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MAY 22, 2022 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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~ John 14:27

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7:30 AM	Elena and Eden Sy Su
	9:00 AM	Carmen and Marcelino Butiu, †
	11:00 AM	Alfred and Juanita Fierro, †
	1:00 PM	Pro Populo
	5:00 PM	Tomas O. Cosio, †
Monday	8:00 AM	Amelita Tengco, birthday
	6:00 PM	Thomas and Maryann Eckel, thanksgiving
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Benjamin and Leiloha Briones, †
	6:00 PM	Milagros Encarnacion, thanksgiving
Wed.	8:00 AM	Lita Ele, birthday
	6:00 PM	George Silva, †
Thurs	8:00 AM	Lina Pastrana, †
	6:00 PM	Soledad Canicula Binza, †
Friday	8:00 AM	Frank Lauriello
	6:00 PM	Dec. Friars, Parents, friends and benefactors
	6:00 PM	Rogelio and Trinidad Sangalang, †
Saturday	6:00 PM	Monica Ballano, †
	8:00 AM	Cedric Magaway, healing
	5:00 PM	Anita M. Hermogeno, †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53



We will be having our annual Corpus Christi procession this year (we did not have it for the last 2 years due to the pandemic).

The procession will take place on Saturday, June 18 after the 5:00 Vigil Mass (around 6:15 pm). We will gather in front of the church.

Altar Server Ministry:

If you are a 5th grader or older and are interested in being part of the Altar Service Ministry, please visit the parish office to request and complete a registration form. Whether you have Altar Serving experience or not, you are more than welcome to be part of this important ministry. There will be training sessions scheduled for all experience levels. For the safety of the presider, ministers, and fellow worshipers, we are asking that only those that are vaccinated register during this initial phase. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jorge Corletto or Juan Segura at:
altarserver@saintdominics.org.



RCIA

A JOURNEY TO DISCIPLESHIP

What is the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)?

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

Faith and Doubt

“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). This scripture is the classic biblical definition of faith. Perhaps a more easily understood dictionary definition of religious faith would be: “strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof.” Both of these definitions mean that we cannot prove that God exists, that he created the universe, that God consists of three Persons yet only one God, that Jesus, the Son of God, became a human, suffered and died for us and then rose from the dead, and that the Eucharist is truly Jesus’ Body and Blood, etc. Yet, even though we cannot prove any of these things, we choose to believe in them because we also choose to believe that God has revealed them to us through our Catholic Church which, we believe, was founded by Jesus himself and has been guided by the Holy Spirit from the beginning. Let me also say that the things we believe about God cannot be disproved either.

I would guess that most of us Catholics want to have a strong faith in God, and that is certainly a good thing. Both the Bible and our Catholic Church encourage us to grow in our faith, and we have to understand that this is a lifelong process that has lots of ups and downs, advances forward at times, and movement backwards at other times. But it is important for us to understand that having a strong faith does not mean that we will not have any doubts. In fact, having doubts and struggling with our faith, now and then, can actually help us grow in our faith. That has certainly been true in my own life. Many times, I have doubted God’s love for me when my prayers were not answered or when I felt I was in an impossible situation with no way out. I have also been angry with God when I or a loved one was suffering in some way for no apparent reason. Yet, time after time, somehow, God has always brought me through those difficult times, and my faith grew because of them. I did not always get what I prayed for or wanted; but I always got what I needed, and, often, I got more. I imagine many of us have been through similar experiences.

Pope Francis himself has said that there must be some element of doubt and uncertainty in our faith at times. In an interview with a well-known religious magazine in 2013, Pope Francis said, ***“In this quest to seek and find God in all things there is still an area of uncertainty. There must be. If a person says that he met God with total certainty and is not touched by a margin of uncertainty, then this is not good.... If one has the answers to all the questions—that is the proof that God is not with him.”***

I think the pope is saying that because God is infinitely beyond our human understanding, we will never fully know him in this life; there will always be some sense of mystery and incompleteness in our understanding. This acceptance of doubt and uncertainty in our faith flies in the face of our natural human desire for certainty, knowledge, truth and control. We continually want to be reassured that we are right, which is why it is so uncomfortable to be unsure. And yet, that is often where God allows and even wants us to be, at times, because that is ultimately how we grow in our faith. As one current spiritual writer says, *“In my life and in the lives of people I love, I’ve noticed that doubt, as painful as it can be, really is an impetus to a more authentic, personal spiritual life...”*

Working through our doubts and uncertainties is one of the necessary ways that we make our faith our own. That is because, ultimately, we cannot live out anyone else’s faith. Thus, you cannot live out your spouse’s or partner’s faith or your parents’ faith or your grandma’s faith or the Pope’s faith. You can only live out your faith; and, in order to make your faith your own, in order to make your faith authentic and real for you, you sometimes have to struggle with it.

Often, in that struggle to make our faith our own, we can go through different levels of understanding and maturity. So, for example, the faith we have now is, hopefully, deeper and stronger than the faith we had when we were 5 or 15 or 25, etc. And, in that process of growing in our faith, we may have to choose to accept a certain doctrine even if we are not quite sure we actually believe in it 100%.

Ultimately, as I said earlier, growing in faith is a lifelong process, and we will never be a “finished product” in this life. God will always gently try to move us forward and deeper in our faith, and that will mean we will have to struggle with doubts and uncertainties at times.



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Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

Fe y Duda

“La fe es aferrarse a lo que se espera, es la certeza de cosas que no se pueden ver.” (Hebreos 11: 1). Esta Escritura es la definición bíblica clásica de fe. Quizás una definición de diccionario más fácilmente entendida de fe religiosa sería: “una fuerte creencia en Dios o en las doctrinas de una religión, basada en la aprensión espiritual en lugar de la prueba”. Ambas definiciones significan que no podemos demostrar que Dios existe, que creó el universo, que Dios consiste en tres personas, pero solo un Dios, que Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, se convirtió en humano, sufrió y murió por nosotros y luego se resucitó de los muertos, y que la Eucaristía es verdaderamente el cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús, etc. Sin embargo, aunque no podemos probar ninguna de estas cosas, elegimos creer en ellas porque también elegimos creer que Dios nos las ha revelado a nosotros a través de nuestra Iglesia Católica que, creemos, fue fundada por el propio Jesús y ha sido guiado por el Espíritu Santo desde el principio. Permítanme decir que las cosas que creemos sobre Dios tampoco pueden ser refutadas.

Supongo que la mayoría de nosotros los católicos queremos tener una fe fuerte en Dios, y eso es ciertamente algo bueno. Tanto la Biblia como nuestra Iglesia Católica nos alientan a crecer en nuestra fe, y tenemos que entender que este es un proceso de por vida que tiene muchos altibajos, avances hacia adelante a veces, y movimiento hacia atrás en otros momentos. La realidad es que tener una fe fuerte no significa que no tendremos ninguna duda. De hecho, tener dudas y luchar con nuestra fe, de vez en cuando, puede ayudarnos a crecer en nuestra fe. Eso ciertamente ha sido innegable en mi propia vida. Muchas veces, dudé del amor de Dios por mí cuando mis oraciones no fueron respondidas o cuando sentí que estaba en una situación imposible sin salida. También he estado enojado con Dios cuando yo o un ser querido sufrimos de alguna manera sin razón aparente. Sin embargo, una y otra vez, de alguna manera, Dios siempre me ha traído a través de esos tiempos difíciles, y mi fe creció por ellos. No siempre obtuve lo que quería; pero siempre obtuve lo que necesitaba y, a menudo, obtuve más. Me imagino que muchos de nosotros hemos pasado por experiencias similares.

El propio Papa Francisco ha dicho que a veces debe haber algún elemento de duda e incertidumbre en nuestra fe. En una entrevista con una conocida revista religiosa en 2013, el Papa Francisco dijo: **“En esta exploración de buscar y encontrar a Dios en todas las cosas, siempre hay un área de incertidumbre. Así tiene que ser. Si una persona dice que conoció a Dios con certeza total y no se ve tocado por un margen de incertidumbre, entonces esto no es bueno... si uno tiene las respuestas a todas las preguntas, esa es la prueba de que Dios no está con Él.”**

Creo que el Papa está diciendo que debido a que Dios está infinitamente más allá de nuestra comprensión humana, nunca lo conoceremos completamente en esta vida; siempre habrá algún sentido de misterio e incompletitud en nuestra comprensión. Esta aceptación de la duda y la incertidumbre en nuestra fe va en contra de nuestro deseo humano natural de certeza, conocimiento, verdad y control. Continuamente queremos estar seguros de que tengamos razón, por lo que es tan incómodo estar inseguro. Y, sin embargo, a menudo es donde Dios permite e incluso quiere que estemos a veces porque así es, en última instancia, como crecemos en nuestra fe. Como dice un escritor espiritual actual: *“En mi vida y en la vida de las personas que amo, he notado que la duda, por dolorosa como pueda ser, es realmente un impulso para una vida espiritual más auténtica y personal...”*

Luchar con nuestras dudas e incertidumbres es una de las formas necesarias en que podemos hacer que nuestra fe sea nuestra. Eso es porque, en última instancia, no podemos vivir la fe de nadie más. Por lo tanto, no puedes vivir la fe de tu cónyuge o pareja o la fe de tus padres o la fe de tu abuela o la fe del Papa. Solo puedes vivir tu fe; Y, para que tu fe sea tuya, para que tu fe sea auténtica y real para ti, a veces tienes que luchar con ella.

A menudo, en esa lucha por hacer nuestra fe nuestra, podemos pasar por diferentes niveles de comprensión y madurez. Entonces, por ejemplo, la fe que tenemos ahora es, con suerte, más profunda y más fuerte que la fe que teníamos cuando teníamos 5 o 15 o 25 años, etc., y, en ese proceso de crecer en nuestra fe, es posible que tengamos que elegir aceptar una cierta doctrina incluso si no estamos seguros de que realmente creamos en ella al 100%.

En última instancia, como dije anteriormente, crecer en la fe es un proceso de por vida, y nunca seremos un “producto terminado” en esta vida. Dios siempre tratará gentilmente de avanzar y profundizar nuestra fe, y eso significará que tendremos que luchar con dudas e incertidumbres a veces.



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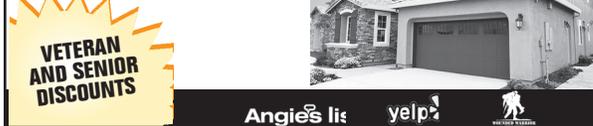


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Your faith will help you realize that it is Jesus Himself in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for you and calling you to spend one specific hour with Him each week.” (John Paul II)

DID YOU KNOW?

Amusement park safety

Heading to a family amusement park this summer? Prepare your family with some easy safety tips. Amusement parks are crowded and exciting — and unfortunately, they can also be the perfect scenario for children to get distracted and separated from the family. Before you go, discuss the rules with your children: specify where they can go and who they can go with. Establish a buddy system and a family meet-up spot in case you get separated. For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Keeping Kids Safe at Amusement Parks” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Seguridad en el parque de atracciones

¿Se dirige a un parque de diversiones familiar este verano? Prepare a su familia con algunos sencillos consejos de seguridad. Los parques de diversiones están llenos de gente y son emocionantes, y desafortunadamente también pueden ser el escenario perfecto para que los niños se distraigan y se separen de la familia. Antes de ir, discuta las reglas con sus hijos: especifique dónde pueden ir y con quién pueden ir. Establezca un sistema de amigos y un lugar de reunión familiar en caso de que se separen. Para obtener más consejos, solicite una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® “Keeping Kids Safe at Amusement Parks” (Manteniendo a los niños seguros en los parques de diversiones) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



ESTUDIO BIBLICO EN ESPAÑOL

Acompáñenos todos los martes a las 7:30 pm en el salón de Educación para Adultos (detrás de la iglesia).

Monday Night English Bible Study

New classes will begin on July 11 thru August 29

We will be meeting in-person in the Adult Ed Building 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.



Contact Darlene Finocchiaro for any questions at dandmfino@earthlink.net