



CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Stewards of God's Gifts

February 11, 2024 | Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY | DOMINGO

8:00 am	English
10:00 am	English*
12:00 pm	Español*
2:00 pm	Chinese*
4:00 pm	English
6:00 pm	Español

* Livestream available.

Monday—Friday

Lunes—Viernes

12:10 pm

Ash Wednesday

Miércoles de ceniza

12:10 pm	English
5:10 pm	English
7:00 pm	Español

ADORATION

ADORACIÓN

Wednesday & Thursday

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

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Monday—Friday

Lunes—Viernes

11:30 am—12:00 pm

Saturday | Sabado

4:00 pm—5:00 pm

CATHEDRAL HOURS

Monday—Friday

10:00 am—4:00 pm



6° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Jesús le mandó con severidad: "No se lo cuentes a nadie; pero para que conste, ve a presentarte al sacerdote y ofrece por tu purificación lo prescrito por Moisés". Pero aquel hombre comenzó a divulgar tanto el hecho, que Jesús no podía ya entrar abiertamente en la ciudad.
- Mc 1, 44-45

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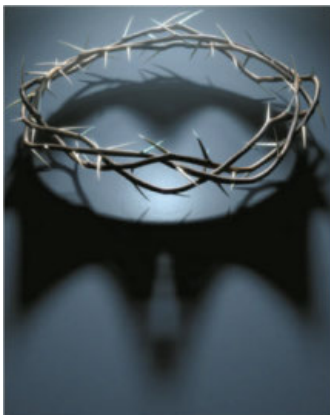


Events and Information

2024 Lenten Prayer Retreat

GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST THROUGH
PERSONAL PRAYER

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 ~ 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.



"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." (Mark 6:31)

Spend some time with Him and with your parish family, discovering what it is the Lord especially

Sign up today
after mass!
Space is filling
quickly.

wants for you at this time in your life. We have a God of abundance. Let Him show you all He has in mind for you!

Retiro de Oración de Cuaresma 2024

ACERCARSE MÁS A CRISTO A TRAVÉS DE
LA ORACIÓN PERSONAL

SÁBADO, 9 DE MARZO ~ 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.

"Vengan conmigo a solas a un lugar tranquilo y consigan algo descansa". (Marcos 6:31.)

Pasa tiempo con Él y con tu familia parroquial, descubriendo qué es lo que el Señor quiere especialmente para ti en este momento de tu vida. Tenemos un Dios generoso. ¡Deja que Él te muestre todo lo que tiene para ti!

¡Regístrese hoy
después de misa!
El espacio se está
llenando
rápidamente.



<Please scan this QR code by
February 29 to register.

*There is no cost to attend.
Breakfast and lunch are
included.*

Confirme su asistencia antes del 29 de
febrero escaneando el código QR-->

*No hay ningún costo para asistir. El
desayuno y el almuerzo están incluidos.*



KEEPING THE FLAME ALIVE

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Father O'Reilly leads a series on the Eucharist and the Roman Missal. Join us and deepen your understanding of the Mass!

Contact Donna: flamealive22@gmail.com



MANTENIENDO VIVA LA LLAMA

con Padre O'Reilly

Miércoles, 7:00 PM vía Zoom

Comienza una serie sobre la Eucaristía y el Misal Romano. ¡Únete a nosotros! ¡Ven a profundizar tu comprensión de la Misa!

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CATHEDRAL TOURS

Sundays following masses

8 am & 10 am in English & 12 noon in Spanish.

Docents give tours of the Cathedral interior, explaining the rich meaning of the Christian symbols and art.

VISITAS A LA CATEDRAL

Domingos siguientes Misas

8 am y 10 am (inglés) y después de las 12 del

mediodía Misa (español) Los docentes dan recorridos por el interior de la Catedral, explicando el rico significado de los símbolos y el arte cristianos.



FEBRUARY 14 SCHEDULE

- 10:00 am Distribution of Ashes
Distribución de cenizas
- 12:10 pm English Mass
Misa en ingles
- 3:00 pm Distribution of Ashes
Distribución de cenizas
- 5:10 pm English Mass
Misa en ingles
- 7:00 pm Spanish Mass
Misa en español

**Distribution of Ashes
with Bishop Soto
*Distribución de cenizas
con el obispo Soto***

8:00 am
West Steps of the Capitol
*Escaleras occidentales del
Capitolio*

10:00 am
Loaves and Fishes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

AFTER 12:10 PM MASS IN
ENGLISH

AT 7PM IN SPANISH

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

TODOS LOS VIERNES
DURANTE LA CUARESMA

DESPUÉS DE LA MISA DE
LAS 12:10 PM EN INGLÉS

A LAS 7PM EN ESPAÑOL

Mass Intentions & Observances

SUN 2/11

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM: CONSORIA SOREY CONCEPCION
APOSTOL +

10:00 AM: LILLIBETH NAVARRO +

12:00 PM: JUANA ROBLES +

4:00 PM: PEOPLE OF THE PARISH S.I.

6:00 PM: MARIO TOLENTINO +

MON 2/12

SIXTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12:10 PM: DANIEL REILEY +

TUE 2/13

SIXTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12:10 PM: EUGENIA B. OCAMPO AMADO +

WED 2/14

ASH WEDNESDAY

12:10 PM: THE HIRTZEL FAMILY +

5:10 PM: MATTHEW WALKER S.I.

7:00 PM: MARY GORANOV S.I.

THU 2/15

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

12:10 PM: NESTOR PURUGGANAN +

FRI 2/16

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

12:10 PM: HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY +

Family Faith Formation ministry starts their annual Easter basket raffle on Sunday, February 18 with prizes being awarded on Palm Sunday. Baskets will be on display in the vestibule after all masses and tickets cost \$1.00 each.

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Liturgy of the Word

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 11, 2024

READING 1

LV 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

"The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 32:1-2, 5, 11

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt,
in whose spirit there is no guile.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
my guilt I covered not.
I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD,"
and you took away the guilt of my sin.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just;
exult, all you upright of heart.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

READING 2

1 COR 10:31-11:1

Brothers and sisters:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

ALLELUIA

LK 7:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

MK 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning the him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.



SEXTA DOMINGO ORDINARIO

11 DE FEBRERO DE 2024

PRIMERA LECTURA

LV 13, 1-2. 44-46

El Señor dijo a Moisés y a Aarón: “Cuando alguno tenga en su carne una o varias manchas escamosas o una mancha blanca y brillante, síntomas de la lepra, será llevado ante el sacerdote Aarón o ante cualquiera de sus hijos sacerdotes. Se trata de un leproso, y el sacerdote lo declarará impuro. El que haya sido declarado enfermo de lepra, traerá la ropa descosida, la cabeza descubierta, se cubrirá la boca e irá gritando: ‘¡Estoy contaminado! ¡Soy impuro!’ Mientras le dure la lepra, seguirá impuro y vivirá solo, fuera del campamento”.



SALMO RESPONSORIAL

SALMO 31, 1-2. 5. 11

R. Perdona, Señor, nuestras pecados.

Dichoso aquel que ha sido absuelto de su culpa a su pecado.

Dichoso aquel en el que Dios no encuentra ni delito ni engaño.

R. Perdona, Señor, nuestras pecados.

Ante el Señor reconocí mi culpa, no oculté mi pecado.

Te confesé, Señor, mu gran delito y tú me has perdonado.

R. Perdona, Señor, nuestras pecados

Alégrese con el Señor y regocíjense los justos todos, y todos los hombres de corazón sincero canten de gozo.

R. Perdona, Señor, nuestras pecados.

SEGUNDA LECTURA 1 COR 10, 31-11, 1

Hermanos: Todo lo que hagan ustedes, sea comer, o beber, o cualquier otra cosa, háganlo todo para gloria de Dios. No den motivo de escándalo ni a los judíos, ni a los paganos, ni a la comunidad cristiana. Por mi parte, yo procuro dar gusto a todos en todo, sin buscar mi propio interés, sino el de los demás, para que se salven. Sean, pues, imitadores míos, como yo lo soy de Cristo.



ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO

LC 7, 16

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Un gran profeta ha surgido entre nosotros. Dios ha visitado a su pueblo.

R. Aleluya.

EVANGELIO

MC 1, 40-45

En aquel tiempo, se le acercó a Jesús un leproso para suplicarle de rodillas: “Si tú quieres, puedes curarme”. Jesús se compadeció de él, y extendiendo la mano, lo tocó y le dijo: “¡Sí quiero: Sana!” Inmediatamente se le quitó la lepra y quedó limpio.

Al despedirlo, Jesús le mandó con severidad: “No se lo cuentes a nadie; pero para que conste, ve a presentarte al sacerdote y ofrece por tu purificación lo prescrito por Moisés”.

Pero aquel hombre comenzó a divulgar tanto el hecho, que Jesús no podía ya entrar abiertamente en la ciudad, sino que se quedaba fuera, en lugares solitarios, a donde acudían a él de todas partes.

Family Faith Formation and OCIA



Family Faith Corner

This month our families are studying the different types of prayer, and Mary's prayerful attitude as our example for our Christian Life.

"We must remember God more often than we draw breath."

~ St. Gregory of Nazianzus

To us, Saint Gregory's advice might seem impossible. How can anyone think about something all the time? The key to 'praying always' - thinking about God - is to have the attitude of uniting oneself with God in everything. This begins by setting aside specific times to pray, letting that prayer spill over to everything they do for the love of God. This is what Mary did. She saw all the events involving her Son Jesus as acts of God's will, and united herself by pondering the events around her and Jesus.

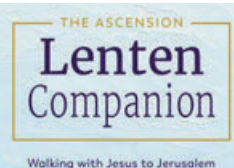
The Church gives us three major expressions of prayer to help us develop our relationship with God like Mary:

Vocal prayer we use our voices to express to God what is in our hearts. The Our Father is an example of this.

Meditative prayer we use our imagination and our thoughts to seek to know God's will for our lives. We can meditate on a passage of scripture by putting ourselves in the scene and let the Holy Spirit guide us.

Contemplative prayer we fix our hearts on Jesus, just resting in Him, as we would with a close friend. At this point in our prayer, no words are necessary.

Let us ask the Lord to give us an attitude like Mary, who saw God in all events, and pondered them in her heart.



Weekly Lenten Reflection sent to your email:

www.is.gd/lent2024

Includes reflection videos by Fr. Mark Toups

Begins Ash Wednesday February 14th

Calendar for this Week

SUN 11 FEB	OCIA Breaking Open Word 8:00 AM, Church / St Francis
	Formacion en la Fe Familiar 10:00 AM, Mercy Hall
	OCIA Families Year 1 and 2 11:45 AM, Manogue
	Faith Formation - Chinese 12:30 PM, Jesus Room
MON 12 FEB	Evening Prayer (All Welcome) 6:30 PM, Mercy Hall
	OCIA for Adults 7:00 PM, Mercy Hall/Classrooms
TUE 13 FEB	Family Faith Formation 6:00 PM, Mercy Hall/Classrooms
THU 15 FEB	Adult Confirmation Class 7:00 PM, St Toribio
	Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM, St Pius X
SAT 17 FEB	Family Faith Formation 10:00 AM, Mercy Hall/Classrooms
	OCIA Rite of Election Retreat 3:00 PM, Mercy Hall / Classrooms

COMING UP:

SUN 18 FEB	OCIA Rite of Election 7:30 PM, Church
SUN 10 MAR	FIRED UP Youth Conference 9:00 AM, Christian Brothers HS

Pray for our Confirmation youth as they ready themselves for Conference with Bishop Soto in March. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to open their hearts to the Lord, that they may be the hands and feet of Jesus in our world that is so much in need of His love.

10 MAR 2024

Come Holy Spirit!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY (8 weeks)
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
Thursdays, 7:00—8:30 pm
In person & online 1/25— 3/14
Sign up: <https://is.gd/bible2024>

Preparation for Mass Sunday, 18 FEB 24

Prepare:
1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15
Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9.
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

Gospel Focus:

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. We are reminded in the Gospel of Mark that Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 Days, and let himself be tempted by Satan. When he returned from the wilderness, he preached, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Lent is a time we are called to turn back to God by looking at the things in our lives that get in the way of our relationship with Jesus, and we are challenged to fast from them, freeing us to focus on loving God and loving others.

With your Family

- ◆ Read Mark 1:12-15
- ◆ Imagine setting out into the desert with Jesus and he tells you to leave behind the thing that most causes distraction for you. What is it?
- ◆ Decide what you are going to give up during Lent as you set out with Jesus in the desert. Is it food? Media? Sweets? A bad attitude?
- ◆ *Pray Psalm 25 together.*

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Formación de fe Familiar y OICA

Preparación para la Misa

Domingo, 18 FEB 24

Preparar:

1ero Domingo de Cuaresma


Genesis 9, 8-15
Salmo 24, 4bc-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9
1 Pedro 3, 18-22
Marco 1, 12-15

Enfoque del evangelio:

El próximo domingo es el Primer Domingo de Cuaresma. En el Evangelio de Marcos se nos recuerda que Jesús ayunó y oró en el desierto durante 40 días y se dejó tentar por Satanás. Cuando regresó del desierto, predicó: "Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio". La Cuaresma es un tiempo en el que somos llamados a volvernos a Dios mirando las cosas en nuestras vidas que se interponen en nuestra relación con Jesús, y somos desafiados a ayunar de ellas, liberándonos para concentrarnos en amar a Dios y amar a los demás.

Con tu familia

- ◆ Lea Marcos 1:12-15
- ◆ Imagínate partir hacia el desierto con Jesús y él te dice que dejes atrás aquello que más te distrae. ¿Qué es?
- ◆ Decide a qué vas a renunciar durante la Cuaresma mientras sales con Jesús al desierto. ¿Es comida? ¿Medios de comunicación? ¿Dulces? ¿Una mala actitud?
- ◆ Oren juntos el Salmo 25.



RITE OF ELECTION

And Call to Continuing Conversion

Please pray for all our Catechumens and Candidates as they prepare for their encounter with Bishop Soto at the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion next Sunday, February 18, at 7:30 PM. Their standing before the Bishop marks their Sponsor's affirmation of their readiness to receive the Sacraments this coming Easter.

Catechumen	Candidates
Jennifer Busch	Amelia A. Bond
Austin Busch-Estrada	John S. Bond
Jayden Cardenas	Liliana Bonilla
Makayla Cardenas	Jill Gardella
Noah Balderas	Emiliano Guerrero
Giancarlo Flores-Rafael	Johnpaul Guerrero
Angelina Gonzales	Carlos Gutierrez
Izaiah Gonzales	Carlos S. Gutierrez
Xavier Gonzales	Eveylyn Gutierrez
Athena Lopez	Shante Ketchens
Celena Lopez	Dylan Kingsbury
Alicia Moreno	Michelle Mangisel
Jacquelin Paine	Ricardo Ramirez
Paloma Rodriguez-Castro	Alyssa Ritchie
Alex Worden	Birdie Smith
Zarina Yasin	Jamie Wake
	Jamari Wheeler

Rincón de la Fe Familiar

Este mes nuestras familias estamos estudiando los diferentes tipos de oración y la actitud orante de María como ejemplo para nuestra Vida Cristiana.



“Debemos recordar a Dios más a menudo de lo que respiramos”.

~ San Gregorio Nacianceno

A nosotros el consejo de san Gregorio podría parecernos imposible. ¿Cómo puede alguien pensar en algo todo el tiempo? La clave para “orar siempre” -pensar en Dios- es tener la actitud de unirse a Dios en todo. Esto comienza reservando momentos específicos para orar, dejando que esa oración se extienda a todo lo que hacen por amor a Dios. Esto es lo que hizo María. Ella vio todos los acontecimientos que involucraban a su Hijo Jesús como actos de la voluntad de Dios, y se unió reflexionando sobre los acontecimientos alrededor de ella y de Jesús.

La Iglesia nos brinda tres expresiones principales de oración para ayudarnos a desarrollar nuestra relación con Dios como María:

Oración vocal utilizamos nuestra voz para expresar a Dios lo que hay en nuestro corazón. El Padre Nuestro es un ejemplo de ello.

Oración meditativa utilizamos nuestra imaginación y nuestros pensamientos para buscar conocer la voluntad de Dios para nuestras vidas. Podemos meditar en un pasaje de las Escrituras poniéndonos en escena y dejando que el Espíritu Santo nos guíe.

Oración contemplativa fijamos nuestro corazón en Jesús, simplemente descansando en Él, como lo haríamos con un amigo cercano. Llegados a este punto, no hacen falta palabras.

Pidamos al Señor que nos dé una actitud como la de María, que veía a Dios en todos los acontecimientos y los meditaba en su corazón.

Sign up for Mass preparation with engaging videos and activity sheets for children of all ages.

<https://is.gd/massprep2024>

Regístrese para la preparación de la Misa con videos atractivos para niños de todas las edades.



Let us help your family get ready for Sunday Mass.

Preparación de la Misa para familias



FAITH FORMATION for FAMILIES AND ADULTS

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CATECHIST PREPARATION

Do you desire to help pass on the faith to adults and children? To learn more and to complete your application: is.gd/cathechistapplication

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Sacramento Chinese Catholic Community

RECONCILIATION: 1st Sunday of the month before mass. Please contact Kenneth Ng or Fr. Chiu in advance.

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Fr. Abraham Chiu
趙必成神父



各位兄弟姊妹,

本年度農曆新春彌撒以及敬祖典禮定於二零二四年二月二十五日下午二時於聖體主教座堂舉行。我們邀請到蘇途主教親臨主持彌撒。彌撒及敬祖典禮後, 假

座茶香居酒樓 (1614 21st St, Sacramento, CA 95811) 舉行農曆新年晚宴。五時恭候, 五時半入席。歡迎大家攜同親友參加!

晚宴費用(只收現金):

成人: \$30

小童 (6 -12 歲): \$15

幼童 (5 歲或以下): 免費

晚宴報名: 請電郵 Kenneth Ng

sccc.contact@gmail.com

天主保佑

On **February 25, 2024 at 2:00 pm**, we will have **Chinese New Year Mass and Veneration Ceremony to Ancestors**. We have invited Bishop Soto to celebrate Chinese New Year Mass with us. After the Mass and the Veneration Ceremony, a Chinese New Year banquet will be served at Tea Cup Cafe Restaurant (1614 21st St, Sacramento, CA 95811). Reception at 5:00 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to join us!

Dinner Fee (Cash only):

Adult : \$30

6 -12 years old : \$15

5 years old or under: Free

For registration: Please email Kenneth Ng sccc.contact@gmail.com

A Glimpse of Spirituality 靈修一瞥 111 (Luke 18:35-43)

Fr. Abraham Chiu 趙必成神父

This anonymous blind beggar mentioned in the gospel shouted to Jesus after he had learned that Jesus was approaching, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" The verb "have mercy" (eleēson) indicates the action to feel sympathy with the misery of another, not only in words.

His blindness and his position, seated by the road, also indicate his smallness in the eyes of the world. In spite of the crowd's uncompassionate objections, Jesus stopped and, recognizing this blind beggar's need for mercy, requested some people to bring him to Jesus. Jesus then asked: "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied promptly: "Lord, let me receive my sight."

Moved by his faith, Jesus restored both his physical and spiritual sight. After having received physical and spiritual sight, he followed Jesus joyfully along the road. The gift of sight led him to faith, and faith came to full expression in missionary discipleship. He glorified God by following Jesus: "And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God." The present participle "glorifying" (doxazōn) underscores that from then on, he always glorified God with his life. Additionally, this participle also includes the meanings of praise, extolment, and celebration. Achieving spiritual sight and expecting eternal life are moments worthily celebrated in life.

This blind beggar, once healed, is the model for us in his prayer and in his wholehearted commitment to a discipleship. Those who discourage our faith, sometimes even including Christians, are spiritually blind. Instead of remaining in spiritual blindness of anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, or evil habits; let us pray for spiritual sight and then have a clear vision of Christian values and priorities in our lives and to acknowledge the presence of God dwelling in us and our neighbors.

福音中提到的失明乞丐, 得知耶穌臨近後, 立刻向他大喊: "耶穌, 達味之子, 可憐我吧!" 動詞"可憐"(eleēson)解作對他人的苦難表示同理心的具體行動, 不僅是口頭說說"我為你祈禱吧"。

失明以及坐在路旁討飯, 說明乞丐在世人眼中的渺小。不管群眾反對, 耶穌停下, 準備給予瞎眼乞丐慈悲, 就叫人把他帶到自己跟前。耶穌問: "你願意我給你做什麼?" 瞎子連忙回答: "主, 叫我看見。"

耶穌被他信德感動, 隨即恢復他身體和靈性上的視力。在肉體和靈性都看見之後, 他滿心歡喜地跟隨耶穌。復明奇蹟讓他重燃信德, 而信德在福傳門徒身分上得到充分體現。他透過跟隨耶穌來光榮天主: "他立刻看見了, 遂跟隨耶穌, 光榮天主。" 現在時態分詞"光榮"(doxazōn)強調從那時起, 他每時每刻總是用自己生命光榮天主。此外, 這分詞還包含讚美、頌揚或慶祝; 獲得靈性視力和進入永生, 是人生中最值得慶祝的時刻。

失明乞丐一旦被耶穌治愈, 他的祈求和全心全意福傳, 都成為信仰榜樣。那些阻礙我們信仰的人, 有時甚至包括基督徒, 在靈性上都是瞎眼的。

別停留在憤怒、仇恨、偏見、嫉妒或惡習的靈性瞎眼之中, 讓我們為屬神的視力祈禱, 然後才能對耶穌的價值觀有個清晰認識, 並看到天主住在我們和近人當中。

No Prayer Ever Goes Unanswered, by Regina Fagan

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An acquaintance once asked me why Catholics spend so much time praying. He pointed out prayers being said for people obviously too sick to ever recover, prayers after major disasters, requests for things that never come.

“And then look what happens anyway,” he finished, “the sick people die, others are killed, crime continues, and we never get what we really want.”

Non-believers like this man and, sadly, even some of us, look upon prayer this way, as something like magic that we use when we want something. Up goes the prayer, fingers crossed, and down comes the exact answer we want. But what if nothing happens or if the opposite of what we requested shows up?

Yes, people die; we all will. Horrible things continue to happen everywhere, some right here in our city. We don't always get just what we want, or think we need. But we continue to pray, always. Because as Catholics we trust that God does hear and answer every prayer. The answer might not be what we sought or expected, but an answer comes regardless.

When we pray, God's gentle hand is guiding us. Sometimes it takes years before we hear God's answer. But we

must never give up. More prayers are needed, for so many reasons. We keep praying and trusting and asking God to help us and all our loved ones, and then we wait to see His decision whenever and however it comes.

Those trapped in the darkness of a life without faith need our prayers. Our state and our city and our country need prayers, desperately. Our sick and the homeless on our streets and our Cathedral steps need them. Our families and our children need our prayers. As Lent approaches let us all commit to keep on praying, harder than ever.

If you would like to enrich your own prayer life during this coming Lenten season, please contact me at prayer.chain.sacramento@gmail.com. You can join our marvelous group of Prayer Angels who pray regularly on the Cathedral Prayer Chain. Most of our requests are for the sick, but all requests are welcome, honored and sent out.

I will be happy to add you to our list of Angels. You will receive requests for prayers plus seasonal prayers you can say on your own, information about specific saints, and even now and then suggestions for spiritual reading. And you can always remain anonymous, if you prefer. Privacy is protected.



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Ninguna oración queda jamás sin respuesta, por Regina Fagan

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Una vez un conocido me preguntó por qué los católicos pasan tanto tiempo orando. Señaló las oraciones que se dicen por personas obviamente demasiado enfermas para recuperarse, oraciones después de grandes desastres, solicitudes de cosas que nunca llegan. “Y luego mira lo que pasa de todos modos”, finalizó, “los enfermos mueren, otros son asesinados, el crimen continúa y nunca conseguimos lo que realmente queremos”.

Los no creyentes como este hombre y, lamentablemente, incluso algunos de nosotros, consideramos la oración de esta manera, como algo parecido a magia que usamos cuando queremos algo. La oración sube, con los dedos cruzados, y baja la respuesta exacta que queremos. ¿Pero qué pasa si no pasa nada o si aparece lo contrario de lo que solicitamos?

Sí, la gente muere; todos lo haremos. Siguen sucediendo cosas horribles en todas partes, algunas aquí mismo en nuestra ciudad. Y no siempre obtenemos exactamente lo que queremos o creemos que necesitamos. Pero seguimos orando, siempre. Porque como católicos sabemos y confiamos en que Dios escucha y responde cada oración. Puede que la respuesta no sea la que buscábamos o esperábamos, pero la respuesta llega de todos modos.

Cuando oramos, la suave mano de Dios nos guía. A veces pasan años antes de que escuchemos la respuesta de Dios. Pero nunca debemos rendirnos. Ahora más que nunca se necesitan más oraciones, por muchas razones. Estamos tentados a rendirnos. Pero

seguimos adelante, seguimos orando, confiando y pidiéndole a Dios que nos ayude a nosotros y a todos nuestros seres queridos, y luego esperamos ver Su decisión cuando y como sea que llegue.

Aquellos atrapados en la oscuridad de una vida sin fe necesitan nuestras oraciones. Nuestro estado, nuestra ciudad y nuestro país necesitan oraciones desesperadamente. Nuestros enfermos y personas sin hogar en nuestras calles y en las escaleras de nuestra Catedral los necesitan. Nuestras familias y nuestros hijos necesitan nuestras oraciones. A medida que se acerca la Cuaresma, comprometámonos todos a seguir orando, más intensamente que nunca.

Si desea enriquecer su propia vida de oración durante la próxima temporada de Cuaresma, contácteme en Prayer.chain.sacramento@gmail.com. Puedes unirse a nuestro maravilloso grupo de Ángeles de Oración que oran regularmente en la Cadena de Oración de la Catedral. La mayoría de nuestras solicitudes son para los enfermos, pero todas las solicitudes son bienvenidas, honradas y enviadas.

Estaré feliz de agregarte a nuestra lista de Ángeles. Recibirá solicitudes de oraciones además de oraciones estacionales que puede decir por su cuenta, información sobre santos específicos e incluso, de vez en cuando, sugerencias de lectura espiritual. Y siempre podrás permanecer en el anonimato, si lo prefieres. La privacidad está protegida.

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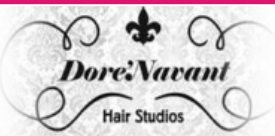
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