

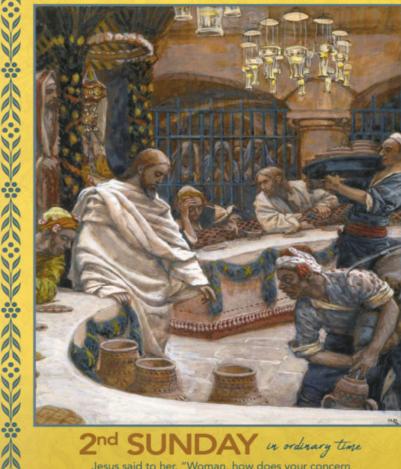
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Embracing God's People * Equipping Disciples * Accompanying Believers



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JANUARY 16, 2022



IDAY in ordinary time Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern

affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4 ots from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCC

MASS SCHEDULE DAILY MASS 6:30AM (except Saturday) 8:30AM **VIGIL FOR SUNDAY** 5:30PM (Saturday)

SUNDAY MASS 7:30AM, 9:00AM 11:00AM, 12:30PM (Spanish) 5:30PM Livestream Mass See Page 5 for details

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From Our Pastor

Last week I made reference to our parish "mission statement," for want of a better way of describing it. It is summarized in the words over our door, our community's commitment to the living out of our Christian discipleship as a family of faith, here at Our Lady of Lourdes. The words are "Embracing God's People - Equipping Disciples - Accompanying Believers."

One of the first things that someone might observe in the choice of this language is that it is active, rather than passive. We are a community that commits itself to *doing* something as an articulation of who we are as disciples of Jesus. We choose to *embrace, to equip and to accompany*. These verbs give us direction, orienting us in our life as a community of believers who strive to put flesh and blood on our Christian discipleship as we move through our lives with integrity and intentionality.

When we consider the implications of the first element of this commitment, embracing God's people, we might well reflect on what it means to be an "embracing" community, and who it is we imagine "God's People" to be? To begin this reflection, it is worthwhile to consider who we are as a people of faith, and not only who others are.

I am reminded of an out-of-print text authored by one of my first scripture professors, entitled "When God Formed a People." It was a reflection by a Christian biblical scholar on the Book of Exodus. The text briefly observed that it was the Exodus event that forged the bond between God and the people he chose as his own, the people who came to be called "Israel" or the Israelites. It is not lost on people of faith that God chose this rag-tag group, slaves in Egypt, a people who had experienced oppression and slavery, a people who were as diverse as they were "stiffnecked." They would hardly have been on the top of anyone's list of candidates to become "God's chosen people." They might not even make it onto anyone's "Top Twenty" list.

Millennia later, we find ourselves to be a community of faith in Northridge, California. A world away, and far removed in time, geography and experience from anything these people of the Exodus would have known. Yet still, we know instinctively that being part of a people is an essential aspect of our own experience, both humanly and spiritually speaking. We know God's blessings in our lives, and we know God's faithfulness toward us through all our struggles and challenges. In our own diversity and in our own varied experiences of life, we have grown to be aware of God's presence, and we have experienced God's

invitations - God's call to us - to become the people God is always calling *us* to become.

This call and invitation does not come to us alone. It does not come to us apart from or outside of the context of our lived reality. As surely as it was so for the people of ages past,



going right back to the Exodus, God's call to us is embodied in time and place. Specifically it is embodied, or made incarnate, in this time and place.

This call of God, then, is embodied within us as a people who are at once settled, and who are not long arrived in the parish. It is embodied in a people whose manifest cultures and whose expressions of faith are as varied and as complex as those of the Hebrews called forth from Egypt and as the nations called to faith by the preaching to the Apostles. Here in our parish in Northridge we find immigrants from Ghana, Nigeria, Mexico, El Salvador, France, Germany, the Philippines, Korea, and a host of other nations, worshipping alongside parishioners whose antecedents have been in this country for generations. Our parish population is pretty much constituted by equal numbers of males and females, and by those who are married and those who are single. This pretty much reflects the general census data for the local neighborhoods. I'm sure there's lots more interesting census data that we could draw on to deepen our understanding of who we are.

In responding to the call of God to be his faithful people, we concede that we are a people susceptible to the same challenges and concerns as so many who have gone before us. No more than the ancient Hebrews, we too struggle in our own faithfulness before God. We may not be inclined to melt our jewelry to fashion a golden calf, but we acknowledge that we share different distractions, different experiences that divert us from right-worship and rightliving before the One God. Depending on the time and place, we have found ourselves challenged to keep our focus on the gospel of Jesus Christ, and because of this we can appreciate those who struggle with such in their own lives. We have moments when we rise with heroism to all that God asks of us as disciples of Jesus. We also have moments when we realize that we can be and we can do so much better. We trust God's grace to guide us and to assist us in our efforts.

Mensaje Del Pastor

La semana pasada hice referencia a la 'declaración de misión' de nuestra parroquia, a falta de una mejor manera de describirla. El compromiso de nuestra comunidad de vivir nuestro discipulado cristiano como una familia de fe, aquí en Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, queda resumido en las frases que se encuentran arriba de nuestra puerta de entrada. Las palabras son: "Abrazando al pueblo de Dios - Equipando a los discípulos - Acompañando a los creyentes".

Una de las observaciones que uno podría hacer sobre el lenguaje utilizado en esta frase es que es activo, no pasivo. Somos una comunidad que se compromete a *hacer* algo ya que somos discípulos de Jesús. Elegimos *abrazar*, *equipar* y *acompañar*. Estos verbos nos dan dirección, orientando nuestra vida como comunidad de creyentes que se esfuerzan por poner carne y sangre a nuestro discipulado cristiano a medida que avanzamos en nuestras vidas con integridad e intencionalidad.

Cuando consideramos las implicaciones del primer elemento de este compromiso, "*abrazar al pueblo de Dios*", podemos reflexionar sobre lo que significa ser una comunidad que "acoge", y sobre quién imaginamos ser el pueblo de Dios. Para comenzar esta reflexión, vale la pena considerar quienes somos cada uno como pueblo de fe, y no sólo quienes son los demás.

Me acuerdo de un texto escrito por uno de mis profesores de escritura, titulado "Cuando Dios formó un pueblo". Fue una reflexión de un erudito bíblico cristiano sobre el Libro del Éxodo. El texto observa brevemente que fue el evento del Éxodo el que forió el vínculo entre Dios y el pueblo que eligió como suyo, el pueblo que pasó a llamarse "Israel" o los israelitas. A las personas de fe no les pasa por alto que Dios escogió a este grupo heterogéneo, los esclavos en Egipto, un pueblo que había experimentado la opresión y la esclavitud, un pueblo que era tan diverso como obstinado. Difícilmente habrían estado en la parte superior de la lista de candidatos de alguien para convertirse en "el pueblo elegido de Dios". Es posible que ni siguiera llegasen a la lista de los "Veinte principales" candidatos.

Milenios después, nos encontramos como comunidad de fe en Northridge, California. A un mundo de distancia, y muy alejado en el tiempo, la geografía y la experiencia de todo lo que las personas del Éxodo habían conocido. Sin embargo, sabemos instintivamente que ser parte de un pueblo es un aspecto esencial de nuestra propia experiencia, hablando tanto humana como espiritualmente. Conocemos las bendiciones de Dios en nuestras vidas y conocemos la fidelidad de Dios hacia nosotros a través de todas nuestras luchas y desafíos. En nuestra propia diversidad y en nuestras experiencias variadas de vida, hemos llegado a ser conscientes de la presencia de Dios y hemos experimentado las invitaciones de Dios, el llamado de Dios para nosotros, para convertirnos en el pueblo que Dios nos llama a ser continuamente.

Este llamado e invitación no llega sólo a nosotros. No llega aparte o fuera del contexto de la realidad que vivimos. Tan cierto como lo fue para la gente de épocas pasadas, desde el Éxodo, el llamado de Dios para nosotros está encarnado en el tiempo y lugar, específicamente se encarna en este tiempo y lugar.

Este llamado de Dios, pues, se encarna en nosotros como pueblo, tanto en los que se han asentado como en los que no tienen mucho de haber llegado a la parroquia. Se encarna en un pueblo cuyas culturas manifiestas y cuyas expresiones de fe son tan variadas y complejas como las de los hebreos llamados de Egipto y como las naciones llamadas a la fe por la predicación a los Apóstoles. Aquí en nuestra parroquia en Northridge encontramos inmigrantes de Ghana, Nigeria, México, El Salvador, Francia, Alemania, Filipinas, Corea y muchas otras naciones, adorando junto a feligreses cuyos antepasados han estado en este país durante generaciones. Nuestra población parroquial está prácticamente constituida por un número casi equivalente de hombres y mujeres, y por feligreses tanto casados como solteros. Esta realidad refleja de cerca los datos del censo general de los vecindarios locales. Estov seguro de que hav muchos más datos interesantes del censo a los que podríamos recurrir para profundizar nuestra comprensión de quiénes somos.

Al responder al llamado de Dios a ser su pueblo fiel, reconocemos que somos un pueblo susceptible a los mismos desafíos y preocupaciones de muchos de los que nos han precedido. Al igual que los antiguos hebreos, nosotros también luchamos con nuestra propia fidelidad a Dios. Puede que no estemos inclinados a derretir nuestras joyas para hacer un becerro de oro, pero reconocemos que compartimos diferentes distracciones, diferentes experiencias que nos desvían de una vida recta y de la adoración al Dios Único. Según el momento y el lugar, nos hemos visto desafiados a mantener nuestro enfoque en el evangelio de Jesucristo, y por eso podemos apreciar a aquellos que luchan con este desafío en sus vidas. Tenemos momentos en los que nos elevamos con heroísmo a todo lo que Dios nos pide como discípulos de Jesús. También tenemos momentos en los que nos damos cuenta de que podemos ser y hacer mucho mejor. Confiamos en la gracia de Dios para que nos guíe y nos ayude en nuestros esfuerzos.

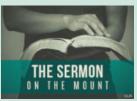
Readings & News

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday:	ls 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12- 14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

"THE SERMON AND THE MOUNT" BIBLE STUDY,



BOOK-VIDEO STUDY VIA ZOOM

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30PM January 18 - February 15 Materials needed: Catholic Bible (any version) Commentary: "The Sermon on

the Mount" by Clifford Yeary. Little Rock Scripture Study. You can purchase materials for \$16.95 plus tax and shipping at Amazon.com or from the Little Rock Scripture Study website. Call or email Roy and Adele Vargas with any questions at: 747-444-7994 or: adele.vargas1@gmail.com. The Bible study will be held for two parishes, St. Rose of Lima and Our Lady of Lourdes. The study will include small group discussions and reflections. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayer and access to online lectures are included.



Semilla del Reino

Semilla del Reino ofrecerá un nuevo curso empezando el mes agosto para personas mayores de 18 años que necesitan el sacramento de la Primera Comunión, Confirmación, o Crecimiento En La Fe.

Para más información visite nuestra pagina web para comunicarse con Ismael Ramírez o Sylvia Barrientos

FRIDAY NIGHTS WITH FR. DAVID JANUARY 21, 7:00 PM

Here's an opportunity to gather with fellow parishioners and to explore questions of faith, current events or simply enjoy the occasion to ask a question you've always wanted to ask. Submit questions by emailing <u>pastor@ollnr.org</u>.



To receive the ZOOM details for the gathering call 818--349-1500 or email <u>parishcenter@ollnr.org</u>.



ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

Please invite any family members or friends who may be in need of this sacrament.

Meetings will begin Tuesday, January 25, 2022 from 7:00PM - 9:00PM. Please call Sr. Sharon to register at 818-349-2836.

Please provide a copy of your Baptism and First Communion Certificates.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Eduardo & Nancy Solorzano	30
Roy & Jackie Diza	30
Buenaventura & Susan Agraviador	31
Antonio & Merlinda Asuncion	37
Robert & Ofelia Saludares	45
Lee & Betty Cotter	50
Benjamin & Librada Asuncion	50
Joe & Christine Cullen	54
Wilfredo & Ursalina Agraviador	58
Vince & Willie Devita	60



OLL FEEDS GOD'S CHILDREN Saturday, February 12, 2022

9:00AM in Stroup Hall. Help us feed God's Children by participating in a soup packaging

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event. The more hands the better. Contact Bill Williams with any questions at: bwilliams@ollnr.org

Monday, January 17, 2022 MARTIN LUTHER



Liturgy

AMASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30AM Monday - Saturday: 8:30AM Vigil for Sunday 5:30PM (Saturday) Sundays: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM (Spanish) and 5:30PM

LIVESTREAM MASS

Monday - Saturday: 8:30AM Sundays: 9:00AM and 12:30PM (Spanish) To watch our masses live, just visit our <u>website</u>. The liturgies may also be viewed by pointing your browser to <u>https://</u> <u>vimeo.com/ollnr</u> where our liturgies will be available for 48 hours. Our parish priests are praying for all of our parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes

and all those listed on our Mass Intentions.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

January 15	8:30AM	William & Irene McAndrews
	5:30PM	John & Hugh McDonald (D)
January 16	7:30AM	Juanillo Garces (D), Alicia Garces (D)
	9:00AM	George Sornborger (D), Otto Moncada (D)
	11:00AM	Dan Dunn (D), Vincent Vaspa (D)
	12:30PM	Tom Christopher Jeronimo (D)
		Edwin Josafat Jeronimo (D)
	5:30PM	George & Josephine Barrnitt (D)
January 17	6:30AM	Mary Baker (D)
ŕ	8:30AM	Otto & Marie Moncada
January 18	6:30PM	Tippie Family
	8:30AM	Rogelio M. Lopez (D), Joe Shumovich (D)
January 19	6:30AM	Judy Chiang Family
	8:30AM	Buenaventura Agraviador (D), Michael Willis (D)
January 20	6:30AM	Tippie Family
	8:30AM	Leon Boudreau (D), Joe Bachike (D)
January 21	6:30AM	Leo Young Kim, Michael Garanchon
	8:30AM	Arthur & Remy Almazan
January 22	8:30AM	Vincenta Vito Cruz, Rose Weller
	5:30PM	Joseph Iskandar (D), Waleed Iskandar (D)
January 23	7:30AM	Stanley Walter (D), Jerry Herrera (D)
	9:00AM	Jerilee Marie Jaravata, Norma Jaravata
	11:00AM	Feliciana Sayaman (D), John Nettles (D)
	12:30PM	Mary Baker (D)
	5:30PM	Paul Vago (D), Athena Tiongson (D)
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Confession in the Church Confessional Chapels

4:00 - 5:00PM and 7:30 - 8:30PM Saturdays Confession continues to be available by appointment in the event these times are not convenient. To avail of this opportunity, please email parishcenter@ollnr.org or call 818-349-1500.



Celebrate your marriage anniversary with our parish community at our livestream Sunday masses once a month.



You may send a picture to awing@ollnr.org to be used in an anniversary video. Please call Betty Peltier at 818-363-0174 for additional information.

IN LOVING MEMORY...

> Nancy DeMarco Honorio Punsalong Carlos Martinez-Murillo Eugenia Lamorian Aparicio



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Petruzzelli Family, Lucy Gomez, Margaret Natera, Jenny M., Joan Bergenty, Maria L, Roman, Eddie Velasco, Marcelo B. Valerio, Cindy Krebs, Roland Faucher, Kiem Dharmawan, Edy Sasongko Sugiarto, Rita Caldera, Jarequire Family, Dolores Edwards, Lisa Krueger, Nancy Pangilinan, Carla Margozzinni, Neil McAllister, Juan & Grace Sharrer, Femary Macalino, John Cordova, Arturo Alneida, Lorena Boncaras, Ju Yon Cocco, David Merdek, Carol Mullen, Theresa Wagoner, Adeline Ricci, Ruben "AJ" Vidamo, Richard & Virginia Black, Ruel Quintillan, Lualhati Rodriguez, Janet Mayers, Rey & Prescy Vivar, Kenny Kelso, Elma Yates, Margarita Perez, Victoria Cruz, Lydia Sanchez, Clara Loesch, Tom Pigatti, Peter Stresen-Reuter, Cleotilde B. Valerio, Pamela Shafer, Patty Salazar, Lani Palomares, Lukas Araneta, Sharon Wolburn, Sr. Nola Gavin, Cyndi Swanee, Helen Bachike, Oswaldo Camero, William and Irene McAndrew, Charles Lazusky

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Parish Family

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS THE PARISH OFFCE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY.

Normal office hours are: Monday - Friday, 9:00AM - 5:00PM, closure for lunch from 12:00PM - 1:00PM

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SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

DID YOU KNOW?

Windows are Hidden Hazards

Did you know that windows are one of the leading hidden hazards in your home? Thousands of young children are injured each year from falling out of windows. The Window Safety Task Force recommends keeping windows closed and locked in rooms where children

may be, and only opening windows located out of children's reach. Avoid placing furniture or shelves near windows so that children cannot climb up to gain access. For more tips, visit nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/ child-safety/window-safety.

For more information call Safequard at 213-637-7508 or email bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org

Las ventanas son peligros ocultos

¿Sabía que las ventanas son uno de los principales peligros ocultos en su hogar? Miles de niños pequeños se lesionan cada año por caerse de las ventanas. El Grupo de Trabajo de Seguridad de Ventanas recomienda mantener las ventanas cerradas y con llave en las habitaciones donde pueden estar los niños, y solo abrir las ventanas que estén fuera del alcance de los niños. Evite colocar muebles o estantes cerca de las ventanas para que los niños no puedan subirse para tener acceso. Para obtener más consejos, visite nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/ child-safety/window-safety.

If you need to complete "Protecting God's Children" or take re-certification, "Keeping God's Promise" VIRTUS® training contact Dianne at parishcenter@ollnr.org. Zoom sessions are available.

JOIN US FOR A FUN AND INFORMATIVE EVENING. MEET OUR TERRIFIC FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS. TOUR OUR CLASSROOMS, HEAR ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS, AND DISCOVER WHAT A LOURDES EDUCATION CAN OFFER YOUR FAMILY.

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