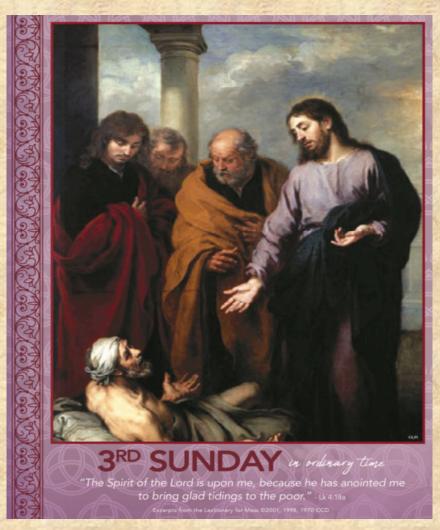


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MASS SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY MASS 7:30AM, 9:00AM 11:00AM, 12:30PM (Spanish) 5:30PM

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From Our Pastor

Continuing our reflections on what it means to be a people of faith here at Our Lady of Lourdes, we consider who we are as part of a Church that is much bigger than we are in ourselves. If we are going to be as embracing of others as the Lord Jesus modeled for us, then it is important that we see ourselves as connected to his people, to his Church, and as members of His Body.

There are different practical realities that are

expressed in this notion of being part of the Body of Christ, a reality and a mystery attested to by the Apostle Paul (cf 1Cor 12). The challenge of living up to all that this reality and mystery contain is not inestimable. Paul writes, "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many." Right away we can see that the uniformity of the Body which might be so prized by believers is a challenge, for believers themselves believe and behave and worship differently, yet are still part of the Body of Christ. The unity of the Church is the work of the Holy Spirit. For our part, we strive to grow into that unity and behave and worship and believe accordingly. It can sometimes

help us when we remember that we are collectively

if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy."

(1 Cor 12:27). I also find it helpful to remember that "If

one part (of the body) suffers, all the parts suffer with it;

"Christ's body, and individually parts of it."

There are those who believe that before we can consider ourselves part of the Church that we must believe everything the Church believes. We tell people who come to join our church that they can only join once they believe as we believe, and do as we do. However, the way in which Jesus models invitation to belonging is a little different. Then Andrew and the other disciple of John begin to follow Jesus at a distance. The gospel tells us "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.'"

Jesus says to them "Come, and you will see." In other words, as people come to us, instead of beginning by asking "what do you believe?" and 'how do you live?", and then if the answers work well for us we invite them to join our community, what might it look like if we invited people to be with us, to pray with us, to worship with us? What might it look like if we invited people to accompany us, to observe how we do what we do and

how we live as we do? What might it look like if we modeled the Christian life of discipleship in such a way as to attract others to want to be part of our community... then, and only then, do we begin to have conversations about what we believe and why we conduct ourselves the way we do. Above I observed that unity in the Church is the work of the Holy Spirit. So too is the work of evangelization, a work in which we are all invited to participate.

Many Catholics are almost afraid of the word "evangelization" because we associate it with knocking on doors and inviting people to come to our church. Some people even see it as a form of proselytizing, or more problematic, a form of saving people from the errors of their ways,

because their ways are not our ways. Some still see evangelization as a righteous proclamation of the teachings of the catechism and quoting of scripture to teach others the errors of their ways. However, it appears from scripture that Jesus employed none of these approaches. The model of evangelization employed by Jesus is one of invitation to ever deeper and deeper turning of the heart toward him in response to the love and the relationship that he desires with and for us. The challenge, it would appear, is to enter into and to grow into a relationship, one with another. Perhaps this is why the more distant and dogmatic approaches endure... they're "tidier" than relationships, which admittedly can be guite messy. Nonetheless, it was through relationships that Jesus invited people to experience the saving love of God, and it was that love that brought people to turn their lives over to God.

In sum, we are a community of believers, inspired by our faith in God and by our understanding that we are called, as people of faith, to be in relationship with all God's people (cf LG n9). In this, we understand that God's people includes every person we might encounter, whether or not they believe as we believe, act as we act, or pray as we pray. We are convinced of the message of St. Paul that there is nothing that can separate anyone from the love of God in Christ (Rom 8:31-39). We are witnesses to this truth, and are committed to practicing this love. We believe that it is by loving one another as Jesus commanded (Jn 13:34-35) that we practice our own discipleship and we invite people to see our faith in action.

As Jesus met people as they were, in the ordinary circumstances of their lives, often complex and multifaceted, so too we, as a community of believers, seek to encounter and to embrace all God's people.

Mensaje Del Pastor

Continuando con nuestras reflexiones sobre lo que significa ser un pueblo de fe aquí en Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, consideremos quiénes somos como parte de una Iglesia que es mucho más grande que nosotros mismos. Si vamos a acoger a los demás como Jesús nos modeló, entonces es importante que nos veamos conectados con Su pueblo, con Su Iglesia y como miembros de Su Cuerpo.

Hay diferentes realidades prácticas que se expresan en esta noción de ser parte del Cuerpo de Cristo—realidad y misterio del cual dio testimonio el apóstol Pablo (cf 1Cor 12). El desafío de estar a la altura de todo lo que contiene esta realidad y este misterio no son inestimables. Pablo escribe: "Las partes del cuerpo son muchas, pero el cuerpo es uno; por muchas que sean las partes, todas forman un solo cuerpo. Así también Cristo. Hemos sido bautizados en el único Espíritu para que formáramos un solo cuerpo, ya fuéramos judíos o griegos, esclavos o libres. Y todos hemos bebido del único Espíritu. Un solo miembro no basta para formar un cuerpo, sino que hacen falta muchos". Inmediatamente podemos ver que la uniformidad del Cuerpo que puede ser tan apreciada por los creventes es un desafío. porque los creyentes mismos creen, se comportan y adoran de maneras distintas, pero siguen siendo parte del Cuerpo de Cristo. La unidad de la Iglesia es obra del Espíritu Santo. Por nuestra parte, nos esforzamos por crecer en esa unidad creyendo, adorando, y comportándonos de acuerdo con este Cuerpo. Puede ayudarnos recordar que colectivamente somos "el cuerpo de Cristo, e individualmente partes de él". (1 Corintios 12:27). También me parece de gran ayuda recordar que "Si una parte (del cuerpo) sufre, todas las partes sufren con ella; si una parte es honrada, todas las partes comparten su alegría".

Hay quienes creen que antes de que podamos considerarnos parte de la Iglesia debemos creer todo lo que la Iglesia cree. Les decimos a las personas que vienen a unirse a nuestra iglesia que solo pueden unirse si creen como nosotros creemos y hacen lo que nosotros hacemos. Sin embargo, la forma en que Jesús modela la invitación a la pertenecer es un poco distinta. El evangelio nos dice que cuando Andrés y el otro discípulo de Juan comenzaron a seguir a Jesús de lejos, "Jesús se volvió y vio que lo seguían y les dijo: '¿Qué buscan?' Le dijeron: 'Rabí' (que significa Maestro), '¿dónde vives?' Él les dijo: Vengan y lo verán."

Jesús les dice: Vengan y lo verán. En otras palabras, ¿Cómo sería si cuando la gente se nos acerca en vez de preguntar "¿en qué crees?" y '¿cómo vives?' para ver si sus respuestas nos agradan antes de invitarlos a unirse a nuestra comunidad, invitáramos a las personas a estar con nosotros, a orar con nosotros, a adorar con nosotros? ¿Cómo sería si invitáramos a las personas a acompañarnos, a observar cómo hacemos lo que hacemos y cómo vivimos como lo hacemos? ¿Cómo

sería si modeláramos la vida cristiana de discipulado de tal manera que atrajera a otros a querer ser parte de nuestra comunidad... y entonces, y solo entonces, comenzáramos a tener conversaciones sobre lo que creemos y por qué nos comportamos de la manera que lo hacemos? Previamente noté que la unidad en la Iglesia es obra del Espíritu Santo. También lo es la obra de evangelización, una obra en la que todos estamos invitados a participar.

Muchos católicos casi le temen a la palabra "evangelización" porque la asocian con tocar puertas e invitar a la gente a venir a nuestra iglesia. Algunas personas incluso lo ven como una forma de proselitismo. o más problemático, una forma de salvar a la gente de los errores de sus caminos, porque sus caminos no son nuestros caminos. Algunos todavía ven la evangelización como una recitación de las Escrituras y una justa proclamación de las enseñanzas del catecismo para enseñar a otros los errores de sus caminos. Sin embargo, en las Escrituras Jesús no empleó ninguno de estos enfoques. El modelo de evangelización que nos ofrece Jesús es el de una invitación a volver el corazón cada vez más y más profundamente hacia El en respuesta al amor que El nos tiene y a la relación que él desea tener con nosotros. El desafío, al parecer, es entrar y crecer en relación, uno con el otro. Tal vez por eso perduran los enfoques más distantes y dogmáticos... son más "limpios" estos enfoques que formar relaciones, ya que ciertamente puede ser bastantes "desordenadas". No obstante, fue a través de las relaciones que Jesús invitó a las personas a experimentar el amor salvador de Dios, y fue ese amor lo que llevó a las personas a entregar sus vidas a Dios.

En suma, somos una comunidad de creyentes, inspirados por nuestra fe en Dios y por nuestro entendimiento de que estamos llamados como pueblo de fe, a estar en relación con todo el pueblo de Dios (cf LG n9). En esto, entendemos que el pueblo de Dios incluye a todas las personas con las que nos podemos encontrar, a pesar de que no crean como creemos, no actúen como actuamos o no oren como oramos. Estamos convencidos del mensaje de San Pablo: que no hay nada que nos pueda separar del amor de Dios en Cristo (Rom 8, 31-39). Somos testigos de esta verdad y estamos comprometidos a practicar este amor. Creemos que es amándonos unos a otros, como lo ordenó Jesús (Jn 13:34-35), que practicamos nuestro propio discipulado e invitamos a las personas a ver nuestra fe en acción.

Así como Jesús conoció a las personas tal como eran, en las circunstancias ordinarias de sus vidas, a menudo complejas y multifacéticas, así también nosotros, como comunidad de creyentes, buscamos encontrar y abrazar a todo el pueblo de Dios.

Readings & News

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or Sunday:

12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk Friday:

4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor

12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

"THE SERMON AND THE MOUNT" BIBLE STUDY. **BOOK-VIDEO STUDY**



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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.



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Contact Bill Williams with any questions

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ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

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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		
Antonio & Merlinda Asuncion		
Robert & Ofelia Saludares		
Lee & Betty Cotter		
Benjamin & Librada Asuncion		
Joe & Christine Cullen		
Wilfredo & Ursalina Agraviador		
Vince & Willie Devita	60	



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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

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Monday - Saturday: 8:30AM

Sundays: 9:00AM and 12:30PM (Spanish)To watch our masses live, just visit our <u>website</u>.

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Our parish priests are praying for all of our parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes and all those listed on our Mass Intentions.



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

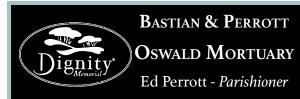
January 22		Vincenta Vito Cruz, Rose Weller
	5:30PM	Joseph Iskandar (D), Waleed Iskandar (D)
January 23	7:30AM	Stanley Walter (D), Jerry Herrera (D)
	9:00AM	Jerilee Marie Jaravata, Norma Jaravata
	11:00AM	Feliciana Sayaman (D), John Nettles (D)
	12:30PM	Mary Baker (D)
	5:30PM	Paul Vago (D), Athena Tiongson (D)
January 24	6:30AM	Lawrence & Ophelia Carneiro (D)
,	8:30AM	Imelda Chingcuangco (D)
		Carmen Chingcuangco (D)
January 25	6:30PM	OLL Benefactors
	8:30AM	William & Irene McAndrew
January 26	6:30AM	Michael Lee (D), Esterlita Cagas (D)
	8:30AM	Maria L. Roman, Arturo Burquez
January 27	6:30AM	Bruce Gerkewicz (D), Oanh to Mai (D)
,	8:30AM	Joe Shumovich (D), Michael Willis (D)
January 28	6:30AM	Wayne Tippie (D), Miriam Clayton (D)
	8:30AM	Jean Paul Caparros (D), Brian O'Keeffe (D)
January 29	8:30AM	Constancia De Castro (D), Jerry Herrera (D)
	5:30PM	Rolando Aquino (D), Genaro Aquino Jr. (D)
January 30	7:30AM	James Powers (D), Esterlita Cagas (D)
	9:00AM	Jennifer Cruz, Jackson Morris
	11:00AM	Fr. John Coleman O.Carm. (D)
		Fr. Jose Delas Pinas (D)
	12:30PM	Tom Christopher Jeronimo (D)
		Edwin Josafat Jeronimo (D)
	5:30PM	Daniel Cornel (D), Grace Tiongson (D)

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SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

DID YOU KNOW?

Talk to Your Teenagers About Instagram

Teens and social media have been in the news a lot over the past several months, as research shows how damaging social media sites can be for self-esteem, productivity, and overall well-being. Instagram has been called out, with research citing harm done by filters and by bullying in private messages. How can parents protect their children from the negative impacts such a popular and prevalent site cause? Experts recommend keeping open lines of communication with your teenagers, talking to them often about what they see and how they feel about it. Use age and activity limits or monitoring to keep tabs on how your teens are using Instagram and other social media sites. For more information, read the Associated Press' "Instagram" and teens: How to keep your kids safe," at https:// apnews.com/article/technology-social-media-instagramparents-quide-d5124f7229bbd6a892d9ac487cc04f96.

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

Platique con sus adolescentes sobre Instagram

Los adolescentes y las redes sociales han estado en las noticias durante los últimos meses, ya que las investigaciones muestran cuán dañinos pueden ser los sitios de redes sociales para la autoestima, la productividad y el bienestar general. Instagram ha sido criticado, con investigaciones que citan el daño causado por los filtros y el acoso en los mensajes privados. ¿Cómo pueden los padres de familia proteger a sus hijos de los impactos negativos que causa un sitio tan popular y prevalente? Los expertos recomiendan mantener abiertas las líneas de comunicación con sus adolescentes, hablando con ellos a menudo sobre lo que ven y cómo se sienten al respecto. Use límites de edad y actividad o monitoreo para controlar cómo sus adolescentes usan Instagram y otros sitios de redes sociales. Para obtener más información, lea "Instagram and teens: How to keep your kids safe" (Instagram y adolescentes: cómo mantener seguros a sus hijos) de Associated Press en https://apnews.com/ article/technology-social-media-instagram-parents-guided5124f7229bbd6a892d9ac487cc04f96.

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