



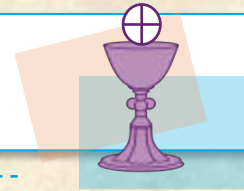
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# Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

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# Pastor's Corner



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

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

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

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

The benefit of not speaking leads to us being better listeners. To hear more clearly the messages being revealed to us from our Father might actually give us some answers to

all the frustrating and sad situations we see developing in the world. Even though Zechariah was allowed to use a tablet, the Father might include in our mandatory silence, refraining from Facebook, Instagram, twitter, texting, blogs, and even pastor's corners. No more sitcoms, 24 hour news, weather channels and arguments; the voice of humanity silent for nine months. It's nice to dream about such things.

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

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

~Father Michael~



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

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

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

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



**2** "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, *love is the fulfilling of the law.*" ~ Romans 13: 10 ~

## THE SUICIDE EPIDEMIC AND A MESSAGE FOR A HOPELESS WORLD

Matthew Becklo | Jun 08, 2018 | Aleteia.org

Right on the heels of the apparent suicide of fashion designer Kate Spade, America woke up Friday morning to the news of yet another suicide: CNN's Anthony Bourdain. They join a growing list of celebrities who have taken their own lives in recent years, including three talented musicians: Avicii, Chris Cornell of Soundgarden, and Chester Bennington of Linkin Park.

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

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

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

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

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

These cries call out for our collective resources promoting physical, mental, and social health. But the Church also has and must deliver a unique spiritual response to those cries, one that Benedict XVI delivered beautifully in 2011: **"It is good that you exist."** Whatever happens with you or to you, you are a beloved child of God, and it is good that you exist. Your life's worth is not measured by your productivity, social status, career path, bank account, love life, friendships, health, beauty, happiness, wit, or talent. It's not a function of how the world or other people look at you. Your worth is measured by the sign of God's infinite love for you: your *being*. Creation is not a distant event 14 billion years ago, but something that is happening right here and now. **God didn't create you; God is creating you, because he desires you, accepts you, and loves you.** And even if every last person in the whole crazy world tells you otherwise, your life remains incredibly precious and important, because God has a job for you that only you can do.

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

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

**"It is good for you to be here."**

### READING 1 IS 49:1-6

Hear me, O coastlands,  
listen, O distant peoples.  
The LORD called me from birth,  
from my mother's womb he gave me my name.  
He made of me a sharp-edged sword  
and concealed me in the shadow of his arm.  
He made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me.  
You are my servant, he said to me,  
Israel, through whom I show my glory.

Though I thought I had toiled in vain,  
and for nothing, uselessly, spent my strength,  
yet my reward is with the LORD,  
my recompense is with my God.  
For now the LORD has spoken  
who formed me as his servant from the womb,  
that Jacob may be brought back to him  
and Israel gathered to him;  
and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God is now my strength!  
It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant,  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,  
and restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

### READING 2 ACTS 13:22-26

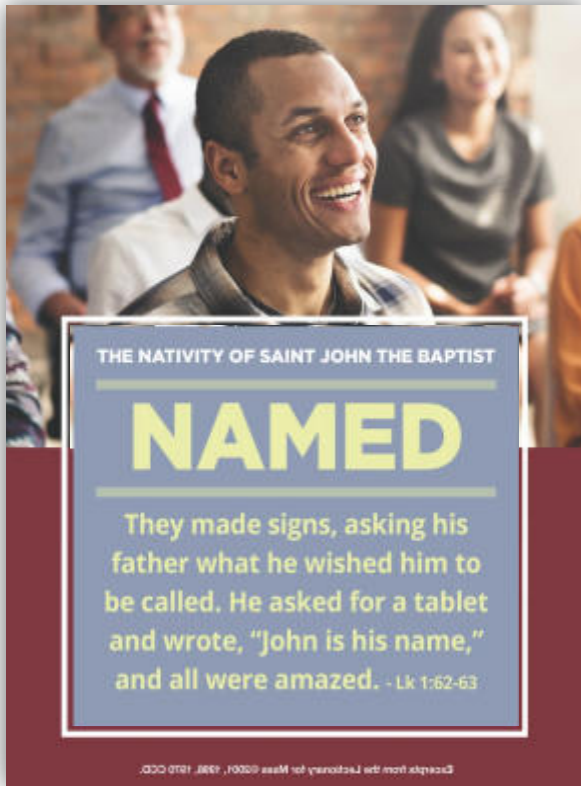
In those days, Paul said:  
"God raised up David as king;  
of him God testified,  
*I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart;  
he will carry out my every wish.*  
From this man's descendants God, according to his promise,  
has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus.  
John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel;  
and as John was completing his course, he would say,  
'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he.  
Behold, one is coming after me;  
I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'

"My brothers, sons of the family of Abraham,  
and those others among you who are God-fearing,  
to us this word of salvation has been sent."

### GOSPEL LK 1:57-66, 80

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son.  
Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her,  
and they rejoiced with her.  
When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child,  
they were going to call him Zechariah after his father,  
but his mother said in reply,  
"No. He will be called John."  
But they answered her,  
"There is no one among your relatives who has this name."  
So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called.  
He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name,"  
and all were amazed.  
Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed,  
and he spoke blessing God.  
Then fear came upon all their neighbors,  
and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea.  
All who heard these things took them to heart, saying,  
"What, then, will this child be?"  
For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.  
The child grew and became strong in spirit,  
and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.





## HOW CRAFTY ARE YOU?

The annual Festival of Trees and Lights in December has become a Cathedral tradition. It's the only fundraiser of this size and scope that we do to raise funds for the homeless and others in need. Even though we are no longer sponsoring the "House," we continue to help our community through our other social service ministries that provide lunches or emergency financial aid.

**YOU CAN HELP.** If you have a craft, or can sew, bake, cook, or have a talent for bargain shopping, then come to our Festival Crafters Orientation on July 10<sup>th</sup> in Mercy Hall. We'll discuss what types of crafts or sellable items you feel you can contribute, and we will start planning our best event yet!

Not a crafter? No worries. We are looking for donations of sellable items, especially religious items, like rosaries, statues, pictures, and Nativity sets. And, volunteers of all kinds are always welcome.

Contact Susan at [susandurand@gmail.com](mailto:susandurand@gmail.com) or Paula at [trupaula@gmail.com](mailto:trupaula@gmail.com) for more information and THANKS for your continued support!



## The Respect Life Ministry Presents: **Love, Sex & Gender** Based on Theology of the Body

FRIDAY July 13<sup>th</sup> in Mercy Hall from 7:00pm to 9:00pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm). Donations are welcome.

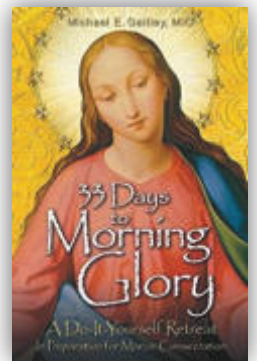
Key Speaker: Brian Butler, co-author of "Theology of the Body for Teens," both high school and middle school editions.

Everyday our daughters and our sons are exposed to negative and false information about their bodies, their soul, and their faith. We invite you to discover how to

replace your children's doubts with the confidence only God's truth can give. For more info or to reserve your seat, please call Mary Flores (916)761-6474.

Brian Butler is the Executive Director of Dumb Ox Ministries, a non-profit organization dedicated to chastity and vocation formation for teens, pre-teens and young adults. He and his wife reside in the Archdiocese of New Orleans with their four children.

If you have not been **consecrated** and desire to grow in holiness with the help of Jesus and Mary, or you want to renew your **consecration**, then email or call Lolita to find out more about the **33 DAYS TO MORNING GLO-RY RETREAT** hosted by the rosary club. This retreat will consist of reading, pondering, and meeting starting **Wednesday, July 11, 2018** and it will conclude on **Wednesday, August 15, 2018** at the **5:10pm Mass with consecration**. We will meet every Wednesday during this time. The retreat meetings will take the place of the regular Rosary Club meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month. We invite all to participate in this sacred opportunity. "Once you make the consecration, it is for life." Please register (provide contact info) by Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> via email to [Lolita.Urrutia@gmail.com](mailto:Lolita.Urrutia@gmail.com) or via voice/text message at 916-213-5862. Contact Lolita if you have any questions or need assistance. God's will be done!



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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

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

We have our baptismal names, our surnames, our Confirmation names, and our maiden names. But all disciples of Jesus also bear the same name: Christian. People may wonder what does a David, Holly, or Jack really look like, but they should never wonder what a Christian looks like. Unfortunately, too often those who bear this name don't resemble the characteristics embodied in the name. Simply, a Christian looks like Christ. A Christian acts like Christ. A Christian truly is Christ to a world that seeks to uncover the true meaning of his name.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Please remember in your prayers...

Deacon Don DeHaven  
Tony Nebreda  
Charles Bardin  
Teresa  
Nicanor Masadao, Sr. +  
Suzanne Trujillo  
Corazon Velasquez  
Paulina  
Dave McNett

Maggie Phelps  
Amit Kumar  
Steph Skiles  
Maria Nguyen  
Alfie +  
Ernie +  
Hashina +  
Charles Pickering S.I.  
Karla

Briceida Lopez  
Rick and Anna Carpineta  
Jo  
Sonia  
A Gerard  
Tiler  
Faye  
Beverly Rogers  
Linda Dixon  
Joel & Cesar  
Mariana Gonzalez

Jessie LaRay  
Sophia LaRay  
Elizabeth  
Delores Abella S.I.  
Jeremy Smock S.I.  
Flora Bagcal  
Minda Swars  
Jennifer Swars  
Emily West  
Adrian John Bayan



**Puzzle**

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

BLESSED SIMON PETER	ROCK BUILD CHURCH	KEYS KINGDOM HEAVEN
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 R I E U M Y I O N S U  
 O A N R O C K F G H J  
 F W T C H A E S D S I  
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**Sharing the Gospel -**

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

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

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

**Read the Gospel and Color**



Date	Mass / Intentions	Observances & Readings	Activities
<b>Saturday June 23</b>	5:00 pm / William Shorey + Nena Delos Reyes S.I.	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17	9:00 am Baptisms - Spanish
<b>Sunday June 24</b>	7:30 am / People of the Parish S.I. 9:00 am* / Honorio B. Roberto Jr. + Tomas Deguzman + 11:00 am** / Jessie Luna + Lucia Serrano S.I. 1:00 pm Spanish***/Souls in Purgatory 3:00 pm Chinese 5:00 pm / John Rebello + 7:00 pm Spanish/ Cathedral Youth Group S.I.	<b>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b> Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/ Acts 13:22-26/ Lk 1:57-66, 80	*RCIA - Breaking of the Word at the 9am Mass ** Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 11am Mass ***Baptism Sunday - Spanish
<b>Monday June 25</b>	12:10 pm / Emma Demello + 5:10 pm / Lucia Serrano S.I.	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5	6:30 pm RCIA Evening Prayer 7:00 pm RCIA Class
<b>Tuesday June 26</b>	12:10 pm / Thomas Fleming + 5:10 pm / Roberto Family S.I. Maria Torres S.I.	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9D]/Mt 7:6, 12-14	6:00pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal for the 7pm Mass
<b>Wednesday June 27</b>	12:10 pm / Frank Polichio + 5:10 pm / Maria de Jesus Mireles +	<b>St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40 [33a]/Mt 7:15-20	7:00pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal for the 1pm Mass 7:15pm Communion & Liberation
<b>Thursday June 28</b>	12:10 pm / Andres & Marie Navares + 5:10 pm / Arthur Graff + Juan Andres S.I.	<b>St. Irenaeus, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b> 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29	
<b>Friday June 29</b>	12:10 pm / Souls in Purgatory	<b>Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles</b> Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19	

# Esquina del Pastor



***"Su padre pidió una tableta y escribió 'John es su nombre', y todos quedaron asombrados.***

***Inmediatamente se abrió su boca, se liberó su lengua, y habló bendiciendo a Dios".***

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

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

El beneficio de no hablar nos lleva a ser mejores oyentes. Para escuchar más claramente los mensajes que nuestro Padre nos ha revelado en realidad podrían darnos algunas respuestas a todas las situaciones frustrantes y tristes que

vemos desarrollar en el mundo. Aunque a Zachariah se le permitió usar una tableta, el Padre puede incluir en nuestro silencio obligatorio, absteniéndose de Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, mensajes de texto, blogs e incluso esquinas de pastor. No más comedias, noticias de 24 horas, canales meteorológicos y argumentos; la voz de la humanidad en silencio durante nueve meses. Es bueno soñar con tales cosas.

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

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

~Padre Michael~



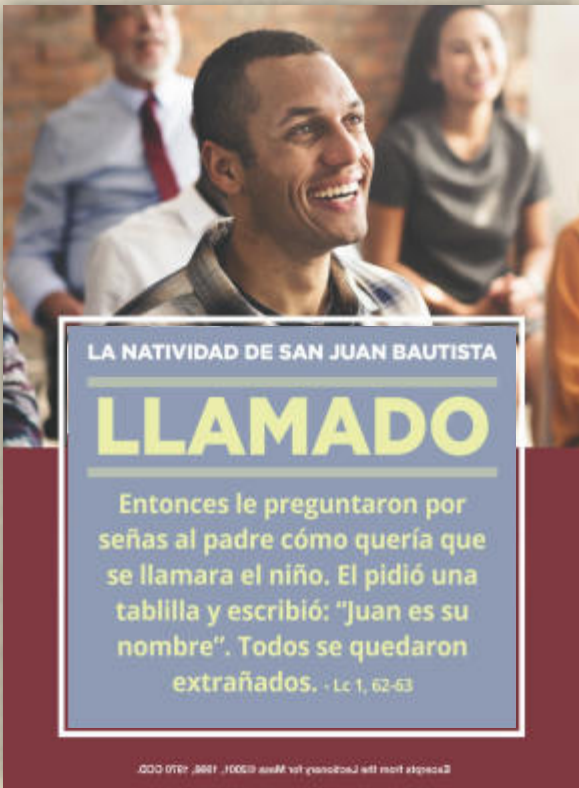
**Pregunta:** el 24 de junio celebra la fiesta de la Natividad de San Juan Bautista. ¿Cómo se eligió esa fecha y por qué?

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

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

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

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## LAS LECTURAS Y CONMEMORACIONES SEMANALES

Las lecturas de la semana del 24 de junio de 2018

Domingo: Vigilia: Jr 1, 4-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 15. 17 [6]/1 Pe 1, 8-12/Lc 1, 5-17

Día: Is 49, 1-6/Sal 139, 1-3. 13-14. 14-15 [14]/Hch 13, 22-26/Lc 1, 57-66. 80

Lunes: 2 Re 17, 5-8. 13-15. 18/Sal 60, 3. 4-5. 12-13 [7]/Mt 7, 1-5

Martes: 2 Re 19, 9-11. 14-21. 31-35. 36/Sal 48, 2-3. 3-4. 10-11 [cfr. 9]/Mt 7, 6. 12-14

Miércoles: 2 Re 22, 8-13; 23, 1-3/Sal 119, 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 40 [33]/Mt 7, 15-20

Jueves: 2 Re 24, 8-17/Sal 79, 1-2. 3-5. 8. 9 [9]/Mt 7, 21-29

Viernes: Vigilia: Hch 3, 1-10/Sal 19, 2-3. 4-5 [5]/Gal 1, 11-20/Jn 21, 15-19

Día: Hch 12, 1-11/Sal 34, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 [5]/2 Tim 4, 6-8. 17-18/Mt 16, 13-19

Sábado: Lam 2, 2. 10-14. 18-19/Sal 74, 1-2. 3-5. 6-7. 20-21 [19]/Mt 8, 5-17

Domingo siguiente: Sab 1, 13-15; 2, 23-24/Sal 30, 2. 4. 5-6. 11. 12. 13 [2]/2 Cor 8, 7. 9. 13-15/Mc 5, 21-43 o 5, 21-24. 35-43

## Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 24 de junio de 2018

Domingo: La Natividad de San Juan Bautista

Miércoles: San Cirilo de Alejandría, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Jueves: San Ireneo, obispo y mártir

Viernes: San Pedro y san Pablo, apóstoles

Sábado: Primeros Mártires de la Santa Iglesia Romana

Domingo siguiente: 13er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## VERSO DEL EVANGELIO DE DOMINGO

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

## MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO

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

Juan Bautista fue el gran profeta y el heraldo de Jesús el Mesías. Preparó el camino del Señor revelando a Jesús a otros como el Mesías y como el Cordero de Dios. San Juan ejemplifica la vida del cristiano que proclama el mensaje de salvación y arrepentimiento. Se enfoca en la dirección correcta, vuelve la mirada hacia el Cordero de Dios y se une sin reservas a él. El destino de San Juan estaba escrito, y lo llevó a cabo con dignidad desde el comienzo hasta el final. Ahora es el turno de los seguidores de Jesús de anunciarlo al mundo que sufre y que busca la justicia. ¡San Juan Bautista ruega por nosotros! Para que seamos fieles anunciadores del Reino de Dios. ¿Lo haremos?

## VIVIR LA LITURGIA

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

## LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

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

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

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

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1</p> <p><b>Cathedral Dedication Anniversary</b></p> <p><b>Mass</b> 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am*, 5:00pm Spanish: 1:00pm, 7:00pm, Chinese: 3:00pm</p> <p>RCIA - Breaking of the Word at the 9am Mass Rosary recitation before Chinese Mass 2:30pm *Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 11am Mass</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pro-Vida meeting Spanish - 7:00 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Spanish 7pm Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm</p>	 <p>12:10pm Mass only - No 5:10pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Baptism Class - English 7:00pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8</p> <p><b>Mass</b> 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am*, 5:00pm Spanish: 1:00pm, 7:00pm, Chinese: 3:00pm</p> <p>RCIA - Breaking of the Word at the 9am Mass Rosary recitation before Chinese Mass 2:30pm *Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 11am Mass</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>The Men's Group 7:15 pm</p> <p>Spanish 7pm Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Communion &amp; Liberation 7:15 pm</p> <p>Spanish 1pm Mass Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Baptism Class - Spanish 7:00pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>"Love, Sex &amp; Gender" Lecture by Brian Butler Mercy Hall 7-9pm</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15</p> <p><b>Mass</b> 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am*, 5:00pm Spanish: 1:00pm, 7:00pm, Chinese: 3:00pm</p> <p>RCIA - Breaking of the Word at the 9am Mass Rosary recitation before Chinese Mass 2:30pm *Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 11am Mass</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Spanish 7pm Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>The Rosary Club 7:15pm</p> <p>Communion &amp; Liberation 7:15 pm</p> <p>Spanish 1pm Mass Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Baptisms - English 9:00 am</p>
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<p>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29</p> <p><b>Mass</b> 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am*, 5:00pm Spanish: 1:00pm, 7:00pm, Chinese: 3:00pm</p> <p>RCIA - Breaking of the Word at the 9am Mass Rosary recitation before Chinese Mass 2:30pm *Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 11am Mass</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Spanish 7pm Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Weekday Mass Schedule:</b> Monday to Friday - 12:10 pm Monday to Thursday - 5:10 pm (Unless otherwise indicated)</p> </div>			

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