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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7:30 AM	Violeta Acevedo, Thanksgiving
	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
	11:00 AM	Claire Garcia, birthday
	1:00 PM	Brooke Ysabelle Henderson, birthday
Monday	5:00 PM	Keith Alcantara, birthday
	8:00 AM	Patrick and Leah Gealogo, Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Deceased members of the Order of Preachers
	8:00 AM	John Paul Dy
	6:00 PM	Dominga Dahino
Wed.	9:00 AM	Bella San Agustin, thanksgiving
		Louvica Cabrera, †
Thursday	8:00 AM	Clotilde Valdes and Deceased family members
	6:00 PM	Praditpol family, thanksgiving
Friday	8:00 AM	Dec. Dominican Friars, parents, friends and benefactors
	6:00 PM	Flaviano and Clemencia Bautista, †
Saturday		Florence Horario, †
		Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
		Antonio Villalobos, †
Sunday	8:00 AM	Leonora Cabantog, †
	5:00 PM	Amelia Matias and family, thanksgiving

(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:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1- 5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]



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In the Gospel stories of Jesus and how people started to follow him, we see that he calls followers in different ways, such as walking along the shore and stopping to speak to two fishermen, or when He met the two disciples on the road to Emmaus and began walking with them, or when Jesus encountered a short man who climbed a tree and Jesus invited him to dinner and so, Jesus invites us to walk with Him in different ways of invitation. If you or a friend, or a family member are feeling that invitation to follow Jesus through the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation) and are over 18 years of age, please come and join us on Tuesday evenings to begin the Journey to encountering Jesus in a relationship that deepens through living the Sacraments to their fullness. We have an on-going RCIA and because of the pandemic, we are meeting through Zoom. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Sr. Joyanne Sullivan at 323-254-2519. Our forms are also on our website.

A Message from Fr. Roberto

Pope Francis' Comments on Homosexual Civil Unions

Recently, a documentary about Pope Francis, entitled “Francesco,” premiered in Italy. In that film the producer included footage of an interview with the pope in which he commented on the civil rights of gay couples. This led to a worldwide media frenzy with some media outlets accusing the pope of deviating from Church doctrine and others celebrating an alleged new open-door policy to gay couples. I know many of you were alarmed and confused by the various media reports. In response to this confusion, the Vatican Secretariat of State has sent out a letter to the apostolic nuncios (the pope’s diplomatic representatives throughout the world) to clarify and contextualize the pope’s comments. What follows is a translation of that letter into English which I found at <https://aleteia.org/2020/11/02/vatican-secretariate-of-state-clarifies-popes-civil-unions-comment/>. I hope it offers all of you peace and a better understanding of the pope’s intentions.

GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING SOME OF THE POPE’S EXPRESSIONS IN THE DOCUMENTARY “FRANCESCO”

Some statements, contained in the documentary “Francesco” by scriptwriter Evgeny Afineevsky, have provoked, in the past days, diverse reactions and interpretations. Therefore, we are offering some useful points, with the desire of promoting an adequate understanding of the Holy Father’s words.

More than a year ago, during an interview, Pope Francis answered two different questions at two different times which, in the aforementioned documentary, were edited and published as a single answer without the proper contextualization. This has created confusion. The Holy Father had first made a pastoral reference to the need, within a family, for a son or daughter with a homosexual orientation never be to be discriminated against. To them are referred the words: “homosexual persons have the right to be in a family; they are children of God, they have the right to a family. No one can be thrown out of the family, nor can life be made impossible for them on this account.”

The following paragraph from the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on love in the family *Amoris Laetitia* (2016) can shed light on these expressions: “*During the Synod, we discussed the situation of families whose members include persons who experience same-sex attraction, a situation not easy either for parents or for children. We would like before all else to reaffirm that every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, while ‘every sign of unjust discrimination’ is to be carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression and violence. Such families should be given respectful pastoral guidance, so that those who manifest a homosexual orientation can receive the assistance they need to understand and fully carry out God’s will in their lives.*” (no. 250).

A later question in the interview was focused instead on a local law from ten years ago in Argentina regarding “marriage equality for same-sex couples” and the opposition of the then-Archbishop of Buenos Aires on this subject. In this regard, Pope Francis stated that “it is incongruous to speak of homosexual marriage,” adding that, in that same context, he had spoken of the right these people have to a certain amount of legal coverage: “What we have to do is [make] a civil union law; they have the right to be legally covered. I defended that.” (The legal term in Spanish the Holy Father used in this case for civil unions is “*convivencia civil*,” Ed.)

The Holy Father had expressed himself in the following way during an interview in 2014: “Marriage is between a man and a woman. Lay States want to justify civil unions in order to regulate various situations of cohabitation, moved by the need to regulate economic aspects between people, such as ensuring health care. It is a matter of cohabitation agreements of different natures, the different forms of which I would not know how to give a list. It is necessary to see the different cases and evaluate them in their variety.”

It is therefore clear that Pope Francis has referred to certain state provisions, not certainly to the doctrine of the Church, which has been reaffirmed many times over the years.



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St. Dominic School is holding their yearly Fresh Christmas Wreath sale. Go to <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/stdominic> to place your order! Our order window is short this year: orders due by 6pm on Monday, November 9th.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.



The previously ordered tamales Pick Up will be at
The Parish Hall on
November 15 (Sunday) from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Tamales are being made by the Hispanic Ministry and all proceeds will go to the parish to help with expenses.



Thank you to all who supported this Fund Raiser for our Parish!



Confirmation Year 1 & 2 Meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, via ZOOM

Registration will CLOSE on November 15

Year 1 forms are in the parish office. Bring Baptism & 1st Communion Certificates. The fee for Year 1 & 2 is \$100.

Year 2 - Re-registration - Many have not re-registered, please do so today!!!

Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

Comentarios del Papa Francisco sobre las Uniones Civiles Homosexuales

Recientemente, se estrenó en Italia un documental sobre el Papa Francisco, titulado “Francesco”. En esa película, el productor incluyó imágenes de una entrevista con el Papa en la que comentó sobre los derechos civiles de las parejas homosexuales. Esto condujo a un frenesí mundial con algunos medios de comunicación que acusaron al Papa de desviarse de la doctrina de la Iglesia y otros celebraron una supuesta nueva política de puertas abiertas a las parejas homosexuales.

Sé que muchos de ustedes estaban alarmados y confundidos por los diversos informes de los medios. En respuesta a esta confusión, la Secretaría de Estado del Vaticano ha enviado una carta a los nuncios apostólicos (los representantes diplomáticos del Papa en todo el mundo) para aclarar y contextualizar los comentarios del Papa. Lo que sigue es una traducción de esa carta al inglés que encontré en <https://es.aleteia.org/2020/11/02/representante-del-papa-aclara-sus-palabras-sobre-uniones-civiles-gay/>. Espero que les ofrezca a todos paz y una mejor comprensión de las intenciones del Papa.

GUÍA PARA COMPRENDER ALGUNAS EXPRESIONES DEL PAPA EN EL DOCUMENTAL “FRANCESCO”

Algunas afirmaciones, contenidas en el documental “Francisco” del guionista Evgeny Afineevsky, han suscitado, en días pasados, diversas reacciones e interpretaciones. Se ofrecen por lo tanto algunos elementos útiles, con el deseo de favorecer una adecuada comprensión de las palabras del Santo Padre.

Hace más de un año, durante una entrevista, el Papa Francisco respondió a dos preguntas distintas en dos momentos diferentes que, en el mencionado documental, fueron editadas y publicadas como una sola respuesta sin la debida contextualización, lo cual ha generado confusión. El Santo Padre había hecho en primer lugar una referencia pastoral acerca de la necesidad que, en el seno de la familia, el hijo o la hija con orientación homosexual nunca sean discriminados. A ellos se refieren las palabras: “las personas homosexuales tienen derecho a estar en familia; son hijos de Dios, tienen derecho a una familia. No se puede echar de la familia a nadie ni hacerle la vida imposible por eso”.

El siguiente párrafo de la Exhortación apostólica post-sinodal sobre el amor en la familia *Amoris Laetitia* (2016) puede iluminar tales expresiones: «Con los Padres sinodales, he tomado en consideración la situación de las familias que viven la experiencia de tener en su seno a personas con tendencias homosexuales, una experiencia nada fácil ni para los padres ni para sus hijos. Por eso, deseamos ante todo reiterar que toda persona, independientemente de su tendencia sexual, ha de ser respetada en su dignidad y acogida con respeto, procurando evitar “todo signo de discriminación injusta”, y particularmente cualquier forma de agresión y violencia. Por lo que se refiere a las familias, se trata por su parte de asegurar un respetuoso acompañamiento, con el fin de que aquellos que manifiestan una tendencia homosexual puedan contar con la ayuda necesaria para comprender y realizar plenamente la voluntad de Dios en su vida» (n. 250).

Una pregunta sucesiva de la entrevista era en cambio inherente a una ley local de hace diez años en Argentina sobre los “matrimonios igualitarios de parejas del mismo sexo” y a la oposición del entonces Arzobispo de Buenos Aires al respecto. A este propósito el Papa Francisco ha afirmado que “es una incongruencia hablar de matrimonio homosexual”, agregando que, en ese mismo contexto, había hablado del derecho de estas personas a tener cierta cobertura legal: “lo que tenemos que hacer es una ley de convivencia civil; tienen derecho a estar cubiertos legalmente. Yo defendí eso”.

El Santo Padre se había expresado así durante una entrevista del 2014: “El matrimonio es entre un hombre y una mujer. Los Estados laicos quieren justificar las uniones civiles para regular diversas situaciones de convivencia, movidos por la exigencia de regular aspectos económicos entre las personas, como por ejemplo asegurar la asistencia sanitaria. Se trata de pactos de convivencia de diferente naturaleza, de los cuales no sabría dar un elenco de las distintas formas. Es necesario ver los diversos casos y evaluarlos en su variedad”.

Por lo tanto es evidente que el Papa Francisco se ha referido a determinadas disposiciones estatales, no ciertamente a la doctrina de la Iglesia, numerosas veces reafirmada en el curso de los años”.



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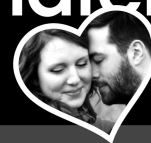
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