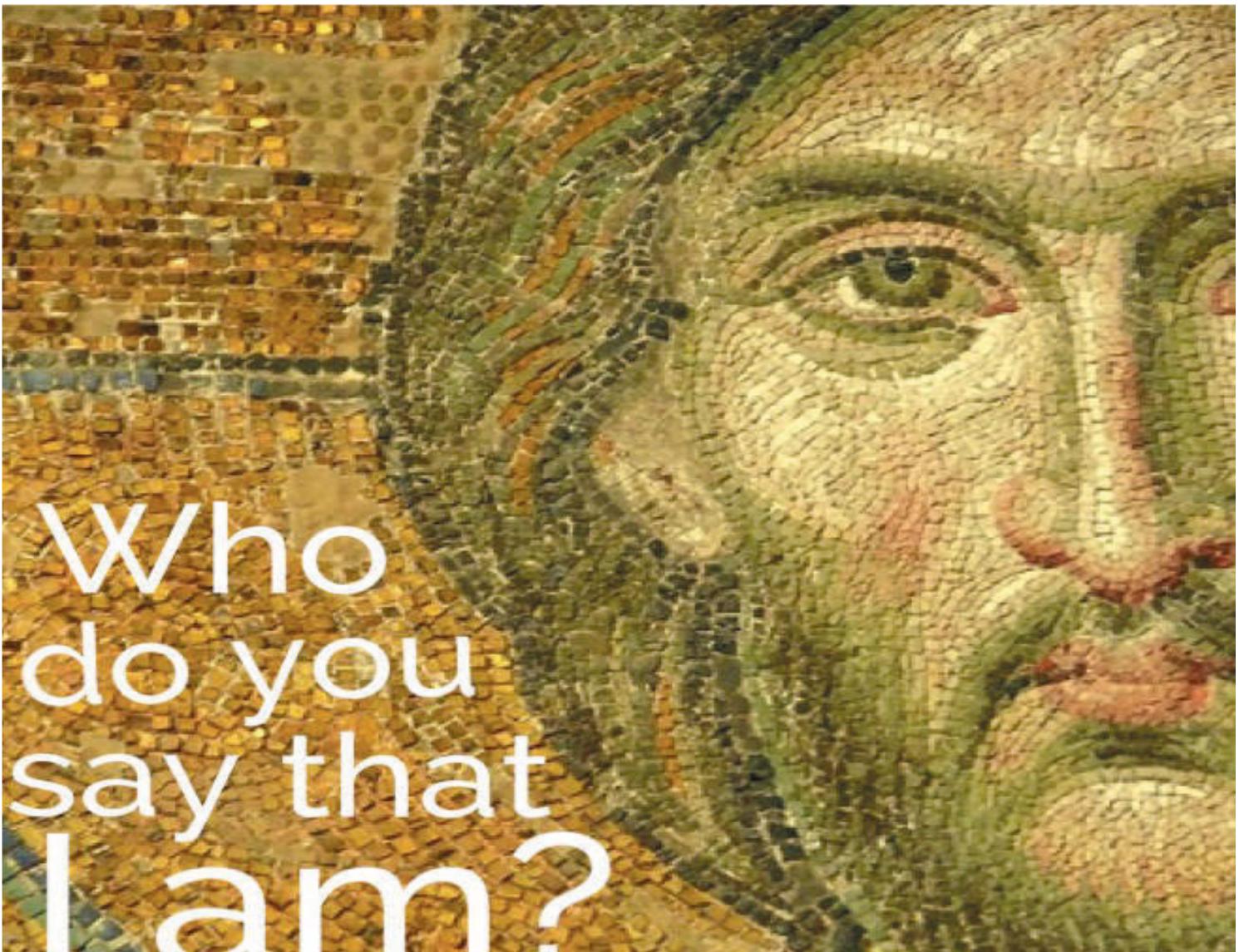




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Aug. 27, 2023 | Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



Who
do you
say that
I am?

MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass in English

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM

Daily Mass in English

8:30 AM Monday—Saturday

Misas Dominicales en Español

Sábado 6 PM, Domingo 2 & 6 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4 PM, Wednesday 6-7 PM

Reconciliación

Miércoles 6-7 PM

Misas en Español

Miércoles 7 PM

Adoration ~ Benediction/ Adoración ~ Bendición

Every Friday—9 AM till 1 PM
First Friday ALSO 6 PM-9 PM

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Conversion

Are you perfect? I certainly am not. Though I deeply love Christ, and have committed myself to serving in His name, I am also a sinner in need of ongoing conversion.

Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist is one of the most important sources of that conversion. Unworthy that I am, Christ desires to feed me with His very self and draw me closer to Him. The grace received through the most perfect gift of the Holy Eucharist gives me the strength and desire to follow Him more faithfully.

Some Catholics fall into the understanding that we have to be perfect to receive the Holy Eucharist. However, Pope Francis reminds us that the Holy Eucharist "is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak." Do you remember what our response is prior to receiving the Holy Eucharist? "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." We humbly acknowledge our sinfulness and place our trust in the merciful Lord.

Of course, there are times we have sinned so gravely that we need to do a bit (or perhaps a lot) more work before presenting ourselves at the Eucharistic table. Christ has blessed us with the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which we confess our sins and takes steps to recommit ourselves to Christ and to one another.

This journey of ongoing conversion can be likened to the journey of a couple in marriage. Their wedding day does not signify that a perfect relationship has been established. Though the couple has committed themselves to each other in love, they realize they need to constantly improve their communication, sacrifice themselves more for the other, and be willing to apologize and forgive. This is their "ongoing conversion".

Yes, they will have their disagreements and frustrations with one another, but these won't prevent them from sitting down and eating together. Indeed, those meals will be an opportunity for healing and strengthening their relationship.

Yet, if one of them breaks the bond of trust through infidelity, that person is not going to easily present him or herself at the dinner table. They will need to first begin the arduous task of repentance and sacrifice to prove themselves once again worthy of the trust and love of their spouse.

May all of us be willing to accept the ongoing journey of conversion through the grace of the Holy Spirit, our prayer, and repentant hearts. May Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist nourish and enliven us in our conversion.



*Father John Prochaska
Pastor, Saint Joseph the Worker, Berkeley, CA
Parochial Administrator, Saint Ambrose, Berkeley, CA*

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of August 27, 2023

Sun/Dom:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-2

Mon/Lunes:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4,
5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tues/Martes:

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wed/Mier:

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/
Mt 23:27-32

Thurs/Juev:

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/
Mt 24:42-51

Fri/Vier:

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/
Mt 25:1-13

Sat/Sab:

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sun./Dom:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday August 31st

Rectory Office closed

Thursday August 31st

7:00 PM Multi-lingual Rosary in the church

Friday September 1st

First Friday adoration from 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

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11:00 AM— 7:00 PM

Tuesday & Thursday (*martes y jueves*)

— 11:00 AM—5:00 PM

Wednesday (*miercoles*)

—1:00 PM— 7:00 PM

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(*lunes, miercoles y viernes*)

— 3:00 PM— 7:00 PM

Rev. Henry Noga, SVD

Pastor

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

10 AM to 12 PM

5 PM to 8 PM (with appointment)

lunes, martes, miércoles, y viernes

10 AM a 12 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (*con cita*)

Rev. Emilio Reyes, SVD

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (with appointment)

lunes, miércoles, jueves y viernes

10:00 AM a 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (*con cita*)

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Cena Baile

Iglesia San Joaquin

Grupo Guadalupano los invita a su tradicional baile, Nuestra Herencia Hispana

Sabado 23 de Septiembre

Gimnasio de San Joaquin
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Puertas abren 5:30 pm

Cena 6:30 a 7:30 pm

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Cena Baile

St. Joachim Church

The Guadalupano group invites you to their annual dance Nuestra Herencia Hispana

Saturday September 23, 2023

St. Joachim Gymnasium
21250 Hesperian Blvd. Hayward

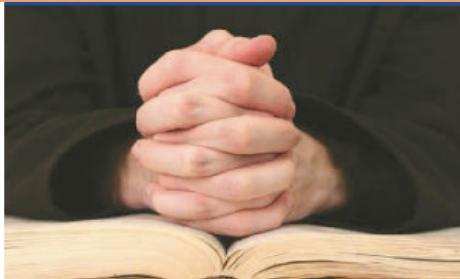
Doors Open 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Live Music 7:00 to 11:00 pm

Come with your traditional, cultural wear, there will be a prize for the best dressed.

Ticket \$60.00
\$25.00 for children under 13
Children under 6 enter free



PRAY FOR

Leonor Enrique
Dory Secoquian
Teresita Marinas
Francis Carlo Salta
Mary Hennessey
Carlos de las casas Noriega
Mari Losno
Porfirio Loza
Russell Archibald
Martin Pina
Melosi Meredith
Carlos Jose Alegre
Amanda Dazo
Melia Perrizo
Ernie Alvarez
Albert & Tina Kayo
Florabel Velasquez

DONATIONS

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COLLECTION FOR
August 20, 2023

1st Collection
\$ 10,080.00

EFT Collection
\$ 490.00

On Line Giving
\$ 1,341.00

1st Collection TOTAL
\$ 11,911.00

Second Collection
Liturgical Needs
\$ 2,410.00

VATICAN CORNER

Was there a miracle at World Youth Day?
The Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in

Rome is the oldest temple in the West dedicated to the Virgin Mary. In the second half of the fourth century, the Virgin appeared to a Roman couple and simultaneously to Pope Liberius. She asked them to build a temple in her honor. It was to be constructed on one of the hills of Rome where there was snow. Rarely does snow fall in Rome and especially not during the hot summers. But during the night of August 5, 352, snow fell on Esquiline Hill, so the Basilica was built there. The Virgin Mary honored there took on the name - Our Lady of Snows. Her famous icon is located in the Basilica. She is very much venerated, and Pope Francis always visits the Basilica to pray before and after his trips outside of Rome. Jimena, a 16 year-old girl from Madrid, Spain had suffered for two and a half years with a serious malfunction in the way her eyes focused. She had lost 95 per cent of her sight. Doctors had no explanation, labeled it incurable. Treatment in Japan using the latest medical techniques was unsuccessful and produced terrible side effects of nausea and, headaches. Jimena's father said "the medical team ran out of options. Jimena asked her parents to stop the medication and they decided to look for other alternatives. She went through a small Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross) ritual. An eye operation was considered and rejected. She had begun to study the Braille reading system and was planning to go around with a cane and work with a guide dog. She prayed a lot to the Virgin Mary. She and her family decided to take a leap of faith and abandon themselves to the Virgin. They decided to "get in gear and get the whole world praying". With a group of friends from a youth club and an Opus Dei school in Madrid, Jimena planned to go to the World Youth Day 23 celebration in Lisbon. Jimena told her parents that she believed that a novena of prayer was needed to Our Lady of the Snows from July 28 to Aug. 5, the feast day of Our Lady. They got "thousands of people" to participate in the novena and most didn't even know Jimena. The novena was started and Jimena then went to World Youth Day. On August 5, in Lisbon she attended Holy Mass and went to communion. She began to cry a lot, because it was the last day of the novena and she wanted to be cured and had asked God very much to cure her. She opened her eyes and she said that she found the she could see "the altar, the tabernacle, my girlfriends were there and I could see perfectly that they were two-and-a half years older than I remembered them, and later I looked at myself in the mirror. I am also a bit changed." She was also able to read the final novena prayer of thanksgiving. A nun reported this possible miracle to Cardinal Juan José Omella, the Archbishop of Barcelona and president of the Spanish bishops' conference. He talked with Jimena via video-phone. He said it was a possible miracle but doctors would need to evaluate Jimena's cure, describing what had happened as a "grace from God" at a press conference at the close of World Youth Day. Jimena was able to meet one of her three brothers at the World Youth Day Vigil a few hours after having recovered her sight. Jimena's father said "we are going to meet again with the medical team that has been treating her for the past year, more to close that episode a bit so that they can see her and draw their own conclusions." The Vatican will need to decide if this is truly a miracle, but it appears that Our Lord through Mary's intercession, with the Pope present, and with 1.5 million young people, wanted to speak to us all through this miracle. Sources: catholicnewsagency, omnesmag.com, thetablet.co.uk



Quarter Hour Prayer

- L. God, eternal truth,
A. We believe in you

L. God, our strength and
salvation,
A. We hope in you.

L. God, infinite goodness,
A. We love you with all our
heart

- L. You have sent the Word as
Savior of the world,
A. Make us all one in Him

L. Fill us with the Spirit of your
Son,
A. That we may glorify your
name Amen



Oración del Cuarto de Hora

- L. Dios, verdad eterna
T. Creemos en ti.

L. Dios, salvación y fortaleza
nuestra.
T. Esperamos en ti

L. Dios, bondad infinita.
T. Te amamos de corazon

- L. Enviaste al Verbo, Salvador
del mundo.
T. Haz que todos seamos uno
en él.

L. Infunde en nosotros el
Espíritu del Hijo.
T. Para que glorifiquemos tu
nombre. Amen



MASS INTENTIONS
August 26-September 2, 2023

Saturday 4:30 PM

Precy Enrique (*birthday*)
Ruth Rogers (*healing*)
Estrelita & Cirilo Canlas †
Ann Swift †
Domingo & Donatela Alonso †

Saturday 6:00 PM

Moises & Maria Dolores Huerta †
Maria Martinez † (*aniversario*)
Jose Becerril † (*aniversario*)
Aurora, Rafael & Juvenal Torres †
Nallely & Juan Ponce †
Bernardo Hernandez †
Lidia Sanchez † (*2nd aniversario*)
Louis Alfonso Hernandez †
Fr. Jose Luis Torres †

Sunday 7:30 AM

Thomas & Mai Lent (*thanksgiving*)
Paul Loc Kieu & Maria Ngai Do †
Cristhian Pasos †

Sunday 9:00 AM

Jasmine Libunao (*birthday*)
Francis Carlo Salta (*healing*)
Paula Santiago (*healing*)
David Tayco †
Belen Marquez †
Edgar Delos Angeles †
Maria Brenda Tran †
Carmelo Calzado †
Christine M. David †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Kevin and Alyson Ramos (*thanksgiving*)
Nino Burce †
Michael Frias †
Erlinda Lee †
Antonio Ramirez †
Genoveva Casauran †
Christian & Dolores Reese †

Sunday 12:15 PM

Bayani Ventura (*birthday*)
Orlando Ebalo Jr. (*healing*)
Maria Perez (*healing*)

Sunday 2:00 PM

Karina Gutierrez & Raymond Cruz
(intencion especial)
Margarita Gutierrez †
Adan Calvario †

Sunday 6:00 PM

Jorge Ureta & Rosemary Amort
(wedding anniversary)
Josefina Iniguez †
Maria DeJesus Martin †
Roland William Amort †

Monday 8:30 AM

Alicia Lily Salta (*birthday*)
Sally Luarca († *birthday*)

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Christopher Tse (*birthday*)
Ofelia Rivera Lopez †
Jesus Duterte († *birthday*)
Trinidad & Margarita Salta †
Jackie Tse †

Wednesday 8:30 AM

Ethan Samuel Talaue (*1st birthday*)

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Veronica Rosas (*intencion especial*)
Junita Aguas †

Thursday 8:30 AM

Penny Mansalay (*birthday*)

Friday 8:30 AM

Rosemarie S. Parras (*birthday*)
Talaue Family (*thanksgiving*)
Sacred Heart of Jesus (*thanksgiving*)

Saturday 8:30 PM

Immaculate Heart of Mary (*thanksgiving*)



**September 10th —
All Parish Shopping
Bazaar**

If you have a business that sells mostly to "at home parties" (like Tupperware) come and be part of our ANNUAL Shopping Bazaar. If you would like to learn more or want to sign up to sell at the Bazaar, please contact the Parish Office. Watch the Bulletin for more information next week.

10 de Septiembre- Bazar de compras para todos los de la Parroquia

Si usted tiene un negocio que vende mayormente "en fiestas en casa" (como Tupperware) vengan y sean parte de nuestro ANUAL Bazar de compras .Si desea obtener más información o desea registrarse para vender en el bazar, por favor póngase en contacto con la Oficina Parroquial. Lea el boletín la próxima semana para más información.

Conversión

¿Tu eres perfecto? Ciertamente no lo soy. Aunque amo profundamente a Cristo y me he comprometido a servir en Su nombre, también soy un pecador que necesita una conversión constante.



La presencia de Cristo en Él en la Sagrada Eucaristía es una de las fuentes más importantes de esa conversión. Indigno de lo que soy, Cristo desea alimentarme con Su propio ser y acercarme a Él. La gracia recibida a través del don perfectísimo de la Sagrada Eucaristía me da la fuerza y el deseo de seguirlo más fielmente.

Algunos católicos caen en el entendimiento de que tenemos que ser perfectos para recibir la Sagrada Eucaristía. Sin embargo, el Papa Francisco nos recuerda que la Sagrada Eucaristía “no es un premio para los perfectos, sino una poderosa medicina y alimento para los débiles”. ¿Recuerdas cuál es nuestra respuesta antes de recibir la Sagrada Eucaristía? "Señor, no soy digno de que entres bajo mi techo, pero solo di la palabra y mi alma será sana". Humildemente reconocemos nuestra pecaminosidad y ponemos nuestra confianza en el Señor misericordioso.

Por supuesto, hay veces que hemos pecado tan gravemente que necesitamos hacer un poco (o tal vez mucho) más de trabajo antes de presentarnos a la mesa eucarística. Cristo nos ha bendecido con el Sacramento de la Reconciliación en el que confesamos nuestros pecados y tomamos medidas para volver a comprometernos con Cristo y con los demás.

Este camino de conversión continua puede compararse con el camino de una pareja en el matrimonio. El día de su boda no significa que se haya establecido una relación perfecta. Aunque la pareja se ha comprometido el uno con el otro en el amor, se dan cuenta de que necesitan mejorar constantemente su comunicación, sacrificarse más por el otro y estar dispuestos a disculparse y perdonar. Esta es su “conversión en curso”.

Sí, tendrán sus desacuerdos y frustraciones entre ellos, pero eso no les impedirá sentarse a comer juntos. De hecho, esas comidas serán una oportunidad para sanar y fortalecer su relación.

Sin embargo, si uno de ellos rompe el vínculo de confianza a través de la infidelidad, esa persona no se presentará fácilmente en la mesa de la cena. Tendrán que comenzar primero la ardua tarea del arrepentimiento y el sacrificio para demostrar una vez más que son dignos de la confianza y el amor de su cónyuge.

Que todos estemos dispuestos a aceptar el camino continuo de conversión a través de la gracia del Espíritu Santo, nuestra oración y corazones arrepentidos. Que la presencia de Cristo en la Sagrada Eucaristía nos nutra y nos anime en nuestra conversión.

Padre Juan Prochaska

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