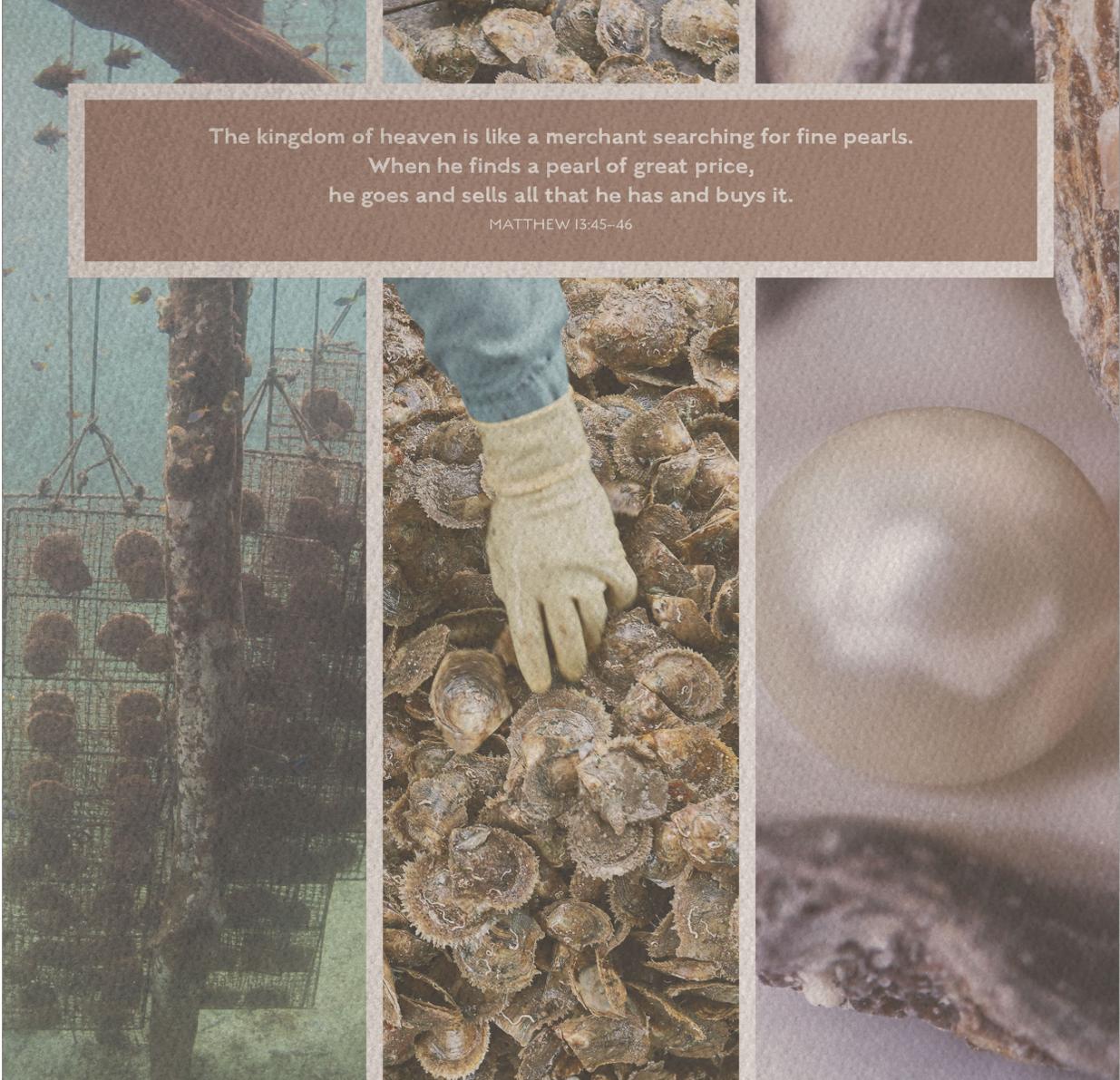


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The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.
When he finds a pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

MATTHEW 13:45-46

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 1:00 PM 5:00 PM	Pro Populo Theresa Farol, thanksgiving Cesar and Dahlia Velasco, † Jesus Fernandez, † Devotees of Saint Jude
Monday	8:00 AM 6:00 PM	Jan Steward, † Christian and Mitzi Velasco
Tuesday	8:00 AM 6:00 PM	Albert Corral, † Lydia Depusoy, †
Wed.	8:00 AM 6:00 PM	Carmelita Roque, † Lola Hernandez, healing
Thursday	8:00 AM 6:00 PM	Concepcion Baluyot, † Leon Montinola, Sr. and Leon Montinola Jr., †
Friday	8:00 AM 6:00 PM	Celia Manglicmot Bardwell- Jones, birthday Dec. Dominican Friars, parents, friends and benefactors Leticia Arayata, † Carlo and Concepcion Baluyot, And Agustin Atanacio, †
Saturday	8:00 AM 5:00 PM	Rosenda Pemplona, † Angel Benavidez

(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:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

Volunteers Needed

Church is once again closed! But, when we can open again and begin having Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, 1st Communion and Confirmations, we will need a volunteer group who would be willing to come in on a Saturday after the event is over to sanitize the church. We will need another group who would be willing to come in on a Saturday to help check the people in, by taking temperatures, sanitizing hands and getting the names and phone numbers, before the event begins.

We do realize that this is a lot to ask of our parishioners, but it looks like this is going to be the norm for some time to come. Please help us to make these events as safe as possible.



Can we count on you?

Call the parish office, 323-254-2519 to leave your contact information.

A Message from Fr. Roberto

Who Was Junipero Serra? – Part III

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 third part of his letter.

Pope Francis called St. Junípero “one of the founding fathers of the United States.” He recognized that the saint’s witness anticipated the great spirit of human equality and liberty under God that has come to define the American project. Yet in online petitions today we find St. Junípero compared to Adolf Hitler, his missions compared to concentration camps. No serious historian would accept this, and we should not allow these libels to be made in public arguments about our great saint.

Despite their many flaws, the California missions were similar to some of the other communes and “communitarian” societies we find in early American history. The missions were multicultural communities of worship and work, with their own governments and a self-sustaining economy based on agriculture and handicrafts. Living and working together, Natives and Spaniards created a new, *mestizo* (“mixed”) culture reflected in the distinctive art, architecture, music, poetry, and prayers that came out of the missions.

It is sadly true that corporal punishment was sometimes used in the missions, as it was practiced throughout late 18th-century society. It is also true that some natives died of diseases in the missions. But the tragic ruin of native populations occurred long after St. Junípero was gone and the missions were closed or “secularized.” Serious scholars conclude that St. Junípero himself was a gentle man and there were no physical abuses or forced conversions while he was president of the mission system. St. Junípero did not impose Christianity, he proposed it. For him, the greatest gift he could offer was to bring people to the encounter with Jesus Christ. Living in the missions was always voluntary, and in the end just 10-20% of California’s native population ever joined him.

My brothers and sisters, this is the truth about St. Junípero. In this hour of trial in our nation, when once again we are confronting America’s shameful legacy of racism, I invite you to join me in observing St. Junípero’s feast day, July 1, as a day of prayer, fasting, and charity. Let us ask St. Junípero’s intercession for this nation that he helped to found. Let us pray with him for healing, reconciliation, an increase in empathy and understanding, an end to racial prejudice, and a new awareness of what it means that all men and women are created equal as children of God.

Every true reform begins in the human heart, and St. Junípero would tell us that only mercy and pardon and true contrition can move us forward at this moment in our history.

--To be continued next week--



Statue of St. Junipero Serra at Mission San Juan Bautista

*** NEW CHURCH UPDATE ***

Sunday Masses, Daily Mass and Adoration have been closed to the public.

Mass will continue to be live streamed daily, Monday thru Saturday at 8:00 am, and on Sunday At 9:00 am, 11:00 am in English and 1:00 pm in Spanish.

All other Church activities have been canceled for now.



[Dear St. Dominic Parish](#)

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Fr. Cassian's Book Club

This month we will read and discuss the book "*The House of Broken Angels*" a novel by Luis Alberto Urrea.

If we are able to hold meetings indoors again, we will meet at the Guadalupe Room on **Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 10:00 am.**



Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

¿Quién Fue Junípero Serra? – Parte III

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 tercera parte de su carta.

El Papa Francisco llamó a San Junípero “uno de los padres fundadores de los Estados Unidos”. Y reconoció que el testimonio del santo anticipó ese gran espíritu de igualdad y libertad humanas, bajo el poder de Dios, que ha llegado a definir el proyecto estadounidense.

Sin embargo, en las peticiones en línea actuales nos encontramos con que a Serra se le compara con Adolfo Hitler y a sus misiones, con los campos de concentración. Ningún historiador serio aceptaría esto y no deberíamos permitir que estas difamaciones se transformaran en argumentaciones públicas sobre nuestro gran santo.

A pesar de sus muchos defectos, las misiones de California fueron similares a algunas de las demás comunas y sociedades “comunitarias” que encontramos en la historia temprana de los Estados Unidos. Las misiones eran comunidades multiculturales de culto y de trabajo, con sus propios gobiernos y con una economía autosuficiente, basada en la agricultura y en las artesanías. Al vivir y trabajar juntos, los nativos y los españoles crearon una nueva cultura mestiza (“mixta”) que tuvo su reflejo en un arte distintivo, en la arquitectura, la música, la poesía y las oraciones que brotaron de las misiones.

Es tristemente cierto que el castigo corporal era en ocasiones usado en las misiones, así como se practicó también en toda la sociedad de fines del siglo XVIII. Es cierto también que, en las misiones, algunos nativos murieron por enfermedades. Pero la trágica ruina de las poblaciones nativas ocurrió mucho después de que Serra se hubiera ido y de que las misiones se hubieran cerrado o “secularizado”. Los académicos serios concluyen que Serra mismo era un hombre amable y que no hubo abusos físicos ni conversiones forzadas mientras él presidió el sistema de misiones. San Junípero Serra no impuso el cristianismo; él lo propuso. Para él, el mayor don que podía ofrecer era el llevar a las personas al encuentro con Jesucristo. Vivir en las misiones siempre fue algo voluntario y al final sólo el 10-20 por ciento de la población nativa de California llegó a unirse a él.

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas, ésta es la verdad sobre San Junípero Serra. En esta hora de juicio por la que pasa nuestra nación, en un momento en el que nos estamos enfrentando una vez más con el vergonzoso legado del racismo en Estados Unidos, los invito a que se unan a mí para que el 1 de julio conmemoremos la fiesta de San Junípero, viviéndolo como un día de oración, de ayuno y de caridad.

Pidamos la intercesión de San Junípero por esta nación que él ayudó a fundar. Oremos con él por la sanación, por la reconciliación, por un aumento de la empatía y la comprensión entre todos, por el fin de los prejuicios raciales y por una nueva concientización de lo que significa que todos los hombres y mujeres han sido creados iguales y como hijos e hijas de Dios.

Toda verdadera reforma empieza en el corazón humano y San Junípero nos diría que sólo la misericordia, el perdón y la verdadera contrición pueden hacernos avanzar en este momento de nuestra historia.

--Continuará la próxima semana--



*Estatua de S. Junípero Serra
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