



IMMACULATE HEART OF *M*ARY

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.*

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—APRIL 17, 2022



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Dear Families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected. Today's psalm guides our response to God's power: "it is wonderful in our eyes."

Today is indeed a day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus' resurrection. For all human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John's Gospel admits that the disciples "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even Jesus' closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become "a fresh batch of dough." Everything, even our very selves, must become new. Easter changes everything.

So, as we begin the Easter season and work toward Pentecost, we need to continue to pray. Continue to spend time with God and listen to his words. We need to praise Him for sending down his only Son to save us from our sins and look forward to Christ's second coming.

Inmaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas Familias del Inmaculado Corazón de María,

La Pascua lo cambia todo. Al haber resucitado de la muerte, Jesús destroza las imágenes espantosas que persiguen a la humanidad. La traición, la tortura, la crucifixión, la muerte, el entierro, estos terrores palidecen ante la gloria brillante de Jesús resucitado. El salmo de hoy guía nuestra respuesta al poder de Dios: "es maravilloso a nuestros ojos".

Hoy es, en efecto un día para maravillarse, para agitarse de asombro ante la resurrección de Jesús. Durante toda la historia de la humanidad, la muerte había sido el final. Sin embargo, en los Hechos de los Apóstoles, Pedro atestigua que Jesús, quien había sido ejecutado públicamente, fue resucitado por Dios. El Evangelio de Juan admite que los discípulos "aún no entendían la Escritura de que tenía que resucitar de la muerte". Incluso los amigos más cercanos no esperaban esta novedad, la vida después de la muerte. En respuesta al milagro de la Pascua, Pablo nos dice que seamos "un poco de levadura" para hacer "fermentar toda la masa". Todo, incluso nuestro propio ser, debe convertirse en algo nuevo. La Pascua lo cambia todo.

Así que, al comenzar el tiempo de Pascua y trabajar hacia Pentecostés, tenemos que seguir rezando. Continuar pasando tiempo con Dios y escuchando sus palabras. Tenemos que alabarle por haber enviado a su único Hijo para salvarnos de nuestros pecados y esperar la segunda venida de Cristo.

Inmaculado Corazón de 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. Apr. 16th

8:00 pm Intentions for all IHM Parishioners

Sun. Apr. 17th

7:30 am Intentions for all IHM Parishioners
 9:00 am Intentions for all IHM Parishioners
 10:45 am Intentions for all IHM Parishioners
 12:30 pm Intentions for all IHM Parishioners
 2:00 pm Intentions for all IHM Parishioners
 5:00 pm Intentions for all IHM Parishioners

Mon. Apr. 18th

8:00 am † Luis Villafuerte

Tues. Ap. 19th

8:00 am † Magdalena Dizon

Wed. Apr. 20th

8:00 am Dr. Vanessa Venus Albino - Birthday

Thurs. Apr. 21st

8:00 am † Rosalino Fernandez

Fri. Apr. 22nd

8:00 am Gina Alaniz - Birthday

Sat. Apr. 23rd

8:00 am † Pris Cuevas

Hours of Adoration are on Thursdays from 9:00AM to 6:00PM. On Fridays Adoration begins at 9:00am and continues until 7:00pm on Saturday.

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Horas de Adoración son los jueves de 9:00AM a 6:00PM. Adoración los viernes empieza a las 9:00AM y continúa hasta el sábado a las 8:00AM.

Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

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, Eduardo Yanes, Sydney Reed, Marion Cichon, Joseph Oliver, Dean Chromy, Linda Ontai., Mayra Gutierrez, Chris Heuer, Meghan Heuer, Dawn Lanphere, Jan Cooper, Noreen and Jordan Pitta, Graciela Martinez, Mrs. Tikalsky, Brian Patrick Scott, Trevor Rodgers, Ricardo Bautista, Jeff Anadon, Therese Brantome, Maria Luisa Oseguera Guisar, Socorro Ortega, Daniel Fonseca, Maria del Refugio Neri, Paul Deunavant, Alonso Martinez, Guadalupe Garcia Medrano, Lexie Gracia, Jorge Selligman, Isaac Narez, Frank Vargas, Gloria Clawson, Brandon Diaz, Eulogio Oseguera, Ignacio Mendoza, Fred Schmict, Ramona Hernandez, Linda Hernandez, Carmela Bernal Oseguera, Mike Smith, MaryAnne Smith, Melanie and Jeff Anadon., James Walls.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday:	261: Acts 2:14, 22-23 7-11	Ps 16:1-2a, 5, Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	262: Acts 2:36-41 18-20, 22	Ps 33:4-5, Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	263: Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35	Ps 105:1-4, 6-9
Thursday:	264: Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48	Ps 8:2ab,5-9
Friday:	265: Acts 4:1-12 22-27a	Ps 118:1-2, 4, Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	266: Acts 4:13-21 16-21	Ps 118:1, 14-15b, Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	45: Acts 5:12-16 22-24 17-19	Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, Jn 20:19-31

Lectura

Primera lectura

Hch 10, 34a. 37-43

En aquellos días, Pedro tomó la palabra y dijo: "Ya saben ustedes lo sucedido en toda Judea, que tuvo principio en Galilea, después del bautismo predicado por Juan: cómo Dios ungió con el poder del Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret, y cómo éste pasó haciendo el bien, sanando a todos los oprimidos por el diablo, porque Dios estaba con él. Nosotros somos testigos de cuanto él hizo en Judea y en Jerusalén. Lo mataron colgándolo de la cruz, pero Dios lo resucitó al tercer día y concedió verlo, no a todo el pueblo, sino únicamente a los testigos que él, de antemano, había escogido: a nosotros, que hemos comido y bebido con él después de que resucitó de entre los muertos. El nos mandó predicar al pueblo y dar testimonio de que Dios lo ha constituido juez de vivos y muertos. El testimonio de los profetas es unánime: que cuantos creen en él reciben, por su medio, el perdón de los pecados".

Salmo Responsorial

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Este es el día en que actuó el Señor, sea nuestro gozo.

Segunda Lectura

Col 3, 1-4

Hermanos: Puesto que han resucitado con Cristo, busquen los bienes de arriba, donde está Cristo, sentado a la derecha de Dios. Pongan todo el corazón en los bienes del cielo, no en los de la tierra, porque han muerto y su vida está escondida con Cristo en Dios. Cuando se manifieste Cristo, vida de ustedes, entonces también ustedes se manifestarán gloriosos, juntamente con él.

Evangelio

Jn 20, 1-9

El primer día después del sábado, estando todavía oscuro, fue María Magdalena al sepulcro y vio removida la piedra que lo cerraba. Echó a correr, llegó a la casa donde estaban Simón Pedro y el otro discípulo, a quien Jesús amaba, y les dijo: "Se han llevado del sepulcro al Señor y no sabemos dónde lo habrán puesto".

Salieron Pedro y el otro discípulo camino del sepulcro. Los dos iban corriendo juntos, pero el otro discípulo corrió más aprisa que Pedro y llegó primero al sepulcro, e inclinándose, miró los lienzos puestos en el suelo, pero no entró.

En eso llegó también Simón Pedro, que lo venía siguiendo, y entró en el sepulcro. Contempló los lienzos puestos en el suelo y el sudario, que había estado sobre la cabeza de Jesús, puesto no con los lienzos en el suelo, sino doblado en sitio aparte. Entonces entró también el otro discípulo, el que había llegado primero al sepulcro, y vio y creyó, porque hasta entonces no habían entendido las

Escrituras, según las cuales Jesús debía resucitar de entre los muertos.



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

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said:
"You know what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy
Spirit and power.
He went about doing good and healing all those
oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.
We are witnesses of all that he did both in the
country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.
This man God raised on the third day and granted
that he be visible,
not to all the people, but to us,
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the
dead.
He commissioned us to preach to the people and
testify that he is the one appointed by God as
judge of the living and the dead.
To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him will receive
forgiveness of sins through his name."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and
be glad.

Second Reading

Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:
If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is
above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.
For you have died, and your life is hidden with
Christ in God.
When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory.

Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the
morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the
other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him."
So Peter and the other disciple went out and came
to the tomb.
They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster
than Peter and arrived at the tomb first;
he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but
did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him,
he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths
there,
and the cloth that had covered his head,
not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a
separate place.
Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.
For they did not yet understand the Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead.

The Nicene Creed

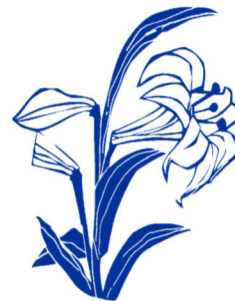
I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

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.



IHM Men's Power Conference

"I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons."
2 Cor 6:18

When:
Saturday
April 30th, 2022
8:00am – 4:45pm

Where: Immaculate
Heart of Mary Church
Brentwood, CA

What:
Eucharistic Adoration

Spiritual Conferences by
Franciscan Friars

Confession

Holy Mass with Bishop
Michael Barber

Food and Fellowship



Cost: \$25 Per Person

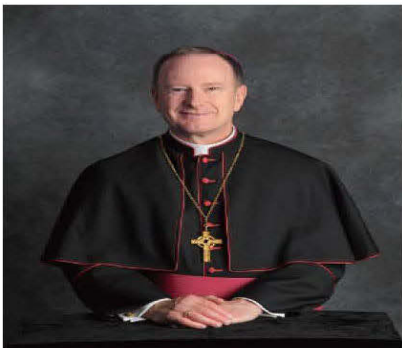
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Conference



Keynote speaker: Bishop Michael Barber, SJ

After being ordained a priest for the Society of Jesus on June 8, 1985, in San Francisco, Bishop Barber continued his studies in Rome and at Oxford University. In 1991 he became a commissioned officer in the United States Naval Reserve and achieved the rank of Captain in 2012. He has served as Group Chaplain for the Marine Aircraft Group, as Deputy Division Chaplain for the 4th Marine Division and Deputy Force Chaplain for Reserve Affairs for Marine Forces Pacific, among many other assignments. Pope Francis appointed him as bishop of Oakland on May 3, 2013, the first American bishop appointed by Pope Francis. He was consecrated and installed on May 25, 2013. He returns to the IHM Men's Power Conference for a second year and to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & answering our questions.

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

Information/Información

St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of, April 24, please bring canned soups. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 24 de abril, por favor sopas enlatadas. GRACIAS!

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 1, 2022 - Facility Improvement
May 8, 2022 - Catholic Charities

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

1 de mayo, 2022 - Fondo del Mejoramiento de las Instalaciones
8 de mayo, 2022 - Caridades Catolicas



Immaculate Heart of Mary has been issued a check in the amount of \$238.37 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2021.

The donation was deposited to the Church's bank account between February 18 and March 2, 2022.

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.

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Free towing. 100% tax deductible.

Donations used to fund the many charitable activities of the Knights of Columbus Brentwood Council #7467. Call: 925-529-2019

Bible Study

Are you interested in deepening your understanding of, and engagement in the Mass and drawing closer to Jesus? Come join us for a scripture study to delve into the coming weekly readings from our Priests and Deacons. We will discuss the historical context, in both Jewish and Catholic faith traditions, and then explore together practical applications of the readings. This will make us all more alert and receptive to Homilies at Mass, a modest investment that reaps major blessings! Each week we will cover the reading from the Old and New Testament in our Sunday/Holy Day Mass readings.

Group meets on Fridays at 3:30pm in the Library. Our facilitator, Dr. Allan Steinhardt, will go over background context and Catholic understanding of the readings, and then we will break into groups to discuss applications.

Dr. Steinhardt has been teaching Bible studies for Adult RE, and RCIA, for over thirty years. He is a Jewish convert, and has corresponded with various Bishops and Cardinals on Jewish Catholic relations, including Cardinal Dulles, and Bishop Gregory, as well as the late Father John Neuhaus. Contact: Dr. Allan Steinhardt; Cell: 925-200-0115, or email: asteinhardt@aeye.ai.

SAVE THE DATE RESERVEN LA FECHA



IHM PARISH FEAST DAY ON
JUNE 25TH at 1:00pm

EL SANTO DE LA PARROQUIA ICM
SERA EL 25 DE JUNIO A LAS 2:00PM

(More details to follow)
(Mas detalles proxicamente)

SIN AND VIRTUE XVII - The Virtue of Courage

Courage, Ernest Hemingway famously said, is grace under pressure. It is that, and more.

The sin of sloth – radical and willful abandonment of the responsibilities of one's proper station in life – is opposed by several virtues, but it cannot be defeated without courage. The poisonous dynamic of sloth creates over time an emotional/psychological/spiritual black hole which pulls time, energy and initiative into its vortex. The person trapped by this sin cannot rise up against it without the employment of the virtue of courage.

There are times when it takes courage simply to get out of bed in the morning. I know; I have been there. You have failed. Others are suffering because you have failed. Your repeated attempts to get back into the game, to get back up and come out swinging, your repeated efforts to redeem the situation, have met with defeat. You are crushed. You are hopeless, you see no reason to continue the fight.

Just getting out of bed in the morning in such circumstances takes courage. But that little bit of courage employed – and remember, the virtues are built up inside us by repetition, by practice – that little bit of courage that gets you up and moving in the morning, can be the spark that sets the whole magnificent virtue of courage into play in your life, and can indeed spell the difference between an ultimate failure and an ultimate success.

Courage takes sloth head-on. Courage says YES and NOW when sloth says no, or maybe tomorrow. Courage is supported by the virtue of perseverance – and vice versa, it takes courage to persevere. We need look no further than Calvary for our ultimate, our perfect example of courage and perseverance working together to reverse a negative trend. Jesus fell (at least) three times under the weight of the cross. Employing COURAGE he got up each time and he PERSEVERED 'til the end. Salvation itself is the result.

Grace under pressure? I think so! We are called to the same dynamic. No. It is NOT easy. But it pays in the end. Big, big time. Take heart. Take a deep breath. Take courage – and persevere.

On a final note, the virtue of faith aids us in persevering. It takes faith to persevere in circumstances which seem intractable. Faith lays the foundation for both courage and perseverance.

Next we will do a summation of the virtues, and how to build them into our daily lives.

PECADO Y VIRTUD - XVII La virtud del coraje

Coraje, famosamente dijo Ernest Hemingway, es una gracia bajo presión. Es eso y más.

El pecado de lujuria – es un abandonamiento radical y voluntario de las responsabilidades de nuestra etapa en la vida—es opuesta for varias virtudes, pero no puede ser vencida sin el coraje. La venenosa dinamica de lujuria crea con el pasar del tiempo un hueco negro de emociones psicologicas, espirituales que tira del tiempo con energia e iniciativa en su remolino. La persona entrapada por este pecado no se puede levantar contra el, sin usar la virtud del coraje.

Hay veces cuando toma coraje simplemente levantarse de la cama en las mañanas. Yo se; yo he estado allí. Tú has fallado. Otros sufren porque tú has fallado. Repetidos atentos de mantenerse en el juego, de poder levantarse y venir vencedor, tus repetidos atentos de volver a tomar posesión de la situación fueron encontrados con derrota. Te sientes desanimado. Te sientes inútil, tú no puedes ver una razón para continuar la lucha.

Levantarse de la cama cada mañana en ciertas circunstancias toma coraje. Pero ese poquito de coraje usado—y recuerda, las virtudes crecen adentro de nosotros con repetición y práctica—ese poquito de coraje que nos ayuda a levantarnos y movernos en las mañanas, puede ser la chispa que controla la magnifica virtud del coraje que forma parte en tu vida, y puede en si ser la diferencia entre completamente fallar o últimamente ser todo un éxito.

Coraje como la lujuria te da de frente. Coraje dice SI y AHORA mientras lujuria dice no o a lo mejor mañana. Coraje es asistido por la virtud de la perseverancia—y vice versa, toma coraje para perseverar. Nosotros no tenemos que ver muy lejos del Calvario para nuestro último, y perfecto ejemplo de coraje y perseverancia trabajando juntas para poder invertir en un rumbo negativo. Jesús cayó (por lo menos) tres veces con el peso de la cruz. Usando CORAJE él se levantó cada vez y con perseverancia hasta el final. Salvación en si es el resultado.

Gracia bajo presión? No lo creo! Nosotros como llamados a la misma dinámica. No, No es fácil. Pero paga al final de una manera muy grande. Usa el corazón. Respira profundamente. Toma coraje – y perseverancia.

Como una última nota, la virtud de fé nos ayuda a perseverar. Toma fé para perseverar en circunstancias que se ven como intractables. La fé es la fundación tanto para el coraje como para la perseverancia. Proximo haremos un resumen de las virtudes y como incorporarlas a nuestras vidas cotidianas.

SIN AND VIRTUE XVIII

The Virtues

The development of the virtues in our lives takes time and practice. Virtues are strengths of character and are built up in us the same way we build up muscle: we have to work at it. The very development of the virtues, in other words, requires the employment of certain virtues.

Virtues which help us in the pursuit of virtue include patience, perseverance and courage. Patience because we are not likely to develop any virtue well overnight. Perseverance because our pursuit of a particular virtue is sure to meet with opposition, whether simply in the day-in, day-out vicissitudes of life, or in a direct attack from Hell, which knows our weaknesses and does not want to see us progressing in the moral life. Courage because it can be easy to become discouraged, given our own weaknesses, and given the assaults we face from without. Look at the word discourage and realize how courage is necessary to fight it.

Two foundational virtues which should be stressed in this last reflection on sin and virtue are faith and humility. Faith is, in a manner of speaking, the first virtue, in that it is the bedrock of the three supernatural virtues, received at baptism. Faith may be thought of as the roots and the trunk of the tree, hope as its branches and leaves, and love as its blossoms and fruit. Faith can carry on, that is, persevere, when all reason for hope is lost. It can endure a loveless situation, trusting (which is the very heart of faith) that love will one day triumph. All three supernatural virtues are beyond the realm of the emotions. But my own experience is that faith is the one that is least buffeted by the emotions.

Humility, too, as discussed some weeks ago, is foundational: it is the natural virtue which lays the rich soil for the development of the other virtues. It takes humility even to realize that we are deficient in certain virtues.

Though it is usually associated with sexuality, the virtue of purity in fact transcends all categories. It is far broader than chastity. Purity, properly understood, is the full concentration of the heart, the mind and the soul, on God, and on longing for God. Purity, as it develops within us, burns through sinful inclinations and desires, transforming them, over time, into their opposing virtues: lust becomes temperance and chastity, anger becomes patience and gentleness, as we advance in the virtue of purity. Many moral theologians rank purity as the highest, the greatest of the virtues – it is the virtue experienced most ardently by the souls in Purgatory, whose cravings and sins have been abandoned and replaced by pure longing for God. The attainment of perfect purity is sainthood itself. We can and should aim at this goal while still here on earth.

PECADO Y VIRTUD XVIII

Las Virtudes

El desarrollo de las virtudes en nuestras vidas toman tiempo y práctica. Virtudes son fortalezas de carácter y son apoyadas de la misma manera como nosotros hacemos ejercicios para forman musculos. Nosotros tenemos que poner esfuerzo para obtenerlo. El verdadero desarrollo de las virtudes, en otras palabras, requiere la ayuda de ciertas virtudes.

Virtudes que nos ayudan en el perseguimiento de la virtud incluyen paciencia, perseverancia y coraje. Paciencia porque nosotros obviamente no podemos desarrollar bien ninguna virtud de la noche a la mañana. Perseverancia porque nuestro perseguimiento de una virtud particular seguramente se encontrará con oposición, así sea simplemente de día a día con vicitud de la vida, o de un ataque directo del Infierno, quién conoce nuestras debilidades y no nos quieren ver progresar moralmente en la vida. Coraje porque es fácil de sentirse desanimado dando las circunstancias de nuestra debilidades y también dado a los que nosotros enfrentamos sin ellos. Vean a la palabra desanimado y realizen como el coraje es necesario para lucharlo.

Dos virtudes fundamentales las cuales debemos de poner énfasis en esta última reflexión sobre el pecado y virtrud son fé y humildad. Fé es una manera de hablar, la primera virtud, que es la más sólida de las tres virtudes supernaturales recibidas en el bautismo. Fé se puede comparar a las raíces y el tronco de un árbol, esperanza como sus ramas y hojas y amor cuando florece y da fruto. Fé puede soportar, quiero decir perseverar cuando toda la razón de esperanza esta perdida. Puede aguantar una situación sin amor, confiando (el cuál es el corazón de la fé) que un día el amor triunfará. Las tres virtudes supernaturales son mas allá del poder de las emociones. Pero mi propia experiencia es que la fé es la que menos cede por las emociones.

PECADO Y VIRTUD XVIII (cont'd) Las Virtudes

Humildad, también como hemos hablado hace varias semanas, es fundamental; es la virtud natural que coloca el rico terreno para el desarrollo de las otras virtudes. Toma humildad también para realizar que nosotros somos deficientes en ciertas virtudes.

Aunque usualmente está asociada con la sexualidad, la virtud de pureza de hecho sobrepasa a todas las categorías. Es mucho más extensa que la castidad. Pureza, si se entiende bien, es la concentración total del corazón, la mente y el alma, de Dios, y el deseo para Dios. Pureza, como se desarrolla en nosotros, quema a través de las inclinaciones y deseos pecadores, transformandolos con el tiempo en las virtudes opuestas: lujuria se hace temperancia y castidad, ira se vuelve paciencia y gentileza así como avanzamos en la virtud de la pureza. Muchos teólogos morales colocan a la pureza como la más alta, y la mayor de las virtudes— es la virtud que se siente más ardiente por las almas del purgatorio, cuyos deseos y pecados han sido abandonados y remplazados por puro deseo por Dios. La adquisición de la perfecta pureza es la santidad. Nosotros podemos y debemos apuntar a esta meta mientras estamos todavía en la tierra.

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April 17, 2022 | Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 | Jn 20:1-9

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Happy Easter! When I think about Easter when I was a child, I admit that many of my memories are centered more around its symbolic trappings: Fannie Mae Easter eggs and peppermint ice cream, my grandma's table set just so, and unseasonably cold Easter egg hunts. While I may not have yet fully understood the theology of the Resurrection, being at Mass with my family and taking part in the celebratory activities engendered in me the disposition of which the psalmist speaks: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.* Today's readings invite us to see both the secular and the sacred with new eyes. The fact that Jesus took on our humanity, died and rose again give us a glimpse of the joy that awaits. The simple pleasures we experience at Easter and throughout the year hint at what the Lord has in mind for all of us. In the meantime, we can turn to Jesus for encouragement, with the knowledge that God is present in the ordinary and extraordinary people and events in our daily lives.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb, Simon Peter and "the other disciple" (John) don't walk - but run to the tomb. I'm struck by the detailed account that follows. Peter "saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place." The words that follow seem contradictory: "Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Their understanding would grow in the hours and days that followed. These early witnesses would then share the Good News of Jesus' resurrection, often at the cost of their own lives, building up the Church that endures today. Like the disciples, we, too, are commissioned to witness to our faith in the risen Jesus, sharing this life-changing reality with others through our words and actions.

PRAY As this Easter season begins, we celebrate Christ's triumph over death, yet mourn that death still comes so violently for so many around the world. Make an extra effort - an extraordinary effort - this week to pray for peace in the world.

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Weekly Calendar/Calendario Semanal

DATE/TIME:

MEETING:

LOCATION:

Mon. Apr. 18th

5:00pm	Legion of Mary/Eng	Library
7:00pm	Pe-baptismal Class/Sp	Hall C
7:00pm	Bible Study/Sp	Hall A
7:00pm	Escuela de la Cruz	Luke
7:00pm	Guadalupanos Meeting	John
7:00pm	Marriage Prep	Matt
7:00pm	Men of St. Joseph	Library

Tues. Apr. 19th

10:00am	IHM Crafters	Library
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. Apr. 20th

10:00am	Men's Fellowship	Library
4:00pm	Catechesis of the Good Shepard	Jn/Lk/ Hall B/Church

Thurs. Apr. 21st

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

Fri. Apr. 22nd

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

Sat. Apr. 23rd

9:00am	Faith Formation/Eng	Library/ All Classrooms
10:00am	Faith Formation/Sp Retreat	Hall A/B/C
3:30pm	Confessions	Church

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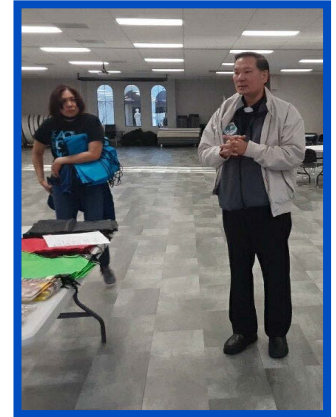


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