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Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



January 31, 2021



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 2

God goes to Church

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord** which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas Day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite,

today is referred to as the "Purification of Mary". This is known as a 'Christmas feast' since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas.

Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until this feast. On February 2nd a quaint tradition unfolds, known well to schoolchildren and adults alike. The fate of Spring hangs in the balance as a burrowing animal looks for its shadow. But where did this tradition come from? The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas." The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter. In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. In the Middle Ages this feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or

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'Candlemas,' was of great importance. "The specific liturgy of this Candlemas feast, the blessing of candles, is not as widely celebrated as it should be, except of course whenever February 2 falls on a Sunday and thus takes precedence. There are two ways of celebrating the ceremony, either the *Procession*, which begins at a 'gathering place' outside the church, or the *Solemn Entrance*, celebrated within the church."

Until 1969, the ancient feast of the Presentation of Our Lord which is of Oriental origin, was known in the West as the feast of the Purification of Our Lady, and closed the Christmas Cycle, forty days after the Lord's birth. This feast has for long been associated with popular devotional exercises:

◆ The faithful would participate in the processions commemorating the Lord's entry into the Temple in Jerusalem and His encounter with God, whose house He had come to for the first time, and then with Simeon and Anna. Such processions, which in the West had taken the place of licentious pagan events, always had a penitential character, and were later identified with the blessing of candles which were carried in procession in honor of Christ, 'the light to enlighten the Gentiles' (Lk 2, 32);

◆ The faithful are sensitive to the actions of the Blessed Virgin in presenting her Son in the Temple, and to her submission to the Law of Moses (Lk 12, 1-8) in the rite of purification; popular piety sees in the rite of purification the humility of Our Lady and hence, 2 February has long been regarded as a feast for those in humble service.

— From *Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year*

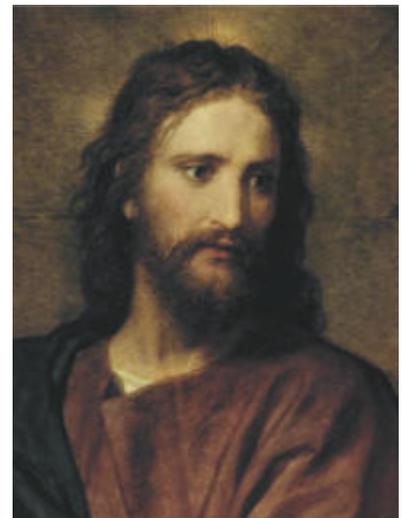
Pastoral Corner

by Fr. John

In the Gospel, the word authority is used twice. Although I do know what this word means, I was compelled to look at its proper definition in the dictionary. Accordingly, authority is defined as: "power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior." The people following Jesus were amazed at the authority of Jesus' words and actions. They commented how Jesus taught with a new authority unlike the religious leaders and elite at the time. Yet the authority of Jesus' example was not to subvert power over others, rather, it was to elicit a change or transformation.

For someone to have authority in our lives, we have to give it to them. Sadly, when we give others authority, when we trust them or elect them or look to them, they often abuse or take advantage of the authority or our trust that was given to them. However, Jesus did just the opposite. Jesus uses His authority to free us from the forces of evil that we have reluctantly or willingly gave authority over us. Such forces are deceptive and are so easy to be entrapped. Jesus came to set us free as we see in the healing (liberation) of the man with the unclean spirit.

Jesus uses His authority to free us from those forces and influences that want to rob us of our own personal authority. We must use this authority to go to Jesus, follow Jesus, and to lead others to Jesus. Jesus' witness attracted others to follow Him. We too need to demonstrate in our Christian witness the attractiveness of Jesus.



Being a disciple of Jesus is not superficial or just on the surface. Most people can identify a fake or a fraud. It's why the people were turning to Jesus and not the religious leaders or elite. Being an authentic missionary disciple of Jesus Christ flows from that interior and intimate friendship with Jesus and is revealed in the manner we use our personal authority on the outside (words and actions). □

Rincón pastoral

por el P. Juan

En el Evangelio, la palabra autoridad se utiliza dos veces. Aunque sé lo que significa esta palabra, me vi obligado a mirar su definición adecuada en el diccionario. En consecuencia, la autoridad se define como: “poder para influir o comandar pensamiento, opinión o comportamiento”. Las personas que seguían a Jesús se asombraron de la autoridad de las palabras y acciones de Jesús. Comentaron cómo Jesús enseñaba con una nueva autoridad a diferencia de los líderes religiosos y la élite en ese momento. Sin embargo, la autoridad del ejemplo de Jesús no era subvertir el poder sobre los demás, sino que era provocar un cambio o transformación.

Para que alguien tenga autoridad en nuestras vidas, tenemos que dárselo. Lamentablemente, cuando damos autoridad a los demás, cuando confiamos en ellos o los elegimos o los miramos, a menudo abusan o se aprovechan de la autoridad o de nuestra confianza que se les dio. Sin embargo, Jesús hizo justo lo contrario. Jesús utiliza Su autoridad para liberarnos de las fuerzas del mal que hemos dado autoridad a regañadientes o voluntariamente sobre nosotros. Tales fuerzas son engañosas y son tan fáciles de atrapar. Jesús vino a liberarnos como vemos en la sanación (liberación) del hombre con el espíritu inmundo.



Jesús usa Su autoridad para liberarnos de esas fuerzas e influencias que quieren robarnos nuestra propia autoridad personal. Debemos usar esta autoridad para ir a Jesús, seguir a Jesús y guiar a los demás a Jesús. El testimonio de Jesús atrajo a otros a seguirlo. También nosotros tenemos que demostrar en nuestro testimonio cristiano el atractivo de Jesús. Ser discípulo de Jesús no es superficial ni sólo en la superficie. La mayoría de las personas pueden identificar una falsificación o un fraude. Es por eso que la gente se dirigía a Jesús y no a los líderes religiosos o a la élite. Ser un auténtico discípulo misionero de Jesucristo brota de esa amistad interior e íntima con Jesús y se revela de la manera en que usamos nuestra autoridad personal en el exterior (palabras y acciones). □

Social Justice Sundays

Dear SJB Community,

We survived January!! As we close the month, I am back to share with you the application for the CST pillar “**Rights and Responsibilities**”. As you may recall Rights and Responsibilities is based upon the idea that every person has a fundamental right to life and therefore as Catholics, we have the responsibility to protect and respect life at every stage and phase. The crucial element of Rights and Responsibilities is upholding the dignity of every human being. Many of you are aware that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops just finished their 9-day novena for life focusing on praying for some of the most vulnerable lives, those of the unborn. I know that a good number of you participated in the novena and I commend you for your participation in the nationwide movement. Out of all the pillars of Catholic Social Teaching I’ve observed that our SJB community embodies and applies this pillar exceedingly well. Which makes my task of sharing “applications” of Rights and Responsibilities with you all this month pretty easy. For those of you who have been active in the pro-life movement for years and continue to do so, keep up the good work!! I truly believe that the prayers, community work, and advocacy so many of you have done over the years has made a difference in the lives of the unborn and their mothers.

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What I would share with you all this week is an outlook that I have developed over the years. To me, being truly pro-life and striving to live out the pro-life movement requires looking at the migrant child wandering in the Sonora desert with the same eyes of love and compassion that I show towards the unborn babe in the womb. It's easy to get caught up in our responsibility to face monstrosity that is abortion which must be combatted fervently. But we must also look at every single life with equal dignity, respect, and love. Because we have the right to life and the responsibility to uphold the dignity of life, we cannot parcel that responsibility into some or certain lives. Rather, we have the responsibility to uphold the dignity of our worst enemy just as much as we uphold the dignity of the unborn. During this global pandemic the lives of some of the most vulnerable have been taken: those with preexisting conditions, our loved ones in assisted living facilities, a disproportionate amount of people of color, and people living below the poverty line. I invite us all to remember them in our prayers as many members of our SJB community have lost loved ones to Covid-19. I encourage you all to keep fighting for the right to life, and remember the lives and dignity of the migrant, the person experiencing homelessness, and those who have suffered from systemic racism when continuing to live out the CST pillar Rights and Responsibilities.

In Christ, Lauren

Domingos de Justicia Social

Querida Comunidad de San Juan Bautista,

¡Sobrevivimos enero!! Cómo cerramos el mes estoy de vuelta para compartir con usted la solicitud de los derechos “Del pilar de CST **Derechos y Responsabilidades**”. Como puede recordar qué Derechos y Responsabilidades están basados en la idea que cada persona tiene un derecho fundamental a la vida y por lo tanto como católicos tenemos la responsabilidad de proteger la vida y respetar la vida en cada etapa y fase. El elemento crucial de los derechos y responsabilidades es la defensa de la dignidad de todo ser humano. Muchos de ustedes son conscientes de que la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos acaba de terminar su novena de 9 días para la vida, centrándose en orar por algunas de las vidas más vulnerables, las de los no nacidos. De todos los pilares de la Enseñanza Social Católica he observado que nuestra comunidad SJB encarna y aplica este pilar muy bien. Lo que hace que mi tarea de compartir “aplicaciones” de derechos y responsabilidades con todos ustedes todo este mes sea bastante fácil. Para aquellos de ustedes que han estado activos en el movimiento pro-vida durante años y continúan haciéndolo, mantener el buen trabajo!! Realmente creo que las oraciones, el trabajo comunitario y la defensa que muchos de ustedes han hecho a lo largo de los años ha hecho una diferencia en la vida de los no nacidos y sus madres. Lo que compartiría con ustedes toda esta semana es algo que he desarrollado a lo largo de los años. Ser verdaderamente pro-vida y esforzarse por vivir el movimiento pro-vida requiere mirar al niño migrante vagando en el desierto de Sonora con los mismos ojos de amor y compasión que mostramos hacia el bebé por nacer en el vientre. Es fácil quedar atrapado en nuestra responsabilidad de enfrentar la monstruosidad que es el aborto que debe ser combatido fervientemente. Pero debemos mirar cada vida con la misma dignidad, respeto y amor. Debido a que tenemos el derecho a la vida y la responsabilidad de defender la dignidad de la vida, no podemos dividir esa responsabilidad en unas o ciertas vidas. Más bien, tenemos la responsabilidad de defender la dignidad de nuestro peor enemigo tanto como defendemos la dignidad de los no nacidos. Durante esta pandemia mundial se han tomado las vidas de algunos de los más vulnerables: aquellos con condiciones preexistentes, nuestros seres queridos en centros de vida asistida, una cantidad desproporcionada de personas de color y personas que viven por debajo del umbral de pobreza. Invito a todos a recordarlos en nuestras oraciones, ya que muchos miembros de nuestra comunidad SJB han perdido a sus seres queridos en Covid-19. Animo a todos ustedes a seguir luchando por el derecho a la vida y recordar las vidas y la dignidad del emigrante, la persona que experimenta la falta de hogar y a aquellos que han sufrido del racismo sistémico siguiendo viviendo los Derechos del pilar de CST y Responsabilidades.

En Cristo Rey, Vicki

Catholic Schools Week

St. John the Baptist Catholic School has been thriving both in person and digitally this year for all students **preschool – 8th grade!** We would love to show you the school and add your children to our classes! With small class sizes we are able to accommodate daily in person learning, and the latest technology allows us to still provide digital learning for those that wish to remain home. Financial aid is available to all those that need it to provide a Catholic education for their children.

Catholic schools week begins on January 31st –February 5th and during this week we will be scheduling private tours for those interested in joining our amazing school! Registration for the upcoming 2021-22 school year begins on **March 1st for returning families** and **March 15th for new families**. Some limited availability to transfer for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

Open house: In person on February 7th from 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.. Masks and socially distancing guidelines will be followed. We are also providing individual family tours available daily, Please contact Lucero Silva (school office manager) at 503-654-0200 or email to set up a tour with any questions you might have to lsilva@sjbcatholicsschool.org. Come be a part of all the wonderful things going on at SJB!





◆ **Sun. Jan 31:**

- 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Adoration - **Cancelled Today**
- 5:00 p.m. – Boys Scouts / Girls Troop – Cafeteria

◆ **Wed. Feb 3:**

- 1:30 p.m. – **School Mass Only – 5th Grade Leading**
- 6:00 p.m. – St. Vincent de Paul – Jordan Room
- 6:30 p.m. – Divina Misericordia (español) – Iglesia
- 7:00 p.m. – Confirmation Classes – Cafeteria

◆ **Sun. Feb 7:**

- 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Open House Grade School
- 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Adoration – Church
- 5:00 p.m. – Boys Scouts / Girls Troop – Cafeteria

◆ **Wed. Feb 10:**

- 1:30 p.m. – **School Mass Only – 4th Grade**
- 6:30 p.m. – Divina Misericordia (español) – Iglesia
- 7:00 p.m. – Confirmation Classes – Cafeteria

◆ **Sun Feb 14:**

- **Happy Valentines Day**
- 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Adoration – Church
- 5:00 p.m. - Boys Scouts / Girls Troop – Cafeteria



◆ **Mon. Feb. 15:**

- **No School – President's Day**



◆ **Tues. Feb 16:**

- **No School – In-Service Day**

◆ **Wed. Feb 17: Ash Wednesday**

- 1:30 p.m. – **School Mass Only – 3rd Grade Leading**
- 6:00 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul – Jordan Room
- 6:30 p.m. – Divina Misericordia (español) – Iglesia
- 7:00 p.m. – Confirmation Classes – Cafeteria

◆ **Sun, Feb 21:**

- 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Adoration – Church
- 5:00 p.m. – Boys Scouts / Girls Troop – Cafeteria

◆ **Wed. Feb 24:**

- 1:30 p.m. – **School Mass Only – 2nd Grade Leading**
- 6:30 p.m. – Divina Misericordia (español) – Iglesia
- 7:00 p.m. – Confirmation Classes – Cafeteria



Here are the Mass times for
**Wednesday,
February 17, 2021**

- 8:30 a.m. – English
- 1:30 p.m. - School Mass
- 5:30 p.m. – English
- 7:00 p.m. – *en español*



Kathy Saylor ♥ Tam an Tran
♥ Family of Harold Eckman
♥ Family of Lulu Kabigting
♥ Dan & Gloria Bolton

*Please contact the office if you, or
someone you know needs our
prayers!*



January 31 – February 6

In memory of Tim Lisac

From Sue Lisac

Sat. / Sab. Jan 30: 8:30 a.m. – † Deceased Family Members of YLI – YLI
 4:00 p.m. – † Bruce White – Young White

Sun. / Dom. Jan 31: 7:30 a.m. – Antoinette Santos (Birthday) – Maria Santos
 9:30 a.m. – Farida Holland (Birthday) – Maria Santos
 12:00 noon - † Malvina Nolet – Lee Nolet

Mon. / Lun. Feb 1: 8:30 a.m. - Pope Francis – Mary Brewer

Tues. / Mar. Feb 2: 8:30 a.m. – Laurie Da Metz – Vern & Yvonne Braun
 7:00 p.m – **No Mass / Sin Masa**

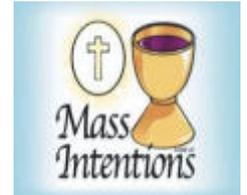
Wed. / Mie. Feb 3: 8:30 a.m. – † Ed Goin – Bill & Laurie Blaufus
 1:30 p.m. – † Bob Olsen & Vern & Yvonne Braun

Thur. / Jueves Feb 4: 8:30 a.m. – † Helen Wiseman – Jean Hill-Rutter
 7:00 p.m. – **No Mass / Sin Masa**

Fri. / Vie. Feb 5: 8:30 a.m. – † Tiffany Cline – Vern & Yvonne Braun

Sat. / Sab. Feb 6: 8:30 a.m. – Charles Marrow – Ron & Mary Dove
 4:00 p.m. – † Malivina Nolet – Lee Nolet

Sun. / Dom. Feb 7: 7:30 a.m. – † Dan Carroll (passed age 43 Cancer)– Libby Csergei
 9:30 a.m. – People of St. John the Baptist
 12:00 noon - † Leo Nolet – Lee Nolet



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Tue-Sat: 8:30 a.m. English
 Tues. & Thurs.
 7:00 p.m. En español
 Sat: 4:00 p.m. Vigil
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
 12:00 p.m. En español

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday - 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Sabado - 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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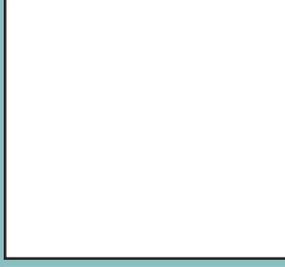
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