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Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 6, 2022



*O, Jesus!
... We share thy agony.*

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Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, and then the devil tested him. Moses and the Israelites had been in the desert for forty years before being led to the land of milk and honey. There were times when they called out to God, sure that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

We sometimes spend time in the desert as well. Not a literal desert most of the time, but a desert in which it seems difficult to perceive God's presence, times when we face difficulty and are tempted to leave God's ways behind. On this First Sunday of Lent, Jesus shows us what to do in these moments: stand firm and trust in God.

When we are tempted it usually easier to fall into the temptation than it is to stand firm and trust in God. We need to stay strong in our faith during these times. It is our faith that carries us. Without faith we can easily be led into temptation. Our God love us and we need to remember His love is unconditional.

On March 8, Sr. Januaría will have a Lenten Reflection in Spanish at 7:00pm in the Church. On March 24, Fr. Quang will have a Lenten Reflection and Retreat at 7:00pm in the Church. A Penance service will be held on March 29, at 7:00pm. There will be no 6:00pm Confessions that evening. Take advantage of these opportunities to spend this Lent preparing for Easter.

Immaculate Heart of Mary pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazón de María,

El Espíritu guió a Jesús al desierto durante cuarenta días, y luego el diablo le puso tentaciones. Moisés y los israelitas habían estado en el desierto por cuarenta años antes de ser guiados a la tierra que mana leche y miel. Hubo momentos cuando invocaron a Dios, seguros de que, como san Pablo escribe a los romanos "todo el que invoque el nombre del Señor se salvará".

Algunas veces también nosotros pasamos tiempo en el desierto. Literalmente no es un desierto muchas de las veces, sino un desierto en el que parece difícil percibir la presencia de Dios, momentos en los que nos enfrentamos a la dificultad y somos tentados a dejar atrás los caminos de Dios. En este Primer Domingo de Cuaresma, Jesús nos muestra qué hacer en esos momentos: mantenernos firmes y confiar en Dios.

Cuando somos tentados suele ser más fácil caer en la tentación que mantenerse firme y confiar en Dios. Tenemos que mantenernos firmes en nuestra fe durante estos momentos. Es nuestra fe la que nos lleva. Sin fe podemos caer fácilmente en la tentación. Nuestro Dios nos ama y necesitamos recordar que su amor es incondicional.

El 8 de marzo, la hna. Januaría tendrá una Reflexión Cuaresmal en español a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia. El 24 de marzo, el Padre Quang tendrá una reflexión y retiro de Cuaresma a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia. El 29 de marzo habrá un servicio de penitencia a las 7:00pm. No habrá confesiones a las 6:00pm esa tarde. Aproveche estas oportunidades para pasar esta Cuaresma preparándose para la Pascua.

Inmaculado Corazón María ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00PM (English)

Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

7:30am (English) 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) - 2:00PM (Spanish)

5:00PM - Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM — Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA

Sat. Mar. 5th

8:00 am Legion de Maria - Special Intention
5:00 pm † Constance Maryann Healey (Connie)

Sun. Mar. 6th

7:30 am † Catarina Soite
9:00 am † Michael Alberto Ortega
10:45 am Parishioners of IHM
12:30 pm † Jose and Serenia Sarmiento
2:00 pm † Jose Velez, Jr.
5:00 pm Rebeca Torres - Special Intention

Mon. Mar. 7th

8:00 am † Frank Jacobs

Tues. Mar. 8th

8:00 am † R. J. Grammar

Wed. Mar. 9th

8:00 am Mykal Anthony Bean - Birthday

Thurs. Mar. 10th

8:00 am † Sebastian Ponce

Fri. Mar. 11th

9:00 am † Rodrigo Garcia

Sat. Mar. 12th

8:00am † Luz Cladellas

BAPTISMS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

English:

Cameron Asher Balagot
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Carson Alexander Roman



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Jayden Marquez

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Lyndsey Burrow, Ryan McCloud, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Kay Aviani, Giselle Honore, Sydney Reed, Barbara DeDora, Michael Meada, David Prado.***

Brandon Diaz, Ricardo Oseguera, Fernando Navarro, Pedro Guitron, Eduardo Yanes, Sydney Reed, Marion Cichon, Joseph Oliver, Dean Chromy, Linda Ontai., Mayra Gutierrez, Brandon Diaz, Chris Heuer, Meghan Heuer, Conner Kane, Dawn Lanphere, Jan Cooper, Noreen and Jordan Pitta, Graciela Paz, Graciela Martinez, Mrs. Tikalsky, Brian Patrick Scott, Trevor Rodgers, Ricardo Bautista, Jeff Anadon, Therese Brantome, Maria Luisa Oseguera Guisar, Socorro Ortega, Antonio Cagulangan, Daniel Fonseca, Maria del Refugio Neri .

READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday: 224: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: 225: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: 226: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,
18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 227: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-2

Friday: 228: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: 229: Dt 26:16-19 Ps119:1-2, 4-5,
7-8 Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: 27: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-9,
13-14 Phil 3:17—4:1
Lk 9:28b-36



**Individuals who are vaccinated
are not required to wear
masks indoors. Anyone who
is not vaccinated must
continue to wear mask in doors.**

**Personas que están vacunadas no tienen que
usar mascarillas adentro de la Iglesia.
Si no esta vacunado tiene que seguir usando la
mascarilla adentro de la Iglesia.**

Lectura

Primera lectura

Dt 26, 4-10

En aquel tiempo, dijo Moisés al pueblo: "Cuando presentes las primicias de tus cosechas, el sacerdote tomará el cesto de tus manos y lo pondrá ante el altar del Señor, tu Dios. Entonces tú dirás estas palabras ante el Señor, tu Dios:

'Mi padre fue un arameo errante, que bajó a Egipto y se estableció allí con muy pocas personas; pero luego creció hasta convertirse en una gran nación, potente y numerosa.

Los egipcios nos maltrataron, nos oprimieron y nos impusieron una dura esclavitud. Entonces clamamos al Señor, Dios de nuestros padres, y el Señor escuchó nuestra voz, miró nuestra humillación, nuestros trabajos y nuestra angustia. El Señor nos sacó de Egipto con mano poderosa y brazo protector, con un terror muy grande, entre señales y portentos; nos trajo a este país y nos dio esta tierra, que mana leche y miel. Por eso ahora yo traigo aquí las primicias de la tierra que tú, Señor, me has dado'.

Una vez que hayas dejado tus primicias ante el Señor, te postrarás ante él para adorarlo".

Salmo Responsorial Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Acompáñame, Señor, en la tribulación.

Segunda Lectura

Rom 10, 8-13

Hermanos: La Escritura afirma: *Muy a tu alcance, en tu boca y en tu corazón, se encuentra la salvación,*

esto es, el asunto de la fe que predicamos. Porque basta que cada uno declare con su boca que Jesús es el Señor y que crea en su corazón que Dios lo resucitó de entre los muertos, para que pueda salvarse.

En efecto, hay que creer con el corazón para alcanzar la santidad y declarar con la boca para alcanzar la salvación. Por eso dice la Escritura: *Ninguno que crea en él quedará defraudado,* porque no existe diferencia entre judío y no judío, ya que uno mismo es el Señor de todos, espléndido con todos los que lo invocan, pues *todo el que invoque al Señor como a su Dios, será salvado por él.*

Evangelio

Lc 4, 1-13

En aquel tiempo, Jesús, lleno del Espíritu Santo, regresó del Jordán y conducido por el mismo Espíritu, se internó en el desierto, donde permaneció durante cuarenta días y fue tentado por el demonio.

No comió nada en aquellos días, y cuando se completaron, sintió hambre. Entonces el diablo le dijo: "Si eres el Hijo de Dios, dile a esta piedra que se convierta en pan". Jesús le contestó: "Está

Después lo llevó el diablo a un monte elevado y en un instante le hizo ver todos los reinos de la tierra y le dijo: "A mí me ha sido entregado todo el poder y la gloria de estos reinos, y yo los doy a quien quiero. Todo esto será tuyo, si te arrodillas y me adoras".

Jesús le respondió: "Está escrito: *Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios, y a él sólo servirás*".

Entonces lo llevó a Jerusalén, lo puso en la parte más alta del templo y le dijo: "Si eres el Hijo de Dios, arrójate desde aquí, porque está Escrito: *Los ángeles del Señor tienen órdenes de cuidarte y de sostenerte en sus manos, para que tus pies no tropiecen con las piedras*". Pero Jesús le respondió: "También está escrito: *No tentarás al Señor, tu Dios*".

Concluidas las tentaciones, el diablo se retiró de él, hasta que llegara la hora.

Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todo poderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y para nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, **y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre;** y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padeció al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con Gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y Gloria, y que hablo por los profetas.

Creo en la Iglesia, que es santa, católica y apóstolica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo. Amen.

Readings

First Reading

Dt 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people, saying:
"The priest shall receive the basket from you
and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD,
your God.
Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God,
'My father was a wandering Aramean who went
down to Egypt with a small household and lived
there as an alien.
But there he became a nation
great, strong, and numerous.
When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us,
imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the
LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our
cry and saw our affliction, our toil,
and our oppression.
He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand
and outstretched arm, with terrifying power,
with signs and wonders;
and bringing us into this country,
he gave us this land flowing with milk and
honey.
Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits
of the products of the soil
which you, O LORD, have given me.'
And having set them before the LORD, your God,
you shall bow down in his presence."

Reponsorial Psalm

Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Be with me Lord when I am in trouble, be with me
Lord, I pray.

Second Reading

Rom 10:8-13

Brothers and sisters:
What does Scripture say?
*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart*
—that is, the word of faith that we preach—,
for, if you confess with your mouth that
Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that
God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.
For one believes with the heart and so is justified,
and one confesses with the mouth and so is
saved.
For the Scripture says,
*No one who believes in him will be put to
shame.*
For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
the same Lord is Lord of all,
enriching all who call upon him.
For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved."

Gospel

Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the
Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the
desert for forty days,
to be tempted by the devil.
He ate nothing during those days,
and when they were over he was hungry.

The devil said to him,
"If you are the Son of God,
command this stone to become bread."
Jesus answered him,
"It is written, *One does not live on bread
alone.*"
Then he took him up and showed him
all the kingdoms of the world in a single
instant.
The devil said to him,
"I shall give to you all this power and glory;
for it has been handed over to me,
and I may give it to whomever I wish.
All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply,
"It is written *ou shall worship the Lord,
your God, and him alone shall you serve.*"
Then he led him to Jerusalem,
made him stand on the parapet of the
temple, and said to him,
"If you are the Son of God,
throw yourself down from here,
for it is written:
*He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you, and:
With their hands they will support you,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.*"
Jesus said to him in reply,
"It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your
God, to the test.*"
When the devil had finished every temptation,
he departed from him for a time.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven, **and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became
man.** For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with
the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



March 6, 2022 | First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10 | Rom 10:8-13 | Lk 4:1-13

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

If you are anything like me, you may still be deciding what to give up or do for Lent even though we're already five days in. I know ... "Stop procrastinating!" Today's readings can help us enter more deeply into this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. They are a reminder that Lent isn't primarily about us, as if it were a self-improvement project, but about taking the opportunity to go deeper into our relationship with God. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are ways of reducing distractions in our life and focusing on God's mercy, his sacrifice for us, and his generosity and love. I am one who likes to control things and make plans, so the readings challenge me to look beyond myself, beginning with prayer, and ask the Lord to help me grow in faith. Paul writes, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Jesus exemplifies this dependence on God, allowing himself to be led to the desert by the Spirit. Each time the devil tempts him, he responds and in turn shows us how to respond: by turning to God and God's words, the source of our strength. As we choose how to observe the next 35 days, we are reminded to ask God to help us find those things that help draw us closer to him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What comes to mind when you picture a desert? I imagine sand, heat, thirst. It's more challenging to examine the landscape of my personal desert - barren places of prayer or too much focus on the details of everyday life. Lent, however, presents a rich opportunity to pause and reprioritize our lives based on Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can help us do that, reminding us of our dependence on God and helping us shift our focus from ourselves to God and others. How we observe and experience Lent will differ for each of us. Whatever our personal desert looks like, we can rest assured that God will help us find our way back to him.

ACCOMPANIMENT Find an accountability partner for Lent who can help you stay the course these next 40 days. Perhaps you can pray together each day, or simply send a text sharing how God is working in and through you in this penitential season.

Oracion San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel,
defiéndenos en la batalla.
Sé nuestro amparo contra la
perversidad y asechanzas del
demonio. Reprímale Dios,
pedimos suplicantes,
y tú Príncipe de la
Milicia Celestial,
con el divino poder de Dios,
arroja al infierno a Satanás
y a todos los espíritus malignos
que andan dispersos
por el mundo
para la perdición de las almas.
Amén.



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection
against the wickedness and
snares of the devil.
May God
rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the
Heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking
the ruin of souls.
Amen



*“Feed my lambs,
feed my sheep”*

**2022 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES APPEAL**

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Oakland,

It is time once again to ask for your help in carrying out our mission of service in the Diocese of Oakland. The annual Bishop's Ministries Appeal helps with the expenses of vital ministries and programs throughout the Diocese. With your support, we are making a difference, even in these challenging times.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is *Feed my Lambs, Feed My Sheep*, which was Jesus's command to baptized Christians, to serve and care for his flock, helping more people to come to know God's love and mercy. We cannot complete this work God has given us without your support.

Again this year, I ask you to consider making a special commitment – a one-time gift or a pledge payable over a period of time – to help us minister to the needs of those in our Diocese. May I count on your sacrificial support once again?

With gratitude for your love and support of Christ and his Church,

+ Michael Barber S.J.

Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

Bishop's Ministries Appeal Prayer

*Loving and merciful God, we are your family, brothers and sisters entrusted with
the mission of your Church in the Diocese of Oakland.*

*We call upon our blessed Mother, Queen of the World and patroness of our Diocese, to guide us as a
people committed to serving the needs of all God's people, to tend the flock entrusted to our care.*

Look upon us, loving Shepherd, the sheep you have redeemed by your Precious Blood.

We offer you our grateful prayer and ask your blessing on all our endeavors.

Amen.

The Bishop's Ministries Appeal supports the following ministries:

Religious Education & Faith Formation

Gifts to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal help support religious education and faith formation programs for thousands of youth and adults annually.

Clergy Formation & Support

From initial formation to retirement, the Diocese provides support for our priests. Additionally, your gift to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal supports continued updating and renewal for priests and deacons who faithfully serve our people.

Pastoral Ministries & Services

Diocesan pastoral ministries and services focus on strengthening our faith, our families, and building up our parish communities by engaging people in the daily life of the Church as faithful disciples of Christ.

Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in Need

Each year, our schools and parishes are faced with emergency repairs or budgetary shortfalls. The Bishop's Ministries Appeal will again return 100% of all monies collected over and above each parish's goal for use at the parish level for its own needs, plans for growth and new ministries to better serve their parishioners and the local community.

Priest Retirement & Care

Bishop Barber has an obligation to take care of our priests from the time they take vows through retirement. Your gift to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal shows that you support and value those priests who have made a positive impact in your life.

We gratefully accept gifts for the Bishop's Ministries Appeal via cash, check, credit card, or direct debit. Gifts of appreciated stock, easily liquidated property, planned gifts, and bequests are also accepted. Please contact the Office for Mission Advancement at 510-628-2156 to discuss these options.

- Please make checks payable to ***Bishop's Ministries Appeal***.
- Turn appeal envelopes in at your parish or mail to:
Diocese of Oakland
2121 Harrison Street, Suite 100
Oakland, CA 94612
- To donate online, please visit www.oakdiocese.org/giving or point your smartphone camera at the QR code below and follow the link:



Thank you for your support!

Information/Información

St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of March 13, 2022, please bring peanut butter and jelly. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 13 de marzo, 2022, por favor traigan peanut butter y jelly. GRACIAS!

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 13, 2022 - Catholic Relief Services
March 20, 2022 - Maintenance Fund

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

13 de marzo, 2022 - Servicios de Ayuda Catolicos
20 de marzo, 2022 - Fondo del Mantenimiento

Lent 2022

March 8 – Lenten Reflection – Spanish – Sr. Januaria

March 24 – Lenten Reflection and Retreat – English – Fr. Quang

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Every Friday at 6:45 PM)

March 11 – Legion of Mary

March 18 – Divine Mercy

March 25 – Emmaus

April 1 – Fil-Am

April 8 – Guadalupanos

April 15 – Sociedad Guadalupana (via Crucis at 5:00 PM)

PENANCE / RECONCILIATION SERVICE – March 29 – 7:00 PM

CONTRA COSTA FOOD BANK



The Contra Costa Food Bank Mobile Produce Distribution Program distributes FREE produce on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month in the IHM parking lot from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm to families in need. This program is only for low-income families.

We now have a code for the website **FORMED.ORG** - Simply open a web browser and type in: www.formed.org. - Go to the lower right hand side and click on "Register" and follow the prompts. Our IHM code is: **CM7TFZ**.

This is a dynamic website that has all things Catholic, on demand, all the time! Check it out!!! Good way to spend time this Lent.

It's St. Vincent de Paul's Bundle Sunday again, March 26th and March 27th.

Yes, we need your help to fill the St. Vincent de Paul truck. We will accept clothing, shoes, belts, housewares, kitchenware, small appliances (must work), dish sets, utensils, pots and pans, bakeware, DVD's, hand tools and bikes. We will be accepting these items on **Saturday and Sunday from 8:30AM until 5:30PM.** NO electronics please. NO toys please. NO pillows please.

Even though we want rain, we hope it only rains late at night those days. Please help us fill the truck with those items listed above. Many Thanks and Blessings to you all.



SIN AND VIRTUE SERIES (CONT'D)

SIN AND VIRTUE III

The Sin of the Angels

It is the teaching of the Church that God created an invisible as well as the visible realm. The invisible realm is non-material, a purely spiritual plane of existence, populated by personal beings of tremendous power, beings we call angels. This word actually describes their office (or responsibility – the word means messenger) rather than the beings themselves. Though we divide them into nine choirs, no two angels are alike.

Angelology is a rarified branch of theology and not one we can take much time with here. But it is important to say this much: the angels, like the human soul, are composed of the faculties of intellect and will. They were free to align themselves with God or to choose to separate themselves. In a conflict before time about which we can really only speculate, many, many of the angels rebelled against God and fell.

There is good reason to suspect that the rebellion was provoked by a vision of the God-Man granted the angels at some point after their creation. The angels were invited to worship this being, both God and Man, as their King. There is even speculation that the angels were also shown the God-bearer to humanity, the Blessed Virgin Mother, and were invited to accept her as their queen.

Human nature is the crown of the material cosmos, but it is less than angelic nature. The angels are far more intelligent and far more powerful than are we. When God invited the angels to worship Him in human form, and to accept a human woman as their queen, the good angels were overcome with awe at the mysterious designs of Providence, and joyfully complied. The evil angels, seduced by pride, revolted, and fell.

The account is only speculation. But it seems reasonable, and this theory has a long pedigree among Christian thinkers. Next article: The first Deadly Sin, Pride.

PECADO Y VIRTUD III

El Pecado de los Angeles

Es la enseñanza de la Iglesia que es Dios creo un par de reinos uno invisible y otro visible. El reino invisible no es materialista, es puramente un estado de existencia espiritual, y esta populado por seres personales de un poder tremendo, seres que llamamos Angeles. Esta palabra actualmente describe sus oficios (o responsabilidades—la palabra significa mensajero) en vez de sus propios seres. Aunque nosotros los dividimos entre nueve coros, no hay un angel que se parezca a otro.

Angelologia es una rama rarificada de la teologia y no una que podamos tomar mucho tiempo ahora. Pero es importante decir esto: los angeles, como el alma humana, están compuestos de las facultades de inteligencia y voluntad. Ellos eran libres de alinearse con Dios o decidir de separarse de El. En un conflicto antes del tiempo lo cual nosotros realmente podemos solamente especular, muchos, pero muchos de los angeles se rebelaron contra Dios y cayeron.

Hay una buena razón para sospechar que la rebelión fue provocada por una vision del Dios-Hombre dado a los angeles en algún momento después de su creación. Los angeles fueron invitados a venerar a este ser, tanto Dios y Hombre, como su Rey. También hay otra especulación que a los angeles se les fué enseñado al Dios creador a la humanidad, la Santísima Virgen Madre y fueron invitados aceptarla como su Reina.

La natura humana es la corona de los cosmos materiales, pero es de una natura no muy angelical. Los angeles son sumamente inteligentes y mucho mas poderosos que nosotros. Cuando Dios invito a los angeles adorarle a El en su forma humana, y aceptar a una mujer humana como su reina, los angeles buenos estaban rendidos con asombro al diseño misterioso de la Providencia y alegremente cumplieron. Los angeles malos, seducidos por el orgullo, se revelaron y cayeron.

Este relato es solamente especulación. Pero parece razonable y esta teoria tiene una larga geneologia entre los pensadores Cristianos. La próxima semana: El Primer Pecado Mortal, Orgullo.

SIN AND VIRTUE IV

I imagine that many of us, when we think of the sin of pride think of its obvious stepchildren, such as snobbery, egotism and vanity. These sins not only flow from pride but are aspects of pride itself. They are manifestations of pride played out on the visible, emotional level. Pride is, however, the sin behind all sin, and, as I have mentioned previously, if we trace it back far enough, we will see that any sin has its root in pride.

It is pride which provokes sinful anger. Sinful anger results from a sense of violated personal dignity or the miscarriage of justice. This sense, when misplaced, is self-centered, refusing to see the full scope of the situation, refusing to acknowledge the rights and needs of others, focusing only on the effect on self. (There is also a non-sinful anger, which we will discuss in an upcoming column.) It is pride which leads to envy. Again, the focus is on the self: one is envious of others because one feels cheated, denied, dealt a bad hand, and too, perhaps, because one sees mediocrity rewarded and resents it. Although there may well be some justice in these feelings, the sin of envy comes into play with excessive self-centeredness, a way of looking at the world which reflects everything back to the self, and judges it from that perspective. This is the work of pride. It is the same with the remaining capital (or deadly) sins.

Because pride lies behind so many sins, it is often invisible. It operates in shadows, not in the open. We see the anger, the envy, the greed, the lust, not the pride which has motivated it. For this reason – its frequent invisibility – pride is not just the first, but it is also the most dangerous of the deadly sins.

All virtues fight pride, but one in particular takes it head-on. This virtue, humility, is the subject of the next article.

PECADO Y VIRTUD IV

Me imagino que muchos de nosotros, cuando pensamos en el pecado del orgullo pensamos obviamente de sus hijastros, tal como soberbia, egotismo y vanidad. Estos pecados no solamente salen del orgullo pero son aspectos del mismo orgullo. Estas son manifestaciones del orgullo que actúan en lo visible, en el nivel emocional. Orgullo es después de todo el pecado detrás del pecado y como yo mencioné antes, si nosotros tratamos de investigarlo veremos que cualquier pecado tiene sus raíces en el orgullo.

Es el orgullo que provoca enfados pecadores. Enfados pecadores resultan de un sentido de violación de la dignidad personal o del mal porte de la justicia. Este sentido, cuando no está bien colocado, es concentrado en sí mismo, negándose a ver la situación en su totalidad, negando a reconocer los derechos y necesidades de otros, enfocándose solamente en el efecto personal. (También hay un enfado que no es pecador, que hablaremos de este tema en otros artículos). Es el orgullo que lleva a la envidia, de nuevo, se enfoca en sí mismo; uno es envidioso de otros porque uno se siente que le han hecho trampa, se siente que le han negado, que le echaron una mala jugada, y también, porque a lo mejor resienten que la mediocridad es recompensada y ellos lo resienten. A lo mejor puede ser que hay justicia o razón en estos sentimientos, el pecado de envidia toma lugar cuando la gente se concentra en sí misma, una manera de ver al mundo que refleja todo a sí mismo y lo juzga por esa perspectiva (o lado). Este es el trabajo del orgullo. Es lo mismo con el resto de los pecados principales (o mortales).

Porque el orgullo se esconde detrás de muchos pecados, es a menudo invisible. Trabaja en la sombra, no abiertamente. Nosotros vemos la ira, la envidia, la avaricia, la lujuria, no el orgullo el cual fue lo que lo motivó. Por esta razón—es frecuentemente invisible—orgullo no es solamente el primero, pero es también el más peligroso de los pecados principales.

Todas las virtudes luchan con el orgullo, pero particularmente una va de frente. Esta virtud es, humildad.

SIN AND VIRTUE V

the Virtue of Humility

Despite a decade of seminary education, I still hear the word humility and have an automatic mental association with humiliation. With abjection and weakness. The word provokes a resistance in me: I don't want to be humble, because I imagine humility meaning that I will be overlooked, not taken seriously, thought less of than I should be, or taken advantage of.

None of these fears has a thing to do with the virtue of humility. They have to do with its exact opposite: the sin of pride. Humility is a strength, not a weakness. It is practiced as a virtue by the strong, not the weak, of character. The word virtue itself comes from the Latin root *vir* -- from which the word *virile* also derives -- the virtues are character strengths, and humility is the first and utterly most essential of them. It is the ground in which all the other virtues take root. The remote linguistic antecedents of the word humility are connected to words which mean the soil, or "of the earth."

Humility involves an understanding that we have not created ourselves, that we are not the center of the universe, and that we have both faults and gifts. It would not be humble, for example, for Meryl Streep to say, "Oh, I don't have much talent for acting." That would simply be false, and humility is always honest. An honest assessment for a three-time Oscar winner such as Streep would be along the lines of "God gave me this ability and I am honored that He uses it to reach others." In such an assessment is one of the core characteristics of humility -- the recognition that our gifts, strengths and talents are from outside of us, and that the only credit we can take for them is in their development.

Another core component of this virtue is the realization of our faults. In humility, or perhaps I should say, by the operation of humility in our consciousness, we can recognize that we fall short in certain areas; we can recognize that we have room to grow. The development of the other virtues is how this growth occurs, but it is made possible only in the rich, deep soil of the virtue of humility.

PECADO Y VIRTUD V

La Virtud de Humildad

A pesar de haber tenido una década de educación seminaria, yo cuando oigo la palabra humildad tengo una asociación mental inmediata con humillación. Con abatimiento de alma y debilidad. La palabra provoca una resistencia en mí: Yo no quiero ser humilde, porque me imagino que la humildad quiere decir que me pasaron de alto, no me tomaron en serio, pensarán menos de lo que pudiera ser, o tomarán ventaja de mí.

Ninguno de estos temores tienen nada que ver con la virtud de humildad. Son totalmente lo contrario: el pecado de orgullo. Humildad es una fortaleza no una debilidad. Esta practicada como una virtud por los que son fuertes y no débiles de carácter. La palabra virtud tiene raíz en el latín *VIR*—de la cuál la palabra *viril* también se deriva—las virtudes son fortalezas de carácter y humildad es la primera y verdaderamente la más esencial de ellas. Es como la tierra de donde todas las otras virtudes tienen sus raíces. Los antecedentes lingüísticos de la palabra humildad están conectados con palabras que significan la tierra o "de la tierra."

Humildad implica un entendimiento que nosotros no nos creamos, que no somos el centro del universo, y que tenemos fallas y talentos. No sería humilde, por ejemplo, para Meryl Streep decir "O no tengo tanto talento para actuar." Eso sería simplemente falso y humildad es siempre honesta. Un asesoramiento honesto para alguien que ha ganado tres Oscars tal como Streep sería algo como "Dios me dio esta habilidad y yo me siento verdaderamente honrada que El lo usa para estar cerca de otros." En un asesoramiento como este es uno de los centros característicos de la humildad—el reconocimiento que nuestros dones, fortalezas y talentos son de afuera de nosotros, y que el único crédito que nosotros podemos tomar de ellos es en su desarrollo.

Otro componente central de esta virtud es la realización de nuestras faltas. En la humildad o quizás pudiera decir, por la operación de humildad de nuestro conocimiento, nosotros podemos reconocer que nos falta un poco en ciertas áreas, nosotros podemos reconocer que nosotros tenemos espacio para crecer. El desarrollo de las otras virtudes es como este crecimiento ocurre, pero puede ser posible solamente en la riqueza de la profundidad del terreno de la virtud de humildad.

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DATE/TIME:

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LOCATION:

Mon. Mar. 7th

5:00pm	Legion of Mary/Eng	Library
7:00pm	Bible Study/Sp	Hall A
7:00pm	Escuela de la Cruz	Luke
7:00pm	CCD Parent Meeting	Church
7:00pm	Guadalupanos Meeting	John
7:00pm	Men of St. Joseph	Library
7:00pm	KoC—Officers' Mtg.	Off-site

Tues. Mar. 8th

10:00am	IHM Crafters	Hall C
2:45pm	CCD 1st. Communion	Library
		All classrooms/HallA/B/C
4:00pm	CCD Middle School	Hall A/B/C
6:00pm	Legion of Mary/Sp	Chapel
6:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm	Spanish Parents	Church
7:00pm	CCD 1st. Comm/Sp	Hall A/B/C
		All classrooms

Wed. Mar. 9th

10:00am	SVDP – General Mtg.	Hall C
4:00pm	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Jn/Lk/ Hall B
		Church
7:00pm	Confirmation/Teen	Church
		All classrooms/Hall A/B/C

Thurs. Mar. 10th

10:00am	Women's Faith Sharing	Library
4:00pm	RCIC	Mark
4:00pm	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Hall B/Jn/Lk
		Library
5:00pm	Widow and Widowers	Library
7:00pm	Discovering Christ	Library
7:00pm	RCIA	Mark
7:00pm	Adult Confirmation	Matt
7:00pm	Young Adult Ministry	John
7:00pm	Emmaus Men/Sp	Luke

Fri. Mar. 11th

8:00am	St. Vincent de Paul	Hall A/B/C
3:30pm	Bible Study/Eng	Library
7:00pm	Youth Group	Hall C
7:00pm	Confirmation Adult/Sp	John
7:00pm	Youth Group	Library
7:00pm	Divine Mercy/Sp	Luke

Sat. Mar. 12th

9:00am	Faith Formation/Eng	Library/ All Classrooms
3:00pm	Confessions	Church

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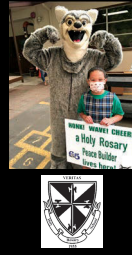
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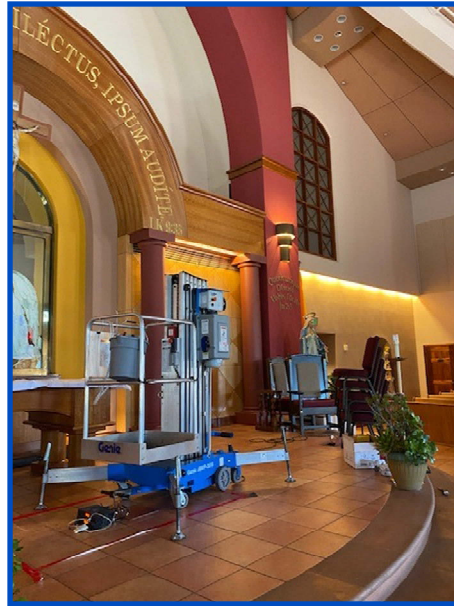
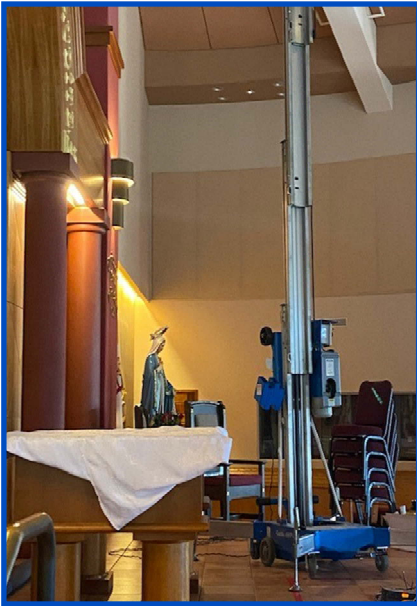


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