



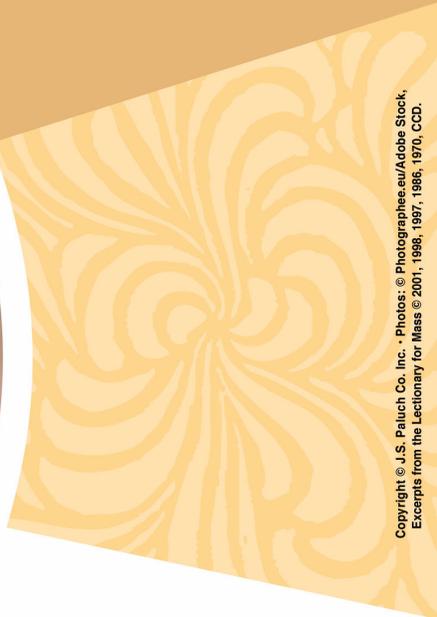
St. Anthony Catholic Church

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Welcome / Bienvenidos



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Go, sell what you have,
and give to the poor
and you will have
treasure in heaven;

***then come,
follow me.***

Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

Mark 10:21



St. Anthony

St. Anthony Parish Mission
Our community follows Jesus by praying, loving and serving God. Nuestra comunidad conoce y sigue a Jesús rezando, amando, y sirviendo a Dios.
St. Anthony, pray for us.
San Antonio, ruega por nosotros.

Parish Office/Oficina Parroquial
(925) 625-2048 Fax: (925) 625-4433
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
(Lunes, Miércoles, Viernes)
9AM to 12PM and 1PM to 6PM

PASTORAL and OFFICE STAFF

Fr. Rafael Hinojosa, *Parochial Administrator*
Fr. Mac Lingo, *Parochial Vicar*
Deacon Alberto Cruz
Deacon Emeritus Joe Tovar
Deacon Emeritus Alan Layden
Br. Juan Carlos Ponce, *Pastoral Year Intern*
Parish Secretary, Carolina Jauregui, 625-9214
Parish Bookkeeper, Celeste Plate

CONFESSION / CONFESION

Saturday: 3:30PM to 4:30PM or by appointment
Monday: After the 6:30PM Mass

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Daily: 8:30AM Bilingual in the Church
Daily Mon & Wed: 6:30PM Español en la Iglesia
Daily Tue & Thu: 6:30PM English in the Church
Daily Fri: 6:30PM Bilingual in the Church
Saturday: 5:00PM English in the Church
Sunday: 8:00AM English in the Church
Sunday: 10:00AM English in the Plaza & Live Stream
Sunday: 12:00PM Español en la Plaza & Live Stream
Sunday: 2:00PM Español en la Iglesia
Sunday: 5:00PM Español en la Iglesia

Live Stream Mass

Sunday Mass at 10AM (English) and 12PM (Español) will be Live Streamed. Come to the Plaza between Padua Hall and the Church to receive Holy Communion at 1:30PM to 1:45PM. Observe social distancing and face mask guidelines.

DEVOTIONS

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday through Friday: 9:30AM to 6:30PM in the Church
Monday: 7PM to 9PM in the Church
Friday: 7PM to 11PM in the Church
Scheduling Coordinator: Linda Hipólito (925) 493-0976

EXPOSICIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO

Lunes a Viernes: 9:30 am a 6:30pm en la Iglesia
Lunes: 7pm a 9pm en la Iglesia
Viernes: 7pm a 11pm en la Iglesia
Coordinadora del Horario para Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento
Linda Hipólito 925-493-0976

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY AND FUNERAL CENTER
2200 East 18th Street, Antioch, (925) 757-0658

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS) at Holy Cross Cemetery and Funeral Center. Their staff will contact the parish office to assist you with your arrangements.

Clergy Sexual Abuse

Any reports of abuse should be directed to the Office of the Chancellor, at (510) 267-8334.

Second Collection Schedule

October 10 Catholic Voice
October 17 Padua Hall Maintenance

FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR

Call the Parish Office, (925) 625-2048 for more program information or to register.

Baptism, Carolina Jauregui
CCD, Belen Capilla
EDGE, Natalie Earley
Youth Confirmation, Liz Avalos
Adult Confirmation, Jaime Jauregui
Rite of Christian Initiation
For Adults (English), Michael Maeda
For Adults (Español), Esperanza Vega
For Children, Monica Cardoza
Special Religious Development (SPRED), John Dixon

Email and Text Scam Involving Priests

Please be aware of ongoing phishing scams involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff asking for cash or gifts cards. This is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Oakland seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do not respond to the email or text.

Daily Rosary

Livestreamed Only at 6:30PM. Monday, Wednesday and Friday in English. Tuesday and Saturday in Spanish. Sunday before 10AM and 12PM Mass.

FORMED.org — An Online Faith Website

St. Anthony is a subscriber of FORMED.org
Select "St. Anthony Oakley, CA"

Sunday Collection

Totals for October 3, 2021

	<i>Plate</i>	<i>Vanco</i>
<i>1st Collection:</i>	\$9,305.00	\$970.28
<i>2nd Collection:</i>	\$748.00	\$250.28

Thank you for your generous support.
Gracias por su generoso apoyo.

October 10, 2021
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GIFTS

In today's readings, we discover that material wealth alone does not keep us from discipleship. We will see that there are other gifts more important than material wealth, but even so, it is how we use our gifts that matters most.

Today's scriptures point to the value of the gifts of wisdom, trusting in God, and letting our actions reflect the love of God from within. It is not gold that causes us to fall, but rather the desire for gold above all other things. From the readings in Wisdom and Hebrews, we find the source of God's gifts in our lives. Wisdom is more valuable than worldly possessions. In Hebrews, we are challenged to look at our own values and admit honestly what controls our lives.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

Psalms — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Gospel — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

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*The word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword.*
— Hebrews 4:12a

Bishop's Appeal: "Rebuild My Church"

As of 19 August 2021, St. Anthony is at **65.46%** of our \$21,100 goal. 40 St. Anthony families have contributed to the Bishop's Appeal. This year has been challenging for so many. Now, more than ever, the good work of the Church is needed in our community. From Faith Formation for students and adults, to important ministry works, to supporting our schools and parishes, our Diocese is making a difference in people's lives every single day — thanks to the prayers and contributions of our catholic community. Make your pledge or donation at: www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page

Submissions to the Sunday Bulletin

Deadline by noon on Monday, six (6) days prior to the desired Sunday of publication. Send files to stanthonbulletineditor@gmail.com or call Michael Maeda, (925) 451-6883.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, October 9

5:00PM Peter Francisco✠

Sunday, October 10

8AM Henry Ehler✠

10AM Margarito Lopez✠

12PM Bersabe Anaya✠

Ricardo Martinez (♠Birthday♠)

2PM Maria de Jesus Soltero✠

Maria Lopez Patiño (Thanksgiving)

5PM Por la Comunidad de St. Antonio

Monday, October 11

8:30AM Gustavo Beltran✠

6:30PM Francisco Garcia✠

Tuesday, October 12

8:30AM Gustavo Beltran✠

6:30PM Almas del Purgatorio✠

Aaron Jauregui (♠Birthday♠)

Wednesday, October 13

8:30AM Gustavo Beltran✠

6:30PM Joao Xavier✠

Thursday, October 14

8:30AM Gustavo Beltran✠

6:30PM Carmen Reyes✠

Friday, October 15

8:30AM Victoria✠ y Josefina Delayo✠

6:30PM Gustavo Beltran✠

Saturday, October 16

5:00PM Olivia, Frank and Carol Padilla✠

Sunday, October 17

8AM For the Community of St. Anthony

10AM Pablo y Dolores Acosta✠

12PM Elvira Garcia✠

Joel Lopez, Jr. (♠Birthday♠)

2PM Neftali Francisco Leon Morales✠

5PM Alfoso y Arcelia Raigoza✠



St. Anthony pray for us.

DIOCESE COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY

We are living our Catholic faith in the midst of one of the greatest global health crises in recent times. The Diocese of Oakland strongly recommends all clergy, employees and volunteers to get COVID-19 vaccinations. Protect your family, friends, co-workers and community by getting vaccinated.

Help Beautify the Sanctuary with Flowers

Donate flowers to decorate our Sanctuary. Call the church office at (925) 625-2048 for more information.

Support the Businesses and Merchants

whose advertisements make this bulletin possible.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us sincerely desire to grow in wisdom and in faith. Today's readings explore the challenges we face when we allow God to lead the way. We first hear the author of the book of Wisdom extolling the value of wisdom in our lives. Then in Hebrews we are told that sometimes God exposes difficult truths about ourselves. These readings set up Mark's story of the wealthy man. In his encounter with Jesus, the man faced a very harsh truth, that his possessions actually possessed him and blocked his path to God. We may have similar "moments of truth" when we have an overwhelming desire to minimize or to run away from truth that God reveals to us. In these moments, may we remember that God always seeks to bless and heal us. In these moments, may God open our hearts to receive truth with faith and courage.

BIBLICAL GENEROSITY

Today's Gospel describes a tense and tragic encounter between Jesus and a wealthy man. It appears that the man sincerely desired to know the way to inherit eternal life. He had followed much of the Law of Moses. Apparently, he had also followed society's rules in gaining and sustaining his wealth, avoiding stealing and defrauding.

Jesus indicates that the man missed a crucial part of the Biblical tradition, which calls upon those who have much to share generously with those who have little. The Old Testament regularly refers to this obligation (for example, see Deuteronomy 15). Historians note that in the society in Jesus' day, the wealthy enjoyed privileges in an economic system that also prevented the poor and vulnerable from meeting their basic needs. The wealthy man's entrapment in his possessions damaged both himself and the whole community. In our own time and place, those of us who enjoy privileges of various kinds are invited into social and economic practices that embrace this biblical generosity.

HEART SURGERY

Much of our inner life is hidden from others. This protects us from being harmed by others who would seek advantage over us. But our hidden inner life can also keep wounds from healing, and may help sustain deeply damaging illusions about ourselves and about the outer world.

In today's passage from Hebrews, the author offers vivid imagery of the word of God and its effect upon us. Here, God's word is described as the active power of God that penetrates our hearts. God is described as a surgeon who can expose our hidden places and maneuver around our hardness of heart. Exposure of our inner self can be terrifying. During surgery,
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Schedule of Events Horario de Eventos

All Parish events have been suspended, canceled or postponed by Bishop Barber as we are ordered to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. This Order will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Order of the Contra Costa County Public Health Officer.



Our Lady of Fatima Mass and Procession

Please join us for Mass and a Procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Friday, 15 October 2021. Mass starts at 6:30PM followed by a procession around the Church.

BISHOP BARBER: NO RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FOR COVID-19 VACCINE

The Catholic Church recommends people get vaccinated against COVID-19, and for good reason. The Vatican has stated the connection with aborted fetal tissue is remote enough that it is morally permissible to take the vaccine. Therefore, since the Catholic Church has formally recommended its members receive the vaccine, a "religious exemption" would not apply to Catholics.

The Church also teaches people should not be forced to take the vaccine against their will. The Diocese of Oakland will not mandate obligatory vaccination for our employees and clergy. But we do mandate that our Catholic school employees unable or unwilling to be vaccinated get tested every week.

If a Catholic feels it is against their conscience to take the vaccine, that is a decision between them and God. True, the Church teaches people should follow their consciences. But a priest or bishop may not sign a "religious exemption" for a conscientious objection. They are two different things.

As faithful Catholics and responsible citizens, we have the moral and civil obligation to protect the well-being of our society. To get vaccinated is to protect ourselves, our neighbors and to help stop the spread of this deadly virus.

Pope Francis received the vaccine. So did Pope Benedict. We recommend you get vaccinated too.

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we are deeply vulnerable and utterly dependent on the surgeon's care and skill so that we can be healed. When events in life allow God to reveal hidden truths about ourselves, it is crucial that we know we are in the hands of a trustworthy and skilled surgeon.

BEHIND ON YOUR RENT? HERE'S WHAT TO DO!

APPLY FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE RIGHT AWAY! HERE'S HOW:
 IF YOU HAVE HAD TROUBLE PAYING YOUR RENT DUE TO COVID-19,
 YOU CAN QUALIFY FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR UP TO 100% OF THE RENT YOU OWE!

VISIT **HOUSING IS KEY**
 TO APPLY:
<https://housing.ca.gov>
 or CALL: (833-430-2122)

- DOCUMENTS & INFORMATION YOU'LL NEED TO APPLY:
- **Contact info for your landlord** - name, address, phone number, email
 - **Identity document (1 of the following)** - Birth certificate, driver's license, employment ID, or marriage/divorce certificate
 - **Income verification (1 of the following)** - IRS tax form, W-2, recent pay stub, or current bank account statement
 - **Proof of residency (1 of the following)** - Lease/written agreement, utility statement, state-issued ID, license, or library card
 - **Proof of rent owed (1 of the following)** - Current lease signed with rent amount. If no lease: bank statement, or formal notice (with your name on it) of attempt to collect rent

GET FREE HELP WITH YOUR RENTAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Able Community Foundation
 (510) 768-3100 West Contra Costa
 Languages: English, Thai, Laotian,
 Russian, Vietnamese, Mongolian

The Latina Center
 (510) 260-1264 or (510) 233-8595
 West Contra Costa
 Languages: English, Spanish

LISC Partner Network Hotline
 (833) 687-0967
 Countywide
 Connects to many organizations

AAPI Coalition
 (510) 630-6852 or (510) 260-0602
 Countywide
 Languages: English, Nepali, Hindi

Monument Impact
 (925) 954-9488
 In-person appointments available
 Central/East County
 Languages: English, Spanish

PROTECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS! IS YOUR LANDLORD TRYING TO EVICT YOU? DON'T PANIC! KNOW YOUR RIGHTS & TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOURSELF!

- Under state law (AB 832), landlords must meet ALL of these requirements to evict a tenant for non-payment.
- Provide a 3-day notice in the tenant's primary language (15-day notice required if before 10/1/21)
 - Attach a COVID-19 Hardship Declaration form for the tenant (if before 10/1/21)
 - Provide information on the state's Emergency Rental Assistance Program
 - Include a notice from the State of California on COVID Rental Debt (per CA Code of Civil Procedure Section 1179.04)

FREE TENANT LEGAL SERVICES

Important! Call for help as soon as you receive an eviction notice; don't go it alone!

- **Centro Legal de la Raza** (510) 437-1554
- **Bay Area Legal Aid** (510) 250-5270
- **Eviction Defense Center** (510) 452-4541
- **Contra Costa Senior Legal Services** (for individuals aged 60+) (925) 609-7900
- **EBASE Tenant Clinics** (1st and 3rd Tuesdays @ 6pm) - Call 925-529-4843 or 925-240-3441



Please Pray For/Oremos Por

Deacon Joe Tovar
 Andrea Spindler
 Antonio Velasquez
 Arthur Pena
 Avelina Sablan Salas
 Bartolome Robinos
 Bebit Belotendos
 Bernadine Benavente
 Bev Rossi
 Consolacion Borja Muna
 Danny Luna, Sr.
 Danny Luna, Jr.
 Erica Jaranilla
 Fatima Matuu
 Gay Lacsa
 Gloria Ibarra
 Grace Bustos
 Guadalupe Sanchez
 Guillermo Villanueva
 Helen Alleman
 Heriberto Diaz
 Joanne Salas
 John Salas
 Jose Munoz

Karen Valdez
 Lilian Stapelberg
 Lorraine Fallon
 Margarita Avalos
 Marge Browne
 Maria Guadalupe Galvan
 Marlene Layden
 Mayra Murillo
 Michael Makinano, Sr.
 Michael Makinano, Jr.
 Olga Ramos
 Patrick Pena
 Ricardo Jimenez
 Rigoberto Hinojosa
 Rocco Vicente Reyes
 Rolando Abad
 Ron Cruz
 Stella Benitez
 Tina Herrera
 Tita Lira
 Teri Hernandez
 Thomas DiGiallonardo
 Tony Rodriguez



Our Men and Women of the military services.

Names are removed periodically. If you wish to add a loved one, please call the office at 625-2048.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of any parishioner who is ill or infirm to request a visit, to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or Communion at home, hospital or assisted living facility.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) St. Anthony Conference

If you need assistance, would like to volunteer or donate, contact the St. Vincent de Paul St. Anthony Conference at 925-325-7424. St. Vincent de Paul provides various forms of assistance which may include food, clothes, furniture, housing assistance, and referrals to other professional agencies.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 8:30AM to 10AM in the Parish Hall. If you need food outside of these dates call (925) 325-7424.

The RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic

Operated by a partnership between St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County and Rotacare Bay Area, the clinic provides care to the uninsured. The clinic is located at St. Vincent de Paul's Family Resource Center, 2210 Gladstone Drive, Pittsburg, CA (925) 439-5060.

Submissions to St. Anthony Website

ALL church organizations are invited to share their upcoming events or news about their group on our website. Send your info to caruchina15@hotmail.com or call Carolina Jauregui at the Parish Office.

Church Bulletin Board Postings

The bulletin board in the church vestibule for important information concerning our faith and civic community.

FEAST OF FAITH Agnus Dei

After the sign of peace, the priest breaks the host into pieces, and prepares the patens or plates of hosts for the assembly. In the early church, "the breaking of the bread" was the name given to the entire Eucharistic liturgy, so central was this action to the meaning of the Christian life. For just as the one bread is broken and given to many people, the many are made one in receiving it.

During this ritual action, we sing an ancient litany, calling on Jesus as the "Lamb of God"—the words used by John the Baptist when he pointed to Jesus walking beside the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). In calling Jesus "the Lamb of God," John was already pointing to the death that Jesus would die: in giving his life, Jesus would become the Paschal Lamb of the new covenant. During the Mass, when we call on the Lamb of God, we call to mind his self-sacrificing love, his blood poured out for us, and we ask this compassionate Lord for mercy and peace.

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10 de octubre de 2021

Vigésimo Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

DONES

En las lecturas de hoy, se descubre que la riqueza material por sí sola no nos impide ser discípulos. Veremos que hay otros dones más importantes que la riqueza material, pero aún así, es cómo usamos nuestros dones lo que más importa.

Las Escrituras de hoy señalan el valor de los dones de la sabiduría, la confianza en Dios y dejando que nuestras acciones reflejen el amor de Dios desde nuestro interior. No es el oro lo que nos hace caer, sino más bien el deseo del oro por encima de todas las demás cosas. De las lecturas de la Sabiduría y de la Carta a los Hebreos, encontramos la fuente de los dones de Dios en nuestras vidas. La sabiduría es más valiosa que las posesiones mundanas. En Hebreos se nos reta a examinar nuestros valores y admitir honestamente lo que controla nuestras vidas.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El don máspreciado que podemos pedir y poseer es la sabiduría (Sabiduría 7:7-11).

Salmo — Sácianos, Señor, de tu misericordia (Salmo 90 [89]).

Segunda lectura — La palabra viva de Dios penetra hasta las profundidades más recónditas de nuestro ser (Hebreos 4:12-13).

Evangelio — Aquellos que han dejado sus posesiones a causa de Cristo y su Evangelio recibirán en herencia la vida eterna (Marcos 10:17-30 [17-27]).

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La palabra de Dios es viva, eficaz y más penetrante que una espada de dos filos.

— Hebreos 4:12a

“Reconstruir mi Iglesia” Apelación del 2021 del Obispo

Gracias a todos los que han contribuido. San Antonio ya va al **65.46%** de su meta. Por favor ayúdenos a llegar, y contribuya el día de hoy. Visitar <https://www.oakdiocese.org/giving/bishops-appeal/bishop-appeal-donation-page>

Entrenamiento de Ambiente Seguro-Virtus

Esta su certificado al día? Se nos pide de manera obligatoria a renovar nuestra certificación cada tres años. Comience ahora en www.virtusonline.org Para preguntas por favor llame Florrie Brice al (925) 354-0107.

Segunda Colecta

10 de Octubre Comunicación Diocesana
17 de Octubre Mantenimiento de salón Padua

FIESTA DE LA FE Comunión en la mano

El recibir el Cuerpo de Cristo en la mano no siempre nos es fácil, de hecho a veces nos causa problemas. Quizá porque consideramos que no somos dignos de recibir la divinidad de Cristo, de tener en ella a Dios mismo hecho pan. Si siguiéramos este argumento al pie de la letra habría que cuestionarse respecto a qué parte de nuestro cuerpo está limpia de pecado para con ella recibir al Señor. La respuesta es lógica. No implica ninguna falta de respeto a la divinidad de Cristo, a su cuerpo, el recibirlo en la mano. Es más bien la gratitud ante un Dios que, a pesar de que no nos queremos lo suficiente como para considerarnos dignos de tenerlo en nuestra mano, no sólo se nos da en la mano, sino que lo comulgamos. Eso habla de cómo es Dios, de lo que es él. Además, esta tradición de comunión en la mano, data desde el año 386 y san Cirilo, obispo de Jerusalén hablaba ya de ella en sus catequesis mistagógicas. El recibir la comunión en la mano, no es cuestión de indignidad o falta de respeto, es también una forma de tomar la responsabilidad propia de vivir conforme a lo que recibimos.

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Convalidación

Este programa está diseñado para aquellas parejas que están casadas por lo civil y ahora desean casarse por la Iglesia. Algunas parejas, debido a diferencias en los antecedentes religiosos o por un sentido de distancia de la Iglesia en el momento de su matrimonio, o debido a situaciones familiares complicadas, se casaron civilmente o de alguna manera de otra manera que no cumpliera con los requisitos legales de la Iglesia Católica para un matrimonio eclesiástico válido. Si necesita más información sobre este programa, llame a la oficina parroquial (925) 625-2048 y pida hablar con un sacerdote.

Ayude a embellecer el Santuario con flores

Cada mes habra una lista para inscribirse para donaciones de plantas y flores para decorar nuestro Santuario. Embellecer nuestro lugar Sagrado de Oracion. Llame (925) 625-2048 para mas información.

Rosario Diario

Solamente transmitido en Vivo a las 6:30 pm Lunes, Miércoles, y Viernes—En Ingles. Martes y Sábado—En Español. Jueves—Bilingüe. Domingo—Antes de cada Misa.

Clínica Medica Gratuita- The RotaCare Pittsburg

Esta clínica provee servicios a personas sin seguro medico. La clínica es administrada por una asociación entre San Vicente de Paúl de el Condado de Contra Costa y RotaCare Área de la Bahía. Esta localizada en el Centro de Recursos de Familias de San Vicente de Paúl. 2210 Gladstone Drive, Pittsburg, CA (925) 439-5060.

Vigésimo Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La mayoría de nosotros desea sinceramente crecer en sabiduría y en la fe. Las lecturas de hoy exploran los desafíos que enfrentamos cuando dejamos que Dios nos guíe. Primero escuchamos al autor del libro de la Sabiduría exaltar el valor de la sabiduría en nuestras vidas. Luego, en la carta a los hebreos se nos dice que algunas veces Dios pone al descubierto verdades difíciles sobre nosotros mismos. Estas lecturas nos llevan al relato de Marco sobre el hombre rico. En su encuentro con Jesús, el hombre se enfrentó a una verdad muy dura, que sus posesiones lo poseían y le bloqueaban su camino hacia Dios. Nosotros podemos tener “momentos de verdad” similares cuando tenemos un deseo abrumador de minimizar o huir de la verdad que Dios nos revela. En esos momentos, recordemos que Dios siempre busca bendecirnos y sanarnos. Es en esos momentos que pedimos a Dios abra nuestros corazones para recibir la verdad con fe y valor.

LA GENEROSIDAD BÍBLICA

El Evangelio de hoy describe un encuentro tenso y trágico entre Jesús y un hombre rico. Parece que el hombre deseaba sinceramente conocer el camino para heredar la vida eterna. Él había obedecido gran parte de la Ley de Moisés. Aparentemente, él también había seguido las reglas de la sociedad para ganar y mantener su riqueza, evitando robar y defraudar. Jesús indica que el hombre se perdió una parte crucial de la tradición bíblica, la que llama a los que tienen mucho a compartir generosamente con los que tienen poco. El Antiguo Testamento se refiere regularmente a esta obligación (por ejemplo, lo que se menciona en Deuteronomio 15). Los historiadores señalan que, en la sociedad de los tiempos de Jesús, los ricos gozaban de privilegios en un sistema económico que también impedía a los pobres y vulnerables satisfacer sus necesidades básicas. Al estar el hombre rico atrapado en sus posesiones le perjudicaba a él mismo y a toda la comunidad. En nuestro propio tiempo y lugar, aquellos que gozan de privilegios de diversa índole están invitados a adoptar prácticas sociales y económicas que incluyan esta generosidad bíblica.

CIRUGÍA DEL CORAZÓN

Gran parte de nuestra vida interior está oculta a los demás. Esto nos protege de que seamos lastimados por aquellas personas que buscarían una ventaja sobre nosotros. Pero nuestra vida interior oculta también puede impedir que las heridas sanen, y puede favorecer a mantener ilusiones profundamente dañinas sobre nosotros mismos y sobre el mundo exterior.

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En el pasaje de la carta a los hebreos, el autor ofrece una imagen vívida de la palabra de Dios y su efecto sobre nosotros. Aquí, la palabra de Dios se describe como el poder activo de Dios que penetra nuestros corazones. A Dios se le describe como un cirujano que puede exponer nuestros lugares ocultos y maniobrar alrededor de nuestra dureza de corazón. La exposición de nuestro interior puede ser aterradora. Durante la cirugía, estamos profundamente vulnerables y dependemos totalmente del cuidado y la habilidad del cirujano para poder sanar. Cuando los eventos de la vida permiten a Dios revelar verdades ocultas sobre nosotros mismos, es crucial que sepamos que estamos en manos de un cirujano fiable y hábil.

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EL OBISPO MICHAEL BARBER ANUNCIA QUE NO HAY NINGUNA EXENCIÓN RELIGIOSA

La Iglesia Católica recomienda que las personas se vacunen contra el COVID-19, y por una buena razón. El Vaticano ha declarado que la conexión con el tejido fetal abortado es lo suficientemente remota, que es moralmente permisible vacunarse. Por lo tanto, dado que la Iglesia Católica ha recomendado formalmente que sus miembros reciban la vacuna, no se aplicaría una “exención religiosa” a los católicos. La Iglesia también enseña que las personas no deben ser obligadas a vacunarse contra su voluntad. La Diócesis de Oakland no exigirá la vacunación obligatoria para nuestros empleados y clérigos. Pero ordenamos que los empleados de nuestras escuelas católicas que no puedan o no quieran vacunarse, se hagan la prueba de COVID-19 semanalmente. Si un católico siente que vacunarse está en contra de su conciencia, es una decisión entre él y Dios. Es cierto que la Iglesia enseña que las personas deben seguir su conciencia. Pero un sacerdote u obispo no pueden firmar una “exención religiosa” para una objeción de conciencia. Son dos asuntos diferentes. Como fieles católicos y ciudadanos responsables, tenemos la obligación moral y civil de proteger el bienestar de nuestra sociedad. Vacunarnos es protegernos a nosotros mismos, al prójimo y ayudar a detener la propagación de este virus mortal. El Papa Francisco recibió la vacuna. También lo hizo el Papa Benedicto. Le recomendamos a usted que también se vacune.

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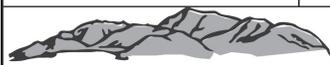


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