Saint James the Greater





North Carolina and Beyond!

January 23, 2022

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Pastor

Rev. Jerome Chavarria, C.Ss.R.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

5:00 p.m.

Monday 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of

Perpetual Help Novena

Tuesday—Saturday 11:00 a.m.

Thursday (Spanish) 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 2:00-3:30 p.m. or by request

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 10:00 a.m.—6:45 p.m.

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed on Holy Days & Holidays

St. James Religious Articles & Bookstore

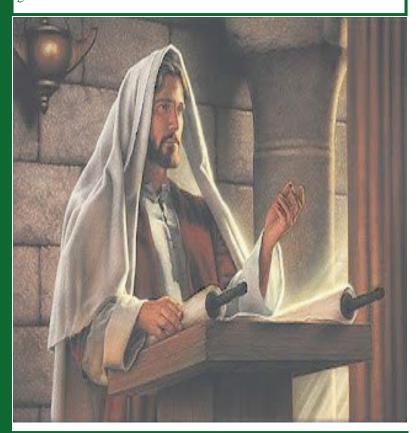
Open before and after all weekend Masses Email: stjamescatholicbookstore@hotmail.com

Website & Social Media

Web: www.saintjamescatholic.org Facebook: St. James the Greater Concord or saintjamesthegreaterconcord

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to open "the door of faith" to our parishioners to make possible the life of communion with God and the transformation of the heart. The fruit of this transformation will be to unite in charity our diverse congregation and surrounding community; "breaking down the dividing wall" (Ephesians 2:14). As members of the one body of Christ, we accept our responsibilities as good stewards of His great gifts.



St. James the Greater Catholic Church

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REDEMPTORIST FATHERS OF THE BALTIMORE PROVINCE SERVING ST. JAMES THE GREATER SINCE 1974

Rev. Jerome Chavarria, C.Ss.R., Pastor jeromec@saintjamescatholic.org, x738

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Michael Quinn, Youth Coordinator/Confirmation michaelq@saintjamescatholic.org, x720

Chris Conrad —Middle School FF, Sacramental Asst. edge@saintjamescatholic.org, x722

Beth Giddings—Middle School FF edge@saintjamescatholic.org

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Maria Lopez Torres, FF Office Assistant marialt@saintjamescatholic.org, x732

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Dr. Dylan Savage, Director of Music dylans@saintjamescatholic.org, x728

Suzanne Carney, New Beginnings Preschool Director suzannec@saintjamescatholic.org, x 740 704-262-3498 Office Hours M-F 9:00-1:00

If you are not receiving Flock Notes, email your email address or cell number to: Bonniew@saintjamescatholic to be added.

Offertory Collection—01/16/2022

Monies not counted due to inclement weather. Will report with next week's offertory.

Thank you for your continued generosity & support

If you have any questions, please contact communication@saintjamescatholic.org or the office at 704-720-0600.

New Parishioners: Please call the office as soon as possible. By Church Law, only registered parishioners can receive the Sacrament of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, and be Sacramental Sponsors.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Registration and Baptismal Preparation class are required. To schedule a Baptism date contact the parish office.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist:

Contact Kayla D'Allura at 704-720-0600 x729

Confirmation:

Contact Michael Quinn at 704-720-0600 x720.

Adult Confirmation:

Contact Micki O'Connor at 980-621-5451.

Reconciliation Schedule:

Saturday 2:00—3:30 p.m. or anytime by request.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Registered Parishioners are required by Diocesan Policy to contact the office 6 months prior to the date of marriage. Marriage dates should not be set prior to meeting with the parish priest.

Sacrament of Anointing/Visiting Sick:

If you need a visit from a priest, please call the office. In case of an *EMERGENCY* call (704) 720-0608.

Letters of Eligibility:

Letters of Eligibility to act as Godparents or Sponsors can be issued only to active members of the parish who are registered and in good standing.

St. James Catholic Cemetery & Columbarium:

Plots and niches are available to all parishioners of St. James and St. Joseph, their families and practicing Catholics from other parishes. Contact Charlie Anzalone 704-490-3796.

Altar Servers:

Contact Robert Williams at rwilliams24@carolina.rr.com by phone at 704-467-3550.

RCIA Program:

Contact Ginny Lieto at 704-454-7561 or Virginialieto@gmail.com

Bulletin Information:

Deadline is: 10 days prior to publication date. Send to: communication@saintjamescatholic.org.

Parish Nurse:

Rosa Gonzalez, 704-720-0600 x754 Rosag@saintjamescatholic.org

Online Giving: https://saintjamescatholic.weshareonline.org

THE REVEILLE GROUP OF ALCHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meeting in Gill Hall, Monday through Saturday mornings at 7:00 am. Alcoholism if a complex problem with physical, behavioral, and spiritual components affecting all aspects of life. A content & healthy, sober life requires commitment & effort, but the journey is easier with friends who know the way. Reveille members help each other achieve & sustain sobriety by sharing their strength, hope & practical experience. If alcohol has become a problem in your life, or to learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous, we invite you to join us.

CHARITABLE DONATION STATEMENTS:

If you are in need of your statement of donations for tax purposes, please contact the office by email or phone and let us know. We can send them out via email, regular mail or you may pick them up. We will NOT automatically send these out, you must call. Email to bonniew@saintjamescatholic.org or call 704-720-0600 and leave your name with Miriam.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS -JAN. 22—JAN. 30

Saturday, January 22

11:00 a.m. Fred & Eleanor Krisch by Ginger & Al Curl

5:00 p.m. +Carol Pasquale by by Russel Vera

7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Sunday, January 23

8:00 a.m. +Eleanor & Eddie Waligora by Their Grandchildren &

Great Grandchildren

9:30 a.m. Charles Kincaid be Tom & Cindy Kincaid 11:00 a.m. +Hunter Lee Hinson by The Hinson Family

1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish 5:00 p.m. For all parishioners

Monday, January 24

7:00 p.m. For all souls in purgatory by Celso de Oliveira

Tuesday, January 25

11:00 a.m. +Chet Lasota by Bonnie White

Wednesday, January 26

11:00 a.m. +Germaine Diglio by Gen & Art Rollin

Thursday, January 27

11:00 a.m. +Eleanor Waligora by Jean Aube

7:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Friday, January 28

11:00 a.m. +James Livers by Fran Miles

+Goe Simonetti by Jina Simonetti

Saturday, January 29

11:00 a.m. Mark Brilhante by Guy & Veronica Brilhante

5:00 p.m. +Peyton Schorer by Tom & Cindy Kincaid

7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Sunday, January 30

8:00 a.m. +Eleanor Waligora by Barbara & Joseph Lachacz

9:30 a.m. +Janet Reiss by The Talamonti Family

11:00 a.m. + Rachel Oxford by Chuck & Maria Oxford

1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish 5:00 p.m. For all parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 23—JAN. 29

Sun, Jan. 23: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Mon, Jan. 24: 2 Sm 5:1-7; 10; Mk 3:22-30

Tue, Jan. 25: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Wed, Jan. 26: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:1-20

Thu, Jan. 27: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

Fri, Jan. 28: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

Sat, Jan. 29: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

Readings are also at: http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Adult Confirmation

Are you an Adult (19 and older) who is active in our Catholic faith but never received the sacrament of Confirmation? Please join us for this 10 week course of preparation. This course will guide you through your final initiation into the Catholic Church in June.

Thursdays, 6:30-8:00PM in the Parish Conference Room (located in the Office)

Sessions begin February 24, 2022

For more information and to register, contact Micki O'Connor at mickio53@hotmail.com or 980-621-5451

CHILDREN'S MASS LECTORS & GREETERS:

Contact Mike Boteilho at mboteilho 13@gmail.com to begin serving.

PRAYER REQUESTS Betty Gann

James Gann Machala Anderson Stacy Gibbons Ramona Baudion Maria Gross Larry Brantley Eileen Guttridge Michelle Belofski Natalie Guys Charlotte Bond Janies M. Hosson Danielle Buckner Bill Hurst Melissa Carl Berniece Janke Megan Carney Emilee Johnson Alden Chapman David Kelemecz Ralph Clark Florence Keogh Angela Colbert Lisa King Mona DanDunk Joel Lowenstein Pete Delaney Irene McConnell Denny Dicky Patricia McGeady Jane Drake Rachel McGirt Sherry Earnhardt Rachel McNellie Gary Embler Joyce Milliron Peter Franzese Mary Ann Nelson

Dorothy O'Leary Sarah Ótt Evelyn Parker Heidi Payne Joe Piccirlli Dawn D'Amat I. Ralston Bo Riggins Brian Schlemmer Barbara Sedegren Angela Sherrill Ashley Sibley Daniel Sibley James Sibley Patricia Sibley Victoria Sibley O'Keefe Florence Smelkoff Albertine Smith Robert Wadman Beth Wilson Laura Yarbrough

Please remember to contact the office when we can remove your loved one from our prayer list or St. Gerard list. We will remove names periodically to free up space. Thank you!

ST. GERARD LIST: let us pray for these mothers and their babies through the intercession of St. Gerard.

Brenda Calarza—Mar. Kristin Keidel—Mar. Michelle Choromanski—Mar. Angela Crenshaw—Apr Sarah Lasseter—Apr. Amanda Pisciotta—May.

Please contact the office to be put on the St. Gerard List.

BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

01/29/2022, Saturday

5:00 p.m. Audrey & Jerry Macek

7:30 p.m. Robby & Charlotte Schomberg

01/30/2022, Sunday

8:00 a.m. Stacy Tenaro & Pati Servicky

9:30 a.m. Peyton Smallwood & Charlotte Schomberg

11:00 a.m. Robby & Charlotte Schomberg 1:00 p.m. Deanna Glenn & Kaylee Vasquez 5:00 p.m. Robby & Charlotte Schomberg

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

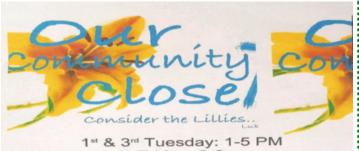
Continue to sign up on Sign-up Genius from email sent out. If you would like to begin serving again, please contact Tanya Sastoque at tanyadimarco@hotmail.com.

REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE: There is no eating or drinking in the Church! We are having issues with drinks being spilled on the pews, finding food crumbs in the pews and gum being stuck to the back of the pews.

If your child needs food or drinks during Mass please take them to the cry room or the vestibule. Thank you!

Crusader's Stations of the Cross: My name is Gabe Glass, I am a sophomore student at Christ The King looking to raise money for funds for my Eagle Scout project and need your help. In order to gain that rank I must complete a service project where I will build

14 Stations of the Cross behind Christ The King. In order to accomplish that, I ask for your donation to spread the precious openness of prayer. Thank you, Gabe Glass.



1st & 3rd Tuesday: 1-5 PN 4th Friday: 3-6pm 4th Saturday: 9am-2pm

FREE gently used & new clothing (pants, shirts, dresses, pajamas, coats, etc) and shoes for men, women, teens and children!!

Sizes and availability are not guaranteed. We operate on a first come, first serve basis.

Please join us & spread the word to ANYONE in need; NO income verification is required



GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to provide encouragement and to help you rebuild your life after the death of a loved one. We know it hurts and we want to help. There is no fee. Optional is the purchase of a \$15.00 workbook. If interested, please register.

Upcoming weekly sessions:

St. James Catholic Church - Geiger Hall Classroom

139 Manor Avenue, SW

Concord, NC 28025

Mondays, January 17 - April 18, 2022

Contact: Toni Swick (732) 330-9744 or toniswick@gmail.com

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. sessions

Contact: Fran Vogelien (704-918-4010) or vogelien@hotmail.com

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. sessions

ST. JAMES & CCM PANTRY NEEDS FOR THE MONTH:

Our current big needs are:

Cereal Canned Carrots
Tomato Soup Canned Potatoes

Canned Mixed Vegetables Canned Pinto Beans (15 or 16 oz.)
Canned fruit Canned Baked Beans (15 or 16 oz.)

Whole Grain Items
No-added Sugar Items
Low Sodium Items
Canned Peas

Diapers (all sizes)

We have plenty of the following:

Pasta Macaroni & Cheese

Rice Tuna Chicken & Rice soup Pasta Sauce

Diced Tomatoes Canned Green Beans & Corn

We thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Are you bored at Mass? Does your mind tend to wonder during Mass? Would you like to know why we do the things we do during Mass?

Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Come. Discover the Beauty, the Riches, and the Profound Meaning of the Mass.

Classes begin: February 22- March 29,2022

From: 7:00-8:00 pm

Place: Small classroom of Geiger Hall

Due to COVID-19, we will have limited seating. Please contact Angie Harness at 704-787-4150 to reserve your spot.

2022 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOK:

Join us on our Lenten Devotion for 2022, "A Time for Mending". The perfect reflection for 2022 with all the world has gone through for the past 2 1/2 years. Books will be available in the bookstore in both English and Spanish for \$1.50 (which includes tax). So stop by the bookstore and get yours. Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2nd.





LIBRO DEVOCIONAL DE CUARESMA 2022:

Únase a nosotros en nuestra devoción de Cuaresma para 2022, "Un tiempo para reparar". La reflexión perfecta para 2022 con todo lo que el mundo ha pasado durante los últimos 2 años y medio. Los libros estarán disponibles en la librería tanto en inglés como en español por \$1.50 (que incluye impuestos). Así que pasa por la librería y obtén el tuyo. La Cuaresma comienza el miércoles 2 de marzo.

Catholic Sunday School for Adults: Have you ever wished there was an on-going opportunity to learn more about the Catholic Faith while getting to know your fellow parishioners better, all at a super convenient time—like right before Mass? Then join us from 10 to 10:50 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the large classroom in Geiger Hall. No commitment necessary, come when you can. This weekly opportunity begins on Sunday Feb. 6th and will be initially led by Chuck Oxford with special guest appearances by our own parish priests.

Rediscover the Power in Catholic Spirituality"

Lunch and Learn for February

Wednesdays beginning February 2

Come to any or all sessions



Feb. 2nd—Knowledge of self leading to knowledge of God.

Feb. 9th—Sharing the divinity of Christ.

Feb. 16th—Praying for the Kingdom of God.

Feb. 23rd—Growing in Grace & Peach

Our "Lunch and Learn" sessions begin with a light lunch at 12:00 PM, followed by a presentation and discussion. For those who choose, the learning could begin with an hour of adoration and a blessing by Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The topics are chosen for Lunch and Learn are meant to be both transformative and informative. For those who want to dive deeper into the material, there is a companion book available.

The format includes a brief presentation by Deacon Scott Gilfillan, throughout which all are invited to share their own observations. Here is a typical lunch and learn schedule:

Lunch and Learn Schedule

11:00 AM Holy Hour of Adoration (optional)

11:50 AM Benediction (optional)

12:00 PM Light lunch

12:30 PM Program

1:30 PM Final Blessing

Any questions, contact Deacon Scott Gilfillan

at sdgilfillan@catholicconference.org,or call 828.328.7441.

PRICING: No charge. Suggested donation \$15 per session.

The Center would like to get as many people as possible to enter into a deeper spiritual experience and relationship with God. Donations will be kindly accepted to defer the cost of the meals and the books, but not necessary. **Please register Monday for the**

Wednesday session. Space is limited to 25 participants.

Saint James Food Pantry and Emmanuel Outreach Food Ministry Volunteers

A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 1, 2022 at 6:00 PM in Gill Hall for "existing" and interested "new" volunteers. The meeting will review last years food pantry operations and plans for expanding operations in 2022. Volunteer assignment opportunities include but are not limited to: communications, organizing parish food donation drives, sorting and stocking our food panty shelves, packing and transporting food supplies to our pantry and/or to recipients, and welcoming recipients to our pantry for food pick-up. Please come and learn how you can help our brothers and sisters with this wonderful ministry. For "new" volunteers, if you cannot attend the meeting, please provide your contact information to our parish office so food ministry leaders can contact you at a later date.

We will host four Society of Saint Vincent de Paul infor-

mation sessions via Zoom. The dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, January 20th at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 20th at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 28th at 10:00 a.m.

These sessions ARE OPEN TO ANYONE INTERESTED regardless of whether or not you participated in the poll. The link to participate for all of the meetings will be the same and is located below. Zoom meeting: Topic: Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Information Sessions To Join Zoom Meeting Use

This Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81551308274?pwd=TE5lTVpGbnY2dXZmQjhORmlxYnk3Zz09

Meeting ID: 815 5130 8274 Passcode: SVDPCLT

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 720 707 2699 US (Denver)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 815 5130 8274

Passcode: 3455025

Find your local number: https://us06web.zoom.us/u/

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JOB POSTING – AUDITOR/SR. ACCOUNTANT

The Diocese of Charlotte is seeking a full-time Auditor and Senior Accountant. Essential areas of responsibility include: Performs annual school audits for compliance with established diocesan financial policies, procedures and practices.

Prepares detailed reports on findings and makes appropriate recommendations.

Oversees the accounting functions for the Seminary College – including monthly reconciliations and reporting, coordinating with personnel regarding accounting inquiries, assisting with the annual budget process and year-end reporting.

Assists with selected Central Administration accounting functions – various monthly account reconciliations, posting month-end journal entries, health insurance billings, processing semi-annual sales tax refund requests and other accounting assistance, as needed.

Requirements include:

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Accounting, Finance or related field.

At least three years' experience in accounting and auditing; preferably with a not-for-profit organization.

Strong written, verbal, analytical and interpersonal skills.

Excellent computer skills - specifically with Excel.

Experience with ParishSOFT software - a plus.

This position requires moderate travel; may require some evening or weekend work.

CPA or MBA preferred.

Please send resume and salary history/requirements by January 28th, 2022 to: Meredith Paul, Director of Internal Audit, Diocese of Charlotte, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203-4003, or email to mmpaul@rcdoc.org. The Diocese of Charlotte is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Avisos desde la oficina

Horario de la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano: de martes a viernes 1:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. Si tiene alguna pregunta, puede llamar al 704-720-0602

BAUTISMO

Próximos Bautismos: 26 de febrero a las 12:00 p.m. en el templo. La próxima plática bautismal será el 19 de febrero de 4:00 p.m. a 6:00 p.m. en el Gill Hall. Deben asistir padres y padrinos. Llegar entre 3:30 y 3:50 para efectos de registración. Por favor no traer niños.



GRUPO DE ALCOHOLICOS ANONIMOS "LA ALEGRIA DE VIVIR"

¿Tiene usted problemas con el alcohol o con otras adicciones? El Grupo de

Alcohólicos Anónimos (AA) aquí en St James, ha reiniciado las reuniones y está aquí para ayudarle a usted a enfocarse en su bienestar, le invitamos a que se una al grupo. Para más información se puede comunicar con cualquiera de las siguientes personas: Lázaro Cruz 704-701-9179, José Oviedo 704-490-9562, Gustavo Gallo 704-491-0876, o también es bien venido a la reunión sin previo aviso. Los domingos y viernes de 7:00pm-9:00pm en el Guadalupe Hall.

NUESTRA AGENDA

Enero 24 (lunes)

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exposición del Santísimo y Adoración

6:00 p.m. Ensayo de coro - G.H

7:00 p.m. Reunión Hombres y Mujeres CRSP - OLG

Enero 25 (martes)

6:00 p.m. Ensayo Coro - Templo

7:00 p.m. Reunión Mujeres CRSP - OLG Hall.

7:00 p.m. Consagrados a Jesús por María - Capilla

Enero 27 (jueves)

6:30 p.m. Rosario 7:00 p.m. Eucaristía

7:45 p.m. Adoración a Jesús Sacramentado

Enero 28 (viernes)

7:00 p.m. Reunión de Mujeres y Hombres CRSP - OLGH. Ensayo Coro - G. H.

Enero 29 (sábado)

6:00 p.m. Reunión Hombres CRSP - OLG Hall.

Ensayo Coro - G. H

7:00 p.m. Rosario 7:30 p.m. Eucaristía

Enero 30 (domingo)

11:30 a.m. Catequesis para Padres en el Guadalupe

Hall - Asamblea. Todos invitados.

12:30 p.m. Rosario 1:00 p.m. - Eucaristía

SERVIDORES - SANTO ROSARIO

JUEVES ENERO 27	SÁBADO ENERO 29	DOMINGO ENERO 30	
Martha Adame	Adela Nolasco	Cristina Montoya	
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SERVIDORES - MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS - JUEVES ENERO 27

EUCARISTÍA	LECTORES	
Maria I Labra, Yesenia Soto, Maria Ortiz	1. Leyvi Salvador S. Socorro Medina	

SERVIDORES – MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS – SABADO ENERO 29

EUCARISTÍA	LECTORES	UJIERES	ACÓLITOS
Fanny Gonzalez	M. Adriana Mejia	Luz G., José A., Clementa	Jose Soto
Emmanuel Juarez	1. Lourdes Perez	P., Juan M., Desiderio M.,	Leodegario Soto
Pedro Martinez	S. Martha San Juan	Bertha U., Leodegario S.,	
Cristina Montoya	2. Mayra Marino	Marcos B., Kayla H.,	
Virginia Valtierra		Cornelio H.	

SERVIDORES - MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS - DOMINGO ENERO 30

EUCARISTÍA	LECTORES	UJIERES	ACÓLITOS
Anibal Perez Raul Hernandez	M. Mariana Erion 1. Stacy Hernandez	Roxana, Paula H., Filiberto S., José S., Marisol A.,	Hombres CRSP
Emesto Landaverde Angel Vargas Blas Quiterio	S. Liliana Rojas 2. Daelyn Sosa	Marcos C., Yolanda T., Yadira G., Yael V.	

LA PALABRA DE DIOS CADA DIA DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Mc. 3,22-30— "...pero el que blasfeme contra el Espíritu Santo no tendrá perdón jamás, cargará con su pecado para siempre."

Martes: Mc. 16,15-18- "ld al mundo entero y proclamad el Evangelio a toda la creación."

Miércoles: Mc. 4,1-20- "El que tenga oídos para oír, que oiga"

Jueves: Mc. 4,21-25- "Porque al que tiene se le dará y al que no tiene se le quitará con creces hasta lo que tiene."

Viernes: Mc. 4,26-34- "El reino de Dios se parece a un hombre que echa simiente en la tierra."

Sábado: Mc. 4,35-41- "¿Por qué sois tan cobardes? ¿Aún no tenéis fe?"

EXHORTACIÓN APOSTÓLICA POSTSINODAL EL AMOR EN LA FAMILIA DEL PAPA FRANCISCO (Continuación)

«Valorar la fase conclusiva de la vida es todavía más necesario hoy, porque en la sociedad actual se trata de cancelar de todos los modos posibles el momento del tránsito. La fragilidad y la dependencia del anciano a veces son injustamente explotadas para sacar ventaja económica. Numerosas familias nos enseñan que se pueden afrontar los últimos años de la vida valorizando el sentido del cumplimiento y la integración de toda la existencia en el misterio pascual. Un gran número de ancianos es acogido en estructuras eclesiales, donde pueden vivir en un ambiente sereno y familiar en el plano material y espiritual. La eutanasia y el suicidio asistido son graves amenazas para las familias de todo el mundo. Su práctica es legal en muchos países. La Iglesia, mientras se opone firmemente a estas prácticas, siente el deber de ayudar a las familias que cuidan de sus miembros ancianos y enfermos».

Quiero destacar la situación de las familias sumidas en la miseria, castigadas de tantas maneras, donde los límites de la vida se viven de forma lacerante. Si todos tienen dificultades, en un hogar muy pobre se vuelven más duras. Por ejemplo, si una mujer debe criar sola a su hijo, por una separación o por otras causas, y debe trabajar sin la posibilidad de dejarlo con otra persona, el niño crece en un abandono que lo expone a todo tipo de riesgos, y su maduración personal queda comprometida. En las difíciles situaciones que viven las personas más necesitadas, la Iglesia debe tener un especial cuidado para comprender, consolar, integrar, evitando imponerles una serie de normas como si fueran una roca, con lo cual se consigue el efecto de hacer que se sientan juzgadas y abandonadas precisamente por esa Madre que está llamada a acercarles la misericordia de Dios. De ese modo, en lugar de ofrecer la fuerza sanadora de la gracia y la luz del Evangelio, algunos quieren «adoctrinarlo», convertirlo en «piedras muertas para lanzarlas contra los demás».

Algunos desafíos

Las respuestas recibidas a las dos consultas efectuadas durante el camino sinodal, mencionaron las más diversas situaciones que plantean nuevos desafíos. Además de las ya indicadas, muchos se han referido a la función educativa, que se ve dificultada, entre otras causas, porque los padres llegan a su casa cansados y sin ganas de conversar, en muchas familias ya ni siquiera existe el hábito de comer juntos, y crece una gran variedad de ofertas de distracción además de la adicción a la televisión. Esto dificulta la transmisión de la fe de padres a hijos. Otros indicaron que las familias suelen estar enfermas por una enorme ansiedad. Parece haber más preocupación por prevenir problemas futuros que por compartir el presente. Esto, que es una cuestión cultural, se agrava debido a un futuro profesional incierto, a la inseguridad económica, o al temor por el porvenir de los hijos. (*Continuará...*)



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