

~Mystagogy~

Catholic Worship: A Summons to Silence

When I was a Protestant Christian I used to walk the streets of San Francisco where we lived and pray for our city and its conversion. I found these prayer walks very draining, however; after a short time on the street I was so distracted and burdened by the din and chaos of the City that prayer was virtually impossible. There was a Catholic parish downtown that was on my usual route and it was typically empty during the day. I took to dropping in to pray there in the peace and quiet and re-center myself before continuing my prayer walk. If I ever prayed in my own church when it was empty I would quietly pace up and down the aisle. When I tried to do that in this Catholic church, however, I seemed to know intuitively that I was being irreverent in some way. Something compelled me to kneel or sit in the pew "like a Catholic". I could sense the Sacred and the Holy, but I attributed it to the subtle, almost subliminal, influence of the "inspiring Catholic architecture".

I could not understand or account for the otherworldly stillness of the place, or my fascination with the enchanting little red sanctuary light burning above the altar; somehow I knew it was trying to tell me something, but I had no idea what it meant or why it was there. Of course, at that time I knew nothing of the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the Tabernacle. Eventually I came to understand that the Holy Presence I discerned in that church was real and not merely affectation. Christ was truly present there, and for that reason I could not pray in that church and be indifferent to His Presence without committing a sacrilege. My experience in that quiet inner-city parish was the first inkling that a Catholic conversion was on my horizon.

Silence, stillness, and humble reverence in church was just not something I was accustomed to, that was more typical of the "mainline denominational churches", particularly the Catholic Church, which I had always disparaged. I expected church to be lively, animated, enthusiastic, accompanied with boisterous contemporary music, bombastic vocal prayer and the "shout of victory". When a friend of our family, a Franciscan friar, invited me to my first daily mass, I went only to be polite. To my tastes the mass seemed dull, lethargic, monotone and, frankly, rather boring. "What keeps these people coming back?" I thought to myself; "If you had a service this boring in a Protestant church you couldn't get people to come on Sunday let alone every day of the week". Though I had not received Holy Communion that day, when I left I felt like I had been to church, and the next day I was actually looking forward to going to mass.

The reverence and stillness of Catholic worship that draws the faithful back again and again to the mass is inseparably linked to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. There are several examples in the Old Testament of the Israelites worshiping the Lord with "shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet", unabashedly "leaping and dancing before the Lord" (II Samuel 6:15-16), employing musicians and singers to praise the Lord (I Chronicles 15:16) and even to enflame the prophetic spirit among the prophets (II Kings 3:15). However, as we read last week, nothing of the kind was possible when anyone came face to face with the Holy Presence of God.

The miracle and beauty of Catholic worship is that its Sacraments and Liturgy, its "sacramentals" and sensible externals—art, music, song, incense, fragrant oils, water, and the like—all guide us toward an intimate encounter with God. But it is in receiving Holy Communion that we actually and truly share in the Divine Presence, both spiritually and physically; we are in fact brought into union with that

same Holy Presence before which our spiritual forefathers trembled. Having discerned and received the Body and Blood of Christ, there is but one proper response to so great a gift: Reverent gratitude and humble silence!

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote of the ongoing liturgical reform that "We are realizing more and more clearly that silence is part of the liturgy. We respond, by singing and praying, to the God who addresses us, but the greater mystery, surpassing all words, summons us to silence. It must, of course, be a silence with content, not just the absence of speech and action. We should expect the liturgy to give us a positive stillness that will restore us. Such stillness will not be just a pause, in which a thousand thoughts and desires assault us, but a time of recollection, giving us an inward peace, allowing us to draw breath and rediscover the one thing necessary, which we have forgotten" (*The Spirit of the Liturgy*, p. 209; ISBN:978-0-89870-784-7).

This summons to silence is not something we Catholics can afford to forget. Whether we are making our thanksgiving after receiving Holy Communion or simply "sitting before the Blessed Sacrament" unburdening our souls, a recollected silence is the proper disposition for intimate communion with Christ. The words of the wise King Solomon remain true: "God is in heaven, and thou upon the earth: therefore let thy words be few" (Ecclesiastes 5:1-2). As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has observed, there must be content to our silence, namely the confident assurance that the heavenly and "Thrice Holy God" has condescended to be on our altars and in our tabernacles and to be received in Holy Communion: "Therefore, let us come boldly before the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

No Catholic should ever feel ashamed that our masses are not more lively and entertaining, for the Mass and its liturgy were developed through the centuries by the work of the Holy Spirit and the prudential judgment of the Church. By means of an intimate and repeated encounter with the exalted Christ at the altar, we come to know the Holy God Who is made present to us on that altar. For all their sincerity, enthusiasm, and genuine faith, our separated brethren who do not have a valid Eucharist will never discern the meaning of our silence or comprehend the sacramental Presence of Christ that is at the heart of Catholic worship.

~John-David Black~

Christian Symbols

The **Eye of Providence** (or the **all-seeing eye of God**) is a symbol showing an eye often surrounded by rays of light or a glory and usually enclosed by a triangle. It represents the eye of God watching over humanity (or divine providence). In the modern era, a notable depiction of the eye is the reverse of the Great Seal of the United States, which appears on the United States one-dollar bill. The association of an eye





with the concept of Divine Providence did not emerge until well into the Christian era. In Renaissance European iconography the eye surrounded by a triangle was an explicit image of the Christian Trinity. Seventeenth-century depictions of the Eye of Providence sometimes show it surrounded by clouds or sunbursts. (From Wikipedia.com)

Pastor's Corner

Prelude to Advent

Soon we

will hear the words

"Fear not"

We don't have time for this today.

There is much to be moved, dusted.

The shadows and what lie hidden in them must remain untouched.

"Fear not"

We have no fear.

Parties are being planned, oils changed, voices raised

in excitement.

Cars whip past houses. Soon they will arrive.

"Fear not"

We've made so many improvements.

We no longer weave, take the slow laborious path to the well.

The motor teeth cuts through silence and planes carry pilgrims.

But in the darkened corner, see his silhouette, the wings ready to beat life.

"Fear not"

~Father Michael~

Saints Simon and Jude's Story

Jude is so named by *Luke* and *Acts. Matthew* and *Mark* call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the *Gospels*, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the *Letter of Jude*. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God.

As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two "sons of thunder," and a man named Judas Iscariot.

It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create his divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us. (From franciscanmedia.org)

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord is king and there is no other. We are to render to God, therefore, fitting praise and service, as is God's due. God's word to us, in turn, is a matter of power and strength, to be lived with conviction of heart.

Is 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

MONDAY

23RD

~Saint John of Capistrano, Priest~

Abraham relied on God and his covenant. What foolishness it is to rely on worldly possessions.

Rom 4:20-25 Lk 1:69-75 Lk 12:13-21

TUESDAY

24TH

~Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop~

Through the obedience of Jesus, all have been justified. Let us always be watchful for his return.

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Lk 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY

25TH

Through Jesus' death, we have been rescued from sin to become servants of justice. At his future coming, an account of our stewardship will be exacted.

Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1-8 Lk 12:39-48

THURSDAY

26TH

Baptism frees us from sin and calls us to the ways of justice. Consequently, we may experience conflict on account of our faith.

Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 12:49-53

FRIDAY

27TH

Orientation toward sin and death is overcome by Christ and his law of love. Be reconciled in his love as you await his return.

Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:60, 68, 76-77, 93-94 Lk 12:54-59

SATURDAY

28TH

~Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles~

The twelve are chosen to preach the good news. They form the foundation of a temple with Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16





Cookies or granola bar

THANK YOU from the Brown Bag Lunch Ministry

The volunteers of the Brown Bag Lunch Ministry would like to "THANK" everyone for their support and contributions of food, brown bag lunches, and financial assistance. We continue to serve on average 120 hungry people daily. We couldn't do it without you!

As a reminder, we appreciate receiving the much needed lunches all during the month. A good lunch consists of:

16 oz bottle of water Non-perishable protein such as tuna/chicken boxes or Vienna sausage Applesauce or fruit cup Chips or peanut butter/cheese crackers

And, please do not staple the bag closed, as every bag must be checked for completeness and staples = scratches.

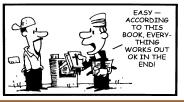
If you're interested in the "Adopt a Day" program or have a large delivery of lunches, please contact Jerri Rush at (916) 216-9702.

This week, we will celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to "Chat With The Pope" to learn more about his missions. Scan this year's World Mission Sunday poster using Facebook Messenger for your mobile device, or learn more at Chat-WithThePope.org

A free webinar hosted by the Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP), an interfaith effort working for a culture free from pornography, will be offered at two times: November 7 at 9:00 am (PST), and November 16 at 5 pm (PST). The webinar will focus on pornography's destructive impact on youth in our communities and discuss practical steps parents, teachers and those in ministry can take to respond to this growing issue. Pastor Dean Inserra, founder and lead pastor of City Church, and Dr. David Blair, director of the Church of God's Department of Youth and Discipleship, will present. You can learn more about RAAP and watch recordings of past webinars at https://www.religiousalliance.org/home.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







CCD Classes will hold their



Annual All Saints Celebration

On October 28, beginning with a "Parade of Saints" followed by a Mass at 10:00am. All are welcome. Dress as your favorite saint! For more information, contact the Faith Formation Department at 916-444-5364.

Also coming up:

October 28 - CCD All Saints Parade & Mass

October 29 - Harvest Festival

Rite of Sending English Confirmation
Rite of Sending Spanish Confirmation

November 1 - All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

November 2 - All Souls Day

November 4 - Brown Bag Lunch Collection

Date	Mass / Intentions	Activities
Saturday October 21	5:00 pm / Rosendo Christy +	10:00 am CCD classes
Sunday October 22	7:30 am / Parish Intentions 9:00 am / William Delacruz S.I. 11:00 am / Matthew M. Espinoza + Joey Espinoza + 1:00 pm Spanish / Patricia Perez S.I. 3:00 pm Chinese 5:00 pm / Jay Don Gensler + 7:00 pm Spanish / Souls in Purgatory	9:30 am RCIA Breaking of the Word 11:00 am Liturgy of the Word for Children
Monday October 23	12:10 pm / Gerald Graichen + 5:10 pm / Maria Chavez + Maria Perez +	6:30 pm RCIA Evening Prayer 7:00 pm RCIA Class
Tuesday October 24	12:10 pm / Felix and Della Rodriguez + 5:10 pm / Rafael Chavez + Cleofas Chavez +	6:00 pm Spanish Choir for the 7pm Mass
Wednesday October 25	12:10 pm / Michael Ognisty S.I. 5:10 pm / Victoria Coloma +	7:15 pm Spanish Choir for the 1pm Mass 7:15 pm Communion & Liberation
Thursday October 26	12:10 pm / Thomas Fleming + 5:10 pm / Bernice Graff +	
Friday October 27	12:10 pm / Monteiro Family S.I.	7:30 pm Rosary Recitation at St. Junipero's Statue

Offering Mass for a special intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or special anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact the rectory office at 916-444 -3071 for available dates and times. Intentions are \$10.00 donation per Mass request and are due 10 days before the date of your request.

"In trust of God's infinite goodness, we pray to lift up our sick parishioners, family and friends, and those in need of healing of the body and soul.

Almighty Father, hear our prayers for...

Deacon Don DeHaven	Giang Tran	Louis Metzinger
Emma Valdez	Joel and Cesar	Baby Lucas Barbosa
Eugenia Roque	Miguel and Family	Baby Ariana
Alfredo Rivera	Gabriela and Christian	Baby Selena Reyes
Adolfo Espinoza	Tinoco	Baby Moises David
Raymundo Guerrero	Marissa Mallani and	Lopez
Natalia Galan	Family	Shelly Lord
Salomon Galan	Karron Williams	Danielle
Tomasita Rodriguez	Kim and Aaron	Peter
Rosa Carrillo	Luke Armstrong	The Brown Family
Felix Nunez Claver	Julie and Hansel	Nora and Padilla Family
Alvin Sul	Michael Jose Mejia	Danny Velez
Anyrani Gonzalez	Luis Gutierrez, Jr.	Guy Clifford Minter
Erin Nicole Tam	Luis Gutierrez, Sr.	Yenecia Gutierrez
Riley Hana	Cynthia Belarma	Esther Moreno
Lee McClure	Garren Bratcher	Dennis Studebaker S.I.
Noah Anthony	Stephen and Julie	Aman "
Hernandez	Miles Jedlinsky Flanagan	Amen."

The most powerful tool the Lord has given us to help one another is prayer. If you, your family, or someone you know are in need of prayer, send your prayer request to cbsprayer3@yahoo.com or fill out the form on **cathedral-sacramento.org**. Hundreds of parishioners are always prepared and honored to take up your prayer for you.

Cathedral Kids

MA Read the Gospel and Color



When you grow up and earn money, you will have to pay taxes. Taxes pay for many good things that keep us safe and healthy. When you grow up in your faith, you will want to give God some of the money you earn, because all you have is a gift from God.

Praver

God, teach me to use money wisely so my community and my church can grow.



Complete the picture of the piggy bank.



Don't forget! The All Saints Mass for Children takes place on Saturday, October 28th at 10am, Mercy Hall.

Noticias

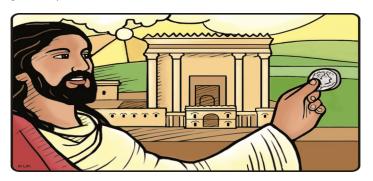
22 de octubre de 2017 29º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Dios sigue actuando en la historia. El Espíritu Santo sigue moviendo los corazones de los cristianos como en la primera comunidad cristiana de Tesalónica; la comunidad era ejemplar por su fe, su caridad y esperanza. Si seguimos su ejemplo seremos capaces en la actualidad de lograr un equilibrio entre Dios y el César. Entre Dios y los impuestos que cada año debemos pagar al gobierno. Por un decir, la invitación de Dios ante todo esto es que la política no es lo importante sino que dentro de ella se respete al ser humano y su dignidad.

Balance entre el ser humano y lo divino es lo que Jesús en el Evangelio nos enseña. Los fariseos no perdían el tiempo en poner a prueba a Jesús, y comprometerlo con sus respuestas. Unidos con unos partidarios de Herodes, inician la conversación buscando como acusarlo y deshacerse de él lo antes posible. Sus palabras de alabanza al inicio de las preguntas se convierten en trampa y ponen a prueba la honradez de Jesús. "Maestro, sabemos que eres sincero y enseñas con verdad el camino de Dios, y que nada te arredra, porque no buscas el favor de nadie. Dinos, pues, qué piensas". La pregunta: "¿Es lícito o no pagar el tributo al César?" Jesús es acertado en su respuesta, dando una salida brillante. iDenuncia su hipocresía! La ambición de los dirigentes, su amor al dinero, facilita el dominio de los romanos sobre los pobres de Israel, por lo tanto, esto impide que den un verdadero culto a Dios, alejándose de la honestidad y solidaridad con los que más sufren. ¿Crees que sucede esto ahora? ¿Dónde lo identificas? ¿Qué es lo que hay que devolver a Dios?

Por propia experiencia sabemos que lo que le debemos a Dios con frecuencia nos pone en conflicto con las autoridades civiles, por ejemplo, conciencia de rechazar la guerra, decisiones morales con referencia a la pobreza, inmigración y el medio ambiente. Cuando surgen los conflictos es cuando la decisión moral llega. ¿El César o el Dios al cual servimos? El Evangelio de hoy nos muestra tres imágenes: la cara del César en la moneda romana, en el rostro de Jesús la verdad absoluta y en las caras de los fariseos y los herodianos la imagen de la malicia y la hipocresía. Con bondad y verdad, Jesús muestra a sus oponentes la forma de actuar con integridad tanto para las cosas de la tierra y de las cosas divinas.

¿Qué imagen ven las personas cuando ven mi rostro? Ojalá que no sean caras agrias como dice el Papa Francisco. La seguridad de guiamos por los valores de Jesucristo hace visible las cosas del Reino



en la tierra. La bondad, la alegría y el amor es el único impuesto que debemos pagar en la tierra y en el cielo. La liturgia de este domingo invita a reflexionar en el campo de las responsabilidades que todo ciudadano debe cumplir sin olvidar discernir las situaciones morales de cada circunstancia. Jesús reta este dualismo y la respuesta es que cada bautizado lleve la imagen de él en su propio rostro a todo lugar así que estemos atentos siempre a la respuesta de Jesús: "Den, pues, al César lo que es del César, y a Dios lo que es de Dios".

Las lecturas de la semana del 22 de octubre de 2017

Domingo: Is 45, 1. 4-6/Sal 96, 1. 3-5. 7-10/1 Tes 1, 1-5/Mt 22, 15-21

Lunes: Rom 4, 20-25/Lc 1, 69-75/Lc 12, 13-21

Martes: Rom 5, 12. 15. 17-19. 20-21/Sal 40, 7-10. 17/Lc 12, 35-38

Miércoles: Rom 6, 12-18/Sal 124, 1-8/Lc 12, 39-48 Jueves: Rom 6, 19-23/Sal 1, 1-4. 6/Lc 12, 49-53

Viernes: Rom 7, 18-25/Sal 119, 66. 68. 76-77. 93-94/Lc 12, 54-59

Sábado: Ef 2, 19-22/Sal 19, 2-5/Lc 6, 12-16

Domingo siguiente: Ex 22, 20-26/Sal 18, 2-4. 47. 51/1 Tes 1, 5-10/Mt

22, 34-40

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 22 de octubre de 2017 Domingo: 29o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Jornada Mundial de las

Misiones:

Lunes: Juan Capistrano, sacerdote Martes: Antonio María Claret, Obispo Sábado: Simón y Judas Tadeo, apóstoles

Domingo siguiente: 30o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Día del Sac-

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Este fin de semana celebraremos el **Domingo Mundial de las Misiones**. Cada año, la Iglesia entera recibe la invitación de apoyar a las diócesis misioneras jóvenes de África, Asia, islas del Pacífico, y partes de Latinoamérica y Europa, donde los sacerdotes, líderes religiosos y laicos atienden a la población más pobre entre los pobres. Este año recibimos la invitación de "chatear con el papa" para conocer más sobre sus misiones. Escanea el cartel del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones usando Facebook Messenger para tu aparatomóvil u obtén más información en el sitio ChatWithThePope.org.

iVenga a prepararse para recibir sus Sacramentos!

Clases para Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación para adultos todos los lunes de 7pm a 8:45pm. Para mas información hable al 916 444 3071 x 15 con el Diacono Edgar o al 916 444 5364 con Sister Jenny.

Razones Para Aprender Mas Sobre Tu Fe

Jesús nos pide: " vayan y hagan discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, enseñándoles a obedecer todo lo que les he mandado a ustedes". (Mateo 28, 19-20) Si somos seguidores de Jesús, o sea cristianos, es nuestro deseo hacer lo que El nos pide. Los invitamos a venir todos los lunes de 7pm a 8:45pm a aprender mas de tu fe. No hay costo alguno. Sólo se requiere traer biblia, cuaderno y pluma. Preguntas: 916-444-3071 ext 15 Diacono Edgar. iTe esperamos!

Chinese Community News



華人團體消息

嬰兒領洗 Baby Baptism

"讓小孩子到我跟前來,不要阻止他們!因 為天主的國正屬於這樣的人。"(谷 10:14)

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:14)



恭賀 Olivia 及 Oliver You 10.15.2017

Congratulations to Olivia and Oliver You 10.15.2017

預留時間:

感恩節晚餐 11月19日(星期日) 下午六時至九時

聖誕節晚餐 12月17日(星期日) 下午六時至九時

Save the date:

Thanksgiving Dinner November 19 (Sun) 6 - 9 pm

Christmas Dinner December 17 (Sun) 6 - 9 pm

The Most Reverend Jaime Soto, D.D, M.S.W, Bishop of Sacramento

The Most Reverend Myron Cotta Auxiliary Bishop of Sacramento

The Very Reverend Michael O'Reilly, Rector

Reverend Kieran M. McMahon, Priest in Residence

Reverend Nicholas Ho, Chinese Mass

Deacon John Gisla
Deacon Raul Leon
Deacon Don DeHaven
Deacon Edgar Hilbert

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday to Friday
Monday to Thursday
Saturday Vigil
Sunday

5:00 pm
7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00 am

1:00 pm en Español 3:00 pm Chinese

5:00 pm

7:00 pm en Español

State Holidays 12:10 pm only

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Monday to Friday
Saturday

Domingo - en Español

11:30 am to 12:00 pm
4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
12:30 pm a 12:45 pm
6:30 pm a 7:00 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

 Wednesday
 12:45 pm to 4:45 pm

 Thursday
 12:45 pm to 4:45 pm

 Friday
 12:45 pm to 3:45 pm

BAPTISMS (Registration is required)

English — 3rd Saturday of the month, 9:00 am Español - 4º Sábado del mes, 9:00 am

BAPTISM CLASSES

English — 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm Español — 2do jueves del mes, 7:00 pm

WEDDINGS — Contact 916-444-3071,

Six (6)months in advance

GIFT SHOP — Sundays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Mondays 10:30 am to 12:00 pm