

SAINT ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 17, 2021

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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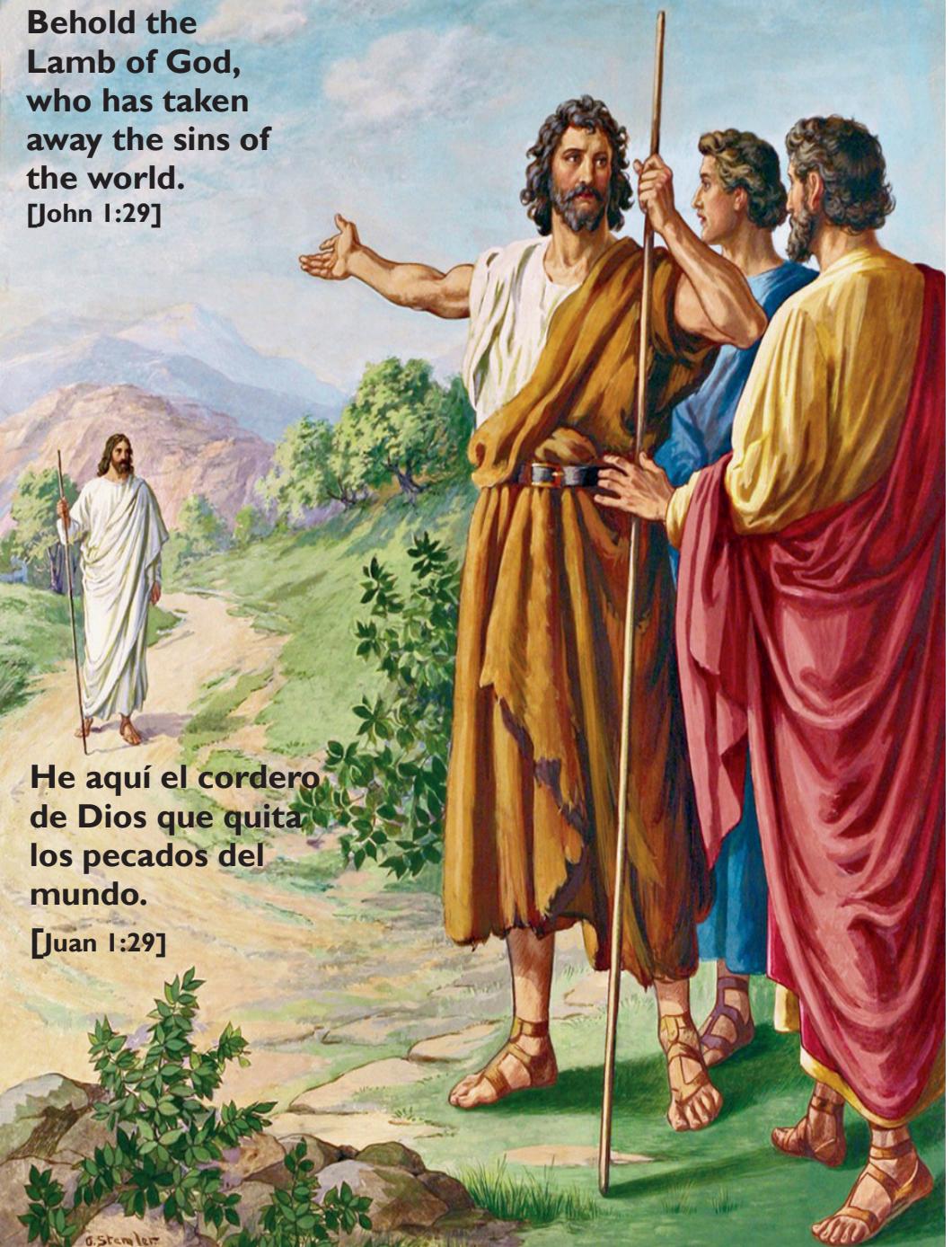
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Thank you for joining us today!
Bienvenidos.
¡Gracias por acompañarnos!

17 DE ENERO DEL 2021

2º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Behold the
Lamb of God,
who has taken
away the sins of
the world.
[John 1:29]



He aquí el cordero
de Dios que quita
los pecados del
mundo.

[Juan 1:29]

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FORMED

FORMED.org invites everyone to join them for a *Lent to Remember* specials. One can tune in to their programs called Symbolon and Forgiven, where one can explore the ways God reaches out to each of us with mercy. It will take us to Christ's suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery and his perpetual reception of His people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A Lent to Remember communicates God's invitation to come and experience God's indescribable love this Lenten season.

Also, Formed welcomes everyone to God's love by watching short, daily videos from Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray. These will serve as awakening reflections during Lent. The Office of Religious Education urges everyone in the parish to see what Formed offers. Please follow the following steps to sign up: 1) Google Formed.org <https://signup.formed.org/> 2) Click on "I belong to the Parish Organization" and type 1311 Robinson Dr. Haines City 33845 3) Type your name 4) Type your e-mail address. At this point, the program will appear on your screen, and you can start navigating the page. The next time you open the page, go to Formed.org; just sign in with your e-mail address, and that's it. Enjoy!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 16, 2021

4:00 PM Francis & Patricia Reiter
66th Wedding Anniversary

7:00 PM (Sp.)

Sunday, January 17, 2021

7:30 AM + Arthur Anacker
10:00 AM Pro Populo
12:00 PM (Sp.) + Carlos Soto
7:00 PM (Sp.) + Antonio Guerra Guerra

Monday, January 18, 2021

9:00 AM

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

9:00 AM + Maria Villanueva Escobar

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

9:00 AM + Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, January 21, 2021

9:00 AM + Mary Wilcox

Friday, January 22, 2021

9:00 AM

7:00 PM (Sp.)

Saturday, January 23, 2021

4:00 PM + Jim Kenny
7:00 PM (Sp.) + Diana Magaña Garcia

Sunday, January 24, 2021

7:30 AM + Paul Katich
10:00 AM Intentions of Kathy Culp
12:00 PM (Sp.) + Celia Gammez de Luna
7:00 PM (Sp.) Por los miembros de la Iglesia

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Please consider making a donation. Thanking you in advance.

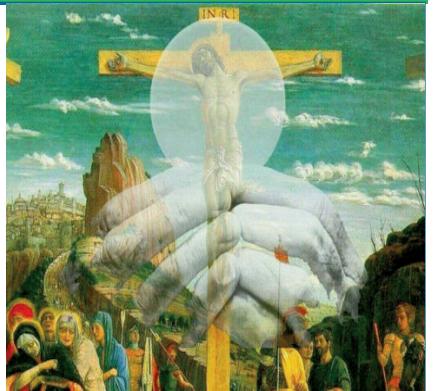
January 9-10, 2021

Mail In: \$2,071.00
50/50: Ms. Josefa Palma - \$111.50
Offertory: \$9,741.00
Faith Direct: \$3,696.12

OCA Update: Goal: \$137,271.20
Raised to Date: \$137,075.23
Still Needed: \$195.97

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

Seek Him out, expecting His divine presence to be veiled but real. Discover Him with the eyes of faith and rejoice as He draws near. Lord, I **behold** Your divine presence today and every day, especially in the real presence of the Eucharist.



Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lord.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof. Only say the word and my soul shall be healed.



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broadcasted on our YouTube Channel:
St. Ann Catholic Church Haines City

PRAYERFULLY RETURNING TO OUR PARISH

We have resumed our normal Mass schedule.



Monday-Friday	9:00 AM - Eng.
Friday	7:00 PM - Sp.
Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday	4:00 PM - Eng.
Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday	7:00 PM - Sp.
Sunday 7:30 AM - Eng.	10:00 AM - Eng.
12:00 PM - Sp.	7:00 PM - Sp.

We will continue to broadcast Sunday Mass on Social Media.

Parishioners are invited to come celebrate with us. It is mandatory that you wear a mask and practice social distancing. Confessions are available by appointment only.

Please call the Parish Office at:

(863) 422-4370

Thank you.



UPCOMING EVENTS



FEBRUARY 2, 2021
Blessing of the Candles

FEBRUARY 3, 2021
Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
Blessing of the Throats

WITNESSES OF GOD'S LOVE



As we fully enter Ordinary Time, we can orient our life of faith in the questions that the Gospel raises for us. In them, we find a way to show the force that moves us to follow and serve the Lord.

Recognizing the presence of Jesus in our daily lives, He, fulfilling his promise: "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20), is present in various ways in our life. It always allows us to grow in faith and hope by manifesting its closeness and seeking to establish a dialogue that leads us to the salvation it offers us. As he did with the disciples who were still attracted to him by his presence, he also asks us, "What are you looking for?" (Jn 1:38b). If we are looking for salvation, he presents himself to us and invites us to unite to carry out the Father's will.

As pilgrims in this world who are searching for understanding and accepting the message of Christ, we know that every time we want to be with him and ask him, "Where are you staying?" (Jn 1:38c), he will say to us, "come and you will see" (Jn 1:39). The deep desire to meet the Lord involves standing up and walking in his footsteps so that we can perceive his loving presence that insistently reveals to us how we are loved and sustained by God. Thus, he points out to us our role as witnesses, who, by proclaiming that he lives in our midst, want to be recognized in each of the needy, in whom we can serve him.

In our Church, we proclaim that Jesus dwells in a particular way in the Eucharist. In it, we can recognize the presence of God in our history. Thus, the magisterium of our Church teaches us to live this relationship in ecclesial communion: "the Eucharistic Sacrifice, while always offered in a particular community, is never a celebration of that community alone. In fact, the community, in receiving the Eucharistic presence of the Lord, receives the entire gift of salvation and shows, even in its lasting visible form, that it is the image and true presence of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church." From this, it follows that a truly Eucharistic community cannot be closed in upon itself, as though it were somehow self-sufficient. Rather, it must persevere in harmony with every other Catholic community.

In this year dedicated to meditating on Saint Joseph, we entrust our Church to his protection so that, guided by his example, we may listen to the voice of God within us and follow him with courage.

Fr. Duber

SAINT OF THE WEEK: SAINT AGNES



Agnes is said to have been martyred in 304 at the age of thirteen when her spurned suitors turned her over to Roman authorities. From antiquity, her "double martyrdom"—of virginity and blood—has been praised. In his *On Virgins*, Saint Ambrose writes: "As a bride, she would not be hastening to join her husband with the same joy she shows as a virgin on her way to punishment, crowned not with flowers but with the holiness of life, adorned not with braided hair but with Christ himself!" Agnes is invoked as the patron of young girls.

Magnificat: January 2021

STS. WHO SERVED IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC



Saint Charles was born into an aristocratic family that was at the center of both ecclesial and political life. From an early age, Charles showed himself to be hardworking and sincerely attached to prayer. At twenty-two, he was made a cardinal by his uncle, the pope, and appointed to administer in the Diocese of Milan.

Though Charles wanted to go to his people—who had not had a resident bishop for over eighty years—he was kept in Rome, where he helped to drive the many reforms in the final session of the Council of Trent. When he was at last freed to go to Milan, he preached his first Mass in the city on Christ's words from Luke 22:15: *I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.*

Charles chose to live as simply as his position allowed. "We ought to walk in front," he told his priests, "and our spiritual subjects will follow us more easily." When famine came, Charles incurred great debt helping the hungry. When the plague came, Charles prepared his soul for death and then led the people in a penitential procession, barefoot and with a noose around his neck (features that are often seen in the Church's art).

After about twenty years of unceasing labor for his people, Charles died of fever on November 3, 1584. His final words: *Ecce venio, "Behold, I come!"*

Magnificat: January 2021

SUPPORTING ST. ANN

If you haven't already, please consider enrolling. You may visit faith.direct/FL1031 or through our website www.stannhc.com to enroll for regular Offer-tory and our Buildings and Grounds fund securely online. Also, "text to give" is available at **(863) 400-1077**. We pray for your continued good health and safety in this time of change and know you are in our prayers always. God Bless You.

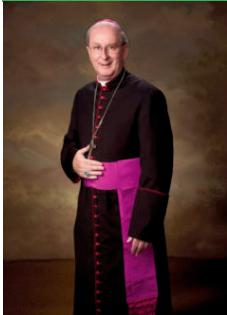


AYUDANDO A SANTA ANA

Faith Direct también le ofrece tarjetas de ofertorio personalizadas para reemplazar los sobres utilizados en la colecta realizada por canasta. Si aún no lo ha hecho considere inscribirse y apoyar así nuestros fondos de "Ofertorio Regular" y de "Edificios y Terrenos" de forma segura, para ello puede visitar faith.direct/FL1031 o a través de nuestro sitio web www.stannhc.com. Además "Texto para dar" está disponible en **(863) 400-1077**. Oramos por su buena salud y seguridad en este momento de cambio, recuerde que siempre está en nuestras oraciones.



A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP JOHN NOONAN



My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Our baptismal fonts and holy water stoups still lay barren during the Pandemic. On January 10, the close of the Christmas season, we hear proclaimed the Gospel about the Baptism of the Lord. Such an incongruity for the people of God.

We think of water as essential to our daily living, and we know that the water of Baptism is essential to our life in Christ. Water represents the fullness of life that God promises. In understanding the gift of Baptism, we must recognize that God's ways are beyond our comprehension. The water of Baptism nourishes the seeds of God's love within us as we are attentive to Him and participate in bringing forth His kingdom on earth.

Pope Francis says, "We rediscover our own Baptism in the Feast of the Baptism. Just as Jesus is the Beloved Son of the Father, we too, reborn by water and the Holy Spirit, know we are loved children—the Father loves us all!—, the object of God's satisfaction, brothers and sisters of many brothers and sisters, assigned with a great mission to bear witness and proclaim the Father's boundless love to all mankind."

Yet, we recall Jesus on the Cross, crying out, "I thirst." For whom was He thirsting? Would a drink of water have satisfied Him? He was crying out for us. He was crying out for our attentiveness to God—not just at that moment, but throughout all ages—yesterday, today, and forever. He was crying out for you and me to remind us of our Baptism and the Covenant we made that glorious day to live through, with, and in Him.

John the Baptist tried to prepare hearts for the coming of God's Kingdom. Jesus, while He may not have needed the 'conversion' brought forth by Baptism, humbled Himself to show us the importance of His unity with the Father. In the water, Jesus becomes what John the Baptist has been talking about: the Dawn of the Kingdom of God. The voice from the heavens acknowledges the wondrous love of God, "You are my beloved Son, with you, I am well pleased." Jesus is the path of this wondrous love and the sealer of the Covenant between God and us.

Pope Francis said, "This simple phrase enables us to intuit something of the mystery of Jesus and of His heart, always turned to the Father." We have just celebrated the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Are we attentive to God, as Jesus came to help us understand? Think of these days and how you have lived your true conversion to God. Is your daily living one of all prayer, from the moment you rise to the close of the night? Do you pray with your family? Do you converse well with your brothers and sisters, parents, friends? Even though we may not see each other as often as we would like, God has given us the gift of technology to make phone calls, post to Facebook, or skype each other. Do you care for others by wearing your mask in public? In the season of Christmas, as gift-giving is so appropriate, did you remember those who are suffering? Have you shared some of your treasures with others? Do you patiently teach your children how to follow Jesus? Do you work for the common good and renounce personal gain? In His Baptism, Jesus immerses His body to join each one of us and calls for us to be holy. May we live as His holy people, that we may be called beloved.

WHAT'S UP IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

Faith Formation classes for both Thursday and Saturday sessions have resumed. The year 2021 opens with plenty of activities in the months ahead. Cyberspace is filled with communication exchanges between and among catechists, on the one hand, and the Office of Religious Education, on the other hand, thus assuring that nothing is left unattended.



Catechists have a choice of either making in-person or virtual attendance to the Ministry Formation Conference for two days on February 5 and February 6, 2021.

Concerned students will undergo intense preparations for receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist for the first time. The catechists are working on their lesson plans for the effective presentation on the *Circle of Grace*, a program mandated by the Diocese of Orlando.

With the early start of Lent this year, the Office of Religious Education is busy planning for a proposed virtual Lenten project. This will be the first undertaking of its kind by the Office of Religious Education, which will enlist the active involvement of parents, students, and catechists. With the availability of a lot of suitable technology know-how and the grace from above, we are hopeful that it will become a successful reality.

Meanwhile, the following dates are very important to note:

January 12, 2021 - Meeting at Church with ten Kindergarten and Grade 1 students.

January 19, 2021 - Meeting at Church with ten Student Lectors.

January 16, 2021 - General Assembly for those who will receive First Communion. Those concerned must come to the Church at least 15 minutes prior to their schedule.

First session - 9:00-10:30 AM; Second session -11:00 AM-12:30 PM. Parents are to pick up their children after each session.

Schedules for First Reconciliation:

February 6, 2021 - With Fr. Duber at 9:00 AM: Ms. Julissa's class and Ms. Clara's class
With Fr. Alfonso at 11:00 AM: Ms. Veny's class and Ms. Rita's class

February 20, 2021 - With Fr. Alfonso at 9:00 AM: Ms. Nilda's class
With Fr. Duber at 9:00 AM: Ms. Claudia's class and Ms. Estella's class

February 27, 2021 - With Fr. Alfonso at 9:00 AM: Ms. Betty's class and Ms. Silvia's class
With Fr. Duber at 9:00 AM: Mr. & Mrs. Astrid's class and Ms. Wanda's class

The schedule for First Communion will be announced later.

GOOD NEWS!

Yes, it is good news! Last year our goal for Our Catholic Appeal was \$137,271.20. At the end of the month, we will have met our 2020 goal! Even through these pandemic times, we did it!

Remember, funds from our OCA commitment go to help our Seminarians with their tuition, the Retired Religious for their care, Catholic Schools, on-going Parish Ministerial needs and classes, Safe Environment, Catholic Charities that fund Food Banks and Medical clinics, helping Migrants acclimate to their new surroundings, providing housing and job training to the needy, and our Sister Diocese: San Juan de la Maguana in the Dominican Republic with a brand new Science Lab last year. And so much more!

Our 2021 OCA will be announced in February. I know that you will again rise to the challenge because Saint Ann and its people will always make it happen! Thank you.

Congratulations!

LIFE IS A GIFT

St. Ann's will be having a Rosary for the Unborn-January 16 & 17.

A Prayer for the Unborn

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us,
protect against the wickedness of the devil,
those helpless little ones to whom You have
given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women
pregnant in our world today.
Help them to see that the child they carry
is made in Your image, as well as theirs,
made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear of selfishness and give
them true womanly hearts to love their
babies and give them birth and all the
needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Our Lord Who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.



TESTIGOS DEL AMOR DE DIOS



Al entrar de lleno en el tiempo ordinario, podemos orientar nuestra vida de fe en las preguntas que suscita en nosotros el relato evangélico, en ellas encontramos una manera de evidenciar en nuestro interior la fuerza que nos mueve a seguir y servir al Señor.

Atentos para reconocer la presencia de Jesús en nuestra vida cotidiana, Él, cumpliendo su promesa: "Yo estaré con ustedes todos los días hasta el fin del mundo?" (Mt 28,20) se hace presente de variadas formas en nuestra vida, siempre permitiéndonos crecer en la fe y en la esperanza al manifestar su cercanía y buscando establecer un diálogo que nos conduzca a la salvación que nos ofrece. Como hace con los discípulos que le siguen atraídos por su presencia, también nos pregunta a nosotros ¿Qué buscan? (Jn 1,38b), si estamos buscando la salvación, entonces Él mismo se nos presenta y nos invita a unirnos para llevar a cabo el proyecto del Padre.

En búsqueda de entender y aceptar el mensaje de Cristo, nos sabemos peregrinos en este mundo, pues cada vez que queremos estar con Él, al preguntarle ¿dónde vives? (Jn 1,38c), nos dice "ven y lo verás" (Jn 1,39). El deseo profundo del encuentro con el Señor lleva consigo ponernos en pie, caminar tras sus huellas para que podamos percibir su presencia amorosa que con insistencia nos revela la manera en que somos amados y sostenidos por Dios. Así nos señala, nuestro rol de testigos, quienes al proclamar que vive en medio de nosotros, quiere ser reconocido en cada necesitado, en quien podemos servirle.

En nuestra Iglesia proclamamos que Jesús mora de manera particular en la Eucaristía, en ella podemos reconocer la presencia de Dios en la historia, así el magisterio de nuestra Iglesia nos enseña a vivir esta relación en la comunión eclesial: "el Sacrificio eucarístico, aun celebrándose siempre en una comunidad particular, no es nunca celebración de esa sola comunidad: ésta, en efecto, recibiendo la presencia eucarística del Señor, recibe el don completo de la salvación, y se manifiesta así, a pesar de su permanente particularidad visible, como imagen y verdadera presencia de la Iglesia una, santa, católica y apostólica. De esto se deriva que una comunidad realmente eucarística no puede encerrarse en sí misma, como si fuera autosuficiente, sino que ha de mantenerse en sintonía con todas las demás comunidades católicas". (Ecclesia et Eucharistia n.39)

En este año dedicado a meditar en san José, encomendemos nuestra Iglesia a su protección para guiados por su ejemplo, sepamos escuchar en nuestro interior la voz de Dios y seguirle con valentía.

Fr. Duber

¿QUE PASA EN EDUCACION RELIGIOSA?

Las clases de formación en la fe, para las sesiones de jueves y sábado, han reiniciado. El año 2021 comienza con muchas actividades en los próximos meses. El ciberespacio está lleno de intercambios de comunicación entre los catequistas, por un lado, y la Oficina de Educación Religiosa, por el otro, lo que garantiza que nada quede desatendido.



Los catequistas tienen la opción de asistir en persona o virtual a la Conferencia de Formación Ministerial durante dos días, el 5 de febrero y el 6 de febrero de 2021.

Los estudiantes preocupados se someterán a intensos preparativos para recibir los sacramentos de la reconciliación y la sagrada eucaristía por primera vez. Los catequistas están trabajando en sus planes de lecciones para la presentación efectiva del Círculo de Gracia, un programa ordenado por la Diócesis de Orlando.

Con el comienzo temprano de la Cuaresma de este año, la Oficina de Educación Religiosa está ocupada planeando un proyecto de Cuaresma virtual propuesto. Esta será la primera empresa de este tipo de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa que contará con la participación activa de padres, estudiantes y catequistas. Con la disponibilidad de una gran cantidad de conocimientos tecnológicos adecuados y la gracia de arriba, tenemos la esperanza de que se convierta en una realidad exitosa.

Mientras tanto, es muy importante tener en cuenta las siguientes fechas:

12 de enero de 2021: reunión en la iglesia con diez estudiantes de jardín de infantes y primer grado.

19 de enero de 2021: reunión en la iglesia con diez estudiantes lectores.

16 de enero de 2021 - Asamblea General para quienes recibirán la Primera Comunión. Los interesados deben venir a la Iglesia al menos 15 minutos antes de su horario: Primera sesión - de 9: 00-10: 30 am; segunda sesión de 11:00 am a 12:30 pm. Los padres deben recoger a sus hijos después de cada sesión.

Horarios para la primera reconciliación:

06 de febrero de 2021 - Con el P. Duber a las 9 am: clase de la Sra. Julissa y clase de la Sra. Clara
Con el P. Cely a las 11 am: clase de la Sra. Veny Clase de la Sra. Rita

20 de febrero de 2021 - Con el P. Cely a las 9 am: clase de la Sra. Nilda
Con el P. Duber a las 9 am: clase de la Sra. Claudia y clase de la Sra. Estella.

27 de febrero de 2021 - Con el P. Cely a las 9 am: clase de la Sra. Betty y clase de la Sra. Silvia
Con el P. Duber a las 9 am: la clase del Sr. Nelsony la clase de la Sra. Wanda

El horario de la Primera Comunión se anunciará más tarde.

UN MENSAJE DEL OBISPO JOHN NOONAN

Mis hermanas y hermanos en Cristo:

Nuestras pilas bautismales y pilas de agua bendita todavía estaban estériles durante la pandemia. El 10 de enero, cierre de la temporada navideña, escuchamos la proclamación del Evangelio sobre el Bautismo del Señor. Qué incongruencia para el pueblo de Dios. Pensamos que el agua es esencial para nuestra vida diaria y sabemos que el agua del Bautismo es esencial para nuestra vida en Cristo. El agua representa la plenitud de vida que Dios promete. Para comprender el don del bautismo, debemos reconocer que los caminos de Dios están más allá de nuestra comprensión. El agua del Bautismo nutre las semillas del amor de Dios dentro de nosotros mientras estamos atentos a Él y participamos en traer Su reino en la tierra.

El Papa Francisco dice: "Redescubrimos nuestro propio Bautismo en la Fiesta del Bautismo. Así como Jesús es el Hijo Amado del Padre, nosotros también, renacidos por el agua y el Espíritu Santo, sabemos que somos hijos amados, ¡el Padre nos ama a todos! -, objeto de la satisfacción de Dios, hermanos y hermanas de muchos hermanos y hermanas, asignados con una gran misión de dar testimonio y proclamar el amor ilimitado del Padre a toda la humanidad".

Sin embargo, recordamos a Jesús en la Cruz gritando: "Tengo sed". ¿De quién tenía sed? ¿Le habría satisfecho un trago de agua? Él estaba llorando por nosotros. Él estaba clamando por nuestra atención a Dios, no solo en ese momento, sino a lo largo de todas las edades, ayer, hoy y siempre. Él estaba clamando por tí y por mí para recordarnos nuestro bautismo y el pacto que hicimos ese glorioso día para vivir, con y en Él.

Juan el Bautista trató de preparar los corazones para la venida del Reino de Dios. Jesús, aunque tal vez no necesitó la "conversión" producida por el bautismo, se humilló para mostrarnos la importancia de su unidad con el Padre. En el agua, Jesús se convierte en aquello de lo que habla Juan el Bautista: la Aurora del Reino de Dios. La voz de los cielos reconoce el maravilloso amor de Dios: "Tú eres mi Hijo amado, en ti tengo complacencia". Jesús es el camino de este maravilloso amor y el sellador del pacto entre nosotros y Dios.

El Papa Francisco dijo: "Esta simple frase nos permite intuir algo del misterio de Jesús y de su corazón, siempre vuelto al Padre". Acabamos de celebrar las temporadas de Adviento y Navidad. ¿Estamos atentos a Dios, como vino Jesús para ayudarnos a comprender? Piensa en estos días y en cómo has vivido tu verdadera conversión a Dios. ¿Es tu vida diaria una de todas las oraciones, desde el momento en que te levantas hasta el final de la noche? ¿Oras con tu familia? ¿Conversas bien con tus hermanos y hermanas, padres, amigos? Aunque no nos veamos tan a menudo como nos gustaría, Dios nos ha dado el regalo de la tecnología para hacer llamadas telefónicas, publicar en Facebook o Skype. ¿Te preocupas por los demás usando tu máscara en público? En la época navideña como la entrega de regalos es tan apropiada, ¿te acuerdas de los que sufren? ¿Ha compartido algunos de sus tesoros con otros? ¿Enseña pacientemente a sus hijos a seguir a Jesús? ¿Trabaja por el bien común y renuncia al beneficio personal?

En su bautismo, Jesús sumerge su cuerpo para unirse a cada uno de nosotros y nos llama a ser santos. Que vivamos como su pueblo santo, para que seamos llamados amados.



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SANTA INÉS



Se dice que Agnes fue martirizada en 304 a la edad de trece años, cuando sus pretendientes despreciados la entregaron a las autoridades romanas. Desde la antigüedad, su "doble martirio", de virginidad y sangre, ha sido alabado. San Ambrosio escribe en su obra Sobre las vírgenes: "Como esposa, no se apresuraría a unirse a su marido con la misma alegría que muestra como virgen en su camino al castigo, coronada no de flores sino deantidad de vida, no adornada con cabello trenzado pero con el mismo Cristo!" Se invoca a Inés como la patrona de las niñas. *Magnificat: enero de 2021*

¡Sí, son buenas noticias! El año pasado, nuestra meta para Our Catholic Appeal fue de \$ 137,271.20. ¡Al final del mes habremos cumplido nuestra meta 2020! Incluso en estos tiempos de pandemia, ¡lo logramos!

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