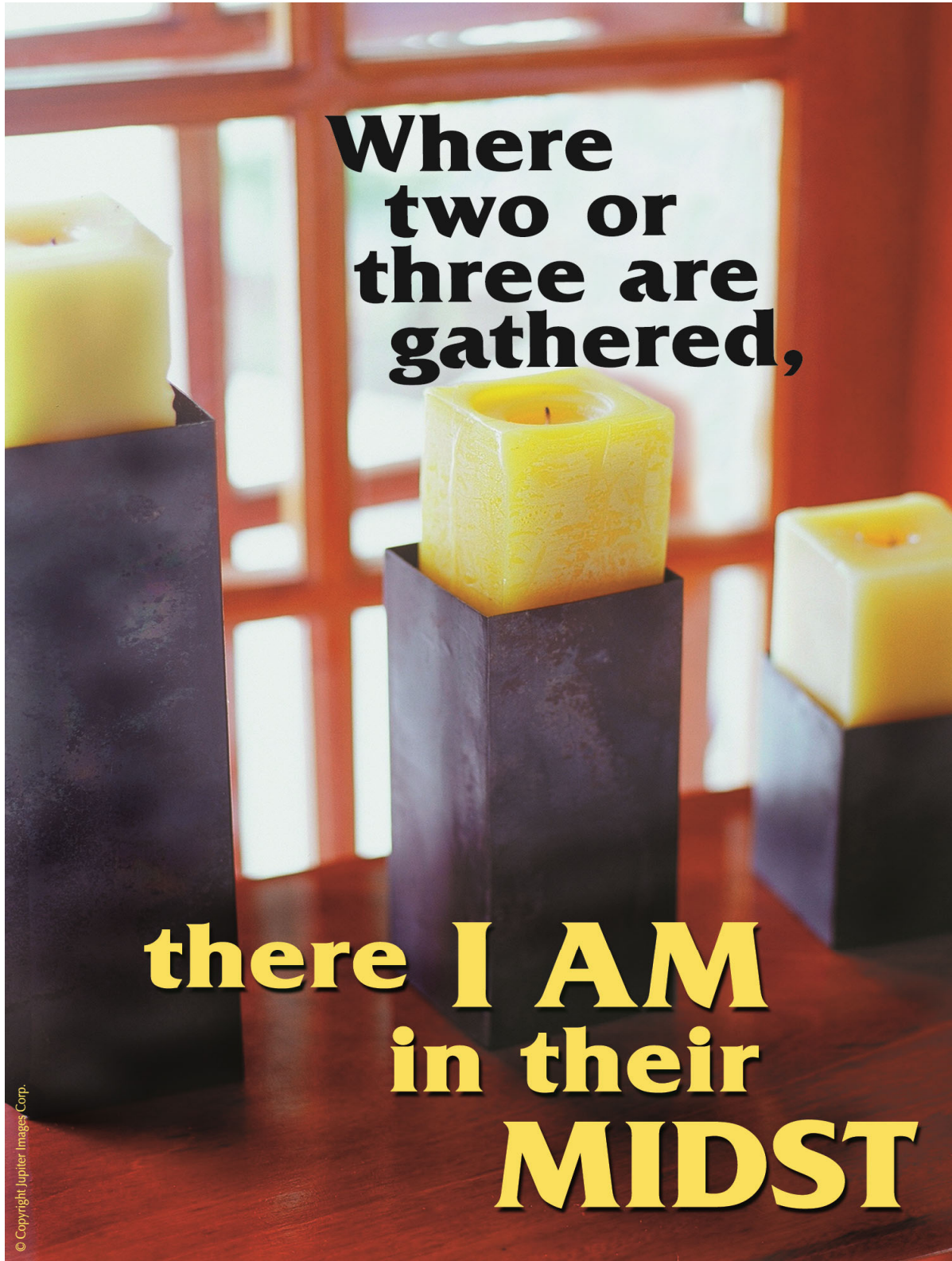


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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7:30 AM	Pro Populo
	9:00 AM	Ruan Jones, †
	11:00 AM	Eduard Nuñez, birthday
	1:00 PM	David and Rene Balangue, †
	5:00 PM	Joan Mary DeVera, birthday
Monday	9:00 AM	Master of the Order
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Antonio and Alfredo Jr., healing
	6:00 PM	Josefina and Nathananiel Carreon, 30th Wedding Anniv.
Wed.	8:00 AM	Aurora and Quirino Soriano Jr., †
	6:00 PM	Monica Bischocho, birthday
Thursday	8:00 AM	Alfred Ivan Ortega, birthday
	6:00 PM	Robert Lim, birthday
Friday	8:00 AM	Amelia Matias and family, thanksgiving
	6:00 PM	Dec. Dominican Friars, parents, friends and benefactors
		Gloria Domingo, †
		Steve Domingo, †
		Esther Ortega, †
		Deacon Michael Finocchiaro, OPL, †
Saturday	8:00 AM	Marcelino Butiu, †
	5:00 PM	Regina Maralit, †

(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

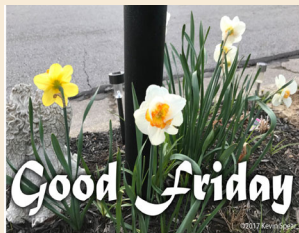
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Deacon Mike's Funeral Mass

I want to thank everyone who made Deacon Mike's Funeral Mass so special and memorable: Fr. Francis and Fr. Jude as presiders; Yvette Richardson for lecturing and for the beautiful eulogy, Rudy Acosta and Anne Jeanette Dwight for the music, Jay Cooney and Brian Garma for media and photo operations, Victor Ybarra, Terrell Chafin, Randy DeVera, Bob Galbraith, Mario Garcia and Mario Garcia Jr. as pall bearers, Sr. Joyanne for the table decorations, Fr. Roberto, Dominican Friars, Cecilia, Rosanna and Ana for support, and coordinating the first funeral Mass since March.

Thank you to the sacristan Sylvia Christiansen, for all the ushers, volunteers, and all who attended the Mass. I am sure Mike was touched by the love you gave. I thank you for all the many cards, flowers, Mass offerings, prayers, and kind thoughts. Mostly, I thank you for making it a beautiful send off for my husband, Deacon Mike, who loved the community of Saint Dominic Parish so much and was happy to serve as Deacon since 2001.

Blessings to all of you, Darlene



There will be a "second collection" next week, September 13. This is the Holy Land Collection from Good Friday. The Archdiocese is asking that we take up this collection now, since we were unable to do so on Good Friday. Thank you for your support!

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A Message from Fr. Roberto

Did Jesus Have Brothers and Sisters?

As Catholics, since very early in our Church's history, we have consistently believed that the Blessed Virgin Mary was a virgin before and after the birth of Jesus. In other words, we believe that she and Joseph never had any other children other than Jesus. This belief is also held by the Orthodox, the Eastern Christian Churches and Anglicans. It was also supported by the Protestant reformers Luther, Calvin and Zwingli.

However, several Bible verses mention Jesus' brothers and/or sisters: Matthew 12:46, 13:55-6, Mark 3:31, 6:3, Luke 8:19, John 7: 3, Acts 1:14, Galatians 1:19, etc. The following verses are a typical example:

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses [or Joseph] and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him (Mark 6:2-3).

It is important to note that in ancient Jewish culture and languages (Hebrew and Aramaic) the words "brother" and "sister" were often used to refer to members of one's tribe, clan or family. Thus, they could signify a blood brother or sister as well as aunt, uncle, cousin, nephew, or niece. There were no specific words for these wider family relationships because they were considered brothers and sisters no matter what their actual relationship was. For example, in Genesis 14:14 Lot is called Abraham's brother when in reality he was Abraham's nephew (which can be deduced from Genesis 11:27). In some Bible translations of Genesis 14:14 instead of "brother" the word "kinsman" is used which is more accurate by our understanding today.

Another point is that if Jesus truly had siblings, it would have been strange, counter to Jewish custom and very offensive to his family for Jesus, in one of his last acts as he was dying on the cross, to give his mother over to the care of the beloved disciple instead of to them (John 19:26-27). If Jesus had siblings, older or younger, he most likely would have left his mother in their care.

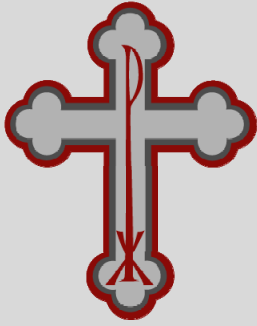
Next, if we look more closely at the names of two of the supposed "brothers" of Jesus mentioned above in Mark 6:3 – James and Joses [Joseph] – we will see that in Matthew 27:55-56 their mother, a woman named Mary, "was watching [Jesus' crucifixion] at a distance" unlike Mary, Jesus' mother, who was next to the cross. This implies that James and Joses were, therefore, probably not the children of the Blessed Virgin Mary but of another Mary and these men were probably more distant relatives of Jesus, like cousins, not brothers.

In summary, there is really no conclusive evidence from the Bible alone whether Jesus had brothers or sisters or not. Our ancient Catholic belief that Jesus did not have siblings is based on the doctrine – also ancient – of Mary's perpetual virginity. As renowned Catholic biblical scholar Raymond Brown states: "We Catholics accept the doctrine of [Mary's perpetual virginity] not on the basis of a biblical text, but from Christian reflection on the sanctity of Mary and the way in which that sanctity was expressed in her life."

For further information about the question of "Jesus' brothers and sisters" question, please refer to Raymond Brown's book, "101 Questions and Answers on the Bible," Paulist Press, New York, 1990, pp. 92-97.



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Br. John Winkowitsch, OP's ordination to the Diaconate will take place on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at 10:30 am, at the Priory of St. Albert the Great in Oakland, CA. It will be a Mass where one of our student brothers will be ordained to the priesthood and Br. John, along with two other brothers, to the diaconate.

Due to coronavirus protocols, this Mass of Ordination will be attended only by the community at St. Albert's.

A public livestream is available here <https://livestream.com/opwest> and here <https://www.youtube.com/opwest>



**Confirmation Meetings will begin on
Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

Confirmation Year 1 Registration

Year 1 Registration Forms are available. The parish office is closed to the public, but we are here, just knock on the door and we will give you a form. The student must be in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade to sign up.

Please bring a copy of their Baptism Certificate along with a copy of their First Communion Certificate. The fee for Year 1 is \$100. Should we be allowed to have a retreat, there will be an additional fee of \$150.

Confirmation Year 2 Re-Registration

Re-registration forms were mailed to all students entering Year 2. You can re-register at any time. If you have any outstanding fees from Year 1, these must be paid before you can register for year 2. The fee for year 2 is \$100. Should we be allowed to have a retreat, there will be an additional fee of \$150.

These meetings will be either via Zoom or in person at the Community Center. Of course Social distancing, masks, temperature check, and sanitizing will all be in effect.

Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

¿Tuvo Hermanos Jesús?

Como católicos, desde muy temprano en la historia de nuestra Iglesia, hemos creído consistentemente que la Virgen María fue una virgen antes y después del nacimiento de Jesús. En otras palabras, hemos creído que ella y San José nunca tuvieron otros hijos aparte de Jesús. Esta creencia también es aceptada por la Iglesia Ortodoxa, las Iglesias del Oriente y los Anglicanos. Además fue apoyada por los reformadores protestantes Lutero, Calvino y Zwinglio.

Sin embargo, varios versículos de la Biblia mencionan hermanos/as de Jesús: Mateo 12, 46; 13, 55-56; Marcos 3, 31; 6,3; Lucas 8, 19; Juan 7, 3; Hechos 1, 14; Gálatas 1, 19, etc. Los siguientes versículos son un ejemplo típico:

Quando llegó el día de reposo, comenzó a enseñar en la sinagoga; y muchos que escuchaban se asombraban, diciendo: "¿Dónde obtuvo Este tales cosas, y cuál es esta sabiduría que Le ha sido dada, y estos milagros que hace con Sus manos?" "¿No es Este el carpintero, el hijo de María, y hermano de Jacobo (Santiago), José, Judas y Simón? ¿No están Sus hermanas aquí con nosotros?" Y se escandalizaban a causa de El (Marcos 6, 2-3).



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Es importante notar que en la antigua cultura e idiomas judíos (hebreo y arameo) las palabras "hermano" y "hermana" se solían usar para referir a los miembros de la tribu, clan o familia de uno. Por lo tanto, podrían significar un hermano/a de sangre o también un tío/a, primo/a o sobrino/a. No había palabras específicas para designar estos parientes porque todos se consideraban como hermanos/as aparte de su relación actual. Por ejemplo, en Génesis 14, 14 Lot es llamado hermano de Abrahán cuando en realidad era su sobrino (que se puede deducir de Génesis 11, 27). En algunas traducciones bíblicas de Génesis 14, 14 en vez de "hermano" se usa la palabra "pariente" que es más acertada según nuestro entendimiento hoy.

Otro punto es que si Jesús realmente tenía hermanos, hubiera sido extraño, contra las costumbres judías y muy ofensivo a su familia que Jesús, en una de los últimos hechos de su vida cuando estaba muriéndose en la cruz, entregara el cuidado de su madre al discípulo amado en vez de ellos (Juan 19, 26-27). Si Jesús tuviese hermanos, más grandes o jóvenes, fuera más lógico que se la habría entregado a su cuidado.

Ahora bien, si examinamos más de cerca a los nombres de dos de los supuestos hermanos de Jesús mencionados arriba en Marcos 6, 3 – Jacobo (Santiago) y José – veremos que en Mateo 27, 55-56 que su madre de ellos, llamada María, con las otras mujeres, "estaban allí, mirando [la crucifixión de Jesús] de lejos" no como la madre de Jesús que estaba junto a la cruz. Esto implica que Jacobo y José probablemente no eran hijos de la Virgen María sino de otra María y que probablemente eran parientes más distantes de Jesús, como primos, y no hermanos.

En resumen, realmente no hay prueba concluyente que se pueda tomar solamente de la Biblia para comprobar que Jesús tuviese hermanos/as o no. Nuestra antigua creencia que Jesús no tuvo hermanos está basada en la doctrina – también antigua – de la virginidad perpetua de la María. Como el famoso erudito bíblico católico Raymond Brown dice: "Nosotros los católicos aceptamos la doctrina de [la virginidad perpetua de María] no basada en un texto bíblico, sino en la reflexión cristiana de la santidad de María y la forma en que esa santidad fue expresada en su vida" ("101 Questions and Answers on the Bible," Paulist Press, New York, 1990, pp. 92-97, traducción mía).



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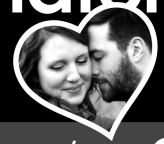


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Our thoughts and prayers are with Deacon Michael who passed away this August. We also pray for his wife Darlene and their family. May our Deacon rest in peace with God in heaven. Our Parish will miss your warm presence and kind heart.

Before he was a deacon, Michael worked at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center for 33 years, caring for the disabled. He also served with his wife Darlene in the Air Force Reserves, including a tour of duty in Desert Storm in 1991.

Michael was ordained a deacon in 2001, and served at St. Dominic Church in Eagle Rock. He is survived by his wife Darlene, brother Fred, and godchildren Christian, Ali, and Nicholas." - Obituary, [Angelus News](#)

Deacon Michael's funeral Mass was held at the Saint Dominic school shelter on Saturday, August 22, 2020.

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