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# Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

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# Pastor's Corner



This Saturday many of us had the opportunity to attend the West Coast March for Life in San Francisco. There are many such marches throughout the United States to pray for a reversal of the decision to legalize abortion on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1973 known as Roe v Wade. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity falls within this same timeframe, from January 18<sup>th</sup> to January 25<sup>th</sup>. Somehow, I've always felt that these two great aspirations, unite all of Christianity and support human life in all its stages, walk hand-in-hand. Perhaps what might truly bring about a worldwide appreciation of life requires that the followers of the Author of Life seek to work together and truly be "One". Perhaps if all those who profess that Jesus is Life walked together to end abortion and seek God-centered choices, we might achieve true Christian unity.

Part of the problem in not achieving a culture of life nor Christian unity is that many Christians do not see the need to be united. What matters for many is that their individual lives stay connected to Jesus or that their individual churches stay connected to Jesus. We have little concern that Jesus sincerely prayed that His followers be united and one. The divisions that exist amongst Christians seem to be of little importance. Within many churches, even in individual parishes, great divisions prevail, causing the Body of Christ to be weak and ineffectual. How can we speak to an entire world about the importance of embracing Life when our very Body is unhealthy and failing?

Unfortunately, not all Christians see that ending abortion and other Catholic Life issues is truly an embrace of life. In addition, many Catholics themselves disagree with the Churches stance on abortion, the death penalty and euthanasia. In any pursuit to achieve unity among Christians, how could we ever ignore the vast array of differing attitudes involving life issues?

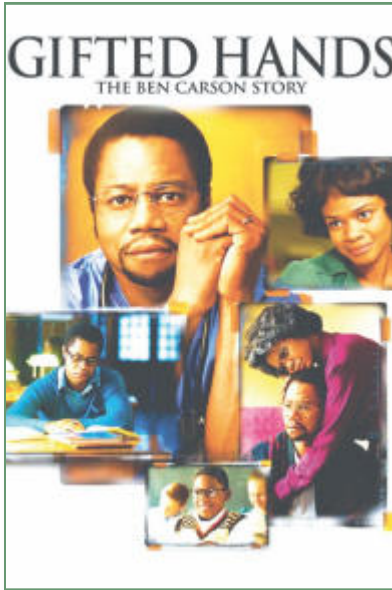
All of this seems far beyond the abilities of humans to sort out and remedy. It is certainly beyond the abilities of this lowly pastor. I rest assured, however, that it is not beyond the abilities of our Savior, who, too often, is left out of the conversation. May He who is truly one with the Father and the Spirit and is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life," guide us beyond the confines of our hardened hearts.

Fr. Michael





## Cinema Divina Movie Review



*Gifted Hands* (2009) is the life story told in film of Dr. Ben Carson, the renowned neurosurgeon who ran in the 2016 presidential election. It is a heart-warming and engendering tale of the physician's legacy. The film is an emotionally moving biographical overview of some of his most truly heroic efforts to save lives or improve those destined for unimaginable difficulty and suffering, so have some Kleenex handy.

This thoughtfully produced film originally aired on television (TNT), and for a 90-minute run time, it effectively encapsulates the highlights of the doctor's work as a physician, as well as giving us some background to the man's and his faith.

Relatively short in its length the film moves briefly through the stages of Dr Carson's journey to becoming a neurosurgeon, starting in elementary school, (probably my favorite portion of the film), high school and then to his experience at Yale university... and finally his internship, as doctor, at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Dr. Carson's humble beginnings begin for us, as a young African-American student facing some of the harsh realities of racism and segregation of the early 1960's in America. The film though does not linger excessively on racial tensions of that period, but it does focus on Ben Carson's early uncontrolled anger present at an early age, an anger that threatened to take control of the future doctor Carson. His early path, thankfully, was able to be overcome... overcome with prayer, grace and the steady hand of his supportive mother. The film shows this graduated progression, and as a young surgeon his ability, with experience, to respond to racism, with self-control.

The screenplay, directing and acting capture the feel of a major film studio production, which is maintained consistently throughout the film. The musical score as well is superb. A considerable amount of medical jargon as well as blood, in a surgical setting, are graphically presented in the film. However, they not overly used or distracting, in my opinion, but for those more sensitive to this type of content, it should be mentioned.

Dr. Ben Carson's mother plays a central role in the formation of his life and character, and the film appropriately portrays this. Actress Kimberly Elise gives the best performance of the film, in my opinion, even upstaging Cuba Gooding Jr's performance which is excellent. The film also shows how his mother was able to overcome the difficulties of a very hard young adult life, and her navigation, successfully, as single parent of two boys, which incidentally is all too common (65%) in the African-American Community...and in the film, her story is shown to be a heroic one, consisting of strength and faith.

Dr. Carson's story is inspiring, his Christian faith, work ethic and example of service express that. He was awarded The presidential medal of freedom which is the highest award given to a citizen of the United States. An award, after watching the film, you are left feeling was well deserved.

~ Reggie King and Brian Perez ~

## "I am God's Steward"

Practicing stewardship in our everyday lives

Remember that time when you arrived at school to take a test or quiz on material you failed to read? Maybe it was on a classic book or a chapter in a science textbook. Did your blood pressure go sky high and the sweat start to show on your forehead? Squirming in the seat, you wondered what you could have done to avoid feeling this way. Then it came to you: you should have read what you were supposed to read!

Procrastination, indifference, poor scheduling of time, and stubbornness are all reasons why we fail to be prepared for a situation that arises in our lives. We lack commitment in doing what we are asked to do or what we know we should do. This is certainly true in our spiritual lives as well. We may choose to bear the label of disciple or good steward, but we don't really prepare ourselves for the daily journey of life.

Sacred Scripture can prepare us more fully for the circumstances of life, but not if we fail to read it. The words contained there are Spirit and life for us. They help us to understand where we fit into the Body of Christ and how we are to respond to the daily call of Christ. Everyday Stewards should be committed to reading and reflection of the Word of God. We know we should spend time with God's Word, but too often we fail to do so due to the same reasons already mentioned. When we failed to read in school, perhaps we failed the test and it hurt our grade. When we fail in life due to lack of preparedness, sometimes the consequences are more severe.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIOCESE: The Diocese has received multiple reports from parishioners who have fallen victim to a recent internet email phishing scam. The scam starts when a parishioner receives a casual email from the imposter with a subject like, "Many Blessings." The body of the email will say something like, "Good morning, how are you doing?" "I need a favor from you, email me as soon as you get this email." Then the email is signed using the pastor's name. Unbeknownst to the recipient, he or she then replies to an address that is not the pastor's, *but an imposter's email address.*

This type of social engineered attack is commonly referred to as Phishing. It involves an email or text message that will attempt to trick the recipient into doing something s/he wouldn't normally do (in this case emailing gift cards) because the request seems urgent, yet simple (like sending money, a bank or credit card number, or your email and network credentials). If you doubt the legitimacy of the email or text request coming from anyone at the cathedral, please call the rectory at 916-444-3071 before responding or sending anything to the person who contacted you.

If you believe you are a victim of an internet crime (no matter what the dollar value), go to the following website to file a report with the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center. Go to their website <https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx> for more information.

# Cathedral Kids

 Read the Gospel and Color



**Sharing the Gospel** - The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.

**Prayer** - Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.

**Mission for the Week** - Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!

## Puzzle

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT	FREEDOM	LORD
CHOSEN	SIGHT	JESUS
POOR	SUFFERS	TRUE

I A M J L U I T L A  
 S B C H O S E N V E  
 U P A T R H A R T I  
 F R E E D O M A W H  
 F N H C A L E I W S  
 E F O J E S U S H P  
 R B D S M I W L G I  
 S I G H T L P O O R  
 T Q E W A S F L W I  
 J A T R U E M J E T

# 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The recently approved by-laws for the **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** are available at [cathedralsacramento.org/about-us](http://cathedralsacramento.org/about-us).

The **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH** (CDPH) has reported that the incidence of flu and flu-like illnesses is widespread and has reached a level requiring that we enact preventive measures to mitigate the possibility of infection at Mass. In order to protect the health and well-being of everyone, Bishop Soto has issued the following directives:

- The use of the Communion cup is suspended temporarily.
- Receive the Body of Christ in the hand (receiving on the tongue is permitted)
- Do not shake hands. Offer the sign of Peace to those around you with a simple nod, saying "peace be with you."
- Do not hold hands during the Our Father.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and other Holy Days does not apply to those who are sick. If you are sick, stay home and take of yourself. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. And pray for those who are sick. The administration of Holy Communion in both kinds will resume as soon as the Bishop deems it safe and prudent to do so.

### 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**CATHOLIC VIEWPOINT, FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE** - Check the Guide for Comcast Channel 20, Consolidated 19 and AT&T 14 or find us on YouTube. Fr. Michael Kiernan's guest on Jan 27 is Christine Watkins, speaker and author of *Transfigured*, *Full of Grace* and *Of Men and Mary*.

### WORLD MARRIAGE DAY – RENEWAL OF VOWS

On Saturday, February 9, 2019 Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at a special 11:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in which married couples will receive a special blessing and have an opportunity to renew their marital commitments.



An informal reception for couples and their families will follow. Special certificates will be given to couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). If you are interested in attending this free event, please register (names and anniversary year) at [www.scd.org/wmd](http://www.scd.org/wmd). For more information call the Office of Family and Faith Formation at (916) 733-0177.

### Try our new Cathedral Parish App!


**Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**

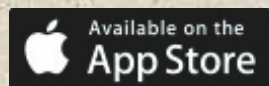



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- Use location reminder for any time visiting parish

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ANDROID APP ON 

Available on the 

 Text "app" to 88202





“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”  
~Luke 4:18a, 19~

Date	Mass/Intentions	Activities
Saturday January 26	5:00 pm / People of the Parish	10:00 am CCD Classes
Sunday January 27	7:30 am / Manuel Purugganan + 9:00 am / Rosario Purugganan + 11:00 am / Arturo Ramos + 1:00 pm (Spanish)* / Doris Perez S.I. 3:00 pm (Chinese) New Year Mass & Tribute to Ancestors 5:00 pm / Cathedral Youth Group S.I. 7:00 pm (Spanish)  *Baptism Sunday	9:00 am RCIA for Children & Teens 9:00 am Mass: RCIA - Breaking of the Word 11:00 am Mass: Liturgy of the Word for Children  6:00 pm Chinese New Year Dinner at Hong Kong Islander Restaurant
Monday January 28	12:10 pm / Arturo Ramos + Jose Raigosa + 5:10 pm / Ana Maria Mercado + Gabriel Voehl S.I.	6:30 pm RCIA: Vespers 7:00 pm RCIA: Class
Tuesday January 29	12:10 pm / Arturo Ramos + 5:10 pm / Ana Maria Mercado +	6:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal for the 7pm Mass 7:00 pm Teen Confirmation Class
Wednesday January 30	12:10 pm / Arturo Ramos + 5:10 pm / Anna Marie Mercado +	7:00 pm English Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Communion & Liberation 7:15 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal for the 1pm Mass
Thursday January 31	12:10 pm / Arturo Ramos + Bob Richardson + 5:10 pm	7:00 Bible Timeline
Friday February 1	12:10 pm / Arturo Ramos +	8:00 pm Prayer & Adoration for the Healing of the Church
Saturday February 2	<b>The Presentation of the Lord World Consecration Day</b> 5:00 pm / Arturo Ramos + Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming	Brown Bag Lunch Collection Weekend 9:00 am Scouting Awards 10:00 am CCD Classes

## Readings & Observances

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,  
27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: St. John Bosco, Priest  
Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life  
Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 19 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or Luke 2:22-32

## Prayer Corner

### For the Special Intentions of:

Ted Freitas  
Manuel Benjamin  
Lara Murillo  
Margarita Gonzalez  
M Cintron  
Mike  
Mary  
Maria  
Gabriel Valentin  
Patricia and Andrew Vargas  
Jocey  
Sara Martinez  
Marilyn Custodio  
Kinda A  
Lucia  
Damianus Aditya Christie  
Snjezana  
Matthew Mahoney  
Teddy Nguyen  
MEM  
Madeleine B. Vinluan  
Maricela Huidor  
Janine  
Anna Lanzona  
Alexa Novelo  
Mary  
Shelby Hogan  
Sepehr  
Gloria Sanchez  
Maria  
Tifini and her unborn child

### For the Repose of the Soul of:

Patricia and Andrew Vargas+  
Jaime Tenajeros Caminos+  
Nellie Foronda Tumbaga+  
Armandina Guerrero+  
Charles Urrutia +  
John Keener+  
Jaime Tangco +  
Lukas Flucht +  
Heriberto Concepcion Tadina+  
Dubu+  
Benny Garces+  
Roman Q Paguio+  
Shelby Hogan +

# Esquina del Pastor



Este sábado muchos de nosotros tuvimos la oportunidad de asistir a la Marcha por la Vida de la Costa Oeste en San Francisco. Hay muchas de estas marchas en todo Estados Unidos para rezar por una inversión de la decisión de legalizar el aborto el 22 de enero de 1973, conocido como Roe v Wade. La Semana de Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos cae dentro de este mismo período de tiempo, del 18 de enero al 25 de enero. De alguna manera, siempre he sentido que estas dos grandes aspiraciones, unir a todos los cristianos y apoyar la vida humana en todas sus etapas, caminan de la mano. Tal vez lo que realmente podría lograr una apreciación mundial de la vida requiere que los seguidores del Autor de la Vida busquen trabajar juntos y realmente sean "Uno". Quizás si todos aquellos que profesan que Jesús es la Vida caminaron juntos para terminar con el aborto y buscar elecciones centradas en Dios, podríamos lograr la verdadera unidad cristiana.

Parte del problema de no lograr una cultura de vida ni la unidad cristiana es que muchos cristianos no ven la necesidad de estar unidos. Lo que importa para muchos es que sus vidas individuales permanezcan conectadas con Jesús o que sus iglesias individuales permanezcan conectadas con Jesús. Nos preocupa poco que Jesús ore sinceramente para que sus seguidores estén unidos y sean uno. Las divisiones que existen entre los cristianos parecen tener poca importancia. Dentro de muchas iglesias, incluso en parroquias individuales, prevalecen grandes divisiones, lo que hace que el Cuerpo de Cristo sea débil e ineficaz. ¿Cómo podemos hablar a un mundo entero sobre la importancia de abrazar la Vida cuando nuestro propio Cuerpo no es saludable y está fallando?

Desafortunadamente, no todos los cristianos ven que terminar con el aborto y otros problemas de la vida católica es verdaderamente un abrazo de la vida. Además, muchos católicos no están de acuerdo con la postura de las iglesias sobre el aborto, la pena de muerte y la eutanasia. En cualquier búsqueda para lograr la unidad entre los cristianos, ¿cómo podríamos ignorar la vasta gama de actitudes diferentes que involucran temas de la vida?

Todo esto parece mucho más allá de las capacidades de los humanos para resolver y remediar. Ciertamente está más allá de las habilidades de este humilde pastor. Sin embargo, tengo la seguridad de que no está más allá de las capacidades de nuestro Salvador, quien, con demasiada frecuencia, queda fuera de la conversación. Que el que es verdaderamente uno con el Padre y el Espíritu y es "el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida", nos guíe más allá de los confines de nuestros corazones endurecidos.



## LAS LECTURAS Y CONMEMORACIONES SEMANALES

Las lecturas de la semana del 27 de enero de 2019

Domingo: 3er Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

Neh 8, 2-4. 5-6. 8-10/Sal 19, 8. 9. 10. 15 [cfr. Jn 6, 63]/  
1 Cor 12, 12-30 or 12, 12-14. 27/Lc1, 1-4; 4, 14-21

Lunes: San Tomás de Aquino, sacerdote y doctor de la Iglesia  
Heb 9, 15. 24-28/Sal 98, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 [1]/Mc 3, 22-30

Martes: Heb 10, 1-10/Sal 40, 2 y 4. 7-8. 10. 11 [8 y 9]/Mc 3, 31-35

Miércoles: Heb 10, 11-18/Sal 110, 1. 2. 3. 4 [4]/Mc 4, 1-20

Jueves: San Juan Bosco, sacerdote

Heb 10, 19-25/Sal 24, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [cfr. 6]/Mc 4, 21-25

Viernes: Heb 10, 32-39/Sal 37, 3-4. 5-6. 23-24. 39-40 [39]/  
Mc 4, 26-34

Sábado: La presentación de Jesús en el templo; Día Mundial de la  
Vida Consagrada

Mal 3, 1-4/Sal 24, 7. 8. 9. 19 [8]/Heb 2, 14-18/Lc2, 22-40  
o Luke 2, 22-32

## VERSO DEL EVANGELIO DE DOMINGO

El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque me ha ungido para llevar a los pobres la buena nueva y proclamar el año de gracia del Señor. - Lc 4, 18. 19

## MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO

La manera como Lucas inicia el Evangelio y orienta al ilustre Teófilo a fin de comprender la solidez de la catequesis que este había recibido. El mensaje transmitido el ordenar los acontecimientos permite también a nosotros hoy, fijar nuestros ojos en Jesús. Así, nos damos cuenta de que, en Nazaret, Jesús proclama su misión: "Enseñaba en las sinagogas de los judíos y todos lo alababan" (Lucas 4:14). Los inicios son importantes porque dan base, son cimientos seguros para iniciar la proclamación de la buena nueva. Lucas tiene un excelente gusto literario. Leer su Evangelio siempre es un deleite ya que muestra claramente la misericordia de Dios por medio de su Hijo Jesús.

En su mensaje se destacan cuatro puntos importantes. 1. Jesús anuncia la buena noticia con palabras, acciones y milagros. Es decir, acciones concretas. Siempre acompañado del espíritu de Dios desde su Bautismo. 2. En la sinagoga proclama el conocido pasaje de Isaías 61:1ss. "El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí. Él me ha ungido para llevar las buenas noticias a los pobres, para anunciar la libertad a los cautivos y a los ciegos que pronto van a ver, para poner en libertad a los oprimidos y a proclamar el año de gracia del Señor" (Lucas 4; 18-19). El pasaje se puede resumir en lo siguiente: hacer el bien de parte de Dios a toda la humanidad. 3. Jesús anuncia que se ha cumplido la Escritura en él: "Hoy se cumplen estas palabras proféticas y a ustedes les llegan noticias de ello" (Lucas 4:21). 4. Fue en Nazaret donde dio comienzo la actividad pública de Jesús. ¿Crees que Jesús sigue actuando en su Iglesia? ¿Cómo?

## VIVIR LA LITURGIA

Santa Teresa de Jesús nos dejó estas palabras: "Cristo no tiene cuerpo, sino el tuyo; no tiene manos o pies en la tierra, sino los tuyos; tuyos son los ojos con los que ve; la compasión en este mundo;

tuyos son los pies con los que camina para hacer el bien; tuyas son las manos, con el que bendice todo el mundo." Nosotros somos, en toda manera y forma, el Cuerpo de Cristo. Nuestros cuerpos no son solo una parte, sino muchas. Somos muchos y todos somos únicamente diferentes. Cada individuo, de su propia manera, contribuye algo especial. Todos estamos bautizados en un espíritu, y no hay nada que nos separe. Debemos enfocarnos en la totalidad y no distraernos con los detalles particulares. Todo y todos debemos trabajar juntos para la alabanza y gloria de Dios.



## LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

¿Se acuerda en un momento llegar a clase, sabiendo que tiene un examen por el cual no se preparó adecuadamente? Quizá era un examen sobre un libro clásico, o un examen de ciencia. ¿Sentía su corazón latir fuerte? ¿Sentía sudor en su frente? Quizá estaba considerando las maneras en que puedo haber evitado sentirse así. Y finalmente piensa: "¡Debí haber estudiado lo del examen!"

Dejar las cosas para el último momento, la indiferencia, no darse suficiente tiempo y ser terco son razones por las cuales fallamos de prepararnos bien cuando una situación importante llega. Nos falta un compromiso verdadero. Esto también puede ser verdad en nuestra vida espiritual. Podemos escoger llamarnos discípulos, pero no nos preparamos adecuadamente para esa jornada.

La sagrada escritura nos puede preparar plenamente para las circunstancias de la vida, pero no si fallamos en leerla. Las palabras contenidas allí son el Espíritu y vida para nosotros. Nos ayuda entender dónde cabemos dentro del Cuerpo de Cristo y cómo debemos responder a la llamada diario de Cristo Jesús. Los que viven una vida corresponsable deben estar comprometidos a leer y reflexionar la Palabra de Dios. Sabemos que debemos pasar tiempo con la Palabra, pero muchas veces fallamos. Cuando fallamos leer en la escuela, quizás fallamos y sacamos una marca baja. Cuando fallamos en la vida por no estar preparados, a veces las consecuencias son graves.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## DÍA MUNDIAL DEL MATRIMONIO-RENOVACIÓN DE VOTOS

Habrá una bendición especial para las parejas casadas y la oportunidad para renovar su compromiso matrimonial. La misa será celebrada a las 11:00 am el Sábado, 9 de Febrero del 2019 por el Obispo Jaime Soto en la Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento, ubicada en el 1017 11st. en Sacramento, CA. Después de misa habrá una recepción para las parejas y sus familias en el Salón Mercy ubicado dentro de la Catedral en donde se dará un certificado especial a las parejas que celebran un aniversario significativo (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). Este evento es gratis y toda pareja interesada en asistir debe llamar al Oficina de Familia y Formación en la Fe al Tel. (916) 733-0177 para registrar sus nombres y años de casados o en línea en la página [www.scd.org/wmd](http://www.scd.org/wmd)







“And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”

~ 1 Corinthians 13:13 ~

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Rectory Office Hours — Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Weekday Mass Schedule: Monday to Friday - 12:10 pm Monday to Thursday - 5:10 pm (Unless otherwise indicated)</p>		<p><b>February 5</b> - Parents Meeting for Teens Confirmation English Program at 7:00pm, Mercy Hall</p> <p><b>February 6</b> - Parents Meeting for 1st Communion Spanish Program at 7:00pm, Mercy Hall</p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:00 pm Hour of Adoration for the Healing of the Church</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>The Presentation of the Lord World Day for Consecrated Life </p> <p>9:00 am Scouting Awards 10:00 am CCD Classes Brown Bag Lunch Collection Weekend</p> <p>5:00 pm Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming</p>
<p>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>3</b></p> <p><b>Feast of St. Blaise</b></p> <p><b>Mass</b> - 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm Spanish: 1:00pm, 7:00pm Chinese: 3:00pm</p> <p>Children &amp; Teens RCIA - 9:00 am RCIA - Breaking of the Word at the 9am Mass Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 11am Mass <b>Brown Bag Lunch Collection Weekend</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA Evening Prayer 7:00 pm RCIA Class</p>	<p> <b>5</b></p> <p><b>Chinese New Year</b></p> <p>6:00pm Spanish 7pm Mass Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Teen Confirmation Class 7:00 pm Respect Life Monthly Meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7:00 pm English Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm StVdeP Monthly Meeting 7:15 pm The Rosary Club 7:15 pm Communion &amp; Liberation 7:15 pm Spanish 1pm Mass Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7:00 pm The Bible Timeline 7:00pm Baptism Class - English</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>10:00 am CCD Classes</p> <p> <b>Mass &amp; Reception for World Marriage Day</b> 11:00 am - 1:00 pm</p> <p>5:00 pm Mass for the World Day of the Sick </p>
<p>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>10</b></p> <p><b>Mass</b> - 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm Spanish: 1:00pm, 7:00pm Chinese: 3:00pm</p> <p>Children &amp; Teens RCIA - 9:00 am RCIA - Breaking of the Word at the 9am Mass</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA Evening Prayer 7:00 pm RCIA Class</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:15 pm The Men's Group 6:00pm Spanish 7pm Mass Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Teen Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:00 pm English Choir rehearsal 7:15 pm Communion &amp; Liberation 7:15 pm Spanish 1pm Mass Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p> <b>14</b></p> <p><b>Valentine's Day</b></p> <p>7:00 pm The Bible Timeline 7:00pm Baptism Class - Spanish</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>10:00 am CCD Classes <b>9:00 am Baptisms - English</b></p>
<p>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>17</b></p> <p><b>Mass</b> - 7:30am, 9:00am, <b>11:00am*</b>, 5:00pm Spanish: <b>1:00pm*</b>, 7:00pm Chinese: 3:00pm</p> <p><b>*Rite of Sending Confirmation Students</b> Children &amp; Teens RCIA - 9:00 am RCIA - Breaking of the Word at the 9am Mass Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 11am Mass <b>Baptism Sunday - English nam</b></p>	<p> <b>18</b></p> <p><b>Presidents Day</b> 12:10 pm Mass Only (No 5:10 pm Mass)</p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA Evening Prayer 7:00 pm RCIA Class</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>6:00pm Spanish 7pm Mass Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Teen Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7:00 pm English Choir rehearsal 7:15 pm The Rosary Club 7:15 pm Communion &amp; Liberation 7:15 pm Spanish 1pm Mass Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>7:00 pm The Bible Timeline</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>10:00 am CCD Classes <b>9:00 am Baptisms - Spanish</b></p>
<p>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>24</b></p> <p><b>Mass</b> - 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm Spanish: 1:00pm, 7:00pm Chinese: 3:00pm</p> <p>Children &amp; Teens RCIA - 9:00 am RCIA - Breaking of the Word at the 9am Mass Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 11am Mass <b>Baptism Sunday - Spanish 1pm</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA Evening Prayer 7:00 pm RCIA Class</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>6:00pm Spanish 7pm Mass Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Teen Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>7:00 pm English Choir rehearsal 7:15 pm Communion &amp; Liberation 7:15 pm Spanish 1pm Mass Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>7:00 pm The Bible Timeline</p>	<p><b>Ash Wednesday is March 6</b></p>	



聖多瑪斯·阿奎那 (一月二十八日)

湯瑪斯大約在一二二五年初，出生於那不勒斯王國的羅卡塞卡，該地的領主正是其父蘭道夫伯爵。阿奎那在五歲時進入進修院學習，十六歲時於那不勒斯大學，學習了六年時間。期間，他出乎意料地加入了多明我會，該會和方濟會共同對歐洲中世紀早期建立的神職階層發起了革命性的挑戰。阿奎那的這一轉變令其家族感到不悅；在去羅馬的路途中，阿奎那被他的幾個兄弟逮住、押送回聖齊奧瓦尼城堡，並在那裏監禁了一兩年，以迫使他放棄自己的志向。

他的師長看出阿奎那在神學上天賦秉異，一二四四年便送他去科隆的多明我神學院，師從大阿爾伯特學習哲學和神學。一二四五年，他跟隨大阿爾伯特去巴黎大學三年。在一二四八年他返回科隆擔任講師。一二五二年阿奎那前往巴黎攻讀碩士學位。一二六八年，他又前往羅馬和博洛尼亞講學，並且投身於教會的公共事務中。

一二七三年十二月六日的一次彌撒儀式中，阿奎那還稱自己看見了神蹟。事後他停止寫作，使得《神學大全》變成未完成作品。當被問及為何封筆時，阿奎那答道：「我寫不下去了....與我所見和受到的啟示相比，我過去所寫的一切猶如草芥。」後來有人稱阿奎那在祈禱時聽到了來自十字架的聲音，稱讚他的寫作。還有修道士宣稱曾看到他凌空飄起。

在一二七四年一月，額我略十世指派阿奎那參加第二次里昂會議。他的工作是調查並且研究出希臘與拉丁教會之間的差異。身體狀況已經相當差的阿奎那在前往會議的旅程中停留於一座姪女的城堡中，病況開始惡化。阿奎那希望在修道院裏走完人生旅程，但卻無法及時抵達多明我會的教堂，最

後他被帶至一座熙篤會的教堂。在經歷七週的病痛煎熬後，於一二七四年三月七日去世。阿奎那的聖人日後來被改到了一月二十八日，不過許多人還是將三月七日他去世的那天視為他的聖人日。

### St. Thomas Aquinas (January 28)

Thomas was born in the castle of his father, Landulf of Aquino, at the Kingdom of Sicily (present-day Lazio, Italy) in 1225. At the age of five, he began his early education at Monte Cassino. In early 1239, he enrolled at the studium generale (university) recently established by Frederick in Naples. At the age of nineteen Thomas resolved to join the recently founded Dominican Order. Thomas's change of heart did not please his family. In an attempt to prevent Theodora's interference in Thomas' choice, the Dominicans arranged to move Thomas to Rome, and from Rome, to Paris. However, while on his journey to Rome, per Theodora's instructions, his brothers seized him as he was drinking from a spring and took him back to his parents at the castle of Monte San Giovanni Campano.

By 1244, Thomas was sent first to Naples and then to Rome to meet Johannes von Wildeshausen, the Master General of the Dominican Order. In 1245, Thomas was sent to study at the Faculty of the Arts at the University of Paris for three years. In 1248, he taught in Cologne as an apprentice professor and instructed students on the books of the Old Testament and related writings. Then, in 1252, he returned to Paris to study for a master's degree in theology. In 1268, the Dominican order assigned Thomas to be regent master at the University of Paris for a second time, a position he held until the spring of 1272.

On 6 December 1273, another mystical experience took place. While he was celebrating Mass, he experienced an unusually long ecstasy. Because of what he saw, he abandoned his routine and refused to dictate to his socius Reginald of Piperno. When Reginald begged him to get back to work, Thomas replied: "Reginald, I cannot, because all that I have written seems like straw to me" (mihi videtur ut palea). As a result, the Summa Theologica would remain uncompleted. What exactly triggered Thomas' change in behavior is believed by Catholics to have been some kind of supernatural experience of god.

One January in 1274, Pope Gregory X had Thomas participate in the Second Council of Lyon. On his way to the Council, riding on a donkey along the Appian Way, he struck his head on the branch of a fallen tree and became seriously ill again. He was then quickly escorted to Monte Cassino to convalesce. After resting for a while, he set out again, but stopped at the Cistercian Fossanova Abbey after again falling ill. The monks nursed him for several days, and as he received his last rites he prayed: "I have written and taught much about this very holy Body, and about the other sacraments in the faith of Christ, and about the Holy Roman Church, to whose correction I expose and submit everything I have written." He died on March 7, 1274 while giving commentary on the Song of Songs. When he was canonized, his feast day was established on March 7, but it was later changed to January 28.

### 本週報告 (會長)

慕道班於每星期彌撒後以中文舉行。如果您認識的任何朋友或家人對天主教信仰有興趣，請邀請他參加。

### Announcement this week (President)

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