

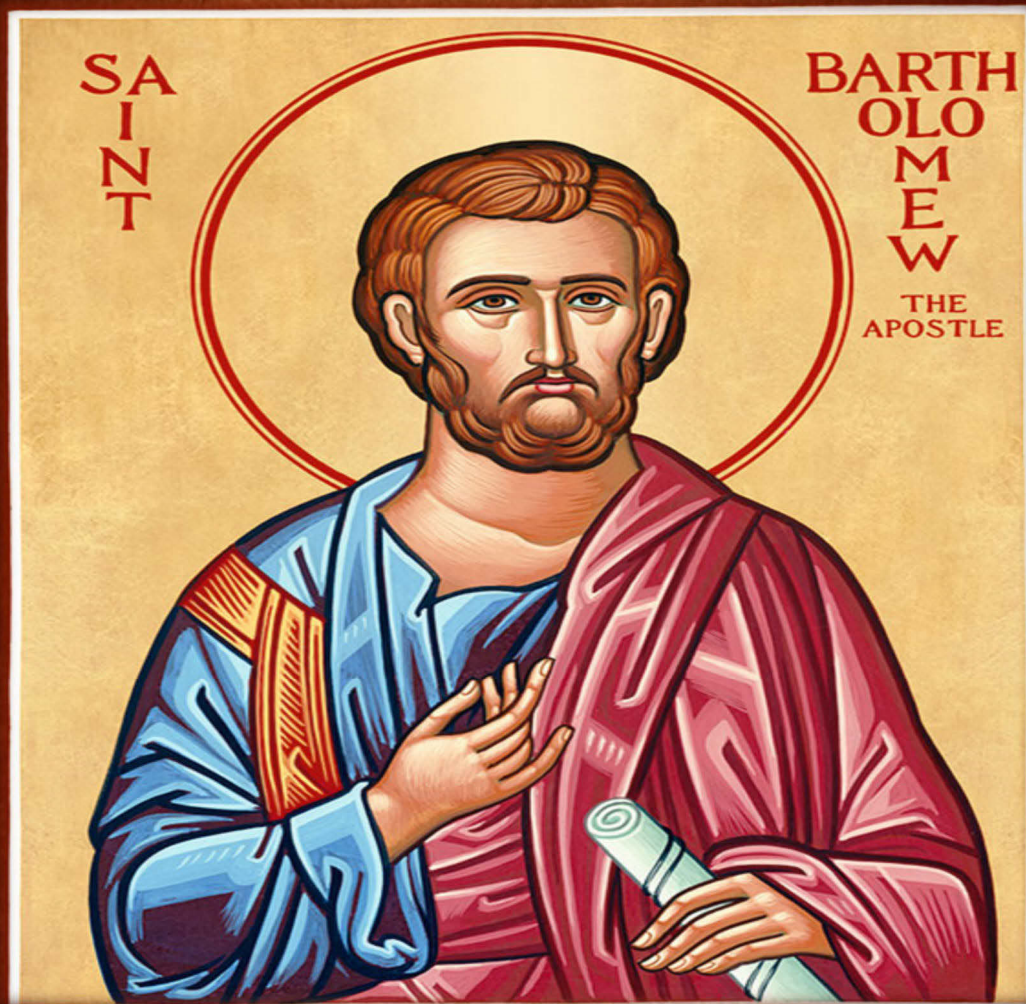


IMMACULATE HEART OF *M*ARY

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.*

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — AUGUST 22, 2021



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Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation's involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. ***Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today.*** We won't be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God's word: ***Take the risk. Decide!***

We have had two months to enjoy the ability to try and return to pre-pandemic ways. Summer is reaching a close with Labor Day approaching. Schools have begun and children have been able to return to classrooms to reconnect with many of their friends. But many are still reluctant to return to Mass. We all need to take the risk and join with the IHM community at mass in the celebration at the table of our Lord.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria,

Hay un axioma que dice "No decidir es decidir". Este dicho fue muy popular en los turbulentos tiempos de la Guerra de Vietnam. Nos instaba a no permitir que otros respondieran a las cuestiones morales planteadas por la participación de nuestro país en ese conflicto terrible, sino decidir por nosotros mismos. Esa clase de decisiones nunca es fácil. Evitarla es común. Jesús, por su parte, no solo era un valiente arriesgado, sino un claro tomador de decisiones. Al buscar cumplir la misión a la que el Padre lo había llamado, continuamente tomó decisiones por nosotros y por el Padre. Trabajó duro para establecer condiciones que permitieran a los demás tomar decisiones similares. Nunca tomó decisiones por los demás ni forzó a nadie a tomarlas, incluso las decisiones que tenían ramificaciones para la eternidad. Jesús nos invita a tomar estas decisiones hoy día. No estaremos absolutamente seguros. Lo que es cierto, sin embargo, es el mandato que sale de la Palabra de Dios: ***Arriégate. ¡Decide!***

Hemos tenido dos meses para disfrutar de la capacidad de intentar volver a las costumbres anteriores a la pandemia. El verano está llegando a su fin y se acerca el Día del Trabajo. Los colegios han comenzado y los niños han podido volver a las aulas para reencontrarse con muchos de sus amigos. Pero muchos siguen siendo reacios a volver a misa. Todos debemos arriesgarnos y unirnos a la comunidad de IHM en la misa en la celebración en la mesa de nuestro Señor.

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

Lectura

Primera lectura

Jos 24: 1-2a. 15-17. 18b

En aquellos días, Josué convocó en Siquem a todas las tribus de Israel y reunió a los ancianos, a los jueces, a los jefes y a los escribas. Cuando todos estuvieron en presencia del Señor, Josué le dijo al pueblo: "Si no les agrada servir al Señor, digan aquí y ahora a quién quieren servir: ¿a los dioses a los que sirvieron sus antepasados al otro lado del río Eufrates, o a los dioses de los amorreos, en cuyo país ustedes habitan? En cuanto a mí toca, mi familia y yo serviremos al Señor".

El pueblo respondió: "Lejos de nosotros abandonar al Señor para servir a otros dioses, porque el Señor es nuestro Dios; él fue quien nos sacó de la esclavitud de Egipto, el que hizo ante nosotros grandes prodigios, nos protegió por todo el camino que recorrimos y en los pueblos por donde pasamos. Así pues, también nosotros serviremos al Señor, porque él es nuestro Dios".

Salmo Responsorial Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

Gusten y vean qué Bueno es el Señor.

Segunda Lectura Ef 5, 21-32 o 5, 2a, 25-32

Hermanos: Respétense unos a otros, por reverencia a Cristo: que las mujeres respeten a sus maridos, como si se tratara del Señor, porque el marido es cabeza de la mujer, como Cristo es cabeza y salvador de la Iglesia, que es su cuerpo. Por lo tanto, así como la Iglesia es dócil a Cristo, así también las mujeres sean dóciles a sus maridos en todo.

Maridos, amen a sus esposas como Cristo amó a su Iglesia y se entregó por ella para santificarla, purificándola con el agua y la palabra, pues él quería presentársela a sí mismo toda resplandeciente, sin mancha ni arruga ni cosa semejante, sino santa e inmaculada.

Así los maridos deben amar a sus esposas, como cuerpos suyos que son. El que ama a su esposa se ama a sí mismo, pues nadie jamás ha odiado a su propio cuerpo, sino que le da alimento y calor, como Cristo hace con la Iglesia, porque somos miembros de su cuerpo. *Por eso abandonará el hombre a su padre y a su madre, se unirá a su mujer y serán los dos una sola cosa.* Este es un gran misterio, y yo lo refiero a Cristo y a la Iglesia.

Evangelio

Jn 6: 55, 60-69

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a los judíos: "Mi carne es verdadera comida y mi sangre es verdadera bebida". Al oír sus palabras, muchos discípulos de Jesús dijeron: "Este modo de hablar es intolerable, ¿quién puede admitir eso?"

Dándose cuenta Jesús de que sus discípulos murmuraban, les dijo: "¿Esto los escandaliza? ¿Qué sería si vieran al Hijo del hombre subir a

donde estaba antes? El Espíritu es quien da la vida; la carne para nada aprovecha. Las palabras donde estaba antes? El Espíritu es quien da la vida; la carne para nada aprovecha. Las palabras que les he dicho son espíritu y vida, y a pesar de esto, algunos de ustedes no creen". (En efecto, Jesús sabía desde el principio quiénes no creían y quién lo habría de traicionar). Después añadió: "Por eso les he dicho que nadie puede venir a mí, si el Padre no se lo concede".

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 hablo por los profetas.

Creo en una iglesia, que es santa, católica y apostólica. 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.



Readings

First Reading

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Reponsorial Psalm Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Brothers and sisters:
Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.
Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord.
For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.
Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.
He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.
For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.
This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

Gospel

Jn 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this,

he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man Ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

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.



August 22, 2021 | Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b | Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 | Jn 6:60-69

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Have you ever felt nervous in standing up for something, or in taking a position on an issue? Even when the stakes are not particularly high, like a classroom debate over an author’s meaning in her text or requesting that customer service fix a take-out order gone awry, it can be nerve-wracking for many of us to have this kind of engagement. It is especially difficult when we sense conflict. Why is that? Why do we care so much what others think of us? What about when the stakes are literally life or death? In today’s first reading, Joshua is imploring the people to decide which god they will serve, and he boldly proclaims: “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” In the Gospel, some of Jesus’ disciples reject his teachings and drift back to “their former way of life.” Jesus asks the Twelve whether they, too, “want to leave.” Simon Peter responds with the rhetorical question, “Master, to whom [else] shall we go?” Like Joshua, he is bold in his own pronouncement: “You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” Today’s readings encourage and exhort us to go “all in” when it comes to discipleship. The implication is clear: it matters not what others think of us, or what attraction they might hold for us to acquiesce to them. God alone is the source of life, and the truth. He offers us a way - it’s that simple. We simply must decide to serve him.

ACTION Place Joshua’s words on your refrigerator this week: “Decide today whom you will serve ... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Brainstorm about how each member of your household can do that.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

At times this commitment, this life of discipleship, is more difficult than other times. Faith is a personal and communal relationship with our Triune God, and just like our human relationships it requires attentiveness, and “[living] in love as Christ loved us.” Just as a spouse or roommate can annoy us - being messy, hearing the same joke over and over, and don’t get me started on who gets to control the remote! - we may get upset with God because our expectations are not met. But God is God, not “who we think God ought to be.” Therefore, today’s readings are an encouragement to remain steadfast when things are difficult, with St. Paul comparing the love of Jesus for the Church (all of us!) with the mutual love between a husband and wife. No one said it would be easy. Just as a good marriage requires communication, give-and-take, and large doses of forgiveness, so does our relationship with the Lord require prayer, confession, repentance, and thanksgiving.

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 August 29, 2021, please bring canned tomatoes. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 29 de Agosto, 2021, por favor traigan tomates enlatados. GRACIAS!

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 29, 2021 - St. Vincent de Paul
September 5, 2021 - Facility Improvement

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

29 de agosto, 2021 - San Vicente de Paul
5 de septiembre, 2021 - Fondo del Mejoramiento de las Instalaciones

SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL IHM VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF VIRTUS RETRAINING INSTRUCTIONS

30 days before your retraining is due, Virtus will have sent you an email with retraining instructions for your recertification course. Please follow the prompts to retrain. There is no need to register or create a new account.

TO CHECK IF YOU NEED TO RETRAIN: LOGIN TO YOUR VIRTUS ACCOUNT
WWW.VIRTUSONLINE.ORG USING YOUR LOGIN CREDENTIALS.

IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR USER ID OR PASSWORD, SIMPLY CLICK THE NEED LOGIN HELP UNDER THE EXISTING USER BOX. WHEN YOU ARE LOGGED IN, THE HELP SCREEN WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE NECESSARY INFORMATION YOU NEED FOR TRAINING INFORMATION.

AMBIENTE SEGURO PARA TODOS LOS VOLUNTARIOS Y PERSONAL DEL IHM INSTRUCCIONES DE REREENTRENAMIENTO VIRTUS

30 días antes de que se deba volver a entrenar, Virtus le habrá enviado un correo electrónico con instrucciones de reentrenamiento para su curso de recertificación. Por favor, siga las indicaciones para volver a entrenar. No es necesario registrarse ni crear una nueva cuenta,

PARA COMPROBAR SI NECESITA VOLVER A ENTRENAR: INICIE SESIÓN EN SU CUENTA
VIRTUS WWW.VIRTUSONLINE.ORG CON SUS CREDENCIALES DE INICIO DE SESIÓN.

SI HA OLVIDADO SU ID DE USUARIO O CONTRASEÑA, SIMPLEMENTE HAGA CLIC EN LA AYUDA DE INICIO DE SESIÓN DE NECESIDAD EN EL CUADRO DE USUARIO EXISTENTE.

CUANDO HAYA INICIADO SESIÓN, LA PANTALLA DE ESPERANZA LE PROPORCIONARÁ TODA LA INFORMACIÓN NECESARIA QUE NECESITA PARA OBTENER INFORMACIÓN DE CAPACITACIÓN.



October 9, 2021
500 Fairview Avenue
Brentwood, CA 94513
More details are forthcoming!

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.

Registration

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Name _____
Address _____
City/State _____
Name of Parish _____

Phone Number () _____
Email _____
Zip Code _____
Diocese _____

Adult (suggested minimum donation of \$15) x _____ \$ _____
Clergy/Religious/Seminarian x _____ FREE
Youth (11-17) x _____ FREE
Under 11 years old x _____ FREE

I WISH TO DONATE TOWARDS CONFERENCE EXPENSES \$ _____

List Additional Names Here

For CASH (indicate amount) _____
Received by _____

For CHECK, or MONEY ORDER, make it payable to:
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Check Number: _____

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Kindly indicate amount for verification purposes. (\$ _____)

PRE-CONFERENCE SURVEY QUESTION:

If ever, will you be interested to purchase (separate from this registration) any or all of the following?

- ____ Food on site
____ Souvenir Shirt
____ Conference Bag

Please send Registration Form and Donation to IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
(500 Fairview Avenue, Brentwood, CA 94513) no later than **September 15.**

Kindly indicate Confirmation of Registration by: _____ Mail _____ Email _____ Phone Call

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QUIERO DONAR PARA LOS GASTOS DE LA CONFERENCIA: \$ _____

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ENCUESTA ANTES DE LA CONFERENCIA

Si Ud esta interesado en comprar (separado de la registracion) algunos de los siguiente articulos:?

- ___ Comida durante la conferencia
- ___ Camiseta de recuerdo
- ___ Mochila de la conferencia

*Favor mandar la Registracion y Donacion al IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
(500 Fairview Avenue, Brentwood, CA 94513) no mas tarde del 15 de septiembre, 2021.
Favor de indicar fecha de confirmacion por medio de: Correo _____ Correo electronico _____ via telefono*

Information/Información



"Rekindle the Burning Fire of Emmaus" Retreat. Are you an Emmaus Member (Active or not)?

Please join us over two weekends (9-18 in English and 9-25 in Spanish) to rekindle of our Emmaus fire.

Registration forms and weekend scheduling can be found in the boxes in the vestibule or with retreat leaders listed below.

Payment and form submittal may be returned to the parish office (addressed to Dcn John) or left with Mario Lopez, Sean Cordero, Patty Barbosa or Judy Price.

Seating will be limited to 100 people for each retreat. Each retreat will be for husbands and/or wives of the given language.

Retreat cutoff will be 9-1 for English and 9-10 for Spanish.

If you are Emmaus, please plan to join us on these one day retreats with Fr. Jerry Brown as the presenter.

St. Vincent de Paul needs your help!

St. Vincent de Paul Society has three essential elements: *Spirituality*, *Friendship* and *Service*. The first two you probably understand, but the third, **Service**, means we do ALL we can to serve the less fortunate in our community. Sometimes it requires creative thinking. To do our work, we need *people* as well as *funds*. Have you ever thought about joining our ministry? We really need more people. Think about it and let us know if you are interested. Text Dale Masino, President of SVdP @ IHM at 910-209-3114 to let him know you are interested.

Of course, so we can serve people, we do need funds. There will be a second collection the last Weekend in August for St. Vincent de Paul. Some of the money you donate goes towards purchasing food for our pantry, which feeds our neighbors in need. However, the largest part of your donation is used to assist our neighbors when there is a crisis, or an unfortunate circumstance preventing them from making ends meet. As you well know, the Covid-19 crisis is not over for many of our neighbors.

Your donation this second collection on August 28th and August 29th makes you a partner in the help we provide the less fortunate. *Thanks Partner*, and God Bless you for your generosity.



I H M Crafters are Back

We meet each Tuesday from 10am to noon in the IHM Library (in hall after mid-August).

We invite crafters of all types (knitting, quilting, jewelry, sewing, painting, card making, woodworking, etc.) to join our group. At our meetings we share current projects and ideas, discuss projects and plans for the Boutique and other small events, and pray for special intentions.

Our goal is to have a large selection of new hand-made crafted items to sell at our annual Boutique held the last weekend in October. All proceeds go to IHM church. Anyone who cannot attend our meetings are welcomed to donate their new hand-made crafted items to the Boutique. Any items not sold will be returned to the crafter.

So please come. For more information, contact Ann Galassi 925-864-3242 or email her at: anngal1218@yahoo.com.

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.

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



RETURN TO MASS

Ministry Meetings/Reuniones de Ministerios

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St. Bartholomew — Apostle and Martyr

In the New Testament, Bartholomew is mentioned only in the lists of the apostles. Some scholars identify him with Nathanael, a man of Cana in Galilee who was summoned to Jesus by Philip. Jesus paid him a great compliment: "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him" (John 1:47b). When Nathanael asked how Jesus knew him, Jesus said, "I saw you under the fig tree" (John 1:48b). Whatever amazing revelation this involved, it brought Nathanael to exclaim, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel" (John 1:49b). But Jesus countered with, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this" (John 1:50b).

Nathanael did see greater things. He was one of those to whom Jesus appeared on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias after his resurrection (see John 21:1-14). They had been fishing all night without success. In the morning, they saw someone standing on the shore though no one knew it was Jesus. He told them to cast their net again, and they made so great a catch that they could not haul the net in. Then John cried out to Peter, "It is the Lord."

When they brought the boat to shore, they found a fire burning, with some fish laid on it and some bread. Jesus asked them to bring some of the fish they had caught, and invited them to come and eat their meal. John relates that although they knew it was Jesus, none of the apostles presumed to inquire who he was. This, John notes, was the third time Jesus appeared to the apostles.

Reflection

Bartholomew or Nathanael? We are confronted again with the fact that we know almost nothing about most of the apostles. Yet the unknown ones were also foundation stones, the 12 pillars of the new Israel whose 12 tribes now encompass the whole earth. Their personalities were secondary—without thereby being demeaned—to their great office of bearing tradition from their firsthand experience, speaking in the name of Jesus, putting the Word Made Flesh into human words for the enlightenment of the world. Their holiness was not an introverted contemplation of their status before God. It was a gift that they had to share with others. The Good News was that all are called to the holiness of being Christ's members, by the gracious gift of God.

The simple fact is that humanity is totally meaningless unless God is its total concern. Then humanity, made holy with God's own holiness, becomes the most precious creation of God.

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- 12:30 pm Lunch (provided)
- 1:15 pm Sessions resume
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