



# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

September 26, 2021

26th Sunday Ordinary Time

815-455-5400/[www.stthomascl.church](http://www.stthomascl.church)



**PRIESTHOOD**  
*Sunday*

## Mission Statement

**We are a Catholic family, living our awareness of Christ's presence through worship, service, evangelization & community for the benefit of all.**



## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Center Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

### Confessions (Reconciliation):

Mondays 5:00 PM-6:00 PM (Oak Street Church)

Saturdays 8:00 AM-9:00 AM (Oak Street Church)

and 3:00 PM-4:00 PM

### Locations:

*Oak Street Church*- 451 W Terra Cotta Ave. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

*Pierson Street Church*-453 Pierson St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

*Parish Office*-272 King St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

*St. Thomas School*-265 King St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

*Preschool*-454 Lake St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

### Resources:

Crystal Lake Food Pantry-42 East St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

815-455-0961

M, W, F - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Th - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sat. - 9:00 am - Noon

St. Thomas Outreach-469 Lake St., Crystal Lake, IL 60014

815-455-1249

Please call for an appointment

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815-459-9442

Tues. & Wed 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Th. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm,

*Donations accepted:* Mon. 9:00 am - 11:00 am,

Tues. & Wed 10:00 am - 1:00 pm &

Th. 10:00 - 3:00 pm

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[www.facebook.com/saintthomascl](http://www.facebook.com/saintthomascl)



[www.stthomascl.church](http://www.stthomascl.church)



[www.instagram.com/st.thomascl](http://www.instagram.com/st.thomascl)



If you would like the St. Jude Guild to pray for the special intention of a loved one who is living, please contact Georgia Kostur at 815-459-5432



Please visit or call the Parish Center to schedule a Mass Intention

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# Pastor's Corner

We welcome, from the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky, Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. The Diocese of Lexington serves the rolling hills of the urban/suburban areas of Central Kentucky and the mountainous/rural areas of Eastern Kentucky. The two areas exist in stark contrast. They serve as places of opportunity for faith and evangelization.



In Eastern Kentucky, grinding poverty exists. Economic investment is hampered by low business investment, low education attainment, and rampant addiction. Unemployment rates in Appalachia are 75% higher than the national average. While Catholics are low in number, the church is known as a source of comfort for all.

Then Diocese of Lexington encompasses an area the size of Maryland, Delaware, and Rhode Island combined, half of which is in the heart of Appalachia. Roman Catholics comprise over 45,000 of the 1.5 million people in this region, or 3% of the total population. Of the 59 parishes in this diocese, roughly 40 rely on external funding to meet daily expenses. The diocese supplements parishes, schools, and outreach ministries in the mountains with over \$1.2 million each year, donated by the faithful from inside and outside diocesan boundaries. However, the need is far greater than this amount provides.

As part of our Diocesan Mission Co-Op plan, Bishop John Stowe is with us this weekend, to speak to this great need and seek our financial support for this Mission Territory of the United States. I am aware that we have plenty of our own challenges both here at St. Thomas the Apostle and in our own personal lives. That said, it is important for us to occasionally take a step back from our local concerns and focus on the bigger picture. Part of that bigger picture is to realize just how incredibly blessed we have been and truly are at this present moment in time.

Yes, it is very important to realize just how incredibly blessed we truly are, and in turn to have a desire to share our wonderful blessings with our brothers and sisters who are in great need. The people of Appalachia are our brothers and sisters, and they are in great need of our assistance. So, this weekend represents a wonderful opportunity for us all to step up to the plate and share some of our treasure with these good people. Bishop John Stowe is with us this weekend, and has agreed to speak at ALL Masses (both English and Spanish) to further detail the urgent needs. That means he will be speaking at 10 Masses. I trust we will give him our full attention and respond most generously to his appeal.

Peace be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones.....***THIS HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO A FAMILY EMERGENCY WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON A RESCHEDULE DATE***

## *Mass Intention for the Week*

### **Monday September 27; St. Vincent de Paul**

6:30 +Souls of the Faithful Departed  
12:10 +Mary & John Sullivan  
+Sol Daya

### **Tuesday, September 28; St. Wenceslaus**

6:30 Francis J. Barciak, Jr., Special Intention  
+Eugenio Anoyo  
8:30 +Mark Hudson

### **Wednesday, September 29; SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels**

6:30 +Mary Ann Jensen  
12:10 +Judith Fues  
Barry Fues, Special Intention  
+Jim Schwarz

### **Thursday, September 30; St. Jerome**

6:30 +Dianne McKibben  
8:30 Stella Golden, Special Intention

### **Friday, October 1; St. Therese of the Child Jesus**

6:30 Fr. Akan Simon, Special Intention  
+Mary Hagerty  
12:10 +Gene Baseggio  
Moran Family, Special Intention

### **Saturday, October 2; The Holy Guardian Angels**

7:30 +Souls of the Faithful Departed  
4:30 +Philip Weyna  
+Marland Goll  
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### **Sunday, October 3**

7:30 +Albert Kasluga  
+John Hunt  
9:00 +Ryan Cunningham  
10:30 +Robert Otis, Sr.  
Tom & Gail Lehner, Special Intention  
Noon The People of St. Thomas Parish,  
Living & Deceased  
5:30 +Ann Marx

Each person on earth has a guardian angel who watches over him and helps him to attain his salvation. It has been a common theological opinion that this angelical guardianship begins at the moment of birth; prior to this, the child would be protected by the mother's guardian angel. But this is not certain, and since we now know that the soul is infused at the moment of conception, it may be that the angelic guardianship also begins at that moment. In any case, this protection continues throughout our whole life and ceases only when our probation on earth ends, namely, at the moment of death. Our guardian angel accompanies our soul to purgatory or heaven, and becomes our coheir in the heavenly kingdom. Angels are servants and messengers from God. "Angel" in Greek means messenger. In unseen ways the angels help us on our earthly pilgrimage by assisting us in work and study, helping us in temptation and protecting us from physical danger. The idea that each soul has assigned to it a personal guardian angel has been long accepted by the Church and is a truth of our faith. From the Gospel of today's liturgy we read: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that "the existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith (328)." From our birth until our death, man is surrounded by the protection and intercession of angels, particularly our guardian angel: "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life (336)." The Church thanks God for our helpers, the angels, particularly on this feast day and September 29 which is the feast of Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, archangels. Today's feast appeared in Spain during the sixteenth century. It was extended to the universal Church and made obligatory in 1670. Be alert in your every action as one should be who is accompanied by angels in all your ways, for that mission has been enjoined upon them. In whatever lodging, in whatever nook or corner you may find yourself, cherish a reverence for your guardian angel. In his presence do not dare to do anything you would not do in mine. Or do you doubt his presence because you do not see him? Would it really help if you did hear him, or touch him, or smell him? Remember, there are realities whose existence has not been proven by mere sight. Brethren, we will love God's angels with a most affectionate love; for they will be our heavenly co-heirs some day, these spirits who now are sent by the Father to be our protectors and our guides. With such bodyguards, what are we to fear? They can neither be subdued nor deceived; nor is there any possibility at all that they should go astray who are to guard us in all our ways. They are trustworthy, they are intelligent, they are strong — why, then, do we tremble? We need only to follow them, remain close to them, and we will dwell in the protection of the Most High God. So as often as you sense the approach of any grave temptation or some crushing sorrow hangs over you, invoke your protector, your leader, your helper in every situation. Call out to him and say: Lord, save us, we are perishing. —St. Bernard

#### **Please pray for the deceased**

**Tolomeo Iradiel**  
**father of Gilda Couzins**  
**Leonard Knaut**  
**Frances M. Barciak**

**Please pray for the sick:**  
**Carole Stroman**



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/  
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Monday:** Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/  
Jn 1:47-51
- Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday:** Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Next Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/  
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

### Celebrants: September 27, -October 2, 2021:

- 9/27-6:30 am -Fr. Jones, 12:10 pm-Fr. Hernandez  
9/28-6:30 am-Fr. Hernandez, 8:30 am-Fr. Jones  
9/29-6:30 am-Fr. Fitzpatrick, 12:10pm- Fr. Hernandez  
9/30-6:30 am-Fr. Hernandez, 8:30 am-Fr. Fitzpatrick  
10/1- 6:30am -Fr. Jones, 12:10 pm- Fr. Tunarosa  
10/2-7:30 am- Fr. Hernandez

### Sunday Masses: October 2, -October 3, 2021

- 4:30 pm: Fr. Jones-Lector;  
7:30 am: Fr. Jones -Lector;  
9:00 am: Fr. Jones -Lector;  
10:30 am: Fr. Hernandez-Lector;  
Noon: Fr. Hernandez-Lector;  
5:30 pm: Fr. Hernandez-Lector;

### EM Schedule: October 2, -October 3, 2021

- 4:30 pm:  
7:30 am:  
9:00 am:  
10:30 am:  
Noon:  
5:30 pm:



ST. VINCENT

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*I will  
praise  
your name  
forever  
and ever.*

- PSALM 145:2 -

# LOOKING FOR A **FRESH** START?

St Thomas Light of the World Retreat  
November 12-15, 2021—[www.stthomascl.church/lotw](http://www.stthomascl.church/lotw)  
"Behold, I make all things new." Rev 21:5



Join us for an awesome retreat given by St. Thomas Parishioners to help you grow in your personal relationship with Christ.

Meals & snacks will be provided & You will sleep in your own bed each night!

We will have our own Sunday Mass so your Sunday obligation will be met.

You are welcome to invite a spouse, adult children or friends to attend with you - just forward the registration link to them!

The retreat will be in the lower level of the Pierson St. Church (453 Pierson St., Crystal Lake, IL 60014)



## **BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

**Saturday, October 2, 2021**

**1:00 pm—Oak St. Church Grounds**

Near the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4), we gather to bless all our pets and animals. Mark your calendars --you are invited to bring your animals of every type to the grassy section of our lot at the Oak St. Church , on **Saturday, October 2, at 1:00 pm for our Annual Animal Blessing.**

**All people and animals are welcome!**

## **Weekend Collection**

**September 19, 2021**

**Sunday Budget: \$39,231.00**

**Collection: \$ 29,621.05**

**EFT: \$ 8,733.15**

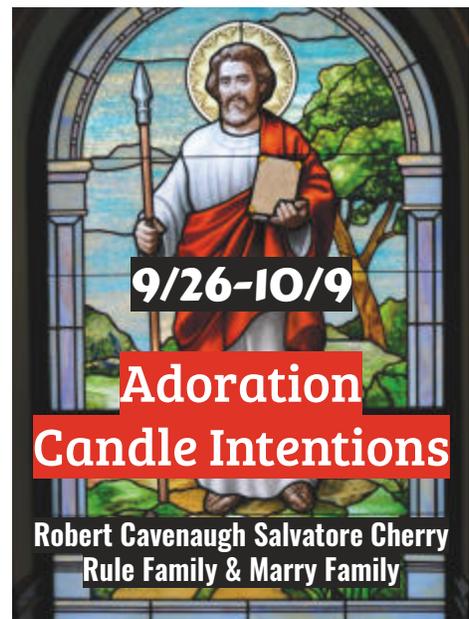
**On-Line: \$ 18,381.50**

**Actual: \$ 56,735.70**

**Overage: \$17, 504.70**

**Budget Shortage -\$**

**Hispanic Collection \$ 3,693.00**





## Help Needed!

Extended Time Before School Aides  
Inclusion Aides needed to work with individual children.

Either 6:15 am - 8:30 am or 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Three or five days a week at a variety  
of grade schools in District #47

Apply at [crystallakeparks.org](http://crystallakeparks.org) or  
call Sam Thompson  
at 815-459-0680 Ext 1220



**TICKET PRICES**  
Individual Tickets - \$35  
Tables of 10 - \$300  
Sponsorship  
Available

Registration  
ends  
October 22

**HOLY MASS - 7:30AM**  
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton  
1023 McHenry Ave, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

**BREAKFAST & SPEAKER PROGRAM - 9:00AM**  
D'Andrea Banquets & Conference Center  
4419 US-14, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Complimentary babysitting is  
available onsite -- **call to register**  
Space is limited and seats will sell  
out, so reserve your ticket today



**Dr. Peter Kreeft**  
Keynote Speaker

Peter Kreeft, Ph.D., is a professor of philosophy at Boston College. He loves his five grandchildren, four children, one wife, one cat, and one God.

**Chaplain, Major (Ret.) Fr. Phillip A. Kaim**  
Special Guest Speaker

Fr. Kaim is a native of Lansing, Illinois, who entered the United States Air Force as a Chaplain Candidate in 2000. He was ordained a Catholic priest by the bishop of the Rockford Diocese in 2003. He currently serves as Pastor to Holy Family Church in Rockford.



For more information or to reserve tickets, please visit

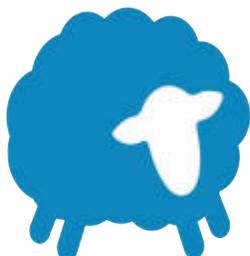
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### Human Trafficking Presentation

Just what do you really know about Human Trafficking? Do you think it happens "SOMEPLACE ELSE?" Do you think it only happens to poor people, people from other countries or "BAD" people? Unfortunately, it is happening right here in in McHenry and Kane Counties. It is happening all over the country. The devil has no boundaries and doesn't care if we are rich, middle class or poor. He disregards our color, religion and what country we are from.

You are invited to join us for an informative and eye opening presentation, featuring

**Karen Schultz, National and Local Staff at Large for Refuge for Woman**

**Patrick Kenneally, McHenry County States Attorney**

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 / 6:30PM

Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

541 W Terra Cotta Ave | Community Room

(Corner of Oak St. & W Terre Cotta Ave (Rte 176)

Crystal Lake, Illinois



**KNOWLEDGE IS POWER TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT!**

### LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God's bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God's world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.



### Women's Club Luncheon

Please join us for our Women's Club Luncheon!

Wednesday,

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** at

Hickory Hall

11:30 Gathering –

12:00 Lunch

Tickets are \$20.00

and can be

purchased at the

Parish Center

Office.

Tickets must be

purchased by

**September 27<sup>th</sup>!**

### EMAIL & TEXT MESSAGE SCAM ALERT!

Please note: Normally, we will communicate with you through email using Flocknote or in reply to an email you have sent us. Hackers are adept at faking email addresses, so if "Fr. Jones" emails you from any email address other than what is listed on our website, it's a scam. We will never ask you to get us gift cards for iTunes, Old Navy, eBay, Nike shoes or anywhere else. We will never ask you to send us money orders or to do wire transfers. We will never contact you to let you know that we're stuck in a meeting, stranded in a foreign country or have broken bones and need your help. If you ever have any questions about an email or text message that appears to be from us, feel free to give us a call.

# 2nd Collection for those impacted by Hurricane Ida NEXT WEEKEND!

The funds collected in this special appeal will become part of the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church as well as efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. Funds will be used in response to the hurricane and the impact of subsequent flooding and tornadoes and any other disasters that occur and will be distributed where they are most needed. However, if such purpose(s) become unnecessary, impractical, or impossible to fill, USCCB may use such contributions for other emergency disaster relief where it is needed as determined by the Committee on National Collections using its emergency response protocol.



### 2021 - NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

*The Life Chain is a national event that is a peaceful show of solidarity in the Christian community for the sanctity of human life. We will stand in prayer to honor the millions of lives that have been lost to abortion, while holding signs such as "Abortion Hurts Women, Adoption the Loving Option, Jesus Forgives & Heals, Pray to End Abortion" etc.*

**Date: Sunday, October 3 - Time: 2:30 - 3:30 PM**

**Location: Rt. 14 & Teckler Blvd. in Crystal Lake in front of the Hobby Lobby Store**  
Signs are provided and will be distributed from the Hobby Lobby Store parking lot.

**Please park in the Hobby Lobby parking lot.**  
**For more information, contact Stephanie Hanlon 815-261-8275 or go to [www.lifechain.net](http://www.lifechain.net)**



**YOUTH MINISTRY KICK-OFF**  
Join us for a fun kickoff for our Jr High and HS Youth Ministry.  
**What is it?** These evenings are interactive opportunities to connect the dots between our faith and life. We will cover topics like: friends, peer pressure, fitting in, moral decision making, prayer, family, Jesus and the Sacraments. Through games, small groups, activities, food and friendship, we will connect the dots between our faith and life.

**Confirmation**  
**Religious Education**

**Kickoff Sessions / Sunday, Oct 3, 2021**  
7th Grade RE / 1:30-3PM  
Year 1&2 Confirmation / 7-8:30PM

**Adult Leader Info Night**  
Please join us for a brief intro and invitation to volunteer with our various ministries to our Jr High and High School Students.  
**Sunday, September 26th from 7-8:30**  
**Oak Street Church / Community Room**  
We don't need anyone to be an expert, just open to listening, serving and loving our young people as well as sharing the good news of Christ! A sign up link is on our

Registration for 7th Grade Religious Education and Confirmation is now open. The links are below and also available on our parish website.

Below is a link to those interested in helping with our year 1 and 2 Confirmation & 7th Grade RE. This is approximately once a month, beginning on October 3rd. This would include small groups as well as checking in and hospitality.

Registration for 7th Grade RE and Confirmation:  
<https://stthomasclhurchcenter.com/registrations/events/972648>

Here is a link to help with Confirmation:  
<https://forms.gle/96uohesV6QuLEA5FQu8>  
7th Grade RE  
<https://forms.gle/4r1YVYhTst8nOq6>  
Youth Ministry:  
<https://forms.gle/mwGZ7ouEhy6mQa7>  
\*\*These links are on our parish YM website

Patrick Haviland  
Saint Thomas the Apostle / Youth Minister



Have you been working toward being more hopeful? October is upon us and we will be shifting virtues. Our concentration this month will be on **studiousness**. Which we define as **seeking knowledge to grow closer to Truth**. Join us in cultivating the virtue of studiousness.

# Ministerio Hispano

## Parroquia Santo Tomás Apóstol /Ministerio Hispano

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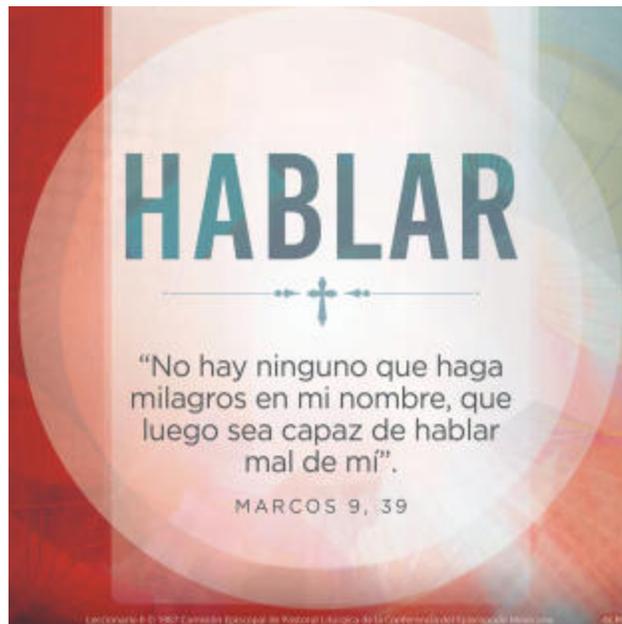
Coordinador: Reverendo William Tunarosa.  
Atención al Público: Martes a Jueves de 9:00am a 4:00pm  
Llamar a la Oficina Parroquial para hacer su cita (815 356 0860)

Educación Religiosa, Atención al Público:  
Irene García : Lunes a Viernes 9:00am a 5:00pm

Oficina del Ministerio Hispano, Atención al Público:  
Irene Garcia: Lunes a Viernes 9:00pm a 5:00pm

### nuevo horario de misas

Martes 6:00 am  
Miércoles 6:00 am  
Jueves 7:00 pm  
Viernes 7:00 pm  
Sábado 5:00 pm y 7:00 pm  
Domingo 9:30 am y 11:30 am



26 de septiembre 2021      26º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hoy encontramos en la Liturgia detalles específicos de la paciencia y pedagogía de Dios con su pueblo. La realidad que pasaba el pueblo en la vida del desierto, es algo muy parecido a la existencia humana de la sociedad de hoy. ¿Quién profetiza? ¿Quién tiene la autoridad para hablar del Señor? ¡Celo apostólico, o envidia! Josué pide a Moisés que Eldad y Medad no fueran catequistas, o evangelizadores por decirlo así. Pero el Espíritu de Dios estaba en ellos --- como lo está ahora en todo bautizado. La respuesta de Moisés fue la siguiente: “Ojalá que todo el pueblo de Yavé fuera profeta, que Yavé les diera a todos su espíritu” (Números 11:29).

En una de sus tantas catequesis, el Papa Francisco lo explica así: “De buena fe, con celo, se quisiera proteger la autenticidad de una cierta experiencia, tutelando al fundador o al líder de falsos imitadores. Pero al mismo tiempo está como el temor de la competencia, que alguno pueda robar nuevos seguidores, y entonces no se logra apreciar el bien que los otros hacen; no va bien porque no es de los nuestros, se dice (9/30/2018). Por el otro lado, la respuesta de Jesús a Juan es similar a la de Josué y del Papa: “No se lo prohíban, ya que nadie puede hacer un milagro en mi nombre y luego hablar mal de mí. El que no está contra nosotros está con nosotros” (Marcos 9:39-40). Actuar, hacer todo en nombre de Jesús, implica solo una cosa: fidelidad a su mensaje de amor, paz y justicia. Todo lo que se ha hecho, en este tiempo de pandemia, por amor a los demás es ser generosos al estilo de Jesús. ©LPi



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