



St. Anthony Catholic Church

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Welcome / Bienvenidos

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



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October
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Whoever wishes to be great
among you will be your servant;
whoever wishes to be first
among you will be the slave of all.

Mark 10:43-44



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.

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 17 Padua Hall Maintenance

October 24 World Mission Sunday

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

FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR

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

Baptism, Carolina Jauregui

CCD, Belen Capilla

EDGE, Emma Arcayena

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.

FORMED.org — An Online Faith Website

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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

October 17, 2021

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE HUMANITY OF JESUS CHRIST

All three readings today support—each in its own way, of course—a reflection on the humanity of Jesus Christ and how that humanity played a key role in the drama of our salvation. Although not chosen specifically to coordinate with the other two readings, today's second reading does in fact carry forward the theme of Christ's humanity in a remarkable way. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews highlights the solidarity that exists between Jesus and us, precisely because in his human nature Jesus has known the same sufferings and testing that are our own experience. Because he can "sympathize with our weaknesses," we can "approach the throne of grace to receive mercy." For the author of Hebrews, the humanity of Jesus was an essential requirement for his redemptive death, as well as an invitation to us to find in Jesus someone with whom we can identify in our daily struggles.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Gospel — Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

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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.

Submissions to the Sunday Bulletin

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

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whose advertisements make this bulletin possible.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, October 16

5:00PM Olivia, Frank and Carol Padilla†
Santiago Andres Trejo (†Birthday†)

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†

Monday, October 18

8:30AM Jose & Alice Madroga†
6:30PM Margarita y Jose Ochoa†
Por los asistentes del Retiro de Regan 8

Tuesday, October 19

8:30AM Sofra Gutierrez†
6:30PM Almas del Purgatorio†

Wednesday, October 20

8:30AM Jose Suarez†
6:30PM Jose Bautista†
Josephine Bautista (†Birthday†)

Thursday, October 21

8:30AM Thurston Brice†
6:30PM Maria y Joel Yoda†

Friday, October 22

8:30AM Garrett Arcilla†
Consuelo Maciel (Thanksgiving)
6:30PM Haile M. Baron†

Saturday, October 23

5:00PM David Alves†

Sunday, October 24

8AM Francisca Gonzalez†
10AM Jesse Fuentes†
12PM Cosefina Contreras†
Rafael Caballero (†Birthday†)
2PM Ricardo Arturo Ochoa Mendoza†
David y Lupe Lopez (40th Wedding Anniversary)
5PM Por la Comunidad

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

St. Anthony Council 10414 is looking for men to join their fraternal organization in church and community services. For more info contact Grand Knight Danny Avalos. Call (510) 447-9897.

An Invitation to Join the Columbiettes

Columbiettes of St. Anthony Council 10414 is offering the opportunity for women at least 18 years of age to join our church community service organization and support of the Squirrettes. Please contact Yuklin Abraham. Call (925) 305-8004.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Old Testament selection, from Isaiah's "Fourth Song of the Suffering Servant of God," describes God's Servant as one who "gives his life as an offering for sin" (Isaiah 53:10) and celebrates the mighty power of that self-offering: "through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear" (53:11). As always during Ordinary Time, this Old Testament reading prepares us for today's longer form Gospel. Jesus incarnates the redemptive suffering that Isaiah foresaw in the offering of God's Servant, as well as the covenantal restoration that the Servant's sacrifice achieved. The reading from Hebrews confirms our finding peace in continually learning from Jesus, whatever our deepest flaws and trials: for Jesus, our "great high priest" (Hebrews 4:14) is not "unable to sympathize with our weaknesses," for Jesus was "tested in every way" that we are (4:15).

MISUNDERSTANDING JESUS

Throughout this part of Ordinary Time, Mark's Gospel tracks the disciples' progressive misunderstanding about Jesus' mission and the nature of discipleship. We heard Jesus make two predictions about his Passion on Sundays in September, and just before today's Gospel episode, Jesus informed the Twelve: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise" (Mark 10:33-34). Despite Jesus' three predictions and his definition of "glory" and "power" as serving others in humility, James and John still imagine Jesus as bound for a glorious earthly messiahship. How moving that Jesus, rather than scolding James and John as he had previously rebuked Peter, instead begins teaching them patiently, "You do not know what you are asking" (10:38).

SELF-EXAMINATION

Knowing that Jesus' throne of glory is also a "throne of grace," from which Jesus bestows "mercy and grace for timely help" (Hebrews 4:16), today's Gospel suggests sincere self-examination: How do we approach Jesus and make our requests? What do we ask for: what Jesus wants us to do or, like James and John today, do we demand "whatever we want" from Jesus? Does the world in which we live and work focus our hearts on glory to the right and power on the left? Or does "the cup we drink," "the baptism" we've received inspire us to gladly become servants of all, like the Jesus who has made us his disciples?

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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.

13th Annual Holiday Boutique

The Columbiettes invite you to their FREE Holiday Boutique on Saturday, 13 November 2021 from 10AM to 2:30PM. Bring your family, enjoy community, have fun and partake in raffles and of course SHOPPING, all at the outdoors of St. Anthony. Rain or Shine. For more information email Columbiette10414@gmail.com

Virtus Safe Environment Training

Is your certificate up to date? We are required to renew our certification every three years. This is a MUST to continue in your ministerial work here. Start now at www.virtusonline.org Call Florrie Brice at (925) 354-0107 or the parish office with questions.

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.



St. Anthony pray for us.

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Do we also avoid imitating the "indignant ten" other Apostles who rebuked James and John? Or are we also quick to see the errors of others and rash in passing judgment on them? How do we live in response to Jesus who gave his life "as a ransom for many"?

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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.

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 Cafaro

John Salas

Jose Munoz

Karen Valdez

Lillian 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.

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



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.

FEAST OF FAITH Only Say the Word

The bread is broken, the banquet is prepared, and now we are invited to the feast. Once more the priest holds the host, now broken, for us to see, and invites us to behold the one “who takes away the sins of the world.” Truly blessed and happy are those invited to this meal, which is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, the supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:19). We respond to this invitation with a prayer to the Lord: we acknowledge that we are not worthy, but at the same time we are confident that the One who comes to us can heal us, body and soul. This prayer echoes the story of the centurion in Luke's Gospel. The centurion, a Gentile, asks healing for his servant, but does not consider himself worthy to have Jesus come under his roof—he believes that Jesus can heal his servant with a word, without even seeing him. Jesus is amazed at his faith. It is the same for us. We believe that Jesus speaks to us, comes to us, dwells with us, even though we neither hear his voice nor see his face.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

17 de octubre de 2021

Vigésimo Noveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

LA HUMANIDAD DE JESUCRISTO

Las tres lecturas de hoy apoyan —cada una a su manera, por supuesto— una reflexión sobre la humanidad de Jesucristo y la forma en que la humanidad tuvo un papel clave en el drama de nuestra salvación. Aunque no fue seleccionada específicamente para coordinar con las otras dos lecturas, la segunda lectura de hoy, de hecho, continúa el tema de la humanidad de Cristo de una manera notable. El autor de la Carta a los Hebreos pone de relieve la solidaridad que existe entre Jesús y nosotros, precisamente porque en su naturaleza humana Jesús ha conocido los mismos sufrimientos y las pruebas que son parte de nuestra experiencia. Debido a que puede “compadecerse de nuestros sufrimientos” podemos “acercarnos al trono de la gracia para recibir misericordia”. Para el autor de Hebreos, la humanidad de Jesús era un requisito esencial para su muerte redentora, así como una invitación a que veamos en Jesús a alguien con el que podemos identificarnos en nuestras luchas diarias.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Ya que él ofreció su vida como sacrificio por el pecado, el proyecto de Dios prosperará en sus manos (Isaías 53:10-11).

Salmo — Muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros, Señor (Salmo 33 [32]).

Segunda lectura — Acerquémonos con plena confianza al Dios de bondad (Hebreos 4:14-16).

Evangelio — El Hijo del Hombre ha venido a servir y a dar su vida como rescate por una muchedumbre (Marcos 10:35-45).

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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.

FORMED.org

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Segunda Colecta

17 de Octubre Mantenimiento de salón Padua
24 de Octubre Domingo Mundial de las Misiones

Apoye a nuestros patrocinadores

Cuyos anuncios hacen posible este boletín.

FIESTA DE LA FE

Comunión: dar y recibir

La celebración eucarística es la oración por excelencia de toda la Iglesia; la plenitud de esta celebración es la comunión. Aunque comulgamos personalmente, es una acción totalmente comunitaria. No comulgamos como individuos sino como un solo cuerpo místico de Cristo que somos. Cristo mismo partió su cuerpo y nos lo dio; durante su ministerio público, pidió a sus apóstoles que repartieran el pan a la gente. La comunión se nos da porque en sí es un don y regalo de Dios. Si tomamos directamente la comunión empobrece el significado porque no es un autoservicio o algo que simplemente Podemos agarrar. Al comulgar lo que somos, dice san Agustín, estamos llamados a ser lo que comemos. La Eucaristía, como sacramento, es un regalo absoluto de Dios, es un estilo de vida, una espiritualidad a vivir, nunca una conquista propia. La Eucaristía, nos lo recuerda Juan Pablo II, “crea comunión y educa a la comunión”. En comunión no sólo se recibe el don, sino que la persona comulgante, se da a sí misma, a lo que comulga y a la asamblea con quien comulga y vive esa comunión.

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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.

“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>

La Conferencia de San Vicente de Paul de San Antonio

necesita de su asistencia, le gustaría ser voluntario o donar, comuníquese con la Conferencia de San Vincente de Paul de San Antonio al 925-325-7424. San Antonio de Paul provee servicio de tiempo, talento, y recursos de persona a persona dando varias formas de asistencia entre ellas, comida, ropa, muebles, vivienda, y referencias a agencias profesionales por medio de visitas a su hogar o en la parroquia.

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 Noveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La elección de la lectura de hoy del Antiguo Testamento, la del “Cuarto Canto del Siervo sufriente de Dios” del profeta Isaías, describe al Siervo de Dios como alguien que “da su vida como ofrenda por el pecado” (Isaías 53:10) y celebra el poderoso poder de esa auto-ofrenda: “por su sufrimiento, mi siervo justificará a muchos, y cargará con su culpa” (53,11). Como siempre, durante el Tiempo Ordinario, esta lectura del Antiguo Testamento nos prepara para la lectura extensa del Evangelio de hoy. Jesús encarna el sufrimiento redentor que Isaías previó en la ofrenda del Siervo de Dios, así como la restauración de la alianza que logró el Siervo sacrificado. La lectura de la carta a los hebreos confirma que encontramos la paz aprendiendo continuamente de Jesús, sean cuales sean nuestros defectos y pruebas más profundos, porque Jesús, nuestro “gran sumo sacerdote” (Hebreos 4:14) no es “incapaz de compadecerse de nuestras debilidades”, ya que Jesús fue “probado en todo” lo que nosotros somos (4:15).

LA INCOMPRESIÓN DE JESÚS

En esta parte extensa del Tiempo Ordinario, el Evangelio de Marcos sigue la pista a la progresiva incomprensión de los discípulos sobre la misión de Jesús y la naturaleza del discipulado. En los domingos de septiembre, escuchamos a Jesús hacer dos predicciones acerca de su Pasión, y justo antes del relato del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús les dijo a los Doce: “He aquí que subimos a Jerusalén, y el Hijo del hombre será entregado a los sumos sacerdotes y a los escribas, y lo condenarán a muerte y lo entregarán a los paganos, que se burlarán de él, lo escupirán, lo azotarán y lo matarán, pero después de tres días resucitará” (Marcos 10:33-34). A pesar de las tres predicciones y su definición de “gloria” y “poder” como servicio a los demás con humildad, Santiago y Juan siguen imaginando a Jesús como destinado a un glorioso mesías terrenal. Qué conmovedor es que Jesús, en lugar de regañar a Santiago y Juan como había reprendido antes a Pedro, comience a enseñarles con paciencia: “No saben lo que piden” (10:38).

AUTOEXAMEN

Sabiendo que el trono de gloria de Jesús es también un “trono de gracia”, desde el que Jesús otorga “misericordia y gracia para la ayuda oportuna” (Hebreos 4:16), el Evangelio de hoy sugiere un autoexamen sincero: “¿Cómo nos acercamos a Jesús y le hacemos nuestras peticiones? ¿Qué pedimos, lo que Jesús quiere que hagamos o, como Santiago y Juan hoy, exigimos a Jesús “lo que queremos”? ¿El mundo en el que vivimos y trabajamos centra nuestro corazón en la gloria a la derecha y el poder a la

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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.

LOS INVITAMOS

A que no deje de pasar al vestibulo a revisar los flyers que temenos con informacion importante para toda nuestra comunidad.

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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izquierda? ¿O “el cáliz que bebemos”, “el bautismo” que hemos recibido nos inspira a convertirnos gustosamente en servidores de todos, como el Jesús que nos ha hecho sus discípulos? ¿Evitamos también imitar a los otros “diez indignados” apóstoles que reprendieron a Santiago y Juan? ¿O también nos apresuramos a ver los errores de los demás y nos precipitamos a juzgarlos? ¿Cómo vivimos en repuesta a Jesús que dio su vida “en rescate por muchos”?

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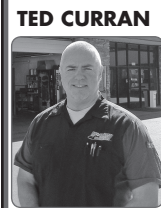
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