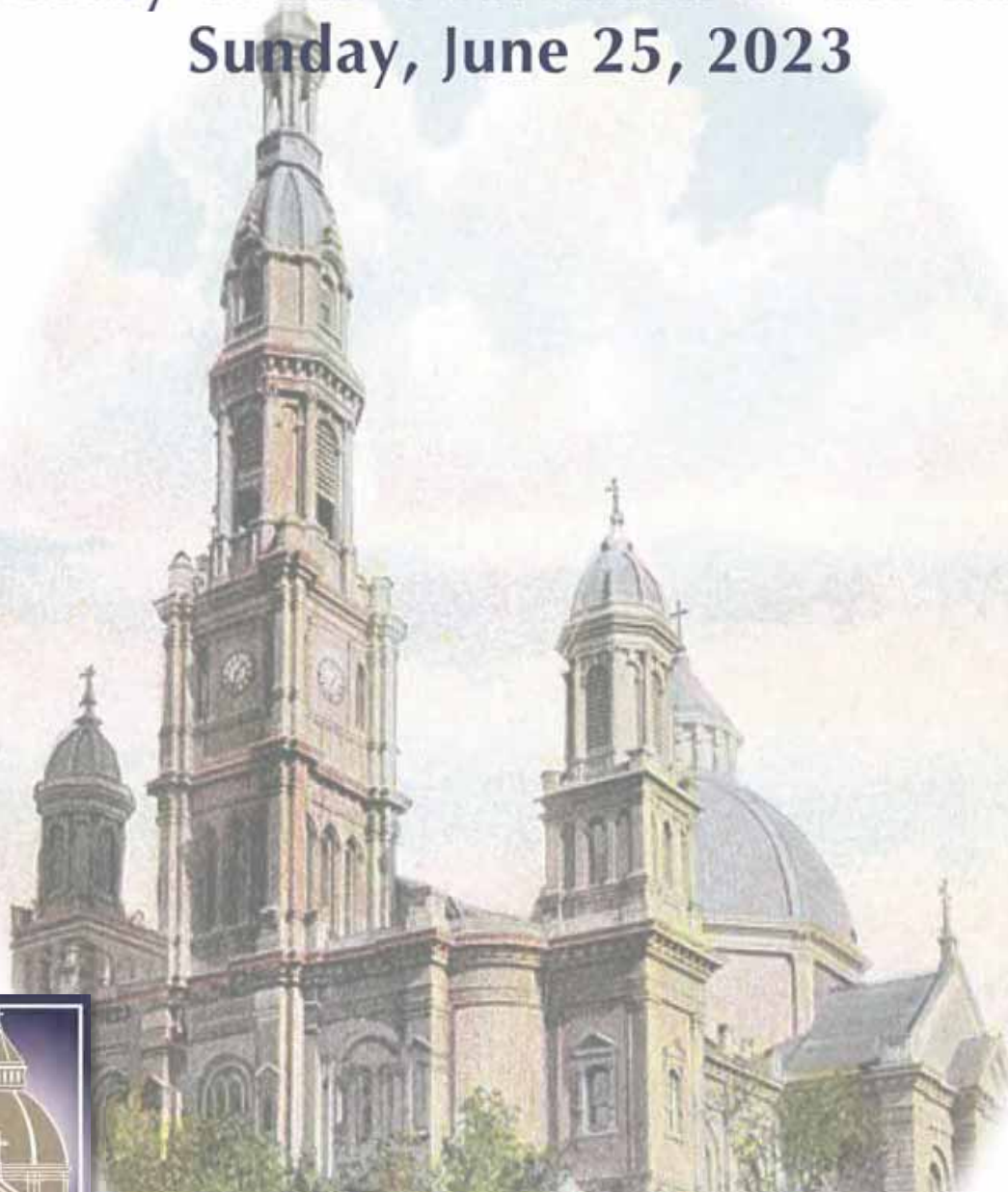


Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Sunday, June 25, 2023



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MASS SCHEDULE

* Livestream available on Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation

Sunday | Domingo

English 8:00 am
English 10:00 am*
Español 12:00 pm*
Chinese 2:00 pm*
English 4:00 pm
Español 6:00 pm

Cathedral Hours: Monday - Friday 10-4
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9-12 & 1-4

Monday - Friday

Lunes - Viernes
12:10 pm

Saturday | Sábado

NO VIGIL MASS

ADORATION

Wednesday & Thursday
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday | Lunes - Viernes

11:30 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday | Sábado

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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Eucharistic Revival: Stewardship

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Liturgy Corner

Ars celebrandi is the art of celebrating. Last time we looked at what Pope Francis calls "the symbolic gesture of silence". In *Desiderio Desideravi* #53, he writes about other, physical gestures. "Every gesture and every word contains precise action that is always new because it meets with an always new moment in our own lives." It is so easy for those of us that participate in the liturgy of the mass on a regular basis to go through the motions on autopilot. Active participation requires a different level of engagement. He lists an example, kneeling. "We kneel to ask for pardon, to bend our pride, to hand over to God our tears, to beg his intervention, to thank Him for a gift received." Every time we participate in the liturgy, we make the gesture of kneeling.

However, every time we make this gesture, it is done in a different moment in our lives. It, "moulds our inner depths and thereafter shows itself externally in our relation with God and our brothers and sisters". He then writes about the art of kneeling. This is also an example of "active participation". When we kneel we should do so "with a full awareness of its symbolic sense and the need that we have of this gesture to express our being in the presence of the Lord."

Pope Francis then pivots to a discussion of the celebration of the Word. He asks, "...what art are we summoned to learn for the proclamation of the Word, for the hearing of it, for letting it inspire our prayer, for making it become our very life?" He calls our attention to these gestures to be more than "merely exterior, but living and interior..." In this way, our gestures forms the Christian personality of each, and the community."



La semana pasada, comenzamos a hacer mejoras a nuestro boletín y sitio web. Todavía estamos teniendo desafíos técnicos con nuestro sitio web, así que por favor manténganos en sus oraciones. Utilice los cuatro símbolos siguientes para navegar por el boletín:

Last week, we began making improvements to our bulletin and website. We are still having technical challenges with our website, so please keep us in your prayers. Use the following four symbols in navigating the bulletin:

Hospitality.

The beehive is an ancient symbol used by the Church to symbolize a welcoming community.



Hospitalidad.

La colmena es un antiguo símbolo utilizado por la Iglesia para una comunidad acogedora.

Prayer.

The cross is a powerful sign of our faith, with which we begin our prayer.



Oración.

La cruz es un signo poderoso de nuestra fe, con el que comenzamos

Formation.

The fish is a symbol of Jesus, who formed his disciples with both his words and flesh.



Formación.

El pez es un símbolo de Jesús, quien formó a sus discípulos tanto con sus palabras como con su carne.

Service.

The heart is a universal sign of love. Our love for Jesus calls us to serve one another.



Servicio.

El corazón es un signo universal de amor. Nuestro amor por Jesús nos llama a servirnos unos a otros.

Rincón de la Liturgia

Ars celebrandi es el arte de celebrar. La última vez vimos lo que el Papa Francisco llama "el gesto simbólico del silencio". En *Desiderio Desideravi* #53, escribe sobre otros gestos físicos. "Cada gesto y cada palabra contiene una acción precisa que siempre es nueva porque se encuentra con un momento siempre nuevo en nuestras propias vidas". Es muy fácil para aquellos de nosotros que participamos en la liturgia de la misa de forma regular pasar por los movimientos en piloto automático. La participación activa requiere un nivel diferente de compromiso. Enumera un ejemplo, arrodillado. "Nos arrodillamos para pedir perdón, para doblegar nuestro orgullo, para entregar a Dios nuestras lágrimas, para suplicar su intervención, para agradecerle por un regalo recibido". Cada vez que participamos en la liturgia, hacemos el gesto de arrodillarnos.

Sin embargo, cada vez que hacemos este gesto, lo hacemos en un momento diferente de nuestras vidas. "Moldea nuestras profundidades internas y luego se manifiesta externamente en nuestra relación con Dios y con nuestros hermanos y hermanas". Luego escribe sobre el arte de arrodillarse. Este es también un ejemplo de "participación activa". Cuando nos arrodillamos debemos hacerlo "con plena conciencia de su sentido simbólico y de la necesidad que tenemos de este gesto de expresar nuestro ser en la presencia del Señor".

El Papa Francisco luego pasa a una discusión sobre la celebración de la Palabra. Él pregunta: "... ¿Qué arte estamos llamados a aprender para el anuncio de la Palabra, para escucharla, para dejarla inspirar nuestra oración, para hacer que se convierta en nuestra vida misma?" Llama nuestra atención sobre estos gestos para que sean más que "meramente exteriores, sino vivos e interiores..." De esta manera, nuestros gestos forman la personalidad cristiana de cada uno y de la comunidad".



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ROSARY PRAYER TIMES/ TIEMPOS DE ORACIÓN DEL ROSARIO

Sundays, 11:15 AM Join your fellow Cathedral parishioners in the Cathedral Square to pray a bilingual rosary between 10am and 12pm Masses for the intention of an end to abortion.

Domingos, 11:15 AM Únase a sus feligreses de la Catedral en la Plaza de la Catedral para rezar un rosario bilingüe entre las 10 a.m. y las 12 p.m. Misas por la intención de poner fin al aborto.

Fridays, 7:45 AM. Capitol Park
For the prayer, song and fellowship.
Viernes, 7:45 AM. Parque del Capitolio
Para la oración, el canto y el compañerismo.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:10 PM.
St Toribio Classroom, lower level.
1er y 3er miércoles, 7:10 PM.
Aula St Toribio, nivel inferior.

ADORATION

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1PM—4PM
In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel (Cathedral).

ADORACIÓN

Miércoles y jueves, 1PM—4PM
En la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, (Catedral).

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NEXT WEEK: PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father. Please be generous. For more information, visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.

To donate online, visit www.scd.org/peterspence.

LA PRÓXIMA SEMANA: LA COLECTA PETER'S PENCE

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta Peter's Pence, la cual nos une mucho más al Santo Padre, tanto a nosotros como a los católicos de todo el mundo, de dos maneras: la Colecta apoya las estructuras de la Santa Sede por las cuales el Papa gobierna la Iglesia así como sus labores de caridad para ayudar a las víctimas de la guerra, opresión y desastres naturales y a los más necesitados. Por favor, sean generosos. Para más información, visiten <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.

Para donar en línea, visite www.scd.org/peterspence.

KEEPING THE FLAME ALIVE with Fr. O'Reilly

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Reading and reflecting on the Sacred Scriptures.
Contact Donna—flamealive22@gmail.com for info and/or to be added to the Flocknote notification.

Manteniendo viva la llama con Padre O'Reilly Miércoles, 7:00 PM vía Zoom

Leer y reflexionar sobre las Sagradas Escrituras.
Póngase en contacto con Donna:
flamealive22@gmail.com para obtener información y/o para agregarse a la notificación de Flocknote.

Cathedral Tours: Sundays following Masses: 8AM & 10AM (English) and after 12 noon Mass (Spanish)

Docents give tours of the Cathedral interior, explaining the rich meaning of the Christian symbols and art.

Visitas a la Catedral: Domingos siguientes Misas: 8AM y 10AM (inglés) y después de las 12 del mediodía Misa (español)

Los docentes dan recorridos por el interior de la Catedral, explicando el rico significado de los símbolos y el arte cristianos.



SAVE THE DATE: ←

Cathedral Parish Picnic

Friday, August 11, 5:00 PM

St. Joseph's in Clarksburg
Begins at 5:00 PM—More details to follow.

GUARDE LA FECHA:

Picnic Parroquial Catedral

Viernes 11 de agosto, 5:00 PM

St. Joseph's en Clarksburg
Comienza a las 5:00 PM: más detalles a continuación.

Let's Talk Parish

Get to know who's who around the Cathedral Parish with this very intriguing podcast. For information: Please call us 916-545-5376 or <https://is.gd/talkparish> No disponible en español.

Gift Shop

The Cathedral Book Store is open Sundays. For other times, please contact Susan Moeller for an appointment at 510-734-4158.

Tenemos regalos y libros en español.

Formation: Liturgy of the Word

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READING 1

NEHEMIAH 8: 1-4A, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the Assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it—for he was standing higher up than any of the people—and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the Lord, the Great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!” Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the Lord, their faces to the ground.

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people:

“Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep”—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law.

He said further: *“Go eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared, for today is holy to our Lord. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.”*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 19: 8, 9, 10, 15

*Your words Lord are
Spirit and life.*

- ◆ The law of the Lord is perfect,
Refreshing the soul,
The decree of the Lord is trustworthy,
Giving wisdom to the simple.
- ◆ The precepts of the Lord are right,
Rejoicing the heart,
The command of the Lord is clear,
Enlightening the eye.
- ◆ The fear of the Lord is pure,
Enduring forever,
The ordinances of the Lord are true,
All of them just.
- ◆ Let the words of my mouth,
And the thought of my heart,

Find favor before the Lord,
My rock and my redeemer.

READING 2

1 PETER 2: 4-9

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it says in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.”

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and a stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.” They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—ALLELUIA

MARK 1:15

*The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to
the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.*

GOSPEL

JOHN 4:19-24

The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, “Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is Jerusalem.”

Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.”

The Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral

Our Cathedral was built by Bishop Manogue with money donated from the gold mined in Virginia City and elsewhere. The land was donated by the first Governor of California, Peter Burnett. Many of the stained glass windows and art works were donated by those who were not Catholic. We still use Bishop Manogue’s personal chalice at ordinations. Our Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is the Mother Church of the Diocese of Sacramento.

Learn more about our parish history here:

<https://www.cathedralsacramento.org/history>

PRIMERA LECTURA

NEHEMÍAS 8, 2-4A. 5-6. 8-10

En aquellos días, el sacerdote Esdras trajo el libro de la Ley ante la asamblea, compuesta de hombres, mujeres y todos los que tenían uso de razón. Era mediados del mes séptimo. En la plaza de la Puerta del Agua, desde el amanecer hasta el mediodía, estuvo leyendo el libro a los hombres, a las mujeres y a los que tenían uso de razón. Toda la gente seguía con atención la lectura de la Ley.

Esdras, el escriba, estaba de pie en el púlpito de madera que había hecho para esta ocasión. Esdras abrió el libro a la vista de todo el pueblo -pues se hallaba en un puesto elevado- y, cuando lo abrió, toda la gente se puso en pie. Esdras bendijo al Señor, Dios grande, y todo el pueblo, levantando las manos, respondió: «Amén, amén.» Después se inclinaron y adoraron al Señor, rostro en tierra.

Los levitas leían el libro de la ley de Dios con claridad y explicando el sentido, de forma que comprendieron la lectura. Nehemías, el gobernador, Esdras, el sacerdote y escriba, y los levitas que enseñaban al pueblo decían al pueblo entero:

«Hoy es un día consagrado a nuestro Dios: No hagáis duelo ni lloréis.» Porque el pueblo entero lloraba al escuchar las palabras de la Ley.

Y añadieron:- «Andad, comed buenas tajadas, bebed vino dulce y enviad porciones a quien no tiene, pues es un día consagrado a nuestro Dios. No estéis tristes, pues el gozo en el Señor es vuestra fortaleza

SALMO RESPONSORIAL

Salmo 18: 8, 9, 10, 15

*Tus palabras. Señor.
son espíritu y vida.*

- ◆ La ley del Señor es perfecta y es descanso del alma, El precepto del Señor es fiel e instruye al ignorante
- ◆ Los mandatos del Señor son rectos y alegran el corazón La norma del Señor es límpida Y da luz a los ojos.
- ◆ La voluntad del Señor es pura Y eternamente estable Los mandamientos del señor son verdaderos Y enteramente justos.
- ◆ Que te agraden las palabras de mi boca Y liegue a tu presencia El meditar de mi corazón, Señor, roca mía, Redentor mi o,

SEGUNDA LECTURA

1 PEDRO 2: 4-9

Hermanos: Acérquense al Señor Jesús, la piedra viva, rechazada por los hombres, pero escogida y preciosa a los ojos de Dios; porque ustedes también son piedras vivas, que van entrando en la edificación del templo espiritual, para formar un sacerdocio santo, destinado a ofrecer sacrificios espirituales, agradables a Dios, por medio de Jesucristo.

Tengan presente que está escrito: *He aquí que pongo en Sión una piedra angular, escogida y preciosa; el que crea en ella no quedará defraudado.*

Dichosos, pues, ustedes, los que han creído. En cambio, para aquellos que se negaron a creer, vale lo que dice la Escritura: *La piedra que rechazaron los constructores ha llegado a ser la piedra angular, y también tropiezo y roca de escándalo.* Tropezan en ella los que no creen en la palabra, y en esto se cumple un designio de Dios.

ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO

MARCO 1:15

*El Señor me envió a traer
la Buena Nueva a los pobres. a anunciar
a los cautivos su libertad.*

EVANGELIO

JUAN 4, 19-24

En aquel tiempo, la mujer samaritana le dijo a Jesús: "Señor, ya veo que eres profeta. Nuestros padres dieron culto en este monte y ustedes dicen que el sitio donde se debe dar culto esta en Jerusalén".

Jesús le dijo "Créeme, mujer, que se acerca la hora en que ni en este monte ni en Jerusalén adorarán al Padre. Ustedes adoran lo que no conocen: nosotros adoramos lo que conocemos. Porque la salvación viene de los judíos. Pero se acerca la hora, y ya está aquí, en que los que quieren dar culto verdadero adorarán al Padre en espíritu y en verdad, porque así es como el Padre quiere que se le dé culto. Dios es espíritu, y los que lo adoran deben hacerlo en espíritu y en verdad".

El Aniversario de la Dedicación de la Catedral

El aniversario de la dedicación de la catedral

Nuestra catedral fue construida por el obispo Manogue con dinero donado del oro extraído en Virginia City y en otros lugares. El terreno fue donado por el primer gobernador de California, Peter Burnett. Muchas de las vidrieras y obras de arte fueron donadas por aquellos que no eran católicos. Todavía usamos el cáliz personal del obispo Manogue en las ordenaciones. Nuestra Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento es la Iglesia Madre de la Diócesis de Sacramento.

Aprenda más sobre la historia de nuestra parroquia aquí:

<https://www.cathedralsacramento.org/history>



Upcoming Youth Events / Opportunities



10 MIN with JESUS—Daily Prayer and Spiritual food for busy teens and young adults.

En Espanol | In English



Youth on a Mission—for High School teens already Confirmed.

July 6-8, 2023 at Camp Pendola.

For Info:

[YOUTH ON A MISSION - Home \(weebly.com\)](http://www.youthonamission.com)



Real + True: An Introduction to the Catechism via Flocknote video format.

[cathedralsacramento.flocknote.com/](http://www.cathedralsacramento.flocknote.com/)



Quo Vadis? Retreat, Boys Ages 13-17 years

July 28-30, 2023 For Info:

www.scd.org/vocations/quo-vadis-weekend-retreat-boys-ages-13-17

Want to better prepare for Sunday Mass but don't know how to start?

Sign up for Mass Prep and get an email starting this coming Wednesday morning.

www.cathedralsacramento.flocknote.com/sundayreadings



Prayer: Mass Intentions

Please pray for one another

Sunday 6/25

Dedication of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

Chloe and Russ Almaraz S.I.;
Deacon John Thoo and Family S.I.;
Sarah Manriquez + y Hermanos +;
People of the Parish S.I.;
Frances T. Nunez +

Monday 6/26

Monday of 12th week of Ordinary Time

Manuela Martson S.I.

Tuesday 6/27

St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop/Doctor of the Church

Arthur Eugene Biles +;
Lynn Ann Miller +

Wednesday 6/28

St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Feliciano "Jojo" Narciso Jr. +

Thursday 6/29

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Orlando "Bobot" Cordova +

Friday 6/30

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Fred and Wilhelmina Lenius +



Formation:

Kids' Corner **Esquina de niños**

Peter says in the second reading that YOU are like a LIVING STONE being built into a spiritual house. That means each of us—big and small—have a roll to play in building up the House of God. This isn't about the big bricks used to build the Cathedral; the Church building is really about the people who come to worship. We are building a Spiritual House.



Formation: Families & Adults

Sundays, 8:00 AM Mass, OCIA Dismissal & BOW

Our OCIA Catechumens / Candidates will be dismissed at the 8AM Mass for Breaking Open the Word.

Mondays, 7:00 PM, Mercy Hall (Break in July)
Seeking Faith and Sacraments for Adults.

Our on-going Monday Night OCIA for those thinking about becoming Catholic and/or those who need to complete their Sacraments. To Register or for more information:

<https://www.cathedralsacramento.org/ocia>

Wednesday Morning—Mass Preparation Starting June 28th

Sunday Mass Prep. Weekly email to help your family prepare for Sunday Mass. Each week's email prep will have reflections for children, teens and adults. All are welcome to participate.



Bible Bookmark

Cut out along the dotted lines, fold and keep in Bible for reference when praying with Scripture.



Prayer: *Breaking Open the Word*
Mass Preparation for **Sunday, 2 JUL**

PREPARE

- > **Choose** one of the Bible texts for next Sunday's Mass, maybe start with the Gospel.
- > **Find** a quiet place to begin.
- > **Pray** to the Holy Spirit
- > **Follow** the Lectio Divina Steps

Lectio Divina Steps to Reading God's Word

- ◆ **Reading (lectio)** -listen to God's Word as it is read out loud. Ask: *"What does the Biblical text say?"*
- ◆ **Meditation (meditatio)** - reflect on the meaning of the text you heard. Ask: *"What is God saying to me in this text?"*
- ◆ **Prayer (oratio)** - speak with God in praise, thanksgiving, contrition and petition. Ask: *"What is my response to God in His Word?"*
- ◆ **Contemplation (contemplation)** -listen to God more quietly in the silence of the heart. Ask: *"How does the text make you feel in your relationship with God?"*
- ◆ **Action (action)** - put what you heard into action in your life. Ask: *"How will I change what I do today in response to hearing"*

Read next week's Readings:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

Gospel Focus:

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

With your Family

Jesus speaks of the qualities of a Discipleship. Make two Lists:
1) What a Disciple is
2) What a Disciple is not

Go through the Gospel and discuss the qualities they find for / against discipleship.

Which qualities do you see in the members of your family? Which qualities do you hope grow in your family?

With young kids, draw 'bricks', one for each member of your family. Have them put their name on their 'stone'. Use the stones to build a structure.

What happens if a member is not a part of the building?



Registration is underway La inscripción está en curso 2023-2024

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is forming whole families in the faith in its "A Family of Faith" series. This program of formation involves the whole family in weekly lessons following the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

- 1) the Creed (what the we believe),
- 2) the Sacraments (what the we celebrate),
- 3) the Commandments and Moral life
- 4) **the Our Father** (what we pray - focus in 2023/24)

We invite your family of faith to be a part of this growing community of believers. Complete an inquiry form at the below link and we will help you to enroll as either returning or new families. Sacramental preparation is integrated into our plan of family formation, so come start today!

Note: Those teens and parents needing multiple Sacraments can participate in our Family OCIA Program.

La Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento está formando familias enteras en la fe en su serie "Una familia de fe". Este programa de formación involucra a toda la familia en lecciones semanales siguiendo los cuatro pilares del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica:

- 1) el Credo (lo que creemos),
- 2) los Sacramentos (lo que celebramos),
- 3) los Mandamientos y la vida Moral (lo que vivimos),
- 4) **el Padre Nuestro** (lo que rezamos - tema en 2023/24)

Invitamos a su familia de fe a ser parte de esta creciente comunidad de creyentes. Complete un formulario de consulta en el siguiente enlace y lo ayudaremos a inscribirse como familias que regresan o nuevas. La preparación sacramental está integrada en nuestro plan de formación familiar, ¡así que comience hoy!



OR

<https://is.gd/familyformation2024>

Register for Family Faith Formation
Regístrese para la formación en la fe familiar



Sacramento Chinese Catholic Community

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Fr. Abraham Chiu
趙必成神父



A Glimpse of Spirituality 靈修一瞥78 (Mark谷 9:14-29)

Why is the gospel so difficult to preach, especially in this generation?

In fact, it was just as difficult in the time of Jesus, because even the disciples were infected with the leaven of the Pharisees and lacked faith. One of the main causes of lack of faith is not knowing who Jesus was, or even losing faith in him.

When one of the crowds told Jesus that the disciples were powerless to cast out the demon from his son, Jesus responded, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” The adjective “faithless” (apistos) refers to the Christian’s rejection of true faith, and also no trust in God. Jesus, then, reprimanded the disciples for unbelief, because they were with him almost every day, yet their hearts turned away from Jesus and toward the Pharisees. Jesus said when refuting the Pharisees in Mark 8:12: “Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation.” What Jesus was referring to was a generation’s lack of faith.

Disciples were not able to cast out demons from this child because they did not have faith, just like Jesus questioned the disciples’ faith in Mark 8:15, 17, and 18 in order that they could reflect their faith and sincerely follow Jesus again. The first step was to get out of the Pharisees’ leaven and wholeheartedly trusted in God.

From the beginning, the disciples readily followed Jesus, but their faith gradually declined. In the end, they even lost the ability that Jesus entrusted them to spread the good news, heal the sick, and exorcise demons. It is because their minds were hardened (Mark 6:52), so that they did not understand Jesus in all his acts of mercy. They still dreamed of having a master as a political Messiah (Mark 8:17-18). In other words, they were no longer qualified to be the disciples of Jesus.

Jesus was still patient with these faithless disciples. After exorcising the demon, he responded to the disciples’ question and said, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.” What Jesus meant is to encourage the disciples to do evangelization with their repentance, not to rely solely on human strength but God.

The gospel is difficult to spread. It is difficult not because of the worldly people but the lack of faith of Christians.

為什麼福音那麼難傳？尤其在這世代

其實，在耶穌時代也是一樣困難，因為連門徒都沾染法利塞人的酵母，缺乏信德。缺信德其中一個主因，是不認識耶穌是誰，或甚至對他失去信心。

當群眾有人給耶穌說，門徒無能替他兒子驅魔，耶穌回應：“哎！無信的世代！我與你們在一起要到幾時呢？我容忍你們要到幾時呢？帶他到我這裡來！”

“無信” (apistos) 指向基督徒拒絕真正信仰，還有對主沒有信靠；那麼，耶穌訓斥門徒無信，因為他們幾乎每天跟他一起，可是他們的心卻遠離耶穌，並且走向法利塞人，正如耶穌在谷8:12反駁法利塞人的時候所說：“為什麼這一世代要求徵兆？我實在告訴你們，必不給這世代一個徵兆！”耶穌所指的，是沒有信德的世代。

門徒不能替孩子驅魔，因沒信德，如耶穌在谷8:15,17,18當中對門徒信德的質詢，好讓他們反思，跟隨耶穌，就要從法利塞人的酵母走出來，對主信靠。

門徒從開始爽快跟隨耶穌，慢慢信仰低落，直到最後，連耶穌交託他們到普天下地去傳揚福音以及治療驅魔的能力都失去，因為他們心靈眼睛遲鈍（谷6:52），不去理解耶穌一切慈悲行為，只顧夢想擁有一個政治默西亞的師傅（谷8:17-18）。換言之，他們已經不配作為耶穌門徒。

耶穌依然忍耐，驅魔之後，回應門徒問題，說：“這一類，非用祈禱，是不能趕出去的。”意思就是勸導門徒悔改，不是單靠人的力量，福傳，要靠主。

福音難傳，先別批判人心不古，要看基督徒信德？

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