

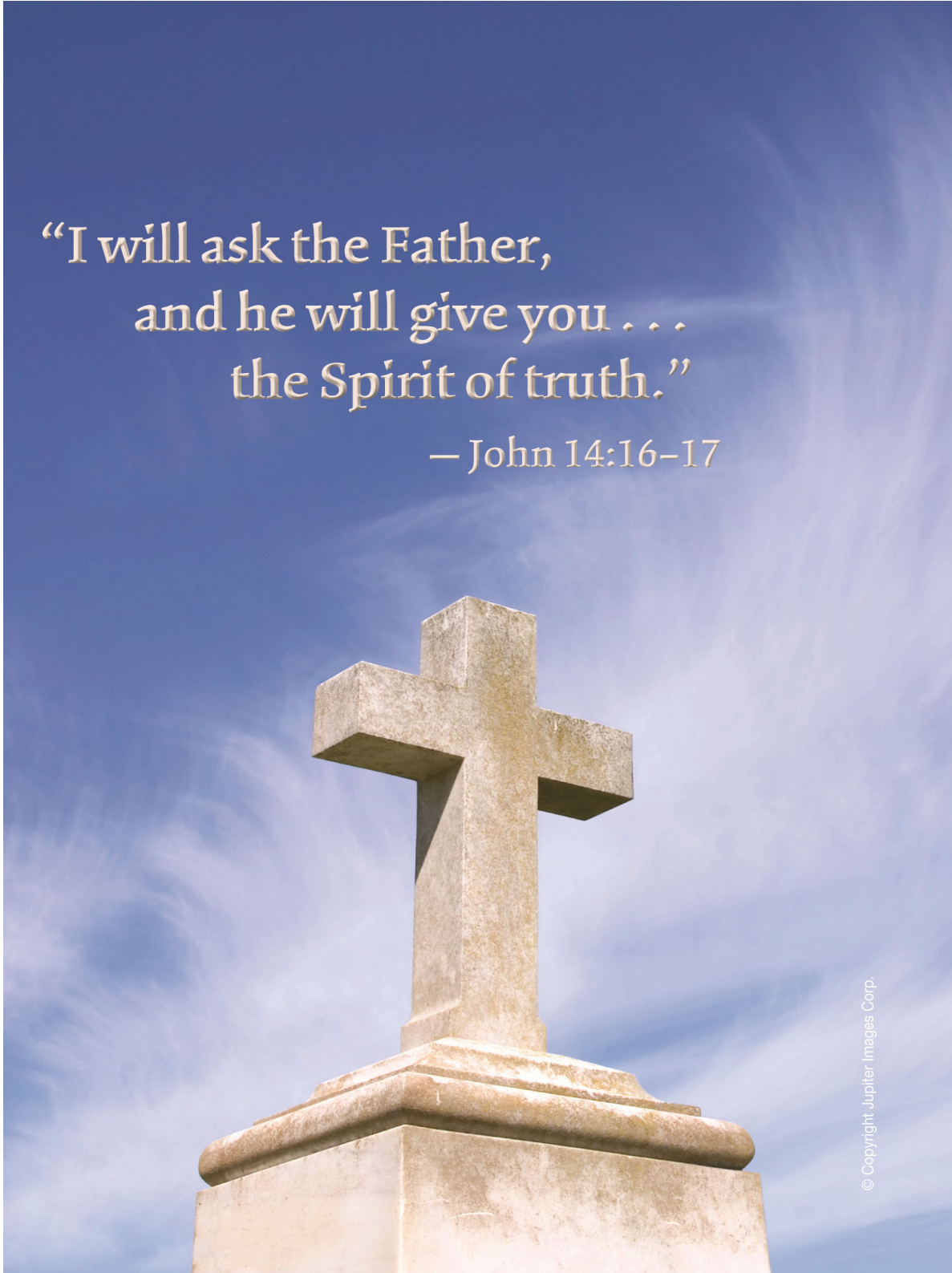
May 17, 2020

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the Spirit of truth.”

— John 14:16-17



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7:30 AM	Pro Populo
	9:00 AM	Brother Paul Maria
	11:00 AM	Ruth Decker
	1:00 PM	Irineo, Pat and Rene Balangue, †
	5:00 PM	Vincent Sy, †
Monday	8:00 AM	Dayanghirang Family Birthdays
	6:00 PM	Catalina Orellana, †
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Jane Dominguez, †
	6:00 PM	Jackson Estioko, †
Wed.	8:00 AM	David Trotter, †
	6:00 PM	Provincial/good of Province/Vocations
Thursday	8:00 AM	Alicia Areola, her intentions
	6:00 PM	Carmen Butiu, †
Friday	8:00 AM	Elenita de Leon, thanksgiving
	6:00 PM	Dec. Dominican Friars, Parents, friends and benefactors
	6:00 PM	Isabel del Rosario, † Amelia and Agaton Ventura, † Hilda Benabe Diaz, †
Saturday	8:00 AM	Arriola Family, thanksgiving
	5:00 PM	Jose Cuenco, †

(Important: These Masses will be celebrated in the private chapel of St. Dominic's Priory. All the written intentions will be honored. Thank you for your understanding.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

SCHEDULE UPDATES

CHURCH HOURS: Closed until further notice.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Closed to the public. Call if there is a need.

CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH: Canceled except in case of emergency.

EVENTS CANCELLED OR POSTPONED:

DAILY & SUNDAY MASS IN CHURCH: Mass has been cancelled from March 17 until further notice.

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES:

All Ministry Activities are currently cancelled or postponed. More info to come.

SAINT DOMINIC SCHOOL:

The School is closed.

QUEENSCARE NURSE:

There will be no nursing services until further notice. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Adoration, confessions:

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A Message from Fr. Roberto

Living with Imperfection – Part II

There is a very famous and insightful phrase that our Dominican brother, St. Thomas Aquinas coined: “**grace builds on nature.**” In other words, God respects our nature, our basic predispositions and our DNA. He doesn’t annihilate our personality and identity when he works with us, but builds upon it – the good and the bad – to try and make us better. By nature, you and I have certain tendencies – again, good and bad – that are probably going to be with us for the rest of our lives. Now, obviously, we need to do our very best to change our vices to virtues and to stop any tendency we have to commit sin; but, for most of us, the temptation to revert to our sinful inclinations will always be somewhere close by. That’s why recovering addicts live “a day at a time” as Alcoholics Anonymous says.

I think the first thing we have to do in order to try to overcome our imperfections is simply to admit we have them and try to know what they are in order to try to deal with them. In some circles, this is called “facing our shadow side.” That is a huge first step. The people we often find hardest to deal with are those who don’t even know they have issues or who refuse to acknowledge them. An essential element of being spiritually mature is developing the ability to see ourselves as we really are, our gifts and goodness as well as our problems and shadow side. The more we know ourselves, the more we will know God and the more we come to know God, the more we will be able to see ourselves as we are. Very often, if we refuse to acknowledge our shadow side, i.e., if we deny our imperfections, we will end up projecting them onto others. Know anybody like that?

Another great gift we have as Catholics that can help us battle our faults and failings is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If we utilize this sacrament well, it can really help us grow in self-knowledge and humility. But we must keep in mind that going to confession doesn’t automatically or magically destroy our sins. As I mentioned last week, many of us battle with the same sins for years. The Sacrament does what it says: it reconciles us with God, with others, with the Church and with ourselves by, among other things, helping us realize that we are a mixture of light and shadow, good and evil inclinations. This is a struggle and paradox with which every mature Christian must live.

And, just as we individuals have imperfections and unhealthy inclinations, so too does every human group and organization to which we belong, including our families, our schools, our parish, our Catholic Church, our country, our ethnic group, etc. Original sin and imperfection is everywhere. Therefore, we need to acknowledge these communal imperfections too and do our best to work with and improve them.

Certainly there is one other important weapon we have in learning to live with imperfection, and that is a sense of humor. How healthy and good it is to be able to laugh at ourselves and at life now and then. I know way too many Catholics who are simply grim in their approach to discipleship and religion; they are not a lot of fun to be around. Be suspicious of anyone who doesn’t know how to laugh at least once in a while. Leon Bloy, the French novelist and poet, very insightfully said: “**Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God.**”

There is something liberating in knowing that we are not perfect, because then we don’t have to live up to unrealistic expectations for ourselves. And, if we can realize that no one else is perfect either, it can free us and them from the tyranny of our drive for perfection that can sometimes dominate our lives.

I finish with three lovely quotes from St. Catherine of Siena, our great Dominican sister, in her book, “The Dialogue”:

- “Never leave the knowledge of yourself. For you will know [God] in yourself, and from this knowledge you will draw all that you need...if we see ourselves in the mirror of God’s love, we begin to recognize and to believe in our own goodness in God, whose love has made us worthy of love.”
- “O fire of ever-blazing love...the soul who comes to know herself in you finds greatness wherever she turns...even in the tiniest things...in people...in all created things.”
- “Look into yourself and you will find what [God loves].”

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Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

Vivir con la Imperfección – Parte II

Hay una famosa y astuta frase de nuestro hermano dominico, Santo Tomás de Aquino: "la gracia supone la naturaleza y la perfección." En otras palabras, Dios respeta a nuestro carácter básico, a nuestras predisposiciones y a nuestro ADN. Él no aniquila nuestra personalidad e identidad cuando obra en nosotros; más bien edifica por encima de ellas – lo bueno y lo malo – tratando de hacernos mejores. Por nuestra naturaleza, usted y yo tenemos ciertas tendencias – otra vez, buenas y malas – que probablemente vayan a estar con nosotros por el resto de nuestras vidas. Ahora bien, de plano tenemos que hacer todo lo posible para cambiar nuestros vicios a virtudes y para evitar cualquier tendencia que tenemos hacia el pecado, sin embargo, para la mayoría de nosotros, la tentación de volvernos a nuestras inclinaciones pecaminosas estará cerca. Por eso Alcohólicos Anónimos dicen que hay que vivir "un día a la vez."

Yo pienso que la primera cosa que tenemos que hacer para intentar a sobrevenir a nuestras imperfecciones es simplemente reconocer que las tenemos y saber cuáles son. En algunos círculos esto se llama "enfrentar a nuestra sombra." Es un gran primer paso. Muchas veces son las personas que ni siquiera saben que tienen imperfecciones o que rehúsan reconocerlas que nos causan más problemas. Un elemento esencial de ser maduros espiritualmente es el desarrollar la capacidad de vernos tal como somos, nuestros dones y bondad tanto como nuestras imperfecciones y sombras. Por más que nos conocemos, más conoceremos a Dios y vice versa. Muy seguido, si rehusamos reconocer nuestras imperfecciones y las negamos, terminamos por proyectarlas a otros. ¿Conocen a alguien que hace eso?

Otro gran don que tenemos como católicos que nos puede ayudar a luchar contra nuestras fallas y faltas es el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Si lo utilizamos bien, nos puede ayudar mucho a crecer en el autoconocimiento y en la humildad. Pero tenemos que acordarnos que al confesar nuestros pecados no se destruyen automáticamente y no se desaparecen mágicamente. Como mencioné la semana pasada en mi mensaje, muchos de nosotros batallamos con los mismos pecados por años. El Sacramento hace lo que dice: nos reconcilia con Dios, con los demás y con nosotros mismos por, entre otras cosas, ayudar en darnos cuenta que somos una mezcla de luz y sombra, buenas y malas inclinaciones. Esta es la lucha y la paradoja que cada cristiano maduro tiene que vivir.

Es más, tal como nosotros como individuos tenemos imperfecciones e inclinaciones malas, también así es con cada grupo y organización humana a los cuales pertenecemos, inclusive nuestras familias, nuestras escuelas, nuestra parroquia, nuestra Iglesia Católica, nuestro país, nuestro grupo étnico, etc. El pecado original y la imperfección están en todas partes. Nos toca a nosotros, entonces, reconocer estas imperfecciones comunales también y hacer lo mejor en trabajar con ellas y mejorarlas.

Ciertamente hay otra arma importante que tenemos en aprender cómo vivir con la imperfección que es un sentido de humor. Qué saludable y bueno es el poder reírnos a nosotros mismos y a la vida de vez en cuando. Yo conozco a demasiados católicos que son tan tristes y enojones en cuanto su forma de ser discípulos y su forma de vivir la religión. Sé sospechoso de quienquiera no sabe reírse al menos de vez en cuando. León Bloy, el novelista y poeta francés, lo dijo bien: **"La alegría es el signo más infalible de la presencia de Dios."**

Nos hace sentir libres cuando sabemos que no somos perfectos, que no tenemos que alcanzar las expectativas poco realistas que a veces nos imponemos a nosotros. Y, si podemos darnos cuenta que los demás tampoco son perfectos, nos puede liberar a nosotros y a ellos de la tiranía del impulso hacia la perfección que a veces nos domina.

Termino con tres citas preciosas de nuestra gran hermana dominica, Santa Catalina de Siena, en su libro, "El Diálogo:"

- "Nunca dejes el conocimiento de ti mismo. Porque me conocerás a mí en ti, y de este conocimiento encontrarás todo lo que necesitas...si nos vemos en el espejo del amor de Dios, empezamos a reconocer y creer en nuestra propia bondad en Dios, cuyo amor nos ha hecho dignos de amor. "
- "O fuego siempre ardiente de amor...el alma que viene a conocerse a sí misma en ti encuentra la grandeza en todas partes...incluso en las cosas más pequeñas... en las personas...en todas las cosas creadas."
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Fr. Cassian's Book Club

This month we will read and discuss the book "*The Dutch House*", a novel by Ann Patchett.

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