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Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time

**Simon Peter
said to Jesus,**

**“You are the Christ,
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Matthew 16:16

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7:30 AM	Quirino L. Francisco, †
	9:00 AM	Nicholas Skulskie, healing
	11:00 AM	Jesusana Rodriguez, †
	1:00 PM	Manuel Torres, †
	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Monday	8:00 AM	Conrado del Rosario, †
	6:00 PM	Bartolomea and Juan Blanco, †
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Geronimo Micor Ele, †
	6:00 PM	Marie E "Sunshine" de Vera, birthday
Wed.	8:00 AM	Dolores Cruz, thanksgiving
	6:00 PM	Gerardo and Andrea Domantay, †
Thursday	8:00 AM	Sr. Mechtilde M. Alabanza, ICM, †
	6:00 PM	Sr. Mechtilde M. Alabanza, †
Friday	8:00 AM	For the town of Tanza, Cavite, Feast of St. Augustine
	6:00 PM	Dec. Dominican Friars, parents, friends and benefactors Abel Dacalos, † Michael Finocchiaro, †
Saturday	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
	5:00 PM	Ida Roxas, †

(Important: Some of 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:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



We are looking for **new ushers** due to the fact that a lot of our ushers work in the medical field, and because of that, they cannot serve at this time. **School families, who volunteer, can get up to 10 service hours.**

Can we count on you?

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

(To those who have already volunteered - Thank you!)

DID YOU KNOW?

Back to school preparations during a pandemic

In August, families are usually preparing to start a new school year, with all the excitement and anxiety that brings. But this year, in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, no one knows what lies ahead for school children. Talk to your children about how they're feeling and what they're worried about. Many people, including young children, are struggling with anxiety and depression during this pandemic, so be sure to check in frequently, and provide a safe space where children can talk about their concerns. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

Preparativos para el regreso a clases durante una pandemia

En agosto, las familias generalmente se están preparando para comenzar un nuevo año escolar, con toda la emoción y ansiedad que esto trae. Pero este año, en medio de la pandemia del coronavirus, nadie sabe qué les espera a los estudiantes. Platique con sus hijos acerca de cómo se sienten y qué les preocupa. Muchas personas, incluidos los niños pequeños, luchan contra la ansiedad y la depresión durante esta pandemia, así que asegúrese de platicar con ellos con frecuencia y proporcione un espacio seguro donde los niños puedan hablar sobre sus preocupaciones. Para obtener más información, visite <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

A Message from Fr. Roberto

Black Lives Matter – Part 2

I continue to share with you an article I recently came across that helped me understand the recent “Black Lives Matter” movement in terms of our Catholic faith. The article was written by Archbishop Lori of Baltimore, Maryland. I will share the final part next week.

“Slavery has long since been outlawed in the United States, and that constitutional provision has long since been repealed. But changing laws and even the Constitution itself is one thing, whereas changing human hearts is quite another. No one can justly deny that racism against people of color—which is a denial of their God-given dignity—persists in our society. From the recent killings of unarmed Black men and women by law enforcement to the subtle and pernicious suspicion endlessly endured by even the most highly accomplished Black men and women today, racism remains manifest in our society, and in our church. The words “Black Lives Matter” should prompt us to examine our own consciences with regard to racism and spur us on to advocate and work for racial justice.

“As Catholics, we rightfully believe that the unborn and frail elderly are endowed with inviolable human dignity. The words “Black Lives Matter” should turn our attention not only to the grave injustices and indignities suffered throughout the Black community but especially to the smallest and most fragile Black lives whose situations are often made more perilous by poverty, unemployment, substandard schools, inadequate housing and poor health care. We cannot say we are fully “pro-life” if we routinely overlook the conditions in which far too many people of color live. To reiterate, the church’s teaching on human dignity extends through the entire continuum of human life. Being true to that teaching requires us to act on our beliefs, not just talk about them. If something “matters” to us, we act on it. Because Black Lives Matter, then each of us must do our part to create conditions in which every Black person has the opportunity to be born, to grow to maturity, to live in community and to flourish.

The Common Good

“A second building block of Catholic social teaching is its focus on the common good. The words “common good” mean “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1906). Two observations follow: First, built into the church’s mission of bringing salvation to every person and all peoples is the obligation to help create a society that is just and equitable, where everyone can flourish. Second, the notion of the common good does not mean that individual human dignity takes a back seat to the overall good of society. Rather, by promoting the dignity of each person at every stage of life we are helping to promote the common good of all. Similarly, when any group of people in society is hindered by bigotry and racial prejudice from attaining a healthy measure of fulfillment, the common good of the whole society is undermined.

“It is for this reason also that Black Lives Matter. Some object that in affirming the importance of Black lives, we are implying that other lives do not matter. Quite the contrary. By at long last rejecting a persistent and sinful attitude that places less value on Black lives than on other lives, we are in fact serving the common good. Affirming the dignity of Black lives diminishes no one else’s dignity. The common good and dignity of all is fostered, however, when we work collaboratively across partisan and ideological lines, to create conditions in society wherein Black people and all people of color can equally flourish. By flourish, I mean: attain equity, live in peaceful neighborhoods, attend good schools, have access to job training, find full and satisfying employment, have access to good health care, and rise to positions of leadership in every field of endeavor and institution. The ascendancy of Black lives is not a zero-sum gain for everyone else. Rather, it is a source of strength.

...To be continued next week...



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Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

Las Vidas Negras Importan - Parte 2

Sigo compartiendo con ustedes un artículo que encontré recientemente y que me ayudó a entender el reciente movimiento "Black Lives Matter" en términos de nuestra fe católica. El artículo fue escrito por el Arzobispo Lori de Baltimore, Maryland. Compartiré la parte final la próxima semana.

“La esclavitud ha sido prohibida desde hace mucho tiempo en los Estados Unidos, y esa disposición constitucional ha sido derogada hace mucho tiempo. Pero cambiar las leyes e incluso la propia Constitución es una cosa, mientras que cambiar los corazones humanos es otra muy distinta. Nadie puede negar que el racismo contra las personas de color, que es una negación de la dignidad que Dios les ha dado, persista en nuestra sociedad. Desde los recientes asesinatos de hombres y mujeres negros desarmados por la policía hasta la sospecha sutil y perniciosa que soportan sin cesar incluso los hombres y mujeres negros más destacados de la actualidad, el racismo sigue siendo manifiesto en nuestra sociedad y en nuestra iglesia. Las palabras “Black Lives Matter” deberían impulsarnos a examinar nuestra propia conciencia con respecto al racismo y estimularnos a defender y trabajar por la justicia racial.

“Como católicos, creemos con razón que los niños no nacidos y los ancianos frágiles están dotados de una dignidad humana inviolable. Las palabras "Black Lives Matter" deben dirigir nuestra atención no solo a las graves injusticias e indignidades sufridas en toda la comunidad negra, sino especialmente a las vidas negras más pequeñas y frágiles, cuyas situaciones a menudo se vuelven más peligrosas por la pobreza, el desempleo, las escuelas deficientes, las viviendas inadecuadas y mala atención médica. No podemos decir que somos completamente "pro-vida" si pasamos por alto rutinariamente las condiciones en las que viven demasiadas personas de color. Para reiterar, la enseñanza de la iglesia sobre la dignidad humana se extiende a todo el continuo de la vida humana. Ser fieles a esa enseñanza requiere que actuemos de acuerdo con nuestras creencias, y no solo hablar de ellas. Si algo nos "importa", actuamos en consecuencia. Debido a que Las Vidas Negras Importan, entonces cada uno de nosotros debe hacer su parte para crear condiciones en las que cada persona negra tenga la oportunidad de nacer, crecer hasta la madurez, vivir en comunidad y prosperar.

El Bien Común

“Un segundo pilar de la enseñanza social católica es su enfoque en el bien común. Las palabras “bien común” significan “la suma total de condiciones sociales que permiten a las personas, ya sea como grupos o individuos, alcanzar su realización más plena y más fácilmente” (*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, n. 1906). A continuación se presentan dos observaciones: en primer lugar, en la misión de la iglesia de llevar la salvación a todas las personas y a todos los pueblos está la obligación de ayudar a crear una sociedad que sea justa y equitativa, donde todos puedan prosperar. En segundo lugar, la noción de bien común no significa que la dignidad humana individual quede en un segundo plano frente al bien general de la sociedad. Más bien, al promover la dignidad de cada persona en cada etapa de la vida, estamos ayudando a promover el bien común de todos. De manera similar, cuando cualquier grupo de personas en la sociedad se ve obstaculizado por la intolerancia y los prejuicios raciales para lograr una medida saludable de satisfacción, el bien común de toda la sociedad se ve socavado.

“Es por esta razón también que Las Vidas Negras Importan. Algunos objetan que al afirmar la importancia de las vidas de los negros, estamos insinuando que otras vidas no importan. Todo lo contrario. Al rechazar por fin una actitud persistente y pecaminosa que otorga menos valor a las vidas de los negros que a otras vidas, de hecho estamos sirviendo al bien común. Afirmar la dignidad de las vidas de los negros no disminuye la dignidad de nadie más. Sin embargo, se fomenta el bien común y la dignidad de todos cuando trabajamos en colaboración a través de líneas partidistas e ideológicas, para crear condiciones en la sociedad en las que los negros y todas las personas de color puedan prosperar por igual. Por florecer, quiero decir: lograr equidad, vivir en vecindarios pacíficos, asistir a buenas escuelas, tener acceso a capacitación laboral, encontrar un empleo pleno y satisfactorio, tener acceso a una buena atención médica y ascender a puestos de liderazgo en todos los campos de actividad e institución. El predominio de las vidas negras no es una ganancia de suma cero para todos los demás. Más bien, es una fuente de fortaleza.

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