

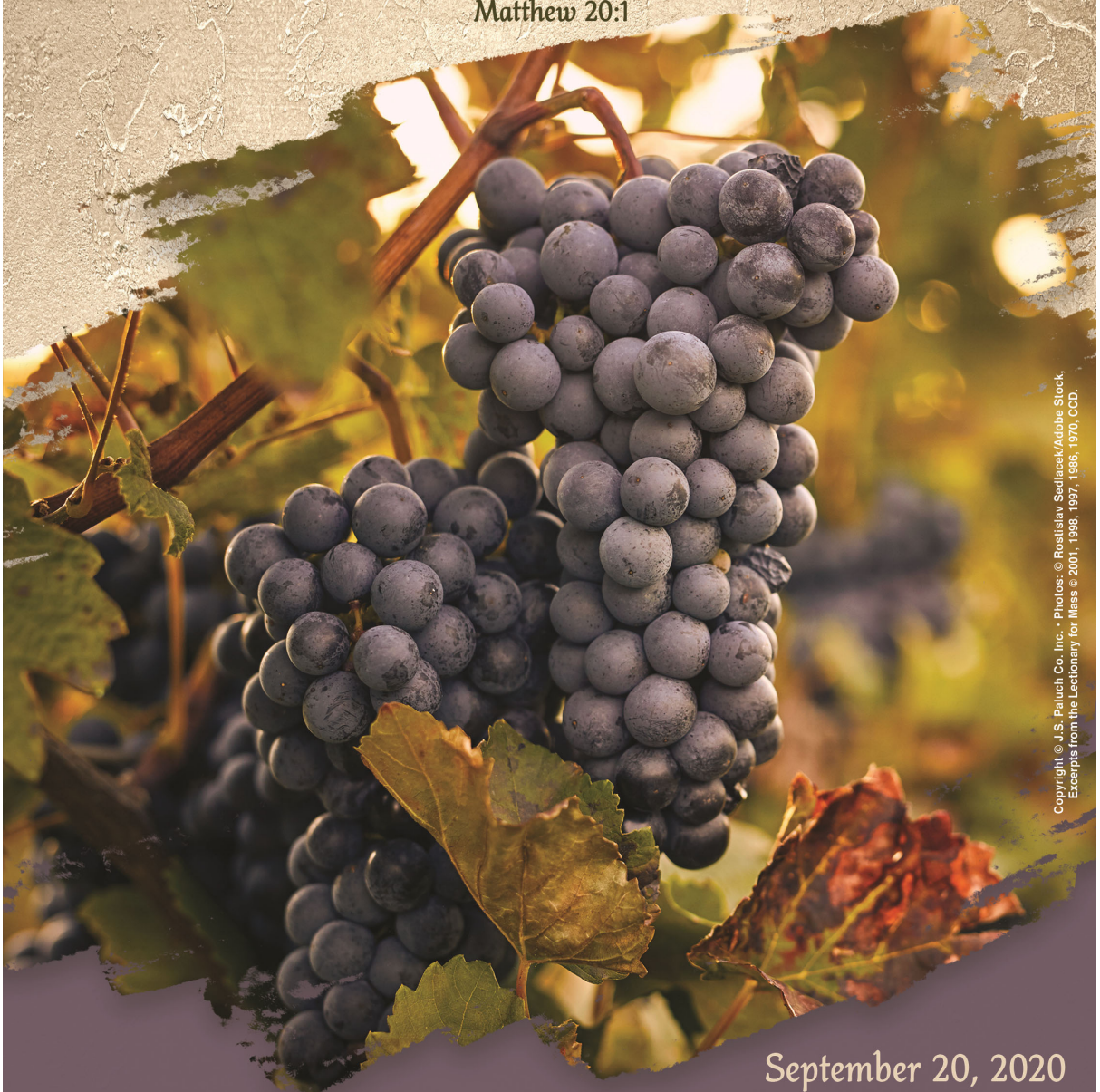
September 20, 2020

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The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner
who went out at dawn
to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1



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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7:30 AM	Deacon Michael Finocchiaro, †
	9:00 AM	Castula Hernandez, †
	11:00 AM	Jose Gallegos, †
	1:00 PM	Pro Populo
	5:00 PM	Freddie Dy, birthday
Monday	8:00 AM	Evelyn S. Domingo, †
	6:00 PM	Cassandra Foley, healing
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Pura Alcantaara, †
	6:00 PM	John Joaquin Rodriguez, For guidance
Wed.	8:00 AM	Reginaldo Joseph Tuando, birthday
	6:00 PM	Florante and Melchor Manglicmot, birthdays
Thursday	8:00 AM	Pacifico Cavantog, †
	6:00 PM	Steven Grimes
Friday	8:00 AM	Julieann Guerrero Orozco, †
	6:00 PM	Dec. Dominican Friars, parents, friends and benefactors Fortunato Ong, †
		Rita M. Tan, † Oliver Aquino Valdez, †
Saturday	8:00 AM	Anna Wood and family, thanksgiving
	5:00 PM	Gealogo family, for their sanctification and protection

(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:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32



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A Message from Fr. Roberto

The Catholic Church Is Holy and Sinful

Every week when we profess the Nicene Creed at Mass, at one point toward the end we say the words, **“I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.”** These are called the four marks of the church and have been part of the creed since the fourth century. The four marks of the Church are not characteristics that the Church creates or develops or learns. They are qualities that Jesus Christ shares with his Church through the Holy Spirit. Today’s message is about just one of those marks: “holy.” It may seem difficult to believe that the Church is holy, particularly in recent years due to the sex abuse scandal and faulty leadership within the Church. But, as the article below indicates, the Church continues to be holy while at the same time it is a Church of sinners. So, let us continue to pray for the Church’s as a whole, and us as individuals, to grow in holiness. The article is taken from: <https://cardinalsblog.adw.org/2015/07/11/the-marks-of-the-church-the-church-is-holy/>.



“When we profess in the Creed the identity of the Church, we speak of the qualities of unity, holiness, universality and rootedness in the Apostles, present, verifiable and interrelated in such a way that one sign or mark supports the others. The purpose of these identifying marks, which grow out of the very nature of the Church, is to help strengthen the faith of the believer and at the same time attract the attention of an unbeliever and lead that person to investigate more fully the Church.

“At the same time, we recognize that each of these signs has a human dimension. You and I look at ourselves and at one another, and we know that we fail. Even great saints made frequent use of the Sacrament of Confession. There is an undeniable measure of sin in the world and even in the lives of very good Christians.

“So why do we say the Church is holy when we know better? We must remember that the marks of the Church, while diminished in its human membership in the world, are nonetheless real and enduring. In the mystery of the Church, we can rightly dare to profess that yes, the Church is holy and perfect even while we acknowledge that the members of the pilgrim Church here on earth are imperfect sinners.

“The Church is indeed made up of you and me, members who are frail, fragile, failing, but it is not man-made. The Church is composed not only of flesh, but also of Spirit. It is not us humans, but the grace of God that makes the Church, the body of Christ, holy. We can say the Church is holy because holiness exists in its founder, Jesus Christ. From him and from the Holy Spirit comes all true holiness. The Apostles Paul and Peter remind us in their letters that Jesus “Christ loved the Church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her,” that is, to make her holy (Ephesians 5:25-26). He made the Church “a holy nation” (1 Peter 2:9).

“In the Church, the Lord is with us, always, until the end of time (Matthew 28:20). The Holy Spirit sanctifies us even though individual members may not live up to that gift. Because of Christ’s presence and the guidance of the Spirit, the doctrine the Church teaches is holy; it remains unalterably Christ’s teaching that brings us to salvation. The Church’s worship is holy. The sacraments it administers to the members of the Church throughout the whole world make it possible for every believer to live a truly Christian life conformed to Jesus Christ. It is to this holiness that the Church invites all of us. In this holiness, rooted in the presence of the Holy Spirit and manifested in the sacramental life of the Church, particularly the Eucharist, the Church continues in spite of the many sins of its members.

“We see all around us the fruits of holiness in the lives of truly faithful followers of Christ, even in an imperfect world marred with failure, compromise and sin. Wherever the Catholic faith is lived sincerely, Jesus brings forth healthy fruit that only a good tree can bear. Our own era is not without its testimony to such holiness as found in the lives of many faithful women and men. While we cannot easily identify the hidden crosses that many people carry or the silent sorrows they bear, their persistent fortitude and courage rooted in their faith in God’s loving care sustains them and us in ways not always visible.

“In the Creed, we profess our faith in “the communion of saints.” This includes the holy ones in heaven, the faithful departed being purified for heaven, and can and should include each of us here on earth. Saint Paul reminds us that we, though sinners, are called to be “holy ones,” that is, saints (Colossians 1:2).

“The Church is possessed of a divine gift. We hold God’s grace, the Holy Spirit, sacramental power, yet we hold it all in earthen vessels. This paradox will be with us until the end. We know that we are not yet living the fullness of the life of Jesus Christ. Yet we know too that with the Lord, imperfect as we may be, we can by his grace be made holy.”

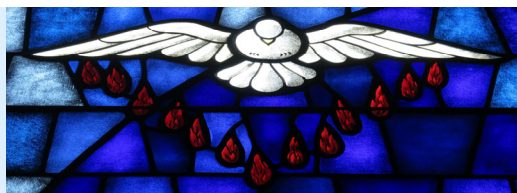
DID YOU KNOW?

Consider setting up a “classroom” for safe internet use

If your child’s school distributed iPads or tablets to help with distance learning this fall, consider setting up a designated place in your home for your child to use these devices. Knowing what your child is doing online is made significantly easier if he or she is using a device in the kitchen, or family room, where you can periodically check in. While the school may have installed basic content filtering software and limited access protections, parents should review the device protections before letting children use them. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

Considere instalar un “salón de clases” para el uso seguro de internet

Si la escuela de su hijo/a distribuyó iPads o tabletas para ayudar en su educación a distancia este otoño, considere crear un lugar asignado en su casa donde su hijo/a use sus aparatos. Saber lo que su hijo/a está haciendo en línea se vuelve significativamente más fácil si él o ella está usando el aparato en la cocina, o en el salón familiar, un lugar abierto donde usted lo/la pueda supervisar frecuentemente. Aunque la escuela pueda haber instalado software para filtrar contenido básico y protecciones de acceso limitadas, los padres de familia deben revisar las protecciones del aparato antes de dejar que los niños lo usen. Para obtener más información, visite <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.



**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

La Iglesia Católica Es Santa y Pecadora

Cada semana, cuando profesamos el Credo de Nicea en la Misa, en un punto hacia el final decimos las palabras: **"Creo en una Iglesia santa, católica y apostólica"**. Estas se llaman las cuatro marcas de la iglesia y han sido parte del credo desde el siglo IV. Las cuatro marcas de la Iglesia no son características que la Iglesia cree, desarrolle o aprenda. Son cualidades que Jesucristo comparte con su Iglesia a través del Espíritu Santo. El mensaje de hoy trata solo de una de esas marcas: "santa". Puede parecer difícil creer que la Iglesia sea santa, especialmente en los últimos años debido al escándalo de abuso sexual y al liderazgo defectuoso dentro de la Iglesia. Pero, como indica el artículo siguiente, la Iglesia sigue siendo santa y, al mismo tiempo, es una Iglesia de pecadores. Entonces, continuemos orando para que la Iglesia en su conjunto, y nosotros como individuos, crezcamos en santidad. Se ha traducido el artículo tomado de:

<https://cardinalsblog.adw.org/2015/07/11/the-marks-of-the-church-the-church-is-holy/>.



“Cuando profesamos en el Credo la identidad de la Iglesia, hablamos de las cualidades de unidad, santidad, universalidad y arraigo en los Apóstoles, presentes, verificables e interrelacionadas de tal manera que un signo o marca apoya a los otros. El propósito de estas marcas de identificación, que surgen de la naturaleza misma de la Iglesia, es ayudar a fortalecer la fe del creyente y al mismo tiempo atraer la atención de un incrédulo y llevar a esa persona a investigar más a fondo la Iglesia.

“Al mismo tiempo, reconocemos que cada uno de estos signos tiene una dimensión humana. Tú y yo nos miramos a nosotros mismos y el uno al otro, y sabemos que fallamos. Incluso los grandes santos hicieron uso frecuente del Sacramento de la Confesión. Hay una medida innegable de pecado en el mundo e incluso en la vida de muy buenos cristianos.

“Entonces, ¿por qué decimos que la Iglesia es santa cuando lo sabemos mejor? Debemos recordar que las marcas de la Iglesia, aunque disminuidas en su membresía humana en el mundo, son reales y perdurables. En el misterio de la Iglesia, podemos atrevernos con razón a profesar que sí, la Iglesia es santa y perfecta, aun cuando reconocemos que los miembros de la Iglesia peregrina aquí en la tierra son pecadores imperfectos.

“La Iglesia, de hecho, está formada por usted y yo, miembros frágiles que fallan, pero no es obra del hombre. La Iglesia está compuesta no solo de carne, sino también de Espíritu. No somos los humanos, sino la gracia de Dios que hace santa a la Iglesia, el cuerpo de Cristo. Podemos decir que la Iglesia es santa porque la santidad existe en su fundador, Jesucristo. De él y del Espíritu Santo proviene toda verdadera santidad. Los apóstoles Pablo y Pedro nos recuerdan en sus cartas que Jesucristo “amó a la Iglesia y se entregó por ella para santificarla”, es decir, para hacerla santa (Efesios 5, 25-26). Hizo de la Iglesia ‘una nación santa’ (1 Pedro 2: 9).

“En la Iglesia, el Señor está con nosotros, siempre, hasta el fin de los tiempos (Mateo 28, 20). El Espíritu Santo nos santifica aunque los miembros individuales no estén a la altura de ese don. Debido a la presencia de Cristo y la guía del Espíritu, la doctrina que enseña la Iglesia es santa; permanece inalterable la enseñanza de Cristo que nos lleva a la salvación. El culto de la Iglesia es santo. Los sacramentos que administra a los miembros de la Iglesia en todo el mundo hacen posible que cada creyente viva una vida verdaderamente cristiana conforme a Jesucristo. A esta santidad nos invita la Iglesia a todos. En esta santidad, arraigada en la presencia del Espíritu Santo y manifestada en la vida sacramental de la Iglesia, particularmente en la Eucaristía, la Iglesia continúa a pesar de los muchos pecados de sus miembros.

“Vemos a nuestro alrededor los frutos de la santidad en las vidas de los seguidores verdaderamente fieles de Cristo, incluso en un mundo imperfecto deformado por el fracaso, el compromiso y el pecado. Dondequiera que se viva la fe católica con sinceridad, Jesús da frutos sanos que solo un buen árbol puede dar. Nuestra propia era no deja de dar testimonio de la santidad que se encuentra en la vida de muchas mujeres y hombres fieles. Si bien no podemos identificar fácilmente las cruces ocultas que llevan muchas personas o los dolores silenciosos que soportan, su fortaleza y coraje persistentes arraigados en su fe en el cuidado amoroso de Dios los sostiene a ellos y a nosotros de maneras que no siempre son visibles.

“En el Credo, profesamos nuestra fe en ‘la comunión de los santos’. Esto incluye a los santos en el cielo, los fieles difuntos siendo purificados para el cielo, y puede y debe incluir a cada uno de nosotros aquí en la tierra. San Pablo nos recuerda que nosotros, aunque pecadores, estamos llamados a ser ‘santos’ (Colosenses 1, 2).

“La Iglesia posee un don divino. Tenemos la gracia de Dios, el Espíritu Santo, el poder sacramental, pero lo guardamos todo en vasos de barro. Esta paradoja nos acompañará hasta el final. Sabemos que aún no estamos viviendo la plenitud de la vida de Jesucristo. Sin embargo, también sabemos que con el Señor, por imperfectos que seamos, podemos por su gracia ser santificados”.



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