiempo Juan era el hombre de la luz; no de una luz propia, sino de una luz reflejada. Como una luna. Y cuando Jesús comenzó a predicar, la luz de Juan empezó a disiparse, a disminuir, a desvanecerse. Él mismo lo dice con claridad al hablar de su propia misión. Es necesario que Él crezca y yo mengüe" (Lunes 24 de junio de 2013).

Juan Bautista fue el gran profeta y el heraldo de Jesús el Mesías. Preparó el camino del Señor revelando a Jesús a otros como el Mesías y como el Cordero de Dios. San Juan ejemplifica la vida del cristiano que proclama el mensaje de la misericordia de Dios. San Juan ejemplifica la vida del cristiano que busca la justicia. ¡San Juan Bautista ruega por nosotros! Para que seamos fieles anunciadores del Reino de Dios. ¿Lo haremos?

VIVIR LA LITURGIA

Al celebrar la fiesta de hoy, recordamos que Dios nos crea y forma a cada uno de nosotros con un objetivo y un propósito. No somos un accidente de la naturaleza. Somos creaciones especiales y hemos sido formados maravillosamente. Cada uno de nosotros aporta una característica particular a la única posibilidad de vida que tenemos. Como personas de fe e hijos de Dios, se nos pide que usemos nuestra particularidad para anunciar el reino de Dios. Cada uno de nosotros revela una característica particular del rostro de Dios. Cada día nos presenta oportunidades para comunicar nuestra fe a otros y revelar la misericordia de Dios. Tenemos lo que necesitamos para señalar el camino a Cristo. ¿Cómo podemos mostrar a Jesús a otros hoy?
PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Father Michael O’Reilly, Rector
Father Kieran McMahon, Priest in Residence
Father Nicholas Ho, Chinese Mass
Deacon John Gisla, Office Manager
Deacon Don DeHaven
Deacon Edgar Hilbert
Sister Jenny Aldeghi, Director of Education
Michael Ognisty, Sacristan
Rex Rallanka, Director of Music
Tom Waddock, Cathedral Manager
Carmen Perez, Secretary
Katie McAllister, Bookkeeper
Tit Kila, Wedding Coordinator

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The cathedral offers a complete faith formation program, including Catholic Faith Formation, Confirmation, The Rite of Christian Initiation Program, R.C.I.A for teens and children, Religious Education for Spanish Speaking Adults, and a Catechesis Formation Program. For information on all of these programs, contact Sister Jenny and her staff at jenny@cathedralsacramento.org, or 916-444-5364

Liturgy of the Word for Children, ages 5 to 10 years old, every Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass. This program provides children with age appropriate explanations of the Sunday readings and gives parents with young children an opportunity to focus on the Scripture readings and the homily without distractions. Children return to their families before the Offertory. For more information, contact the education office or Dorothy Corgiat at dlcorgiat@yahoo.com.

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BAPTISMS (Registration is required)

English - 3rd Saturday of the month, 9:00am
Español - 4º Sábado del mes, 9:00am

BAPTISM CLASSES

English - 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00pm
Español - 2do jueves del mes, 7:00pm

TOURS

Tours are free and are led by trained Docents after the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses, and at 12:40pm on Wednesday. Tours in Spanish are held the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month after the 1pm Mass. Tours begin at the Baptismal Font. Contact 916-444-3071 to arrange free private group tours.

GIFT SHOP on the Lower Level

Sundays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
"The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe." ~Proverbs 18:10~

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**Weekday Mass Schedule:**
Monday to Friday - 12:10 pm
Monday to Thursday - 5:10 pm
(Unless otherwise indicated)
On Saturday, June 9, our community had the annual picnic in area 9 of William Land Park.