

June 28, 2020

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Thirteenth Sunday *in Ordinary Time*

June 28, 2020

Whoever gives only a cup
of cold water to one of these
little ones to drink because
the little one is a disciple —
amen, I say to you,
he will surely not lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42



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MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sunday | 7:30 AM | Concepcion Baluyot, † |
| | 9:00 AM | Pro Populo |
| | 11:00 AM | Alvin and Marilou Pico, 15th Wedding Anniversary |
| Monday | 1:00 PM | Juan Pablo Montes, † |
| | 5:00 PM | Josefina Gozum, birthday |
| | 8:00 AM | Leonora Bautista, † |
| Tuesday | 6:00 PM | Shin Honda, † |
| | 8:00 AM | Rosie S. Serrano, birthday |
| Wed. | 6:00 PM | Michelle-Castro Coloma, † |
| | 8:00 AM | Francisco Lopez, † |
| Thursday | 6:00 PM | Celso C. Cuenca, † |
| | 8:00 AM | Angel and Cabrina Benavidez |
| Friday | 6:00 PM | Sophia J. Decker, her intentions |
| | 9:00 AM | Holy Father |
| Saturday | 8:00 AM | Souls in Purgatory |
| | 5:00 PM | Eva Sanchez, † |

(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

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| Monday: | Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19 |
| Tuesday: | Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27 |
| Wednesday: | Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34 |
| Thursday: | Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8 |
| Friday: | Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29 |
| Saturday: | Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country," nos. 882- 886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891 |
| Sunday: | Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30 |

June 15, 2020

Dear Faithful Catholic School Community, I pray this correspondence finds you and your families safe and well. The California Department of Public Health has released guidance to PK-12 public and private schools for the return to in-person instruction. As a result of this guidance and recent modifications to county public health orders in Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles, the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will resume on-campus instruction in the fall.

The Department of Catholic Schools has been working diligently with our county public health partners to define modifications to facilitate in-person instruction. We should anticipate protocols such as, physical distancing; facial coverings; frequent hand washing; keeping students in class-level cohorts; use of outdoor spaces for instruction; and, non-touch temperature checks upon entry, among others. Details will be presented to school principals and presidents in our forthcoming Starting the School Year Smart guidance document which will be based on the state public health department's guidance and input from our school leaders.

Each of our school communities is unique and will customize modifications to meet their respective campuses and student enrollment needs. For example, some schools may see changes to their daily and weekly schedules, integrate technology into lessons, use campus spaces differently, set-up classroom furniture in a new way and other approaches to accommodate these new protocols. Due to the unpredictability of public health conditions and to accommodate student and staff needs, schools will prepare distance learning plans should they become necessary. Schools will be developing their individual return to campus plans in accordance with these modifications.

Over the past three months, we've come to appreciate how vital our Catholic schools are to our children. Our campuses serve as centers of love, learning, faith and community. By the time the new school year starts, students will have been away from their schools for five months. The impact of missing in-person learning over many months cannot be ignored, yet, we are all concerned that returning could bring health risks to our children, educators and the community. Our goal is to strike a balance between preventing the spread of COVID-19 and providing children with the education, nutrition, physical activity, and mental health benefits provided through the reopening of Catholic schools. In a statement made earlier this month, the Southern California chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is calling for the return to in person instruction in schools due to the negative effects of missing in-person educational time as children experience prolonged periods of isolation and lack of instruction.⁽¹⁾

(1) Local Pediatricians Urge Collaborative Decision-Making About Reopening Schools, American Academy of Pediatrics, Southern California Chapter, PASADENA, CA (June 2, 2020).

Indeed, we cannot eliminate the risk of COVID-19 in our communities, but we can reduce it by being flexible, consistent and vigilant. We must use every tool we have available to ensure our students are in school learning, growing and living in the safest environment possible. This is why we, as a sacramental community, must be committed to protecting our children and each other, always. Though some protocols may be inconvenient, they are absolutely necessary to our collective ability to maintain safety. We must work together, parent to parent, teacher to teacher, student to student to support a healthy learning environment under these new conditions.

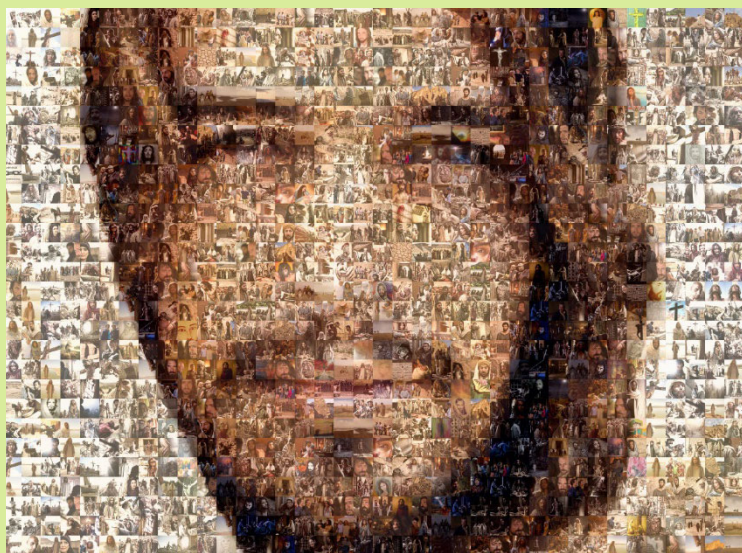
To ensure the return to campuses is done with the highest attention to health and safety for our students and staff, the Department of Catholic Schools has been working with the State of California and local vendors on the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Through our efforts with the state, we have successfully secured a 30-day supply of face coverings, face shields, hand sanitizer and no-touch thermometers at no cost to our schools. Further, we have pre-negotiated pricing with reputable vendors so our schools can purchase PPE items directly at wholesale cost; details will be included in our guidance to schools. Finally, we have secured financial support from our philanthropic partners to ensure schools who serve our most impoverished students have the necessary PPE for their students and staff. The lack of funds to purchase PPE should not prevent a school from opening in-person, nor prevent students from learning together.

What we've collectively experienced over the past three months has been nothing short of unprecedented. Despite the challenges, we've witnessed the incredible courage, resiliency and commitment of our Catholic school community in ways we've never seen before. The coming school year will require the same faith, conviction and grace as we come together for our children on our campuses in the fall. What makes our schools so special is the loving and caring families and educators who do all they can to advance student achievement and faith. In these uncertain times, let us lean on each other and ensure our children return with joy, optimism and care.

On behalf of Archbishop José Gomez and our entire school ministry, thank you for your partnership, commitment and solidarity throughout these past several months. We look forward to welcoming you back to campus this fall. Yours in Christ, Paul M. Escala Superintendent of Schools

A Message from Fr. Roberto

The Big Picture



<http://www.sonofgodmovie.com/inspiration/mosaic/data/mosaic.jpg>

Perhaps you are familiar with the style of imagery below. It is a picture made up of a mosaic of smaller pictures. The big picture, as you can see, is the face of Jesus. To me this is a great analogy for our Christian lives. You and I are like the little pictures that, together, make up the bigger picture. Each of us is unique and brings something special to the Body of Christ and to the world. As Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman said: *“God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission... I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work.”* And so, each of us is important, loved uniquely and infinitely by our God, and called to serve God in an important and unique manner in our lives.

Nevertheless, by ourselves, we are only a small part of the big picture, and this is something we have to keep in mind. Unfortunately, too often, we can lose track of the

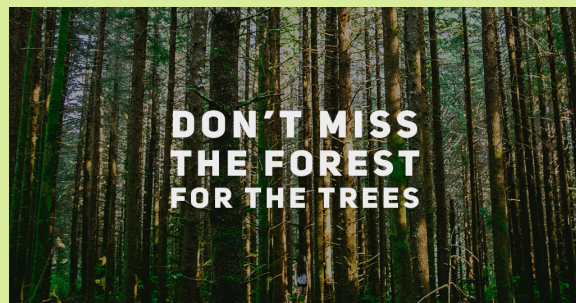
bigger picture and focus only on ourselves, on our little corner of the world, on our needs and wants and agenda.

The bigger picture is always the kingdom of God. This is what Jesus preached again and again in the gospels as he proclaimed: “The kingdom of God is among you.” It was a way of reminding his disciples – and us – to keep the kingdom of God, the bigger picture, as our priority.

When we lose track of the bigger picture and get caught up in smaller and less important issues, we say in English that we are “missing the forest for the trees.” In other words, we can get so caught up in seeing only the individual and small details (“the trees”) that we lose sight of the overall situation or objective, the bigger picture of the forest.

Jesus continually fought with the Jewish religious leaders because they kept focusing on the smaller picture of their petty rules and regulations, of their own religious observances, of their agenda, of who was a sinner and unworthy, etc. Jesus wanted them to see the bigger picture of God’s kingdom, of love and compassion. This is why at one point he angrily said to them: **“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You pay tithes of mint, dill, and cummin, but you have disregarded the weightier matters of the Law: justice, mercy, and faithfulness. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.” (Matthew 23:23-24).**

All of us can fall into the same temptation of focusing on something petty instead of on what is most important – the bigger picture– the kingdom of God. One of the reasons our Catholic saints were saints is because they continually remembered to focus on the bigger picture instead of on themselves and their smaller picture. In order for God’s bigger picture – the kingdom of God – to develop in our world, sometimes we have to let go of our little piece of the picture; we all need a perspective outside ourselves. I don’t know about you, but sometimes I want to impose my agenda on God; I want to make my little picture the big picture. I have to remember that God’s kingdom is the bigger picture, not me and my agenda, not my family, not my tribe or ethnic group or country, not even my Church! So, in what ways do you and I have to let go of our “little picture” so that God’s bigger picture – the kingdom of God – can come more sharply into focus for us and for others? And let us also pray for our religious and political leaders to keep the big picture in their hearts and minds.



<https://i1.wp.com/jonathanpearson.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/forest.png>

*** NEW CHURCH UPDATE ***

Church is open on Sunday's for Mass at 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm in Spanish. You must have a reservation to attend Mass. Reserve your ticket (tickets) on our website thru "Eventbrite". If you want more than one ticket, (4 per reservation) you must check 4 when registering on line. DO NOT reserve one ticket and reproduce your one ticket 3 more times, this will not give you 4 spaces in church. If you do not have a computer call the office to reserve your seat - 323-254-2519. Please do not call the office if you have a computer, we only have 10 spaces available for those who do not have a computer. Come prepared on Sunday with your tickets for each person attending. Wear your mask. **You WILL NOT be allowed in church without a mask.**

Daily Mass, in English only, will begin on Monday, June 29. There will be only one Mass at 8:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday & also on Saturday at 8:00 am only. Come prepared - Wear your Mask! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DAILY MASSES. CALL THE OFFICE AT 323-254-2519.

Confessions in Church from 3:30 to 4:30 pm every Saturday, began June 27, 2020

The church is open for Adoration on Friday only, at the following time:

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

There will be Benediction

Please come prepared with face masks. You will not be allowed in church without a face mask. **Also, the restrooms WILL NOT be available.** They will remain closed.

Mass Intentions for JULY are still available

Dear St. Dominic's Parishioners, we are still accepting your Mass intentions. If you would like to reserve a Mass intention, please drop by the parish office. We have placed a plastic holder with Mass intention envelopes to the left of the office door. Simply take an envelope, fill in the information, place the envelope with a donation into the mailbox to the right of the door. (Please remember to include your phone number on the envelope).

However, we are finding that some people are taking home the Mass envelopes and bringing them back at a later date, but when they do, they may no longer be available because someone else has come and asked for that date, and since it was not entered into the Mass Book, it was available for that person. So, to avoid all this confusion, please do not take them home.

Also, you may only have one Mass intention per person. If you put two envelopes in the box, you will only receive one Mass intention. This is only fair to those who follow the rules.

Fr. Cassian's Book Club

This month we will read and discuss the book "*The Nowhere City*", a novel by Alison Lurie.

We will meet at the Guadalupe Room on **Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 10:00 am.** Please come prepared with face masks.



Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

El Cuadro Grande



<http://www.sonofgodmovie.com/inspiration/mosaic/data/mosaic.jpg>

Tal vez estás familiarizado con el estilo de la imagen a continuación. Es una imagen formada por un mosaico de imágenes pequeñas. El cuadro grande, como se puede ver, es el rostro de Jesús. Para mí esto es una gran analogía para nuestra vida cristiana. Tú y yo somos como los pequeños cuadros que, en conjunto, conforman el cuadro más grande. Cada uno de nosotros es único y aporta algo especial para el Cuerpo de Cristo y para el mundo. Como dijo el Beato Cardenal John Henry Newman:

“Dios me ha creado para rendirle algún servicio definido. Ha cometido algún trabajo para mí, que él no se ha comprometido a otro. Tengo mi misión... Soy un eslabón de una cadena, un vínculo de conexión entre las personas. No me ha creado para la nada. Voy a hacer el bien; Voy a hacer su trabajo.” Y así, cada uno de nosotros es importante, amado de forma única e infinitamente por nuestro Dios, y llamado a servir a Dios en una manera importante y única en nuestras vidas.

Sin embargo, por nosotros mismos, somos sólo una pequeña parte del cuadro grande, y esto es algo que tenemos que

tener en cuenta. Por desgracia, a menudo, podemos perder de vista el panorama más amplio y centrarnos sólo en nosotros mismos, en nuestro pequeño rincón del mundo, en nuestras necesidades y deseos y agenda. **El cuadro más grande es siempre el reino de Dios.** Esto es lo que Jesús predicó una y otra vez en los evangelios al proclamar: “El reino de Dios está entre ustedes”. Era una forma de recordarles a sus discípulos – y a nosotros – que mantuviéramos el reino de Dios, el cuadro más grande, como nuestra prioridad.

Cuando perdemos la noción del cuadro más grande y nos vemos atrapados en problemas más pequeños y menos importantes, decimos (al menos en inglés) que “nos estamos perdiendo el bosque por los árboles”. En otras palabras, podemos quedar tan enfocados en ver solo los detalles individuales y pequeños (“los árboles”) que perdemos de vista la situación general u objetivo, la imagen más grande del bosque.

Jesús continuamente luchó con los líderes religiosos judíos porque ellos seguían centrándose en el cuadro más pequeño de sus reglas y reglamentos, de sus propias prácticas religiosas, de su agenda, de quién era pecador e indigno, etc. Jesús quería que vieran el cuadro más grande del reino de Dios, del amor y de la compasión. Es por esto que en un momento dijo con enojo a ellos: **“¡Ay de ustedes, maestros de la Ley y fariseos, que son unos hipócritas! Ustedes pagan el diezmo hasta sobre la menta, el anís y el comino, pero no cumplen la Ley en lo que realmente tiene peso: la justicia, la misericordia y la fe... ¡Guías ciegos! Ustedes cueplan un mosquito, pero se tragan un camello” (Mateo 23, 23-24).**

Todos nosotros podemos caer en la misma tentación de centrarnos en algo insignificante en lugar de en lo que es más importante – el cuadro más grande. Una de las razones que nuestros santos católicos eran santos se debe a que continuamente se acordaron centrarse en el cuadro más grande en lugar de sobre sí mismos y su cuadro más pequeño. Para que el cuadro más grande de Dios – el reino de Dios – se desarrolle en nuestro mundo, a veces tenemos que dejar a un lado nuestro pequeño pedazo del cuadro; todos necesitamos una perspectiva fuera de nosotros mismos. No sé de ti, pero a veces quiero imponer mi agenda sobre Dios; quiero hacer de mi pequeño cuadro el cuadro grande. Tengo que recordar que el reino de Dios es el cuadro más grande, no yo y mi agenda, ni mi familia, ni mi tribu ni mi grupo étnico ni mi país, ¡ni siquiera mi Iglesia! Por lo tanto, ¿de qué manera tenemos que dejar a un lado nuestro “cuadro pequeño” para que el cuadro más grande de Dios – el reino de Dios – pueda resplandecer más claramente para nosotros y para los demás? Y recemos también por nuestros líderes religiosos y políticos para que mantengan el cuadro más grande en sus corazones y mentes.



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