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CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Pastor's Corner

Last weekend we priests with the Bishop gathered for Our Priest Convocation which takes place every four years. Overall, it was an enjoyable time for fellowship and venting. Aside from the usual conversations and presentations, we had the opportunity to "window shop" some clerical vestments that were available for sale. Most of the older priests thought these vestments were on display from a church museum, while the younger priests may have seriously considered purchasing clothing which reflected a more traditional aesthetics. Clearly the seller was responding to a trend that younger priests are interested in more traditional garb which tends to be highly ornate, lacey, and with accompanying caps with tassels. Certainly the trend to move away from basic, homemade looking priests liturgical clothing of the 1980's to more elegant and refined vestments of today reflects something of the movement of contemporary liturgical styles. We have moved away from the "grass roots" liturgy that developed in this country after Vatican II to a more "top down" liturgy associated with the traditional church. Many people probably applaud this development.

I was recently reading an article from 1982, a "grass roots" year, which mentioned the use of pottery Communion cups which were common after Vatican II but are not allowed in our current Masses. Communion cups and chalices are meant to be made of a precious metal not pottery. The precious metal reflects the dignity of what the Communion cup contains, the Blood of Christ. So why do I miss the old pottery Communion cups? It is the same reason why I miss the old basic hand-woven vestments; we have removed the humanity out of the liturgy. This is a complex topic which most parishioners pass through unaware. But, the use of pottery Communion cups was meant to reveal to the people and the priests the common calling that we are all challenged to live the Gospel as exemplified from the God who became man and lived a common life. The pottery communion cups are common and simple, humble and accessible. They speak to us of the Love that comes from a God who calls all

people, without distinction, to join in His life giving sacrifice. These same cups also reveal the challenge that this God walks among us, calling us to be like Him. He is not a golden icon, nor a golden chalice, so exalted that we only gaze in wonder. He is one of us and lives among the homemade and the common.

One might wonder how long it will be before altar rails are required in all churches. The push to separate God from His people is a strong one, embraced by most of us. A life with God on the other side is far more easy than a life with God our side, showing us how to really live. We, of course, never want to forget that we must revere God and bow down in worship before Him. Still, we must balance our worship with the challenge that God is intimately a part of our lives, calling us to rise to new life.

Fr. Michael



What if today was your last day on earth?

Cecilia Pigg | Aletheia.org

I'll never forget the last time I saw my Nana alive. My parents and siblings and I were in Arizona, spending time with her and my Grandpa in their home. She had ALS, and it had progressed such that she could no longer talk, eat, or walk on her own.

I was brushing my teeth at the bathroom sink on the last day of our visit. As my Grandpa wheeled her past the bathroom, I came out, toothbrush in hand, and said goodnight again. She smiled big, her mouth filling with saliva bubbles she could not easily swallow, and gave me a tiny nod and wave. A few hours later, I saw the flashing red and white lights of the ambulance through the window of the bedroom I was sleeping in. We got out of bed to say goodbye to her body one last time before they wheeled her away.

Seeing her lying there on her bed, but no longer with us, was one of the most surreal experiences of my life. Just a few hours before she was smiling at me, alive. Now, she was gone.

The anniversary of her death is coming up, and it reminds me to take a second to look at my life every year. We are not guaranteed any amount of time on this earth. As Jesus says, you do not know the day nor the hour, so stay awake (Matthew 25:13).

How can we stay awake to what's important in life?

Take a minute today to think about your death. Not in a morbid or pitiful way, but in an honest, concrete way. You will die. And you don't know when. So, consider the following questions. If today was your last day on earth, would you be ready to die?

First, here are practical things to focus on for the good of your body:

What do you want your funeral to be like? Think about if you want certain hymns sung or an open casket for visitation.

Where do you want to be buried? If you have a preference of cemetery or who you want to be buried next to, think about that.

Does someone you know and trust know the answers to the previous questions so that they can take care of things for you?

Next, here are practical things to focus on for the good of your soul:

When was the last time you went to confession? Might as well find a time to go this weekend.

Who do you still need to forgive? Now is the time to try to repair relationship; don't wait another decade.

How much time do you spend on small or petty frustrations throughout the day? If you have a habit of getting too worked up about life's minor annoyances, put them into perspective today.

There is no time like the present to consider the bigger picture of your life:

Are you living the way you want to be remembered?

What do you spend your time on every day?

What do you wish were different about your life right now?

All of the Halloween decorations starting at us in stores right now makes for a perfect time to do some self-reflection. *Memento mori* is a Latin phrase that means *remember death*. That fake skeleton hanging from the window in your neighbor's house can be a subtle reminder to memento mori. Take stock of your life this week. What you do while you're alive matters, so make the most of it.



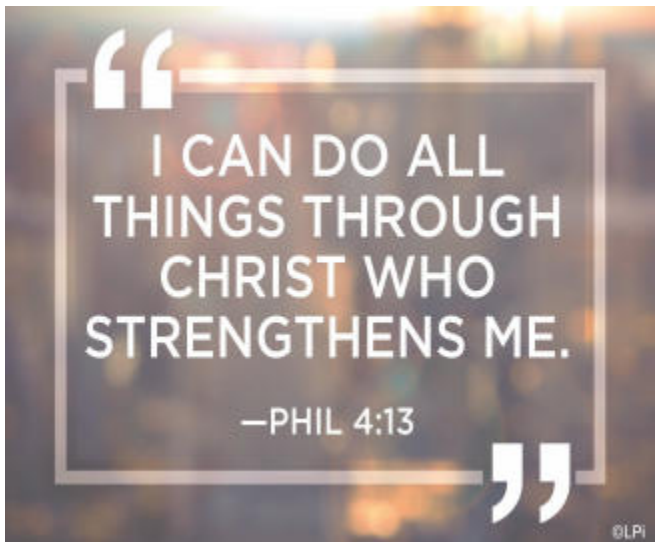
Question:

What is the story behind the rosary?

Answer:

The rosary is a sacred and popular Catholic devotion, but its origins are mysterious. Prayer beads to facilitate meditation began in the early ages of the Church. In the early medieval period, bead strings were used to count Hail Marys or Our Fathers. A tradition has developed that the rosary in its current form was given to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother. However, the earliest biographies of the saint do not include this story. In the Middle Ages, the prayers were grouped into 50 Hail Marys with verses from Psalms and vignettes from the lives of Jesus and Mary. By the 16th century, the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries were established.

The rosary rose to prominence in the late 1500s. The Turkish Empire was spreading across eastern Europe, and pirates were raiding Christian ships. The Christian nations of Europe rallied for a great battle at sea. Pope St. Pius V urged all Christians to pray the rosary for victory. While vastly outnumbered, the Christian fleet was victorious at the Battle of Lepanto. The pope established October 7th as the feast of the Holy Rosary. Later, all of October would come to be known as the Month of the Rosary.



COVER PHOTO: A picture of the cathedral as it appeared on a 1920's postcard as part of a souvenir packet. This and other historic photos of the cathedral are available on cathedralsacramento.org.



29th Week in Ordinary Time



For the Special Intentions of:

Rosa Ceja

Karen Green

Alex Sarlis

Richard E Alfaro S.I.

Biba Caggiano

Beautiful Sunflower

Jerrick, Jennifer, Alyssa

Lupe de la Torre

Lilia Omana

Myra Rabe

Beth Amparo

Jacob Regala

Shelby's Kids

Marlena

Lupe de la Torre

Beth L.A.

For the Repose of the Soul of:

Deacon Don DeHaven +

Kelly Marie +

Betty Mendoza+

Dave Terry +

Robert D. Bilbro+

Richard Martell+

40 DAYS FOR LIFE from September 25 through November 3, 2019. You're invited to join us while we stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in front of FPA Abortion Clinic at 2322 Butano Dr., Sacramento, Tuesday through Friday, from 8:00am to 6:00pm, and on Monday from 11:00am to 6:00pm. For more information contact: Susan Money at susanalive@gmail.com or 530-320-1614, Wynette Sills at 916-955-1577, or go to 40daysforlife.com/sacramento.

"SPREADING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST AMONG CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES THROUGH A.C.T.S."

The Cathedral Men's ACTS Retreat is November 14-17. For more information visit, SacCathedralACTS.org or contact Rick Visineau, RickVisineau@icloud.com or 916-281-4676. The ACTS retreat begins Thursday evening and ends with Sunday Mass.



Catholic Viewpoint, Faith, Hope and Love, hosted by Fr. Michael Kiernan. Visit our website <https://www.catholicviewpointfhl.com/> to view all episodes and check out our Catholic Resources page with links to many important websites for "growing your faith!"

OFFERTORY REPORT

Weekend	Total	Short of Goal	% of Goal
September 21/22	\$8,855	-\$2,645	77%
September 28/29	\$9,003	-\$2,497	78%
October 5/6	Not submitted		
October 12/13	Not submitted		

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

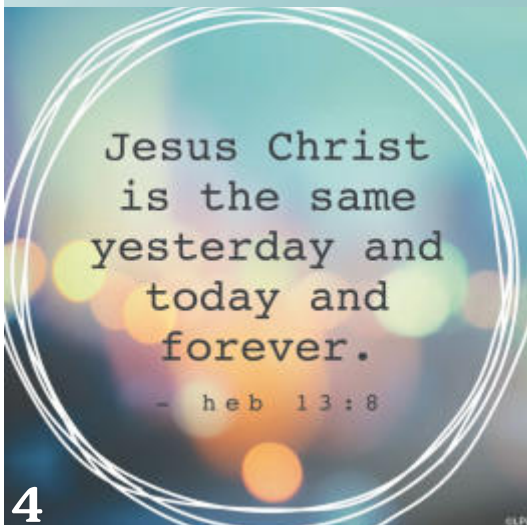


A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND PARISHIONERS:

"Eucharist: The Evidence of God's Love", Thursday, October, 24, 2019, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Christ the King Retreat Center, Citrus Heights. Speakers will be Hai Tran, DMin, and Deacon Omar Bardales. Cost \$50.00/ person. Contact Dr. Tran at the St. Francis Development Institute at sfdinstitute@gmail.com, or (916) 203-0150.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: Please join the Office of Vocations and St. Joseph Morello Parish (7200 Auburn-Folsom Rd., Granite Bay, CA 95746) in prayer and fellowship for vocations on Thursday, November 7th. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Vocations at (916) 733-0258 or by email at msmith@scd.org.

Don't miss the Fall 2019 **FIRE D UP CONFIRMATION CONFERENCE** in RED BLUFF! DREs and Confirmation Coordinators: don't miss the opportunity for your Confirmation Candidates to spend the day with other teens being Confirmed in 2020 and the awesome speaker line up including Jackie Francois Angel, Joe Melendrez, and Mike Patin. Get FIRE D UP on Sunday, November 17 in Red Bluff, CA! For more information please visit www.confirmationconference.com and register today! Please note that individual registrations are not accepted for this event –all participants must be registered as a group from the parish or school.



Date	Mass / Intentions / Readings
Saturday October 19	Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs 5:00 pm / Archie Villanueva + Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8a]/Lk 12:8-12
Sunday October 20	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 am / Celso & Cinderella Ouano + 9:00 am / Francine Desiree Troyer + 11:00 am / Lola Krist + 1:00 pm (Spanish) / Rito Gutierrez de Reynos S.I. 3:00 pm (Chinese) 5:00 pm / Mary Rose Cabantan S.I. 7:00 pm / People of the Cathedral Parish Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/ Lk 18:1-8
Monday October 21	12:10 pm / Patricia Perez S.I., Rosendo Christy + 5:10 pm / Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday October 22	St. John Paul II, Pope 12:10 pm / Cecilio Salvatierra S.I. 5:10 pm / Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/ Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday October 23	St. John of Capistrano, Priest 12:10 pm / Lily Widjaja S.I. 5:10 pm / Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday October 24	St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop 12:10 pm / Jeffery Belisario S.I. 5:10 pm / Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday October 25	12:10 pm / Grace Rae McMorrow + Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68b]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday October 26	5:00 pm / Emil Mentel + Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for ages 3+, visit youngsheep.org, or call 916-910-3435

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Choir (English)

Rex Rallanka, Music Director, rrallanka@cathedralsacramento.org

Choir (Spanish)

Jerry Vanoye in the choir annex after the 1pm Mass, or Ricardo Savala in the choir annex after 7pm Mass.

Cinema Divina Movies

Reggie King, Brian Perez, thecatholicstore@gmail.com

Communion & Liberation

catechesis meets every Wednesday at 7:15pm

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 Read the Gospel and Color



Cathedral Kids

Sharing the Gospel - The widow in Jesus' story never gave up. She needed help. She kept asking for help over and over until the judge gave her what she needed. God is so much more loving than the judge in Jesus' story. If you need help, you can ask God over and over. Don't give up. Tell God when you are hurt. Tell God when you need help. He listens carefully to you, and he enjoys helping children who love him.

Prayer - Dear God, thank you for caring about me and listening to my prayers.

Mission for the Week - Many children do not have homes or shoes or beds. Ask God to show you how to help them.

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

STORY
PRAYING
JUDGE

WIDOW
FAIR
PROTECT

CONCERNED
HURRY
HELP

M	A	K	S	E	W	U	R	H	T
H	P	R	A	Y	I	N	G	E	A
T	R	I	G	T	D	E	F	L	I
E	O	A	S	T	O	R	Y	P	T
M	T	N	I	C	W	H	O	U	J
R	E	F	R	A	I	U	L	T	U
H	C	O	N	C	E	R	N	E	D
E	T	J	U	D	G	R	F	U	G
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Esquina del Pastor

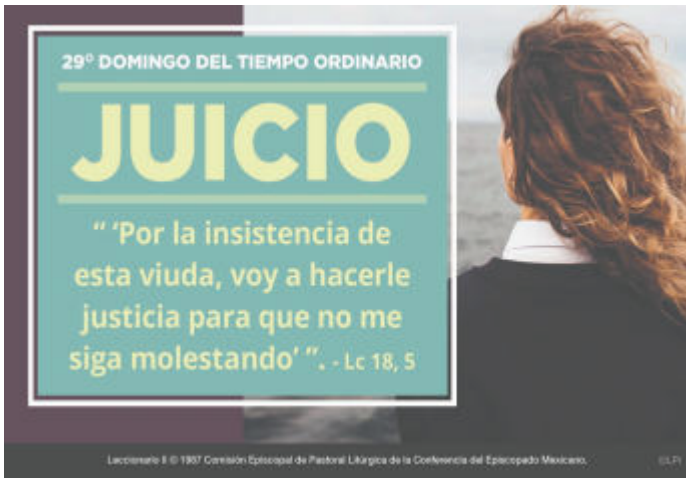
El fin de semana pasado, los sacerdotes con el Obispo nos reunimos para la Convocación de Nuestro Sacerdote, que tiene lugar cada cuatro años. En general, fue un momento agradable para el compañerismo y la ventilación. Además de las conversaciones y presentaciones habituales, tuvimos la oportunidad de "comprar escaparates" algunas vestimentas de oficina que estaban disponibles para la venta. La mayoría de los sacerdotes mayores pensaban que estas vestimentas se exhibían en un museo de la iglesia, mientras que los sacerdotes más jóvenes podrían haber considerado seriamente comprar ropa que reflejara una estética más tradicional. Claramente, el vendedor estaba respondiendo a una tendencia de que los sacerdotes más jóvenes están interesados en un atuendo más tradicional que tiende a ser muy ornamentado, de encaje y con gorras con borlas. Ciertamente, la tendencia a alejarse de la vestimenta litúrgica sacerdotal básica de aspecto casero de la década de 1980 a vestimentas más elegantes y refinadas de hoy refleja algo del movimiento de los estilos litúrgicos contemporáneos. Nos hemos alejado de la liturgia de "base" que se desarrolló en este país después del Vaticano II a una liturgia más "de arriba abajo" asociada con la iglesia tradicional. Mucha gente probablemente aplaude este desarrollo.

Hace poco estuve leyendo un artículo de 1982, un año de "base", que mencionaba el uso de tazas de comunión de cerámica que eran comunes después del Vaticano II pero que no están permitidas en nuestras misas actuales. Los vasos y los cálices de comunión están hechos de un metal precioso, no de cerámica. El metal precioso refleja la dignidad de lo que contiene la copa de la Comunión, la Sangre de Cristo. Entonces, ¿por qué extraño las viejas tazas de comunión de cerámica? Es la misma razón por la que extraño las viejas vestimentas básicas tejidas a mano; Hemos eliminado a la humanidad de la liturgia. Este es un tema complejo que la mayoría de los feligreses pasan sin darse cuenta. Pero, el uso de tazas de comunión de cerámica estaba destinado a revelar a la gente y a los sacerdotes el llamado común de que todos somos desafiados a vivir el Evangelio como lo ejemplifica el Dios que se hizo hombre y vivió una vida en común. Las tazas de comunión de cerámica son comunes y simples, humildes y accesibles. Nos hablan del amor que

proviene de un Dios que llama a todas las personas, sin distinción, a unirse en su vida dando sacrificios. Estas mismas copas también revelan el desafío que este Dios camina entre nosotros, llamándonos a ser como Él. No es un ícono dorado, ni un cáliz dorado, tan exaltado que solo miramos maravillados. Él es uno de nosotros y vive entre lo casero y lo común.

Uno podría preguntarse cuánto tiempo pasará antes de que se requieran rieles de altar en todas las iglesias. El impulso para separar a Dios de su pueblo es fuerte, abrazado por la mayoría de nosotros. Una vida con Dios al otro lado es mucho más fácil que una vida con Dios a nuestro lado, mostrándonos cómo vivir realmente. Nosotros, por supuesto, nunca queremos olvidar que debemos reverenciar a Dios e inclinarnos en adoración ante Él. Aún así, debemos equilibrar nuestra adoración con el desafío de que Dios es una parte íntima de nuestras vidas, llamándonos a elevarnos a una nueva vida.

Pr. Michael



LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 29º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Domingo de la Misión Mundial

Martes: San Juan Pablo II, papa

Miércoles: San Juan Capistrano, sacerdote

Jueves: San Antonio María Claret, obispo

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

La liturgia de este domingo se centra en la oración y en cómo no debemos desanimarnos jamás de orar ni de insistir a Dios con nuestras plegarias. El Papa Francisco nos ayuda con los siguientes consejos e insiste en la confianza que se debe tener al orar: *“Porque ninguna oración queda sin ser escuchada, muchas de nuestras oraciones no obtienen ningún resultado. ¿Cuántas veces hemos pedido y no hemos obtenido, llamado y encontrado una puerta cerrada? [Sin embargo], podemos estar seguros de que Dios responderá. La única incerteza se debe a los tiempos, pero no tenemos dudas de que Él responderá. Tal vez sea necesario insistir durante toda la vida, pero Él responderá. Nos lo ha prometido”*.

El relato de Jesús sobre la viuda y el juez afirma lo que el Papa Francisco nos asegura; Dios siempre escucha nuestros ruegos y da lo que conviene a la salvación de cada persona. *“¿Acaso Dios no hará justicia a sus elegidos si claman a él día y noche, mientras él deja que esperen? Yo les aseguro que les hará justicia.”* (Lucas 18:7-8). Reflexionar en la justicia en términos bíblicos es hablar de la misericordia infinita de Dios. Entonces, para crecer en justicia y misericordia los unos para con los otros, se necesita un profundo crecimiento en la vida de oración. Para un diálogo y encuentro profundo con Dios ¿qué se debe hacer? La Santa Teresa de Calcuta decía que: *“Sin un corazón lleno de amor y sin unas manos generosas, es imposible curar a un hombre enfermo de soledad. El amor es un fruto que madura en todas las estaciones y que se encuentra al alcance de todas las manos”*.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Ex 17, 8-13/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8 [cfr. 2]/2 Tim 3, 14—4, 2/Lc 18, 1-8

Lunes: Rom 4, 19-25/Lc 1, 69-70. 71-72. 73-75 [cfr. 68]/Lc 12, 13-21

Martes: Rom 5, 12. 15. 17-19. 20-21/Sal 40, 7-8. 8-9. 10. 17 [8 y 9]/Lc 12, 35-38

Miércoles: Rom 6, 12-18/Sal 124, 1-3. 4-6. 7-8 [8]/Lc 12, 39-48

Jueves: Rom 6, 19-23/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6 [Sal 40, 5]/Lc 12, 49-53

Viernes: Rom 7, 18-25/Sal 119, 66. 68. 76. 77. 93. 94 [68]/Lc 12, 54-59

Sábado: Rom 8, 1-11/Sal 24, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [cfr. 6]/Lc 13, 1-9

Reserve la fecha

"Una luz ilumina nuestra oscuridad"

Una tarde para honrar a su bebe que murio antes de nacer o al nacimiento

****favor de incluir este evento en sus oraciones****

- Lugar seguro de desahogo
- Elección del nombre a su bebe
- Celebración, precedida por Fr. Micheal O.
- Vigilia con rezo de Rosario y velas

solo en Español
proximamente mas detalles

EN CATEDRAL
Nov. 16, 2019 5:00pm



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

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
	1:00 pm en Español
	3:00 pm Chinese
	5:00 pm
	7:00 pm en Español
State Holidays	12:10 pm only

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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

DEVOTIONS: Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 12:45 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday	12:45 pm to 5:00 pm
Thursday	12:45 pm to 5:00 pm
Friday	12:45 pm to 1:30 pm

BENEDICTION

Wednesday	5:00 pm
Thursday	5:00 pm
Friday	1:30 pm

(No Devotions, Adoration, or Benediction on feast days and holy days)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - By appointment only.
Call the rectory at 916-444-3071

BAPTISMS - Registration is required. Call Deacon John at the rectory at 916-444-3071
English - 3rd Saturday of the month, 9:00am
Español - 4º Sábado del mes, 9:00am

BAPTISM CLASSES (No registration required)
English - 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00pm
Español - 2do jueves del mes, 7:00pm

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Actualización y registro de la parroquia de la Catedral

You can also register online at cathedralsacramento.org/ Visit Us / Register as a Parishioner

Name (*Nombre*): _____ Cell Phone: (*Celular*): (____) _____

Street Address (*Domicilio*): _____ City (*Ciudad*): _____

State (*Estado*): _____ Zip (*Código postal*): _____ Email: _____

For additional family members, please attach a separate sheet.
 Please indicate:
 New Parishioner/Individual
 New Parishioners/Family
 Change of Address
 Please send Offertory Envelopes

Por favor indique:
 Nuevo Parroquiano / Individuo
 Nuevo Parroco / Familia
 Cambio de Dirección
 Por favor envíe Sobres de Ofertorio

Please return by (Regrese por favor):
 1) Put into collection basket at mass (deposite en la canasta de la colecta en misa)
 2) Scan to pdf file and email: blessed@cathedralsacramento.org
 (escanear a pdf file y envía por correo electrónico)
 3) Fax to: 916-443-2749
 4) Mail to (correo): 1017 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Come Visit. Come Worship. Come Home.

TOURS

We love to share our Cathedral history! Tours are FREE, led by trained Docents, and held after the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses, and at 12:40pm on Wednesday. Tours begin at the Baptismal Font. Contact 916-444-3071 to arrange free private group tours.

Los tours en español se llevan a cabo el 1er y 3er domingo del mes después de la misa de 1pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The cathedral offers a complete faith formation program, including Catholic Faith Formation, Confirmation, The Rite of Christian Initiation Program, R.C.I.A., for adults, teens and children, Religious Education for Spanish Speaking Adults, and a Catechesis Formation Program.



If you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, or were baptized Catholic but never completed your faith formation classes, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet

some faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** sessions meet every Monday Evening at 7 PM in the lower level of the Cathedral. Feel free to come any Monday evening. For more information on all of our faith formation programs, please call **916-444-5364** or email Sister Lisa Marie Doty, Director of Religious Education, lmdoty@cathedralsacramento.org.



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WEDDINGS - If you would like to celebrate the **Sacrament of Matrimony** at the Cathedral, contact Wedding Coordinator, Titi Kila at

tkila@cathedralsacramento.org at least **six months** before your desired wedding date to arrange a meeting.

CONVALIDATION - If you would like to have your civil marriage blessed in the Catholic Church, or if you have been together for a number of years and would like to be married in the Church, this can often be done in a small, private ceremony called a Convalidation, without any cost or fee. To explore this possibility, contact Deacon John at 444-3071 Ext. 11 or jjglsia@cathedralsacramento.org.



Chinese Community Column 華人團體專欄

聖希拉里昂 (十月二十一日)

被稱為聖希拉里昂大帝的於主曆二九一年出生在巴勒斯坦。在歸依基督教之後，他在埃及與聖安東尼一起度過了一段時間，他是另一個被孤獨的聖人。希拉里昂在沙漠裡過著艱辛和朴素的生活，在那裡他還經歷了精神上的干燥，包括對絕望的誘惑。同時，他遭遇了奇蹟。

隨著他的名氣的增長，一小群門徒想跟隨希拉里翁。他開始了一系列的旅程，尋找一個可以遠離世界生活的地方。他最終定居在塞浦路斯，死於主曆三七一年，享年八十歲。

St. Hilarion (October 21)

Saint Hilarion the Great, as he is sometimes called, was born at Palestine in 291. After his conversion to Christianity, he spent some time with Saint Anthony of Egypt, another holy man drawn to solitude. Hilarion lived a life of hardship and simplicity in the desert, where he also experienced spiritual dryness that included temptations to despair. At the same time, miracles were attributed to him.

As his fame grew, a small group of disciples wanted to follow Hilarion. He began a series of journeys to find a place where he could live away from the world. He finally settled on Cyprus, where he died in 371 at about age 80.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Render a just decision for me against my adversary." Today's Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? *"Because the widow keeps bothering me."* Jesus' recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We've all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something "fair," which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in *our* image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will *"secure the rights of his chosen ones."* Sometimes, He may well seem *"slow to answer them."*

In the face of these very real questions, it's important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God's thoughts *"are not [our] thoughts."* His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God's better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to *"faith on earth."*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Where Is the Evidence?

The US Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," sees a life of stewardship as the fruit that comes from an authentic life with Jesus. Faith in Jesus is the minimum requirement that begins this journey from discipleship to stewardship living. There are those who believe in Jesus but do not know him. It becomes very hard to contemplate responding to the call of someone you do not know.

The last sentence of Luke 18:8 should give a reason to pause and reflect. Jesus says to his disciples, "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on Earth?" We can easily respond affirmatively to the question, but if we want to look at the Earth ourselves without being able to see into people's hearts, where is the evidence of the faith that Jesus seeks? When we look at our world, do we see evidence of large amounts of faithful people living in a way that faith would lead them to live?

Our stewardship way of life is evidence of our faith. It is hard to argue that one truly has faith if they do not seek to live as Jesus calls us. An unfortunate cycle is then created when those who do not believe do not see any reason to have faith. Our stewardship is not only evidence, but it is our testimony and witness to faith. If Jesus returned today, what would he see? Where is your evidence? Has your witness brought others to him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver



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