

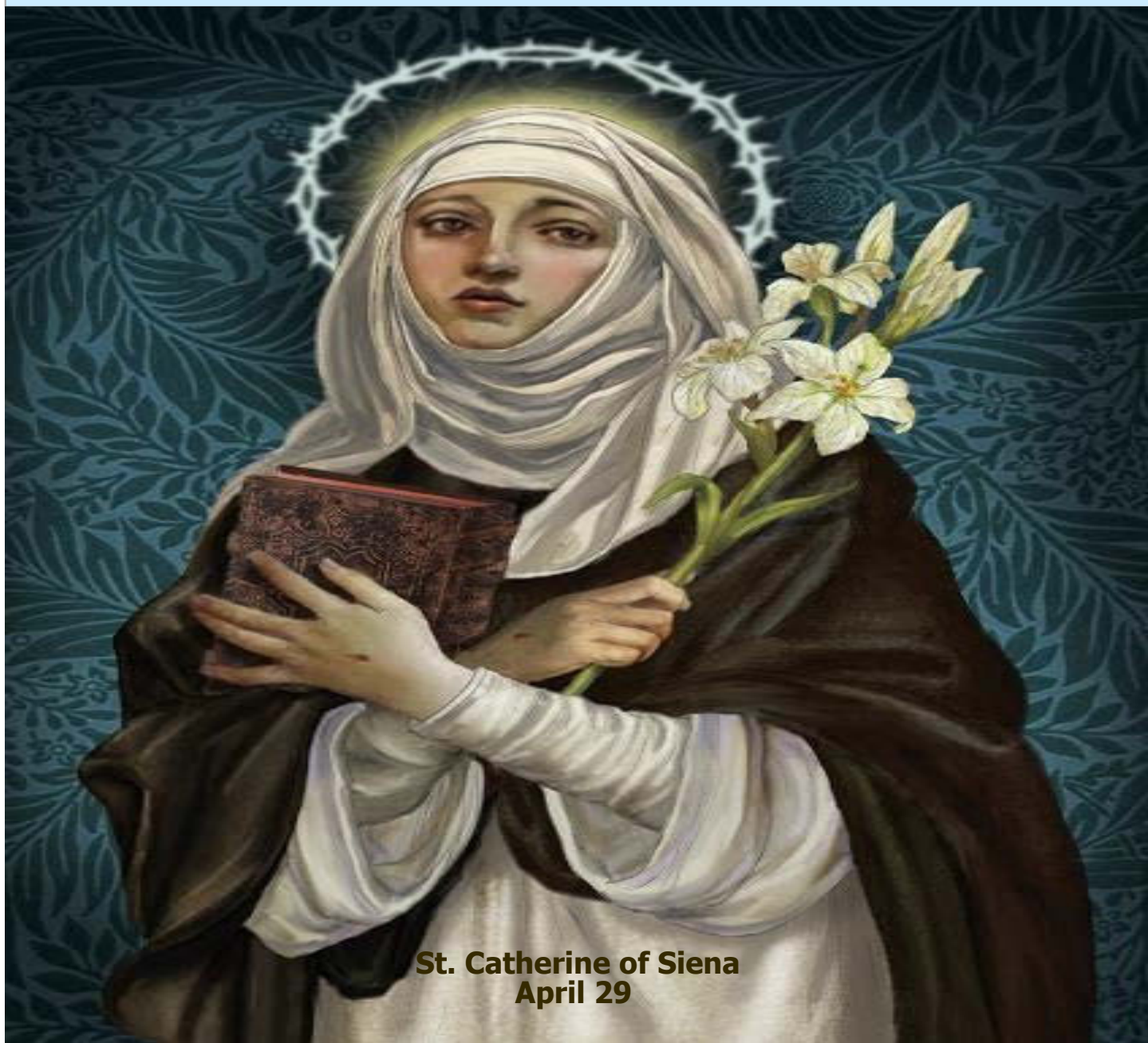


IMMACULATE HEART OF *MARY*

— 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.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 25, 2021



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April 29**

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The Pastor's Page/Página del Pastor

Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? ***Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice?*** How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

Look around IHM and see how spring has sprung and all the labors of our volunteers have begun to blossom. We are very fortunate to have so many people to keep the grounds of IHM beautiful. Soon we will have our garden planted and we will be producing for St. Vincent de Paul. This is truly following the footsteps of Christ with the feeding of the poor.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Father Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazón de María,

¿Realmente conocemos la voz de Cristo? ***¿Respondemos realmente a la voz de nuestro pastor, con nuestra propia y distintiva voz?*** ¿Con qué frecuencia intentamos imitar a los que nos rodean, apropiándonos de la respuesta de otro miembro del rebaño de Cristo? Tal vez la necesidad de equilibrar la imagen de ser ovejas de un rebaño con la imagen de la segunda lectura, que nos dice que todos somos hijos de Dios. ¿Qué hijo tiene precisamente la misma interacción con los padres como sus hermanos? Por el contrario, con frecuencia hacen y dicen cosas que se distinguen en los ojos de sus padres.

Ya sea que utilicemos la imagen de los niños o de las ovejas para entender nuestra relación con Cristo, creemos que todos somos conocidos y llamados por su nombre. Con este gran regalo viene la responsabilidad: responder a la llamada con la voz propia y distintiva, sacar un tiempo para discernir exactamente cuál es nuestro llamado, para determinar con precisión cuál es la voluntad del Padre para cada uno de nosotros.

Miren alrededor de ICM y vean cómo la primavera ha brotado y todas las labores de nuestros voluntarios han comenzado a florecer. Somos muy afortunados de tener tantas personas que mantienen los terrenos de ICM hermosos. Pronto tendremos nuestro jardín plantado y estaremos produciendo para San Vicente de Paúl. Esto es realmente seguir los pasos de Cristo con la alimentación de los pobres.

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. 24th

8:00am † Tina Rodriguez
5:00pm Brian Kalasardo - Special Intention

Sun. Apr. 25th

7:30am † Landon White

9:00am † Demesia Rodriguez
10:45am IHM Parishioners
12:30pm † Irmina Riccio
2:00pm † Esteban Carrillo
5:00pm † Corazon Mejia

Mon. Apr. 26th

8:00am † Rosa Rodriguez de Aragon

Tues. Apr. 27th

8:00am Paul & Patty Barbosa - Anniversary

Wed. Apr. 28th

8:00am † Henry Monge

Thurs. Apr. 29th

8:00 am † Billy V. Silva

Fri. Apr. 30th

8:00am † Richard Casillas III



Please Help

We are in need of 6 volunteers per mass to help.

- Help with seeing all persons wear face masks properly during Mass

After mass

- Wipe down pews
- Sanitize restrooms
- Wipe baskets
- Wipe door knobs
- Secure blue tape

Please contact George Verret at:
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If You would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the parish office at (925) 634-4154 or e-mail:

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Ud. quiere añadir un nombre en esta lista, por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia al (925) 634-4154 o mande un correo electrónico al: bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com. Al final del mes, usted debe llamar a la oficina si desea que el nombre aparezca de nuevo.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday: 279: Acts 11:1-8 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4
Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: 280: Acts 11,19-26 Ps 87:1b-7
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 281: Acts 12:24—13:5a Ps 67:2-3,
5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: 282: Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22,
25, 27 Jn 13:16-20

Friday: 283: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11b
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: 284: Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: 53: Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28,
30, 31-32 1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

Lectura

Gloria

Gloria a Dios en el cielo,
Y en la tierra paz a los hombres
Que ama el Señor.

Por tu inmensa Gloria te alabamos,
te bendecimos,
te adoramos,
te glorificamos,
te damos gracias,
Señor Dios, Rey celestial,
Dios Padre todopoderoso.

Señor, Hijo único, Jesucristo,
Señor Dios, Cordero de Dios,
Hijo del Padre;
Tu que quitas el pecado del mundo,
Ten piedad de nosotros;
Tu que quitas el pecado del mundo,
Atiende nuestra suplica;
Tu que estas sentado a
La derecha del Padre,
Ten piedad de nosotros;
Porque solo tu eres Santo,
Solo tu Señor,
Solo tu Altísimo Jesucristo.
Con el Espíritu Santo
En la gloria de Dios Padre.
Amen.

Primera lectura

Hch 4: 8-12

En aquellos días, Pedro, lleno del Espíritu Santo, dijo: "Jefes del pueblo y ancianos, puesto que hoy se nos interroga acerca del beneficio hecho a un hombre enfermo, para saber cómo fue curado, sépanlo ustedes y sépalo todo el pueblo de Israel: este hombre ha quedado sano en el nombre de Jesús de Nazaret, a quien ustedes crucificaron y a quien Dios resucitó de entre los muertos. Este mismo Jesús es *la piedra que ustedes, los constructores, han desechado y que ahora es la piedra angular*. Ningún otro puede salvarnos, pues en la tierra no existe ninguna otra persona a quien Dios haya constituido como salvador nuestro".

Salmo Responsorial

Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

La piedra que desecharon los arquitectos es ahora la piedra angular.

Segunda Lectura

1 Jn 3:1-2

Queridos hijos: Miren cuánto amor nos ha tenido el Padre, pues no sólo nos llamamos hijos de Dios, sino que lo somos. Si el mundo no nos reconoce, es porque tampoco lo ha reconocido a él.

Hermanos míos, ahora somos hijos de Dios, pero aún no se ha manifestado cómo seremos al fin. Y ya sabemos que, cuando él se manifieste, vamos a ser semejantes a él, porque lo veremos tal cual es.

Evangelio

Jn 10:11-18

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a los fariseos: "Yo soy el buen pastor. El buen pastor da la vida por sus ovejas. En cambio, el asalariado, el que no es el pastor ni el dueño de las ovejas, cuando ve venir al lobo, abandona las ovejas y huye; el lobo se arroja sobre ellas y las dispersa, porque a un asalariado no le importan las ovejas.

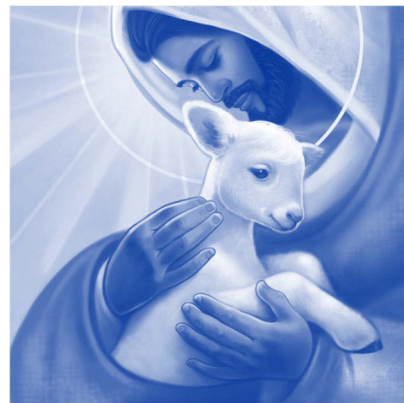
Yo soy el buen pastor, porque conozco a mis ovejas y ellas me conocen a mí, así como el Padre me conoce a mí y yo conozco al Padre. Yo doy la vida por mis ovejas. Tengo además otras ovejas que no son de este redil y es necesario que las traiga también a ellas; escucharán mi voz y habrá un solo rebaño y un solo pastor. El Padre me ama porque doy mi vida para volverla a tomar. Nadie me la quita; yo la doy porque quiero. Tengo poder para darla y lo tengo también para volverla a tomar. Éste es el mandato que he recibido de mi Padre".

Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, 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 credo, 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 habla por los profetas.

Creo en una 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 futura del mundo. Amen.



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Readings

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father,
Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said:
"Leaders of the people and elders:
If we are being examined today
about a good deed done to a cripple,
namely, by what means he was saved,
then all of you and all the people of Israel should know
that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean
whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead;
in his name this man stands before you healed.
He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has
become the cornerstone.*
There is no salvation through anyone else,
nor is there any other name under heaven
given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

Reponsorial Psalm Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

The stone rejected by the builders has become the
cornerstone.

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:1-2

Beloved:
See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.
Yet so we are.
The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.
Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like
him, for we shall see him as he is.

Gospel

Jn 10:11-18

Jesus said:
"I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
A hired man, who is not a shepherd
and whose sheep are not his own,
sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs
away, and the wolf catches and scatters them.
This is because he works for pay and has no concern
for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.
I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.
These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice,
and there will be one flock, one shepherd.
This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down
my life in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my
own.
I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up
again.
This command I have received from my Father."

The Nicene Creed

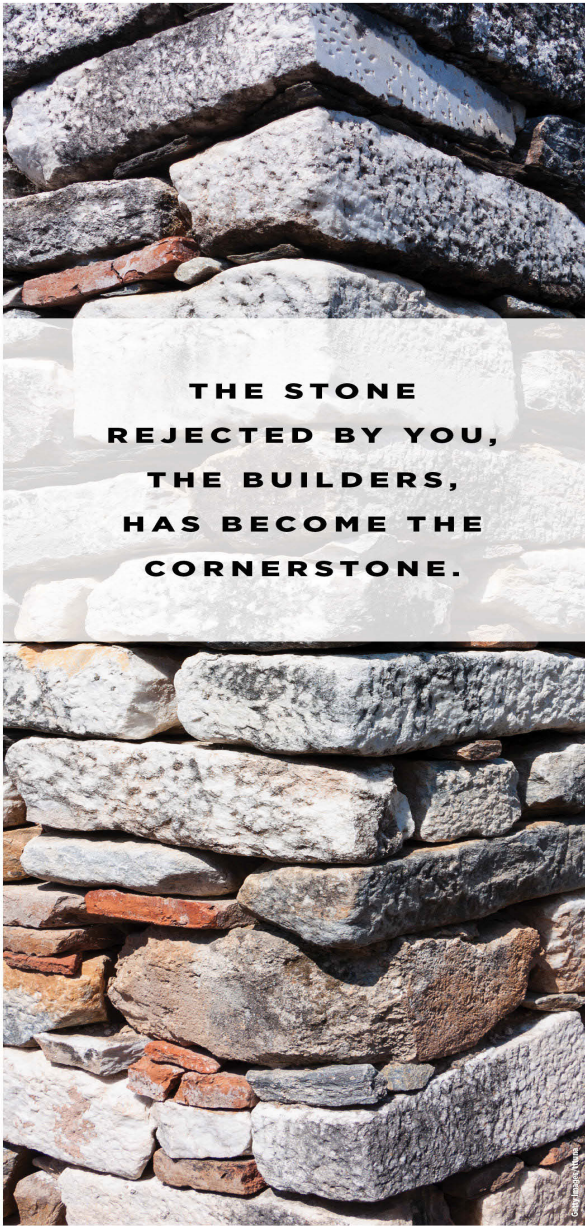
I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

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.



April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12 | 1 Jn 3:1-2 | Jn 10:11-18

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I really feel for teenagers these days. It seems that today's kids face – if not *more* challenges than I did – at least many more ways those challenges can present themselves. The usual adolescent pressures present themselves in person, as always, but also now on the many forms of social media. For young people, and all of us, living as “children of God” is certainly not for the faint of heart! As our Psalm today says, we should place our trust in God – take refuge in him – rather than in what others may think of us. Why? Because living as disciples of Jesus can fly in the face of cultural norms. After all, Jesus was the stone the builders rejected – who became the cornerstone! He and the apostles challenged the status quo and faced ridicule and rejection, and even death because of it. Still, they always did the right thing. That's hard, for sure. But Jesus, the Good Shepherd, laid down his life for us, and that requires a response. Discipleship calls us to serve others by doing the right thing so that God's kingdom will triumph over the kingdom of darkness.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

St. John told his community that “the reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.” The key to being a loving force for good in the world is humility, and looking to God, rather than how we are perceived on social media or the car we drive, for our identity and worth. Tackling our ego begins by taking stock of what we value and whose opinion (rightly or wrongly) matters to us. Once we have explored those troubled waters, we can absorb St. Teresa of Calcutta's advice: “Accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked. Be kind and gentle even under provocation.” Our slow steady witness shines light into darkness. The consistent challenge of our Christian behavior, offered without judgment, will promote God's values in our families, schools, work, and neighborhoods. Our faithful witness allows God to work. Remember, God uses the stones that are rejected to become the cornerstone.

PRAY

Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen you to live humbly. Then ask the Spirit to open the door for you to invite others to know the joy of living according to God's ways. In the meantime, pray the *Litany of Humility*. It will help train your ego to seek God's approval only.

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
maligos
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 May 2, 2021, please bring dry beans. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 2 de mayo, 2021, por favor traigan frijoles secos. GRACIAS!!!

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 2, 2021 - Facility Improvement
May 16, 2021 - Maintenance Fund

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

2 de mayo, 2021 - Fondo del Mejoramiento de las Instalaciones
16 de mayo, 2021 - Fondo del Mantenimiento

CONTRA COSTA FOOD BANK



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For more information, please call Ralph at 925-437-3509.



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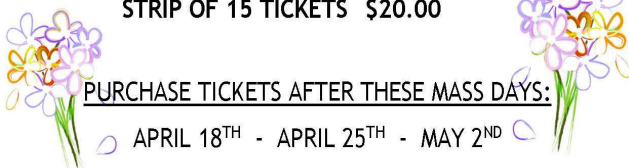
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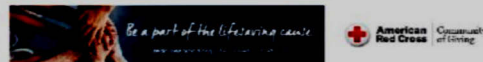
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PROGRAMME

- 7:00 AM Check-In / Snacks Booth Opens
- 8:00 AM Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Bishop Larry Silva (*Diocese of Honolulu*)
- 9:00 AM Opening Program
 Welcome Remarks and Overview
 Keynote Address
- 9:30 AM International Scriptural Rosary
- 10:30 AM Spanish Presentation
- 12:00 PM Open Time for Lunch
Enrollment in the Brown Scapular
Stations of the Cross
Confessions (until 3PM)
- 1:00 PM Praise and Worship
- 2:00 PM Holy Hour (*Church*)
- 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:30 PM English Presentation
- 5:00 PM Closing Mass
Bishop Michael Barber, SJ (*Diocese of Oakland*)
- 6:30 PM Candlelight Rosary Procession



A minimum donation of \$15 per person is suggested to help defray the cost of organizing the Conference. Donations can also be made via FaithDirect or Eventbrite. We appreciate whatever support you can extend. There will be no full meals available for sale on site; only pre-packed snacks and bottled items will be sold.

Except for the Holy Hour, all events for the day are planned for outdoors, and will be implemented following safety and health protocols in place at the time.

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Saint Catherine of Siena's Story

The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her "children" and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

Reflection

Though she lived her life in a faith experience and spirituality far different from that of our own time, Catherine of Siena stands as a companion with us on the Christian journey in her undivided effort to invite the Lord to take flesh in her own life. Events which might make us wince or chuckle or even yawn fill her biographies: a mystical experience at six, childhood betrothal to Christ, stories of harsh asceticism, her frequent ecstatic visions. Still, Catherine lived in an age which did not know the rapid change of 21st-century mobile America. The value of her life for us today lies in her recognition of holiness as a goal to be sought over the course of a lifetime.

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