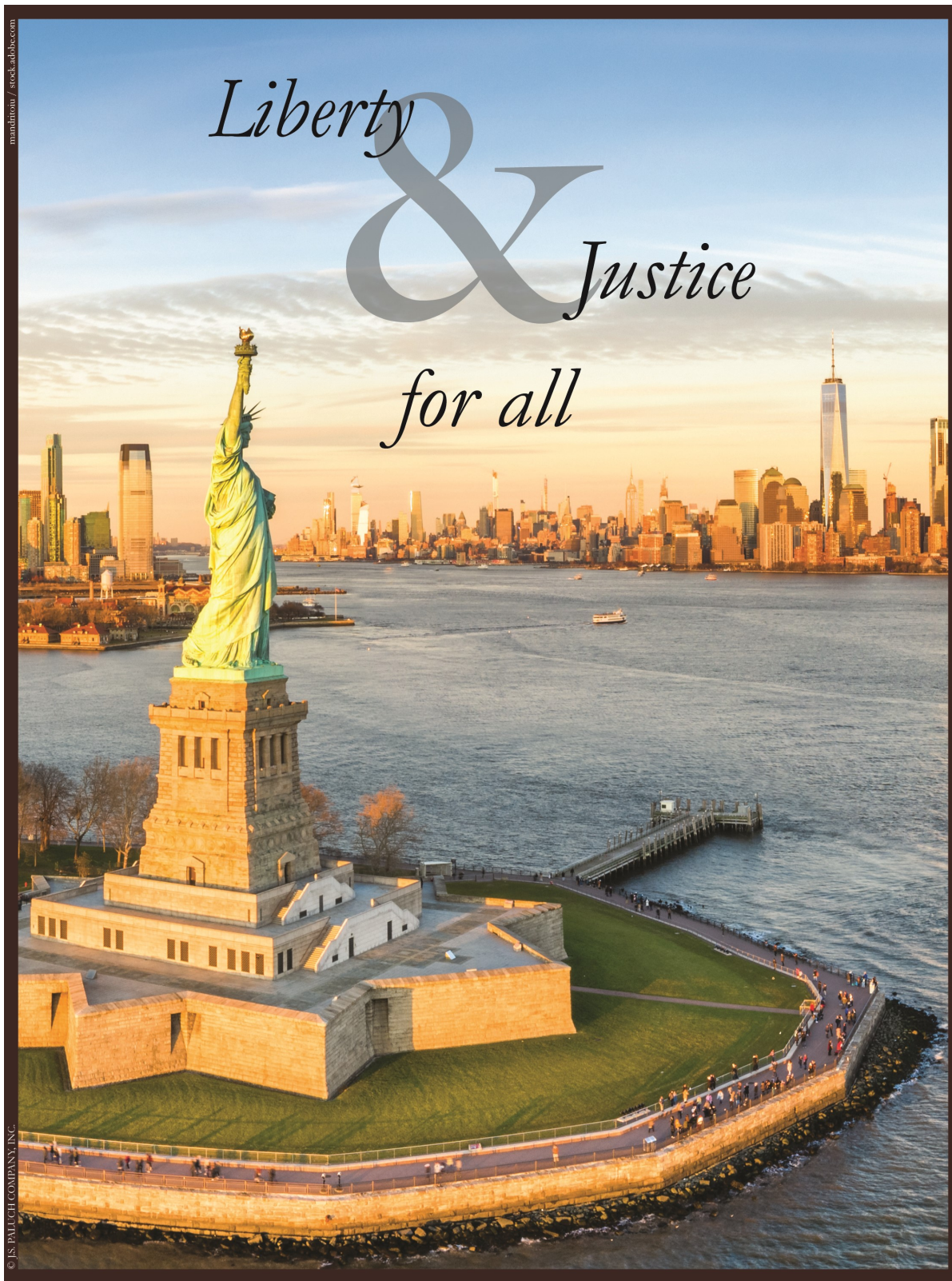


July 5, 2020

St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7:30 AM	Antonio Armada, †
	9:00 AM	Virgilio Cayton, †
	11:00 AM	Pro Populo
Monday	1:00 PM	Amalia Lassalle-Garcia, †
	5:00 PM	Ruiz-Lontoc family
	8:00 AM	Avelina de Leon, †
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Joriezel Argota, †
	8:00 AM	Isabel del Rosario, †
	6:00 PM	Joseph Africa, for his intentions
Wed.	8:00 AM	Freddie and Mary Dy
	6:00 PM	Maria Luciano, †
	8:00 AM	Elenita R. Cada, †
Thursday	6:00 PM	Pedro Velasco, healing
	8:00 AM	Amelia Luciano, †
	6:00 PM	Dec. Dominican Friars, parents, friends and benefactors
Friday	8:00 AM	Arthur Victor Vallos, †
	6:00 PM	Amelia Ventura, †
	8:00 AM	Anna Wood and Family, Thanksgiving
Saturday	8:00 AM	Farah Kletke, birthday
	5:00 PM	

(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:	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

*** 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.

A Message from Fr. Roberto

What Comes First: My Country or My Faith?

We are very accustomed to saying the phrase “one nation under God” when we say the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. That phrase was incorporated into the Pledge on June 14, 1954, by a Joint Resolution of Congress thanks mainly to the work of the Knights of Columbus. It is a good reminder that our country is “under God” not “above God.” It is natural and normal for people everywhere to have a great affection and sense of pride in the land of their birth. I think this is particularly true for those who have served in the Armed Forces, those who have government or civic jobs and those who are first responders like police, firefighters and paramedics. And it is virtuous for all of us to be good citizens, to pray for our country and to do what we can to help our country prosper.

However, we must also remember that we are citizens of the world and not just of one country. Most importantly, as Christians we must work for the good of all people not just of our own country, tribe, ethnic group, race or religion. All people are God’s children and he loves everyone equally. So, we have to be careful not to take love for our country to an extreme in a way that causes harm to others or conflicts with the teachings of Jesus. Extreme nationalism has brought many ills to our world through the centuries such as colonialization, slavery and the Nazi, fascist and communist regimes of the last century.



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The United States is no exception to extreme nationalism either; there are many instances where our American “national interests” have led us to misuse our economic, military and political power in the world. And just because something is a law in the United States – or in any other country for that matter – does not make it right. Legalized abortion, capital punishment and our immigration mess are just some examples of current unjust laws in the U.S. We always have to keep in mind that the highest law we must live by is divine law as revealed to us in the Bible and in the teachings of our Catholic Church. And, if there is ever a conflict between American law, national interests and the gospel of Jesus, we are compelled to choose the gospel as our ultimate guide.

So, we have to remember that “Catholic” must come before “American” (or whatever nationality we want to put there). In other words, being a Catholic and a follower of Jesus is more important than being American or Filipino or Russian or Mexican or Black or White or just about any other category we can think of. Hopefully, our faith and our country work together for the good of all, but faith comes before country.

There is a saying that I first remember becoming popular during the Vietnam War in the 1960’s and 70’s when there was so much controversy over our country’s involvement in that conflict: “America: love it or leave it.” I can understand this saying as a negative reaction to disrespectful and anti-American activity such as the burning of the U.S. flag that happened so often during those years, but I have never cared for that phrase because I believe it presents a false choice. I feel that one can love America (or any other country), but still want it to be better than it is and work to improve it. In fact, I would say that is one of our duties as citizens, and it is one of the main reasons we have our political processes – so that we can make our country better. In many ways, the U.S. is a wonderful country, but it is not perfect. The same could be said of our marriages, our families, our universal Catholic Church, and our parish – we love it and, therefore, we want to help it become even better than it is.

So, as we celebrate the 4th of July, which is an important reminder of the great ideals upon which our country is founded and the sacrifice of so many people who have enabled us to live in freedom, let us be grateful for and celebrate the blessings of living here in the United States; and let us also continue to work to make our country even better than it is.

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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.

Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

¿Qué es lo Primero: Mi País o Mi Fe?

Siempre me fascina la pasión que se siente y se mira durante los torneos de fútbol. Como ya sabemos casi todos, el deporte más popular en el mundo es el fútbol. Al igual que con los Juegos Olímpicos, hay una gran cantidad de nacionalismo durante estos torneos grandes, como la reciente Copa Confederaciones: los ciudadanos de cada país alzando sus banderas, gritando el nombre de su país e incluso pintándose el cuerpo con sus colores nacionales (como pueden ver en la imagen a la derecha).

Parece muy divertido hacer todo eso, y es genial que la gente pueda disfrutarse de esta manera y enorgullecerse de su país. Sin embargo, tenemos que recordar que somos ciudadanos del mundo y no sólo de un país. Como pueblo de Dios, debemos trabajar por el bien de todas las personas y no sólo las de nuestro propio país, tribu, grupo étnico, raza o religión. Todas las personas son hijos de Dios y Él ama a todos por igual. Por lo tanto, tenemos que tener cuidado de no tomar el amor por nuestro país a un extremo de una forma que dañe a otros o entre en conflicto con las enseñanzas de Jesús. El nacionalismo extremo ha traído muchos males a nuestro mundo a través de los siglos, como la colonización, la esclavitud y los regímenes nazi, fascista y comunista del siglo pasado.

El nacionalismo extremo se encuentra en todos los países, y hay muchos casos en los que los “intereses nacionales” han impulsado un mal uso del poder económico, militar y político en todas partes del mundo. Y sólo porque algo es una ley en los Estados Unidos – o en cualquier otro país – no quiere decir que sea lo correcto. La legalización del aborto, la pena capital y el desorden en cuanto el sistema de inmigración son solo algunos ejemplos de las injustas leyes actuales en los EE.UU. Siempre tenemos que tener en cuenta que la ley más alta que debemos seguir es la ley divina revelada en la Biblia y en las enseñanzas de nuestra Iglesia Católica.



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Y, si alguna vez hay un conflicto entre la legislación estadounidense – o los intereses nacionales de cualquier país – y el Evangelio de Jesús, nos vemos obligados a elegir el Evangelio como nuestra última guía. Por lo tanto, tenemos que recordar que “católico” debe venir antes de “americano” o “salvadoreño” o “nicaragüense” o “chino” (o cualquier otra nacionalidad que queramos poner allí). En otras palabras, ser un católico y un seguidor de Jesús es más importante que ser americano o asiático o anglo o hispano o negro o blanco o cualquier otra categoría que podamos imaginar. Idealmente, nuestra fe y nuestro país trabajen juntos y colaboren para el bien de todos, pero la fe viene antes del país. Así que, está bien que celebremos el día de independencia de los EE.UU., o de nuestro país de origen, como un importante recordatorio de los grandes ideales sobre los cuales se fundó y del sacrificio de tantas personas que lucharon para la libertad de todos. Y, a la vez sigamos trabajando para que nuestros países sean aún mejores de lo que son.

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