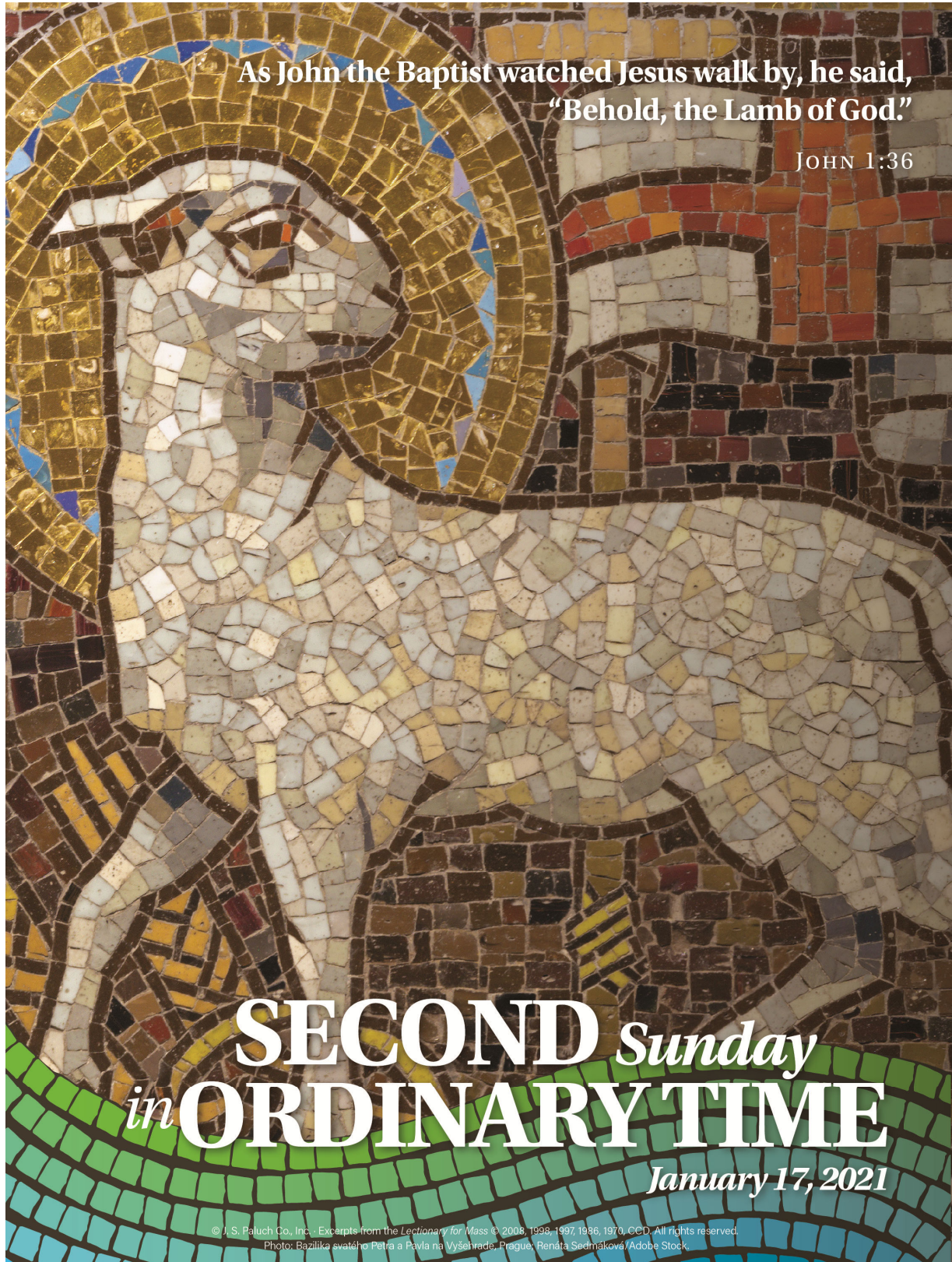


January 17, 2021

St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

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As John the Baptist watched Jesus walk by, he said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God."

JOHN 1:36

SECOND *Sunday*
in **ORDINARY TIME**

January 17, 2021

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Rev. Roberto Corral, OP, Pastor
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 Secretary: Angela Nuño
 Pre-School / Extended Day Care

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7:30 AM	Cristina and Tessie Sy, thanksgiving
	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
	11:00 AM	Oscar Leonel Magaña, †
	1:00 PM	Norma Castro
	4:00 PM	Rod and Zeny Corella, 40th Wedding Anniversary
Monday	9:00 AM	Luisa Tan, thanksgiving
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Paterno Sangalan, †
	6:00 PM	Porfirio Hoyos, †
Wed.	8:00 AM	Virgilio del Rosario, †
	6:00 PM	Ariel Jor'l Hutalla, birthday
Thursday	8:00 AM	Eulogio and Agatona Serrano, †
	6:00 PM	Joaquin Manuel, thanksgiving
Friday	8:00 AM	Maria Duran and Ramon Saavedra, Thanksgiving
	6:00 PM	Dec. Dom. Friars, parents, friends and benefactors Elizabeth Owens, † Sandy Pagulayan, † Rosie Silva, †
Saturday	8:00 AM	Emily Garma, birthday
	4:00 PM	Ellie and Jacinta Felix, 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:	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19, <i>or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer</i>
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



Adults who have made their Baptism and First Communion and need the Sacrament of Confirmation and are over the age of 18, the Adult Confirmation will be Zoomed this year

because of the Pandemic starting on Thursday Jan 28 at 7:00 p.m.

You must have your Forms for registration (which are found on the parish website plus your Baptismal certificate and if possible, your First Communion certificate in before this time so that you can receive the zoom invitation before class.

For more information, please call Sr. Joyanne at 323-254-2519. Blessings.

Mass Schedule

All Masses are celebrated in Church

Daily Mass

Monday thru Friday 8:00 am in English

Saturday:

8:00 am in English

4:00 pm in English (Vigil for Sunday)

Sunday:

7:30 am in English

9:00 am in English

11:00 am in Spanish

4:00 pm in English

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Confessions on Saturday

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm - on the School grounds

Or by appointment

PLEASE BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR MASK

DID YOU KNOW?

Building a strong parent-teen relationship

As pandemic lockdowns continue, parents and teenage children are spending more and more time together. It is not always easy to connect with teens, because they often feel their parents do not understand them and prefer to confide in their friends instead. Nevertheless, the time at home offers an opportunity for parent-teen relationships to evolve and for trust to grow in developmentally appropriate ways. Teens need the guidance and support of a parent as an important balance to the permissive understanding of a "friendship" relationship. As children become teenagers, parental authority does not diminish but may be better served by involving the teens in a dialogue about rules and limits. For more information on building relationships with your teenagers, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

Construir una relación sólida entre padres e hijos adolescentes

A medida que continúan los cierres por la pandemia, los padres y los hijos adolescentes pasan cada vez más tiempo juntos. No siempre es fácil conectarse con los adolescentes, porque a menudo sienten que sus padres no los entienden y prefieren confiar en sus amigos. Sin embargo, el tiempo en casa ofrece una oportunidad para que las relaciones entre padres e hijos adolescentes evolucionen y para que la confianza crezca de manera apropiada para el desarrollo de los jóvenes. Los adolescentes necesitan la guía y el apoyo de un padre de familia, como un equilibrio importante para la comprensión permisiva de una relación de "amistad". A medida que los niños se convierten en adolescentes, la autoridad de los padres no disminuye, pero puede ser más útil involucrar a los adolescentes en un diálogo sobre reglas y límites. Para obtener más información sobre cómo establecer relaciones con sus adolescentes, visite <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

Message from Fr. Roberto**Growth through Dark Nights**

I think we would all agree that the past year has been a dark one with the pandemic and all its impact on our world, the political chaos and divisions in our country and in our Catholic Church, the natural disasters in many parts of the world, etc. As a result, we can very understandably feel disoriented, filled with anxiety and depression. These are the kinds of times that test our faith. But they can also be times when we grow in our faith and as human beings. A friend recently sent me an article by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, a well-known Catholic priest, speaker and writer that may help us put into perspective this darkness we are experiencing and, perhaps, even help us grow through this “dark night.”

During my last years of seminary training, I attended a series of lectures given by a prominent Polish psychologist, Casmir Dabrowski, teaching at the time at the University of Alberta. He had written a number of books around a concept he called “positive disintegration”. Positive disintegration. Isn’t that an oxymoron? Isn’t disintegration the opposite of growth and happiness? It would seem not. A canon of wisdom drawn from the scriptures of all the major world religions, mystical literature, philosophy, psychology, and human experience tells us that the journey to maturity and compassion is extremely paradoxical and that mostly we grow by falling apart.

Ancient myths talk about the need sometimes to “descend into the underworld”, to live in darkness for a while, to sit in ashes so as to move to a deeper place inside of life; the mystics talk about “dark nights of the soul” as being necessary to bring about maturity; Ignatius of Loyola teaches that there is a place for both “consolation” and “desolation” in our lives; the philosopher, Karl Jaspers, suggests that the journey to full maturity demands that we sometimes journey in “the norm of night” and not just in “the norm of day”; the Jewish scriptures assure us that certain deep things can only happen to the soul when it is helpless and exposed in “the desert” or “the wilderness” and that sometimes, like Jonah, we need to be carried to some place where we’d rather not go “in the dark belly of the whale”; and, perhaps most challenging of all, we see that Jesus was only brought to full compassion through “sweating blood in Gethsemane” and then dying a humiliating death on the cross.

All of these images point to the same deep truth, sometimes in order to grow we must first fall apart, go into the dark, lose our grip on what’s normal, enter into a frightening chaos, lose our everyday securities, and be carried in pain to a place where, for all kinds of reasons, we weren’t ready to go to on our own. Why? Isn’t there a more pleasant route to maturity? James Hillman answers this with this image: The best wines have to be aged in cracked, old barrels. And so too the human soul, it mellows, takes on character, and comes to compassion only when there are real cracks, painful ones, in the body and life of the one who carries it. Our successes, he says, bring us glory, while our pain brings us character and compassion. Pain, and sometimes only pain, serves to mellow the soul.

But almost every instinct inside of us resists this wisdom. We don’t like living in tension, try at all costs to avoid pain, fear chaos, are ashamed of our humiliations, and panic when our old securities fall away and we are left in the dark, unsure of things. So our natural instinct is to get out of the darkness and tension as quickly as possible, before the pain has had its chance to mellow our souls, purify our hearts, bring us to a deeper level of maturity and compassion, and do its full purifying work within us. And, sometimes, we are helped in this escape by well-meaning therapists and spiritual directors who don’t want to see us in pain and therefore try to cure the situation rather than properly care for the soul inside the situation.

And so what we need when we are in a “dark night” isn’t the well-intentioned sympathy of a friend who wants to rescue us from the pain, but the wisdom of the mystics who tell us: When you lose your securities, when you find yourself in an emotional and spiritual free-fall, when you are in the belly of the whale, let go, detach yourself, let the pain carry you to where it needs to take you, don’t resist, rather weep, wail, cry, and put your mouth to the dust, and wait. Just wait. You are like a baby being weaned from its mother’s breast and forced to learn a new way of nourishing yourself. Anything you do to stop what’s happening will only delay the inevitable, the pain that must be gone through in order come to a new maturity.


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\$10,798.00

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\$69,269.00

Environmental Committee:
This new year we are seeking volunteers to help with the cleanup of our storage area and decorations. If you are healthy and available to help, please call the office or contact us at communications@saintdominics.org.

Thank you!



Un Mensaje del Padre Roberto

Crecimiento a través de Noche Oscuras

Creo que todos estaríamos de acuerdo en que el año pasado ha sido oscuro con la pandemia y todo su impacto en nuestro mundo, el caos político y las divisiones en nuestro país y en nuestra Iglesia Católica, los desastres naturales en muchas partes del mundo, etc. Como resultado, es muy comprensible que nos sintamos desorientados, llenos de ansiedad y depresión. Éstos son los momentos que ponen a prueba nuestra fe. Pero también pueden ser momentos en los que crecemos en nuestra fe como seres humanos. Un amigo me envió recientemente un artículo del P. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, un conocido sacerdote católico, orador y escritor que puede ayudarnos a poner en perspectiva esta oscuridad que estamos experimentando y, quizás, incluso ayudarnos a crecer en esta "noche oscura".

Durante mis últimos años de formación en el seminario, asistí a una serie de conferencias impartidas por un destacado psicólogo polaco, Casmir Dabrowski, que en ese momento enseñaba en la Universidad de Alberta. Había escrito varios libros sobre un concepto que llamó "desintegración positiva". Desintegración positiva. ¿No es eso un oxímoron? ¿No es la desintegración lo opuesto al crecimiento y la felicidad? Parece que no. Un canon de sabiduría extraído de las escrituras de las principales religiones del mundo, la literatura mística, la filosofía, la psicología y la experiencia humana nos dice que el camino hacia la madurez y la compasión es extremadamente paradójico y que, sobre todo, crecemos al desmoronarnos.

Los mitos antiguos hablan de la necesidad a veces de "descender al inframundo", de vivir un rato en la oscuridad, de sentarse en las cenizas para ir a un lugar más profundo dentro de la vida; los místicos hablan de "noches oscuras del alma" como necesarias para lograr la madurez; [San] Ignacio de Loyola enseña que hay un lugar tanto para el "consuelo" como para la "desolación" en nuestras vidas; el filósofo Karl Jaspers sugiere que el camino hacia la madurez completa exige que a veces caminemos en "la norma de la noche" y no solo en "la norma del día"; las escrituras judías nos aseguran que ciertas cosas profundas solo pueden sucederle al alma cuando está indefensa y expuesta en "el desierto" y que a veces, como Jonás, necesitamos que nos lleven a algún lugar donde preferimos no ir "en el oscuro vientre de la ballena"; y, quizás lo más desafiante de todo, vemos que Jesús solo fue llevado a la compasión completa al "sudar sangre en Getsemani" y luego morir una muerte humillante en la cruz.

Todas estas imágenes apuntan a la misma verdad profunda, a veces para crecer primero debemos desmoronarnos, ir a la oscuridad, perder nuestro control sobre lo que es normal, entrar en un caos aterrador, perder nuestras seguridades cotidianas y dejarnos llevar por el dolor a un lugar donde, por todo tipo de razones, no estábamos listos para ir solos. ¿Por qué? ¿No hay un camino más agradable hacia la madurez? James Hillman responde a esto con esta imagen: Los mejores vinos deben envejecerse en barricas viejas y agrietadas. Y así también el alma humana se suaviza, adquiere carácter y llega a la compasión sólo cuando hay grietas reales, dolorosas, en el cuerpo y la vida de quien la porta. Nuestros éxitos, dice, nos traen gloria, mientras que nuestro dolor nos trae carácter y compasión. El dolor, y a veces solo el dolor, sirve para suavizar el alma.

Pero casi todos los instintos dentro de nosotros se resisten a esta sabiduría. No nos gusta vivir en tensión, tratamos a toda costa de evitar el dolor, tememos al caos, nos avergonzamos de nuestras humillaciones y nos entra el pánico cuando nuestras viejas seguridades caen y nos quedamos en la oscuridad, inseguros de las cosas. Entonces, nuestro instinto natural es salir de la oscuridad y la tensión lo más rápido posible, antes de que el dolor haya tenido la oportunidad de suavizar nuestras almas, purificar nuestros corazones, llevarnos a un nivel más profundo de madurez y compasión, y hacer su purificación total y hacer su trabajo purificador dentro de nosotros. Y, a veces, nos ayudan en este escape terapeutas y directores espirituales bien intencionados que no quieren vernos sufrir y, por lo tanto, tratan de curar la situación en lugar de cuidar adecuadamente el alma dentro de la situación.

Entonces, lo que necesitamos cuando estamos en una "noche oscura" no es la simpatía bien intencionada de un amigo que quiere rescatarnos del dolor, sino la sabiduría de los místicos que nos dicen: cuando pierdes tus seguridades, cuando te encuentras en una caída libre emocional y espiritual, cuando estés en el vientre de la ballena, déjate llevar, despréndete, deja que el dolor te lleve a donde tiene que llevarte, no te resistas, más bien llora, gime, pon tu boca en el polvo y espera. Simplemente espera. Eres como un bebé destetado del pecho de su madre y obligado a aprender una nueva forma de alimentarte. Cualquier cosa que hagas para detener lo que está sucediendo solo retrasará lo inevitable, el dolor que debe ser atravesado para llegar a una nueva madurez.

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Meeting ID: 883 8849 7328
Passcode: choir