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Laetare Sunday
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday to Friday	12:10 pm
Monday to Thursday	5:10 pm
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
En español	1:00 pm
Chinese	3:00 pm
	5:00 pm
En español	7:00 pm

State Holidays 12:10 pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Monday to Friday	11:30 am to 12:00 pm
Saturday	4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
Domingo - En Español	12:30pm a 12:45 pm
	6:30 pm a 7:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday	12:45 pm to 4:45 pm
Thursday	12:45 pm to 4:45 pm
Friday	12:45 pm to 3:45 pm

BAPTISMS — Registration is required

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

BAPTISM CLASSES

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

WEDDINGS — Contact 916-444-3071,
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Mystagogy

Q: What exactly is "Mystagogy"?

A: It has been rightly said that in order to make converts the Catholic faith must be taught, but more importantly, it must be caught. To

become and remain a Catholic, it is not only essential to be instructed in the fundamental truths of Catholic faith, but one must also be fully initiated into the Sacred Mysteries it proclaims. Catechism classes can teach us all about the faith, but it is in encountering Christ in the Liturgy, in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and in the grace dispensed directly into our souls through the Sacraments that true Catholic conversion takes place. It is only by participation in this broader sense of conversion that we may be said to live a truly authentic Catholic life. For this to take place, we not only need ongoing catechesis, but we need an ever increasing share in the life of the Holy Trinity, which only the Sacramental economy can provide.

Mystagogy properly refers to the final stage of the Rite of Christian Initiation, which takes place after Easter and new converts have received the Sacraments. At that time they are given a chance to reflect on their experience and what it has taught them over and above the basic truths they learned in their RCIA classes.

For the authentic Catholic, mystagogy never ends. The repeated participation in the liturgy, the effects of continuous exposure to sacramental grace, and the expansion of one's knowledge of the basic Catholic catechism bring ongoing conversion and ever increasing faith, hope, and love. It is only when mystagogy has taken place and continues that one truly becomes Catholic. The mystagogy column is intended in some small way to contribute to this ongoing journey toward Catholic conversion.

~John-David Black~

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Reflections

It's never very easy trying to understand what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Many believe that trying to be a reflection of Our Master is a good approach. Just as the moon is not the sun but reflects the light of the sun, so we as Christians are not the source of our light but rather reflect the light of our One true source. I've always appreciated understanding discipleship in this way. I think it helps me to maintain a sense of humility towards my life and ministry.

In my house downtown I often sit in front of a particular window and pray. That window looks out onto the world around me. From that window I see many of the taller buildings that create something of a skyline here in Sacramento. One nearby building has many windows which reflect the other buildings around it. One of those buildings is our beautiful Cathedral. I enjoy seeing that reflection because it makes me feel like the Cathedral's strength and inspiration is being shared and multiplied by the growing world around it. I remember that Christ's light will not be swallowed up by the world but rather reflected by the world. It's a positive reminder for those days when I let the darkness seep too deeply under my skin.

Still, the Church in the end is not meant to be a reflection of its self. The church, like a sacrament, is a concrete presence of God's grace in the world. As well, the building in which we worship is, in reality, not the church. We as people are honored with the beautiful title, Church. With that title comes all the gifts God gives His Church. With that title comes all the responsibility of freely giving those gifts to the world. As disciples, it's often easier to try to be a reflection of the dignity in which God has raised us. We look like the Church, yet lack dimension and substance. To be Church is difficult. It requires great sacrifice and love. It requires crosses and crucifixions and not counting the cost. It requires being discontented with reflections and always pushing towards the Source. To be a disciple and to be Church often requires the walls to tumble.

~Father Michael O'Reilly~

Reprinted from October 9, 2016 Bulletin

Laetare Sunday

Most Catholics today are used to the Mass being conducted in English, and they hardly ever think about the fact that Latin remains the official language of the Catholic Church. But occasionally, Latin reasserts itself, as it does in the case of Laetare Sunday. What is Laetare Sunday?

Laetare Sunday is the popular name for the fourth Sunday in Lent. *Laetare* means "Rejoice" in Latin, and the Introit (entrance antiphon) in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo is Isaiah 66:10-11, which begins "*Laetare, Jerusalem*" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem").

Because the midpoint of Lent is the Thursday of the third week of Lent, Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. The passage from Isaiah continues, "rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow," and on Laetare Sunday, the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside, and rose ones are used instead. Flowers, which are normally forbidden during Lent, may be placed on the altar. Traditionally, the organ was never played during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday.

Laetare Sunday is also known as Rose Sunday or Refreshment Sunday, and it has a counterpart in Advent: Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, when purple vestments are exchanged for rose ones. The point of both days is to provide us encouragement as we progress toward the end of each respective penitential season.

~ Fourth Sunday of Lent ~

What did the man born blind do once he could see? He went back. Where? We don't know. Why? Well, where else? John tells us nothing about his reaction to his new situation. He is totally unlike the lame man healed in Acts 3:8, "walking and jumping and praising God." He was not even looking for Jesus, as far as we can tell.

It almost makes sense. He is the only blind person in the Gospels whose story does not include Jesus' being asked to let him see. Maybe he was just stunned, confused at this totally unexpected turn of events. Add to that all the fuss going on around him!

Why did the bystanders even feel it necessary to bring him to the Pharisees? This is an element typical of John's Gospel, heightening the drama and propelling the dialogue forward to its climax.

With such an interesting story, it is easy to miss the brief prologue, in which Jesus stresses the need to do "the works of God...while it is day."

The Pharisees in the story exemplify what St. Paul calls, in the second reading, "fruitless works of darkness." Even the good and great Samuel, in the first reading, initially saw only what he wanted to see. The Pharisees persisted in that attitude.

It is impossible to explain color to one who has never seen it. Helen Keller, in her 50's, published an article in *The Atlantic Monthly* (January 1933), titled "Three Days to See". She wrote, "At times my heart cries out with longing to see... If I can get so much pleasure from mere touch, how much more beauty must be revealed by sight. Yet, those who have eyes apparently see little. The panorama of color and action which fills the world is taken for granted. It is human, perhaps, to appreciate little that which we have and to long for that which we have not, but it is a great pity that in the world of light the gift of sight is used only as a mere convenience rather than as a means of adding fullness to life... How many of you, I wonder, when you gaze at a play, a movie, or any spectacle, realize and give thanks for the miracle of sight which enables you to enjoy its color, grace, and movement?"

Have you ever tried to explain faith to someone who has never known it? It is every bit as much a free gift as Jesus gave to the man born blind. Taking our cue from Helen Keller we might ask how many of us who do believe use that gift consciously. How often do we give thanks for it? It is easy to take it for granted.

Helen Keller suggests we should look at things as if in three days we would be struck blind. Applying that thought to faith, what if we had just three days to build up a store of faith, as it were, and then no more increase, no more deepening? How might we go about it? Today's Responsorial Psalm 23 might be a good start, but I suspect each of us would take a different approach. It's an interesting concept.

In the case of the faith of the man born blind, Jesus again takes the initiative. He seeks him out and asks him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He adds the gift of faith to the gift of sight, bestowing an even greater gift on top of an already wondrous one.

Lent provides an opportunity for us to recognize the gift of faith, and ask for more.

In a short story published in 1915 by Luigi Pirandello, the author encounters his recently deceased mother. She tells him, "Look at things also with the eyes of those who can't see them anymore. It will make you sad, son, but that will render them more sacred and more beautiful."

Think of someone you knew who has died, but whose faith was strong and deep and remains an inspiration to you. Now that he or she is gone, look at life, at the world, at other people, with his or her eyes of faith. What a gift of sight that might be!

~Fr. René J. Butler, M.S., Director, La Salette Shrine, Enfield, NH~

26 Sunday

Samuel does not see as God sees in the choice of David, who is anointed with oil.
As Jesus cures the blind man, so too are we brought from darkness into light through the grace of baptism.
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

27 Monday

The prophecy of eschatological hope finds its fulfillment in Jesus who heals and restores to life, who rescues us from death.
Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b Jn 4:43-54

28 Tuesday

From the temple of Sion flows a stream of life-giving water, a symbol of the healing grace of baptism.
Ex 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

29 Wednesday

As the prophet proclaims God's faithful love for his people, so Jesus speaks of his union with his Father.
Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c, 14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

30 Thursday

Moses, who interceded on behalf of the Israelites, will accuse all unbelievers before the Father.
Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

31 Friday

Jesus' enemies begin to plot against him. He professes to have knowledge of God, and trusts in his love.
Wis 2:1z, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

1 Saturday

Some people wish to apprehend Jesus. Like a trusting lamb, he takes refuge in God his Father.
Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 Jn 7:40-53

Parish News

Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC)

This week, our parish will take up a second collection that will help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and demonstrate Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Support the Cathedral Faith Formation Department

Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets for the 12th Annual Easter Raffle, in support of the education department at the Cathedral. Prizes include a beautiful sterling silver wall plaque of the Holy Family, bicycles, and gift baskets. The drawing will be held on Divine Mercy Sunday on April 23rd. Raffle tickets are on sale in the vestibule after every mass.

Chrism Mass

Please join Bishop Soto, Bishop Cotta, and the clergy of our diocese at the annual Chrism Mass to be held on Thursday, April 6 at 6pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. The Chrism Mass is one of our most important Diocesan celebrations where Bishop Soto will bless the Holy Oils that are used in sacramental celebrations in all the parishes of the Diocese throughout the coming year.

Holy Saturday Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Sacramento, in collaboration with Radio Santísimo Sacramento (RSS), is organizing the fourth annual pilgrimage to seven parishes within the City of Sacramento on Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. Beginning at St. Elizabeth Church and continuing to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Francis Church, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and the Sacramento Food Bank, concluding at the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe. There will also be a brief stop at the Capitol.

This beautiful Hispanic tradition was adopted four years ago during the observance of the Year of Faith. It offers the faithful an opportunity to prepare their hearts for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. There were over 1200 participants last year. A Plenary Indulgence will be associated with participation in the pilgrimage along with the requisite Confession, Communion, and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The pilgrimage is conducted bilingually, but primarily in Spanish. We extend a special invitation to the youth and young adults.

Register for Camp Pendola...Today!

Did you know that camp forever change your child for the better. The American Camp Association research has confirmed that camps build skills necessary to prepare campers to assume roles as successful adults. Campers said that camp helped them make new friends, feel good about themselves, and try things that they were afraid to do at first. Challenge your child to make new friends, gain confidence, and try something new by sending them to Camp Pendola this summer. Register and get more information at www.pendola.org.

BROWN BAG LUNCH COLLECTION is April 1st and 2nd

Visit our website under "Ministries" for information on how you can help feed our brothers and sisters in need.

We want to wish

Sister Jenny

a most awesome

Happy Birthday!

Thank you, Sister J, for all you do.

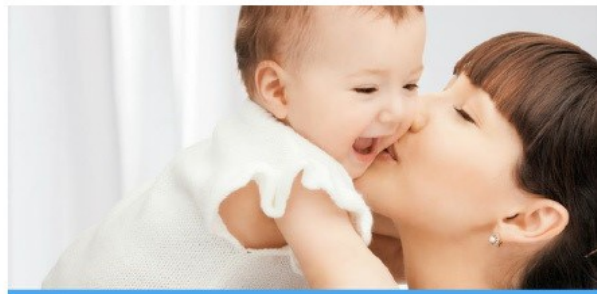


Banns Of Marriage

Michele Radaelli and Yiwen Wang, members of the Cathedral Parish, announce their wedding on June 17, 2017 in the diocese of Milan, Italy. This Banns of Marriage will be published in the Cathedral Bulletin for three consecutive Sundays (3/12, 3/19, 3/26).

Condolences

The Cathedral family wishes to express its condolences to everyone at the Church Bulletin Company at the passing of Stephen Coonley on March 1st. Stephen was instrumental in providing the advertising and printing of the cathedral bulletin for many years.



March 1 - April 9

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

HELP SAVE LIVES IN SACRAMENTO!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 725,000 volunteers!

With God's help ... we've seen proven results in 19 coordinated campaigns:

- 12,668 babies saved from abortion
- 141 abortion workers converted
- 75 abortion centers closed

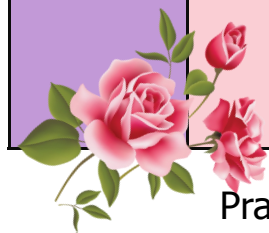
Here's how to take part:

- Vigil location: Women's Health Specialists Clinic, 1442 Ethan Way, Sacramento.
- Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday.
- Local contact: Susan Money at 530-320-1614, or email me at: susanalive@gmail.com
- Learn more at: 40daysforlife.com/sacramento

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Go to cathedralsacramento.org for the latest news and calendar events, register as a parishioner, or schedule your tithe.

	Mass/Intentions	Activities
Saturday 25th	5:00 pm /	10:00 am CFF Classes
Sunday 26th	7:30 am / Stephen Coonley + 9:00 am / Stephen Coonley + 11:00 am / Parish Intentions 1:00 pm Spanish/ 3:00 pm Chinese 5:00 pm / 7:00 pm Spanish/Souls in Purgatory	9:00 am RCIA class for children and teens 9:30 am RCIA Breaking of the Word 11:00 am Liturgy of the Word for Children 11:15 am Spanish CCD classes
Monday 27th	12:10 pm / Colleen Rosemarie Villarreal S.I. 5:10 pm / Stephen Coonley +	6:30 pm RCIA Evening Prayer 7:00 pm RCIA Class
Tuesday 28th	12:10pm/ Myra R. Tabaniag S.I. 5:10 pm / Souls in Purgatory	6:00 pm Spanish Choir for the 7pm Mass 7:00 pm English Confirmation classes
Wednesday 29th	12:10 pm / 5:10 pm /	7:00 pm Communion & Liberation 7:15 pm Vespers w/choir
Thursday 30th	12:10 pm / 5:10 pm /	7:00 pm Bible Timeline Class
Friday 31st	12:10 pm / Mario Bruschi S.I. (Birthday)	Stations of the Cross after 12:10 Mass 7:00 pm Spanish Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm Rosary Recitation at St. Junipero's Statue in Capitol Park



Pray For One Another

Arthur Bailey
Ceciley Snook
Vickii Rene Elizabeth
Diana Weilde
Sunita Phillips
Cathy Hickman
Maricela Cortes
Dorothy Adams
Joel & Cesar
Mark McDougal
Garren Bratcher & Family
Rosaline
John Amaro +

Robyn Freeman
Debbie Freitag
Roberta Freitag
Jeremy
Harry Gabo
Monica Gabo
Luis Gutierrez
Scott Hespeler
Dayna Hurtado
Kati Jansen
Carol "CJ" Jenkins
Timothy Jimenez
Norma Katindoy

Cynthia Matulia
Lee McClure
Nellie Medina
Blanca Padilla
Nilda Medina
Michael Jose Mejia
Delia Melsness
Cloraine Miura
Maria Elena Monzani
Eugenio Negrete
Elizabeth Paul
Rosemary Plain
Hilda Plancarte

Let us pray for you or your loved ones. Submit your prayer request on cathedralsacramento.org or email: cbsprayer3@yahoo.com

Names will appear for one month.
Please contact us at cathedralsacramento@gmail.com to extend the time or remove.

CATHEDRAL KID'S CORNER

Balloon vs. Bottle Get your parents to help you with this experiment!

Find a glass bottle with a smaller opening at the top. Fill a water balloon to a little larger than the opening of the jar. Rub a little water around the rim of the bottle and try to push the balloon into the bottle. Can't do it? Light a small strip of paper on fire and drop it into the bottle. Set the water balloon on top of the bottle and watch as the balloon is literally sucked into the bottle like magic.



The physics: the warmer air on the inside of the bottle takes up more room than cool air. Once the fire goes out, after putting the balloon on top of the bottle, the air cools and then takes up less room. That makes more space inside the bottle causing the pressure of the air from the outside to push the balloon into the bottle.

But before you try it again, you need to get that balloon out. Can't do it? With the balloon still inside the bottle, place a straw inside, grab the tip of the balloon and it is easily pulled out.

The balloon got caught in the mouth of the bottle because no air could get around it. But, when you add the straw, it lets air into the bottle. The air pressure on the inside and the outside stay equal allowing you to pull the balloon out.

Here is the biblical truth. Ready? The balloon represents you and me. The fire and pressure on the inside of that bottle are like the literal pressure and temptation we encounter each day of our lives. And the straw is **God**, always and forever providing a way out!

"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

~1 Corinthians 10:13~

Mid-Lent Reflection

Name:

Date:

What have I learned so far this Lent?

You're
halfway there!

What has been most difficult so far? How can I help myself with this during the second half of Lent?

Is there anything I want to do differently during the second half of Lent?

How has my understanding of Lent grown?

What am I most looking forward to about Easter?

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Certificación Básica y Cursos de Actualización en línea disponibles a través de la Universidad de Notre Dame. Los invitamos que se inscriban y sigan profundizando en nuestra Fe. En la inscripciones anexas encontraran los cursos disponibles, como: "El Camino de la Fe", "Revelación Divina y Fe", "Oración y Espiritualidad", y otros mas. Por favor inscribirse al menos dos semanas antes de que comience el curso que desea tomar. Pueden inscribirse directamente yendo a la página de la Universidad <http://step.nd.edu/o> si prefieren inscribirse a través de la Diócesis pueden comunicarse con la Hna. Virginia Alcalá (916) 733-0132 o con Lupita Fernandez (916) 733-0177 o enviando la forma de inscripción por correo electrónico a; valcala@scd.org o gfernandez@scd.org



Esta semana realizaremos la colecta para Catholic Relief Services Collection para responder **a Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás?** Esta colecta ayuda a seis agencias católicas a proporcionar asistencia y apoyo a las comunidades que luchan por salir adelante y trabaja para lograr la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos marginados aquí y alrededor del mundo. Por favor, en oración, piensa en cómo vas a apoyar a esta colecta. Aprende más en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Misa Chrismal — Por favor, únase al Obispo Soto, al Obispo Cotta, y al clero de nuestra diócesis en la Misa Crismal anual que se celebrará el jueves 6 de abril a las 6pm en la Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento. La Misa Crismal es una de las más importantes celebraciones diocesanas donde el Obispo Soto bendecirá los Santos Aceites que se usan en las celebraciones sacramentales en todas las parroquias de la Diócesis a lo largo del próximo año.



¿Qué es la Cuaresma?

La Cuaresma ha sido, es y será un tiempo favorable para convertirnos y volver a Dios.

El tiempo de la Cuaresma nos recuerda los cuarenta años que el pueblo de Israel pasó en el desierto mientras se encaminaban a la tierra prometida y con todo lo que este viaje implicó, como la fatiga, la lucha, el hambre, la sed y el cansancio...pero al final el pueblo elegido gozó de esa tierra maravillosa, que destilaba miel y frutos suculentos (Éxodo 16 y siguientes)

También para nosotros, como fue para los israelitas en aquella travesía por el desierto, la Cuaresma es el tiempo del año que nos prepara para el Domingo de Resurrección del Señor, donde celebramos la victoria de Cristo sobre el pecado, la muerte y el mal, es por ello que la Pascua es una fiesta de alegría, porque Dios nos hizo pasar de las tinieblas a la luz, del ayuno a la comida, de la tristeza al gozo profundo, de la muerte a la vida

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1 de Marzo - 9 de Abril

40 DÍAS POR LA VIDA

¡AYUDA A SALVAR VIDAS EN SACRAMENTO!

Protege a madres y bebés uniéndote a la movilización pro-vida más grande de la historia.

40 Días por la Vida ha logrado tener mas de 725,000 voluntarios en 40 países.

Con la ayuda de Dios, aquí están los resultados:

- **12,668** ~~bebés salvados del aborto~~
- **141** ~~conversiones de trabajadores practicantes de abortos~~
- **75** ~~centros de abortos cerrados~~

Contribuye a expandir este impacto y forma parte de la campaña de 40 Días por la Vida:

Ubicación: Centro de aborto en 1442 Ethan Way, Sacramento

Horario: 7am – 7pm, Lunes a Viernes

Contacto local: Paty Davila at 916-502-4854 or email: Paty_d@att.net

Mas información:
www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento

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Peregrinación del Sábado Santo

La Diócesis de Sacramento, en colaboración con Radio Santísimo Sacramento (RSS), organiza la cuarta peregrinación anual a siete parroquias dentro de la Ciudad de Sacramento el Sábado Santo, 15 de abril de 2017 a las 7:00 am. A la Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento, a la Iglesia de San Francisco, al Sagrado Corazón, a la Inmaculada Concepción y al Banco de Alimentos de Sacramento, concluyendo en el Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. También habrá una breve parada en el Capitolio.

Esta hermosa tradición hispánica fue adoptada hace cuatro años durante la celebración del Año de la Fe. Ofrece a los fieles la oportunidad de preparar sus corazones para la Vigilia Pascual y el Domingo de Pascua. Hubo más de 1200 participantes el año pasado. Una Indulgencia Plenaria se asociará con la participación en la peregrinación junto con la confesión, la Comunión y las oraciones requeridas por las intenciones del Santo Padre.

La peregrinación se realiza en forma bilingüe, pero principalmente en español. Extendemos una invitación especial a los jóvenes y adultos jóvenes.

Apoyo al Departamento de Formación de la Fe de la Catedral

No se olvide de comprar sus boletos de la rifa para la 12ª Rifa Anual de Pascua, en apoyo del departamento de educación en la Catedral. Los premios incluyen una hermosa placa de plata de pared de la Sagrada Familia, bicicletas y cestas de regalo. El sorteo se llevará a cabo el domingo 23 de abril en Divine Mercy Sunday. Los boletos de la rifa están a la venta en el vestíbulo después de cada misa.

Reflexiones

Nunca es muy fácil tratar de entender lo que significa ser un discípulo de Jesús. Muchos creen que tratar de ser un reflejo de nuestro maestro es un buen enfoque. Al igual que la luna no es el sol, sino que refleja la luz del sol, por lo que como Cristianos no somos la fuente de nuestra luz sino que reflejamos la luz de nuestra verdadera fuente. Siempre he apreciado la comprensión del discipulado de esta manera. Creo que me ayuda a mantener un sentido de humildad hacia mi vida y ministerio.

En mi casa frecuentemente me siento delante de una ventana en particular y oro. Esa ventana se asoma al mundo que me rodea. Desde esa ventana veo a muchos de los edificios más altos que crean una especie de horizonte de aquí en Sacramento. Un edificio cercano tiene muchas ventanas que reflejan los otros edificios a su alrededor. Uno de esos edificios es nuestra hermosa Catedral. Me gusta ver que la reflexión, ya que me hace sentir que la fuerza de la Catedral y la inspiración se comparte y se multiplica por el mundo cada vez más a su alrededor. Recuerdo que la luz de Cristo no será tragada por el mundo, sino más bien reflejada por el mundo. Es un recordatorio positivo para esos días cuando dejo que la oscuridad se filtre demasiado profundamente bajo mi piel.

Aún así, la Iglesia en el final no está destinada a ser un reflejo de sí mismo. La iglesia, como un sacramento, es una presencia concreta de la gracia de Dios en el mundo. Nosotros, como personas son honrados con el hermoso título, Iglesia. Con ese título viene todos los dones que Dios da a su Iglesia. Con ese título proviene toda la responsabilidad de dar libremente esos dones al mundo. Como discípulos, a menudo es más fácil de tratar de ser un reflejo de la dignidad en la que Dios nos ha planteado. Nos parecemos a la Iglesia, sin embargo, carecemos de dimensión y sustancia. Ser Iglesia es difícil. Se requiere un gran sacrificio y amor. Requiere cruces y crucifixiones y sin contar el costo. Se requiere estar descontento con reflejos y siempre empujando hacia la Fuente. Ser discípulo y ser Iglesia requiere a menudo las paredes para dar vueltas.

~Padre Michael O'Reilly~

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Domingo Laetare — La mayoría de los católicos hoy están acostumbrados a la Misa que se está llevando a cabo en inglés, y casi nunca piensan en el hecho de que el latín sigue siendo el idioma oficial de la Iglesia Católica. Pero ocasionalmente, el latín se reafirma, como lo hace en el caso del domingo de Laetare. ¿Qué es el domingo Laetare?

Laetare Domingo es el nombre popular para el cuarto domingo de Cuaresma. Laetare significa "Rejoice" en latín, y el Introit (antífona de entrada) tanto en la Misa tradicional latina como en el Novus Ordo es Isaías 66: 10-11, que comienza "Laetare, Jerusalén".

Porque el punto medio de la Cuaresma es el jueves de la tercera semana de Cuaresma, el domingo de Laetare ha sido tradicionalmente visto como un día de celebración, en el que la austeridad de Cuaresma se reduce brevemente. El pasaje de Isaías continúa: "regocijaos de alegría, vosotros que estáis afligidos", y el domingo de Laetare, se apartan las vestiduras de púrpura y los lienzos de altar de la Cuaresma, y se usan las rosas. Las flores, que normalmente son prohibidas durante la Cuaresma, pueden ser colocadas sobre el altar. Tradicionalmente, el órgano nunca se jugó durante la Cuaresma, excepto el domingo de Laetare.

El domingo de Laetare también se conoce como Domingo de Rosa o Domingo de Refresco, y tiene una contrapartida en el Adviento: Domingo de Gaudete, el Tercer Domingo de Adviento, cuando las ropas púrpuras se cambian por rosas. El punto de ambos días es proveernos de estímulo a medida que avanzamos hacia el final de cada temporada penitencial respectiva.

~ Scott P. Richert ~

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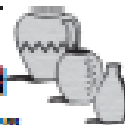


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