

July 12, 2020

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A sower went out to sow.
Some seed fell on the path . . . some fell on rocky ground.
. . . Some seed fell among thorns.
. . . But some fell on rich soil, and produced fruit.

MATTHEW 13:3, 4, 5, 7, 8



FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME

JULY 12
2020

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7:30 AM	Robert Marsh, †
	9:00 AM	Charmaine Velasco, healing
	11:00 AM	Jose Huerta Pineda "Joselito", †
	1:00 PM	Pro Populo
	5:00 PM	Juanita Zuño Cuartero, birthday and healing
Monday	8:00 AM	Evaristo and Romana Peralta, †
	6:00 PM	Jim Christiansen, †
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Juana Mutia, †
	6:00 PM	Ricardo M. Alabanza, †
Wed.	8:00 AM	Angel Benavidez
	6:00 PM	John Vladimir Rivas, healing
Thursday	8:00 AM	Christopher & Theresa Decker 26th. Wedd. Anniversary
	6:00 PM	Carmen Ramos Consing, †
Friday	8:00 AM	Ramon Manglicmot, †
	6:00 PM	Dec. Dominican Friars, parents, friends and benefactors
		Sixto Ramirez, †
		Albert Corral, †
Saturday	8:00 AM	Emilia Farol, †
	5:00 PM	Kyara Tobar-Kletke

(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:	Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]



Behind the Veil:

A Virtual Tour of Convent Life

July 18, 2020

11-6PM EST

Join us for a day behind the scenes with
a variety of orders/communities

11AM-12PM	Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal
12PM-1PM	Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa
1PM-2PM	Lunch Break
2PM-3PM	Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia
3PM-4PM	Daughters of St. Paul
4PM-5PM	Dominican Nuns at Corpus Christi Monastery
5PM-6PM	Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

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A Message from Fr. Roberto

Who Was Junipero Serra?

Archbishop Gomez has sent a pastoral letter to all of us Catholics about St. Junipero Serra because of the recent vandalism to his statues here in Los Angeles and elsewhere. I found his insights helpful and touching. Here is the first part of his letter. The rest will be in next week's bulletin.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Recently, statues to the Apostle of California, St. Junípero Serra, were torn down in San Francisco and in the plaza outside our first church, Nuestra Señora Reina de los Ángeles, in downtown Los Angeles. Up and down the state, there is growing debate about removing St. Junípero memorials from public lands. Ventura officials have announced that they will hold a public hearing July 7 to debate whether to take down his statue from in front of Ventura City Hall. Faced with the possibility of vandalism, we are taking increased security precautions at the historic missions located in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Unfortunately, we will probably have to relocate some statues to our beloved saint or risk their desecration. These developments sadden me. I have been thinking and writing about St. Junípero for many years now.

I understand the deep pain being expressed by some native peoples in California. But I also believe Fray Junípero is a saint for our times, the spiritual founder of Los Angeles, a champion of human rights, and this country's first Hispanic saint. I was privileged to celebrate his canonization Mass with Pope Francis in 2015. I rely on his intercession in my ministry, and I am inspired by his desire to bring God's tender mercy to every person.

The exploitation of America's first peoples, the destruction of their ancient civilizations, is a historic tragedy. Crimes committed against their ancestors continue to shape the lives and futures of native peoples today. Generations have passed and our country still has not done enough to make things right. In the family of God here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, we have worked hard to atone for past errors and wrongs and to find the path forward together. We honor the contributions that native peoples made to building the Church in Southern California and we cherish their gifts in the mission of the Church today.

Over the years, I have come to understand how the image of Father Serra and the missions evokes painful memories for some people. For that reason, I believe the protests over our history in California, and the broader protests that have started elsewhere in the country over historical monuments, are important.

Historical memory is the soul of every nation. What we remember about our past and how we remember it defines our national identity — the kind of people we want to be, the values and principles we want to live by. But history is complicated. The facts matter, distinctions need to be made, and the truth counts. We cannot learn history's lessons or heal old wounds unless we understand what really happened, how it happened, and why.

Our society may reach a consensus not to honor St. Junípero or various other figures from our past. But elected officials cannot abdicate their responsibilities by turning these decisions over to small groups of protesters, allowing them to vandalize public monuments. This is not how a great democracy should function. Allowing the free expression of public opinion is important. So is upholding the rule of law and ensuring that decisions we reach as a society are based on genuine dialogue and the search for truth and the common good. In this regard, how the City of Ventura is handling the debate over its Serra monument can be a model for thoughtful and respectful public discourse that includes civil authorities, indigenous leaders, representatives of the Church, and the community at large.

In other cases, it is clear that those attacking St. Junípero's good name and vandalizing his memorials do not know his true character or the actual historical record. The sad truth is that, beginning decades ago, activists started "revising" history to make St. Junípero the focus of all the abuses committed against California's indigenous peoples. But the crimes and abuses that our saint is blamed for — slanders that are spread widely today over the internet and sometimes repeated by public figures — actually happened long after his death. It was California's first governor who called for "a war of extermination" against the Indians and called in the U.S. Cavalry to help carry out his genocidal plans. That was in 1851. St. Junípero died in 1784.

--To be continued next week--

* * * 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.**

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ADD THE 5:00 PM MASS ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Daily Mass, in English only. 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!

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 August are 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).

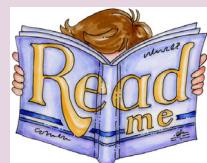
However, we are finding that some people are taking home the Mass envelopes and bringing them back at a later date, but when they do, they may no longer be available because someone else has come and asked for that date, and since it was not entered into the Mass Book, it was available for that person. 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 Daughter's Tale*"
a novel by Armando Lucas Correa.

We will meet at the Guadalupe Room on **Saturday, July 18, 2020 at 10:00 am**.
Please come prepared with face masks.



Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

¿Quién Fue Junípero Serra?

El Arzobispo Gómez ha enviado una carta pastoral a todos los católicos sobre San Junípero Serra debido al reciente vandalismo a sus estatuas aquí en Los Ángeles y en otros lugares. Encontré sus ideas útiles y conmovedoras. Aquí está la primera parte de su carta. El resto estará en el boletín de la próxima semana.

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Las estatuas de San Junípero Serra, Apóstol de California, que se encontraban en la ciudad de San Francisco, y en la plaza que está frente a nuestra primera iglesia, Nuestra Señora Reina de los Ángeles, en el centro de Los Ángeles fueron derribadas recientemente. Tanto en un extremo como en el otro del estado, hay un creciente debate relativo a la eliminación de los monumentos que conmemoran a Serra, de terrenos públicos. Las autoridades de la ciudad de Ventura han anunciado que tendrán una audiencia pública el 7 de julio para discutir si han de retirar la estatua de él que se encuentra frente al Ayuntamiento de Ventura. Ante la posibilidad de acciones vandálicas, estamos tomando crecientes medidas de seguridad en las misiones históricas ubicadas en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Desafortunadamente, es posible que tengamos que reubicar algunas de las estatuas de nuestro amado santo o arriesgarnos a que sean profanadas. Estos acontecimientos me entristecen. He estado pensando y escribiendo sobre Junípero Serra por muchos años ya.

Entiendo el profundo dolor que manifiestan algunos pueblos nativos de California. Pero también creo que Fray Junípero es un santo para nuestros tiempos, el fundador espiritual de Los Ángeles, un defensor de los derechos humanos y el primer santo hispano de este país. Yo tuve el privilegio de concelebrar con el Papa Francisco en su misa de canonización, en el año 2015. Confío en su intercesión para mi ministerio y su deseo de llevar la tierna misericordia de Dios a cada persona, es una fuente de inspiración para mí.

La explotación de los primeros pueblos de Estados Unidos y la destrucción de sus antiguas civilizaciones, es una tragedia histórica. Los crímenes cometidos en contra de sus antepasados continúan influyendo en la vida y en el futuro de los pueblos nativos actuales. Han pasado generaciones y nuestro país todavía no se ha empeñado lo suficiente para corregir las cosas bien. En la familia de Dios aquí, en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, hemos trabajado arduamente para reparar los errores y fallas del pasado y para encontrar juntos el camino a seguir. Honramos las contribuciones que los pueblos nativos hicieron para construir la Iglesia del sur de California y tenemos en gran estima los dones que ellos aportan para la misión de la Iglesia de hoy.

Con el paso de los años, he llegado a comprender el motivo por el que la imagen del Padre Serra y de las misiones, es algo que evoca recuerdos dolorosos para algunas personas. Por ese motivo, creo que las protestas acerca de nuestra historia de California, y también las protestas, más extendidas y relacionadas a los monumentos históricos, que ha empezado a haber en otros lugares del país, son importantes.

La memoria histórica es el alma de cada nación. Lo que recordamos sobre nuestro pasado y la manera en la que lo recordamos es lo que define nuestra identidad nacional: el tipo de personas que queremos ser y los valores y principios de acuerdo a los cuales queremos vivir. Pero la historia es complicada. Los hechos son importantes, pero hay que hacer distinciones y la verdad es también importante. No podemos aprender las lecciones de la historia o sanar antiguas heridas a menos que comprendamos lo que realmente sucedió, cómo sucedió y por qué sucedió.

Nuestra sociedad puede llegar al consenso de no honrar a Serra o a otras figuras de nuestro pasado. Pero los funcionarios electos no pueden renunciar a sus responsabilidades, dejando estas decisiones en manos de pequeños grupos de manifestantes y permitiéndoles practicar actos vandálicos hacia monumentos públicos. No es ése el modo en que debería de funcionar una gran democracia. Es importante permitir la libre expresión de la opinión pública, pero también lo es el defender el estado de derecho y garantizar que las decisiones que tomamos como sociedad estén basadas en un diálogo genuino y en la búsqueda de la verdad y del bien común. En este sentido, la manera en la que la Ciudad de Ventura está manejando el debate sobre su monumento a Serra puede ser el modelo de un diálogo público, reflexivo y respetuoso, que incluya a las autoridades civiles, a los líderes indígenas y a los representantes de la Iglesia y de la comunidad en general.

En otros casos, está claro que quienes atacan el buen nombre de San Junípero y vandalizan sus monumentos, no conocen su verdadero carácter o sus verdaderos antecedentes históricos. La triste realidad es que ya desde hace varias décadas, los activistas empezaron a "revisar" la historia para hacer de Junípero Serra el centro de atención de todos los abusos cometidos contra los pueblos indígenas de California.

Pero los crímenes y abusos de los que se culpa a nuestro santo, las calumnias que hoy se difunden ampliamente en internet y que algunas veces son apoyadas por figuras públicas, realmente ocurrieron mucho después de su muerte. Fue el primer gobernador de California quien hizo un llamado a "una guerra de exterminación" contra los indígenas y quien recurrió a la Caballería de Estados Unidos para que le ayudara a llevar a cabo sus planes genocidas. Eso fue en 1851. Junípero Serra murió en 1784.

--Continuará la próxima semana--

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