

Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

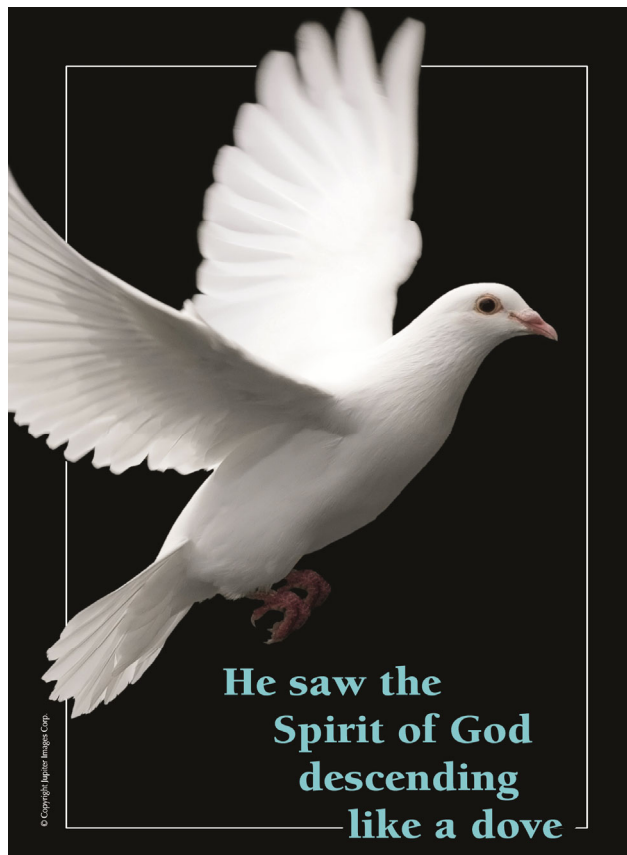
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Rev. Patrick Keane, Pastor

Deacon Webster James

January 12, 2014—The Baptism of the Lord



SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD

The status of God's beloved Son is not one he clings to. It is one he shares. All of us are called to be sons and daughters of God. In Jesus, we can all claim God's favor. The second reading makes this clear. Here we read of the baptism of Cornelius and his household. Peter's speech recalls the anointing of Jesus by the Holy Spirit and the great power that swept through Israel and onto the doorstep of the Gentile Cornelius.

As for his household, so for us. There is an end to our work on earth, to our baptismal vocation and the honorable work we do. But there is no end to the saving life given to us through baptism. There is no end to the life of the children of God; there is no end to God's compassion, which we know in Christ Jesus. There is no end to our status as chosen and beloved people of God. Because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are forever among those on whom God's favor rests

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

5:00PM English Sábado ~ 5:00 PM En Inglés
7:00PM Spanish Sábado ~ 7:00 PM En Español

Sunday

10:00 AM English Domingo ~ 10:00 AM En Inglés
1:00 PM Spanish Domingo ~ 1:00 PM En Español

Weekdays

9:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
lunes, martes, jueves, Viernes

7:00 PM jueves en Español

No Mass on Wednesday No hay Misa los miércoles

Holy Days 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM No Vigil Masses

Adoración al Santísimo 9:00 AM y 7:00 PM

First Friday Adoration begins after morning Mass
and ends with Benediction at 7:00 PM.

Todos los viernes primero de mes de 10:00 AM a 7:00 PM

WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

New members may register by calling the parish office (weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM).

Mission Statement

Saint Mary is a diverse Catholic community working together to live the Gospel, grow in faith through the Eucharist, and share our gifts in service to others.

WELCOME HOME RETURNING CATHOLICS

Awakenings is designed to help people return to Mass and the Sacraments.

Call the office for information.

PARISH DIRECTORY

CHURCH

Office (Oficina): 919 734-5033 FAX: 919 580-0730
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 Web: www.saintmarygoldsboro.org

PARISH STAFF

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 Mrs. Carole Sears.....ext. 34
 Liturgy Coordinator
 Mrs. Debbie Gambella, Parish Secretary.....ext. 10
 Mrs. Kathy Hennessy, Parish Secretary.....ext. 26
 Mrs. Tracey Davis, Parish Bookkeeper.....ext. 28
 Mrs. Elvira Ponce, Hispanic Ministry.....ext. 22
 Mrs. Vicki Ellis, Choir Director, 10:00 AM
 Mr. Philip Eubanks, Organist
 Mr. Van Tran, Sacristan

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Mrs. Lynn Magoon, Principal.....ext. 33
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PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chair Hank Daniels, Vice-Chair John Marguglio
 Secretary Sharon Thomas
 Finance Council Chair John Heeden
 Steve Balli, Richard Conger, Sheila Covar, Tiffany Ingram,
 Sam Jernigan, Joseph Jones, Paula Long.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Penance and Reconciliation

Saturday ~ celebrated from 4-4:30 PM and by appointment.

Baptism

Baptisms are during Mass the third weekend of each month.
 Preparation is required *before scheduling* the time and date.
 Call the Parish Office to register for baptismal class.

Marriage

Contact the Deacon *six months in advance* of the ceremony.

Sacrament of the Sick

If you wish to receive the sacrament of the sick during a
 prolonged illness or before surgery, please call the office.

Communion

If you wish to receive communion from a Eucharistic
 Minister due to illness, age, or handicap, please call the
 the office. These visits are made after the Mass has been
 celebrated.



Altar Flowers

The week of January 12
 are in honor of
Rich & Jeannie Horton
 on the occasion of
 their 39th Wedding Anniversary

The Sanctuary Lamps

for the week of January 12 to 18

Church Lamp: will be lit in Loving Memory of
Howard Kendall
 by his wife Ruth Kendall

Chapel Lamp: will be lit in Loving Memory of
Narcisa Verceles
 By Dr. Leonardo Zara & Mrs. Ellen Verceles-Zara

Mass Intentions for January 11 to January 19, 2014

Saturday,	5 p.m.	Mikiala M. Etheridge, dec. by Bob & Gerry Crocker
	7 p.m.	For a Special Intention by Everlinda Bryant
Sunday,	10 a.m.	Therese Roberts, dec. by K of C Council 5487
	1 p.m.	Pro Populo
Monday	9 a.m.	Bil Hammond, dec. by Deacon & Mrs. W. James
Tuesday	9 a.m.	Special Intention by Kuczynski Family
Wednesday		No Mass
Thursday	9 a.m.	Andy Johnson, dec. by K of C Council 5487
	7 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Friday	9 a.m.	Sylvia Evans, dec. by Ms. Gail & PreK class
Saturday,	5 p.m.	Mikiala M. Etheridge, dec. by St. Mary Parish
	7 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Sunday,	10 a.m.	Anton Markowitsch, dec. by Olga & Paul Markowitsch
	1 p.m.	Pro Populo

A Request from our Parish Auction Committee

When shopping the after Christmas sales keep the St. Mary Parish Auction in mind. Think about a gift for the Auction. There will also be some great January sales. The Auction is one of the larger fund raisers for the parish. The Auction will take place at the end of May and will be chaired by the St. Mary Ladies Guild Board. We will call our first Auction meeting in January and will be looking for lots of help from the parishioners. Any questions can be directed to Maureen Prys 919-778-8793 or moeprys@esn.net.

Annual Free Throw Competition

The annual Free Throw Competition, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be conducted Thursday, January 23rd in the school gym. Sign up begins at 5:30pm—competition at 6:00pm. Boys and girls ages 9-14 are eligible to compete. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided for all competitors and spectators immediately following the contest.



Our TYM members and leaders wish to express a very sincere Thank You to all who assisted them in their first annual **Breakfast with Santa**. We especially wish to thank the members of the Young Adults "Crossroads" who helped and Santa and Mrs. Clause for coming to Goldsboro early to be with us for this fun event. The children who attended had a wonderful time talking to Santa and listening to Mrs. Clause read to them.

St. Mary book club, The "Highnooners" meets the 3rd Thursday of the month (September through May) to discuss the book for that month. Our book for January is "Rebuilt" (the story of a catholic parish) by Michael White & Tom Corcoran. If you would like to join us call the Parish Office for more information.



Keep bringing your cookies for the USO to distribute to the guys on the Air Base. Drop off on Mondays at the Parish Office. Please, include your name and address on your donation of cookies as Mrs. Duffley would like to send thank you notes to those who are so generous to our service men and women.



Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 12—The Baptism of the Lord

- * Rosary for Life, Church, before Mass
- * Faith Formation Middle & High School, classrooms, 11:15 am to 12:45pm
- * Faith Formation K to 5th, classrooms, 11:30am to 12:30 pm
- * RCIA, Lounge, after 10:00am Mass
- * Respect Life Meeting, Parish House, after Mass
- * Spanish Language Choir Practice, Church, after 1:00pm Mass

Monday, January 13

- * No Meetings

Tuesday, January 14

- * SVDP Meeting, 6th grade classroom, 6:00pm
- * Perpetual Novena, Chapel, 6:45pm
- * Legion of Mary, Library, 7:00pm

Wednesday, January 15

- * Safe Environment Committee Meeting, FFO, 6:00pm

Thursday, January 16

- * "Highnooners" Book Club, FFO, noon
- * 10:00am Choir Practice, Church, 7:00pm

Friday, January 7

- * School Liturgy, Church, 9:00am
- * Spanish Language Choir Practice, Church, 6:00pm

Saturday, January 18

- * 5:00pm Choir Practice, Church, 3:30pm

Sunday, January 19—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- * **No Faith Formation Classes**
- * K of C Anniversary Mass, Church 10:00am
- * RCIA, Lounge, after Mass
- * K of C Memorial Dinner, Auditorium, 3:00pm
- * Spanish Language Choir Practice, Church, after 1:00pm Mass

Offertory Report

December 29 \$4,878.23
 Budgeted: \$7,750.00
 Over (Under) (\$2,871.77)

Second Collection January 19: Family Life Center

Christmas, Solemnity & Year End Donations

Christmas: \$10,174.25
 January 1: \$2,958.17

Donations to:

St. Mary Church: \$21,742.00
 The Family Life Center: \$25,800.00
 Saint Mary School for Tuition assistance: \$1,000.00
 Saint Mary School Endowment: \$2,000.00



In our thoughts and prayers:

Pray for the intentions of those in nursing facilities, the homebound, the chronically ill, and those who are critically ill.

Please remember in a special way the following parishioners who have requested your prayers: Ralph Bailey, Judy Cordeiro, Lee Davis, Marjorie Dixon, Hattie Evans, Agnes Harris, Bertha Kish, Erma Lawrence, Denise Lewis, Dorothy Lewis, Billie Myers, Benjamin Raposa, and Terry Williams.

If you would like your name included in the Prayers for the Sick in the Bulletin please contact our coordinators for "Prayers for the Sick", Gloria at 919-734-3810 or JoAnn at 919-736-7266.

Please also remember in your prayers all of our parishioners who are in the military especially those who are deployed.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Psalm 116:12-19; Mark 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mark 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mark 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mark 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Psalm 89:16-19; Mark 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Psalm 21:2-7; Mark 2:13-17
- Sunday: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Feb. 7-9, 2014 in Asheville, NC and May 16-18, 2014 in Raleigh, NC. Early sign up is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.



On Tuesday, January 28th twenty of our teens will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Sacrament of Confirmation confers special graces of the Holy Spirit upon the person being confirmed, just as such graces were granted to the Apostles on Pentecost. Like Baptism, therefore, it can only be performed once, and Confirmation increases and deepens all of the graces granted at Baptism.

As our students complete the last few weeks of preparation for this Sacrament we ask that you keep them in your prayers.

Prayer for those being Confirmed

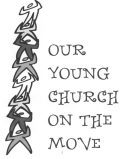
O God, we come to you, asking You to bless those in our community preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bless these students, and all those in parishes everywhere who have begun this special time of grace. O God, we ask You to help them that they may find what they seek. Instill in these students patience and perseverance in their journey of faith. Enlighten their minds and open their hearts to You. Keep those who come to You, O Lord, in Your loving care. Watch over them as they draw closer to You. Surround them with people who care and are willing to support them in their journey of faith. We place those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the shelter of Your love as they prepare to meet You in new ways. Amen.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Through the centuries, artists and craftspeople have depicted Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John. At first in mosaics and frescoes, and later in tapestries, stained glass, and paintings, the scene is familiar. Jesus is standing waist-high in flowing water. Above him, standing on dry land, John the Baptist pours water over Jesus. The first artists to depict this were sketching from memory. This is exactly how most people were baptized in the early days: as adults, standing or kneeling in the water, with water poured over their heads. This method of baptizing, called immersion, is the favored way today. An adult enters a font, or an infant is lowered a bit into the water supported by a parent's hand, and water is poured or splashed over them. The treasures of baptistry art attest that submersion, or plunging beneath the water's surface, is not really in our tradition, and that "infusion," the mere pouring of a few drops of water, yields too narrow an understanding of what it means to be plunged into Christ's life. Jesus Christ has gone before us into the water, and waits for us there with abundant gifts. No wonder the tradition calls for abundant symbols!

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ST. MARY'S TOTAL YOUTH MINISTRY

"Making A Difference for Jesus"

Faith Formation Schedule & TYM Schedule

MSTYM



Respect Life



**On Being Obsessive
By Father George W. Rutler**

There was a time—and perhaps with improvements in our schools that time will come again—when schoolboys memorized, among other famous classical lines, the expression: "Centerum censeo Carthaginem esse Ielendam." It was the exasperated call, in the 2nd century B.C. Senate of the Roman Republic, for the conquest of Carthage in what is now Tunisia. "Furthermore, I say that Carthage must be destroyed." The senator Cato the Elder ended each of his speeches that way, so that it became an inside joke, and his fellow senators chanted it along with him as a kind of ritual.

Churchill said that a fanatic "is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject." In *David Copperfield*, the gently simple-minded Mr. Dick was obsessed with writing about the head of King Charles, and "King Charles' Head" has since become a cipher for all sorts of monomania. But Cato was not a futile fanatic, and his obsession was vindicated, albeit some three years after his death, when the heart of the North African empire was indeed destroyed, in flames for days.

Various studies of keys to success in assorted enterprises agree that constant devotion to one goal is crucial. Thomas Edison experimented repeatedly to find the right material for an incandescent light bulb and finally discovered the properties of a carbon filament only after trying hundreds of other materials, including human hair. Was he obsessive? He called it "stick-to-itiveness" and said that genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration. "Keep your eyes on the prize," in the words of a folk song. On a loftier plane, the Savior said: "Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).

There are those who would stifle the Pro-Life cause by calling it a single-issue obsession. Few would say that about the Abolition movement or the struggle against child labor, even though such worthy causes did attract a fair share of distempered monomaniacs. But slaves and children have to be born first, and so the protection of life from conception must rank first among all dedications of philanthropy. Blessed John Paul II once submitted to an interview with the respected journalist Vittorio Messori, who asked him if he was perhaps "obsessive" in his preaching against abortion. The Holy Father replied: "The legalization of the termination of pregnancy is none other than the authorization given to an adult, with the approval of an established law, to take the lives of children yet unborn and thus incapable of defending themselves. It is difficult to imagine a more unjust situation, and it is very difficult to speak of obsession in a matter such as this, where we are dealing with a fundamental imperative of every good conscience—the defense of the right to life of an innocent and defenseless human being."



Sunday, January 12th—Faith Formation Classes for all Middle & High School

Saturday, January 18th—Love My Life Rally, Raleigh, NC.

Sunday, January 19th—Class for Confirmation Students "only". Written test day.

Saturday, January 25th—Confirmation Class Day of Reflection.

Sunday, January 26th—Faith Formation Classes for Middle & High School

Tuesday, January 28th—Confirmation Mass 6PM.



*******Attention Confirmation Students*******

January 12th (written test that day)

January 19th (make up test for those who did not pass on the 12th).



Watch the Bulletin for more information on the upcoming TYM fundraisers and social activities.



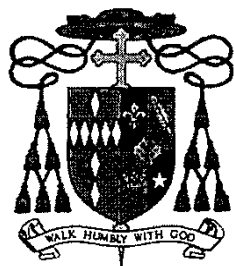
Saint Mary School Corner

Keeping Spirit and Faith in Education

**37th Annual Spaghetti Supper
Friday, January 24th**



Be sure to get your tickets for this annual Fundraiser for our School. Cost is \$7.00 per ticket and lunch take out will be from 11am to 2pm, dinner take out, 4pm to 8pm with eat in from 5pm to 8pm. Bingo will be at approximately 7pm.



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Office of the Bishop

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January 12, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This coming Saturday, January 18th, the Church throughout the world will be joining with all Christians in observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which concludes each year on January 25th, the Conversion of Saint Paul. The theme chosen for this world wide observance in 2014 is "Has Christ Been Divided?" (1 Corinthians 1:13).

On *Sunday, January 19th*, I will officially open our Diocesan observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 10:30 AM and then on *Friday, January 24th*, I also invite you to join me and other Christians and their leaders for a special Evening Prayer for Christian Unity, in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Raleigh at 7 PM.

At a recent audience, Pope Francis said, "Together we can rejoice in the longing for unity which the Lord has awakened in our hearts, and which makes us look with hope to the future. The soul of our journey towards full communion...permits us even now a foretaste of its results, however imperfect. In the measure in which we draw closer to our Lord Jesus Christ in humility of spirit, we are certain to draw closer to one another. And, in the measure in which we ask the Lord for the gift of unity, we are sure that he will take us by the hand and be our guide." (Audience with Lutheran Leadership, October 21, 2013)

In humility then, let us together draw closer to Our Lord and seek this gift of unity during the week ahead. May God continue to bless our journey towards full communion, as we endeavor always to fulfill the prayer of Our Lord, "that all may be one...that the world may believe" (John 17:21).

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

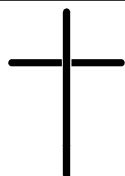
Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Raleigh

TO ALL ST. MARY KNIGHTS**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
50TH ANNIVERSARY AND MEMORIAL DINNER
JANUARY 19, 2014
ST. MARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

THE MONSIGNOR ARTHUR R. FREEMAN COUNCIL #5487 IS CELEBRATING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND HONORING ALL KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, PAST AND PRESENT WITH A MASS AND DINNER.

THE ANNIVERSARY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE REGULAR 10:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. MARY ON JANUARY 19, 2014 AND SEATING FOR KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AS WELL AS WIDOWS OF DECEASED KNIGHTS, WILL BE RESERVED AT THE MASS AND WE ASK THAT ALL KNIGHTS WEAR THEIR NAME BADGES.

THE DINNER WILL BE AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE ST. MARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. COST OF THE DINNER IS \$10 PER PERSON WITH A MAXIMUM OF \$25 PER FAMILY TO BE COLLECTED AT THE DOOR. THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR WIDOWS ATTENDING THE DINNER. JACK MURRAY, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER. A SLIDE SHOW OF EVENTS OUR COUNCIL HAS PARTICIPATED IN DURING THE LAST YEAR, AND A TRIBUTE TO LONG TERM KNIGHTS AND DECEASED KNIGHTS, WILL BE SHOWN DURING DINNER. OUR COUNCILS' KNIGHT OF THE YEAR AND FAMILY OF THE YEAR WILL BE HONORED. MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED.



Afirmación de misión

La parroquia de Santa María es una comunidad católica y diversa que trabaja junta para vivir el evangelio, crecer en fe por la Eucaristía y compartir nuestros talentos en servicio a otros.

Directorio

Padre Patrick Keane 919 734-5033 ext. 27

Bautismos—Elvira Ponce 919-252-0768

Sacramentos

Bautismo: Asistir a la preparación, padres y padrinos y fijar la fecha con el sacerdote.

Confesión: Sábados de 4:00pm a 4:30pm
Para enfermos en el hospital o en casa comuníquese con la parroquia.

Unción de los Enfermos: Si usted quiere recibir el sacramento por enfermedad u operación favor de comunicárnoslo.

Comunión para enfermos: Si tiene algún familiar en el hospital o en casa que desee recibir la comunión comuníquese con la parroquia.

Matrimonios: Iniciar la preparación con seis meses de anticipación.

Pláticas Pre-Bautismales

Requisitos:

- Asistir a las pláticas, padres y padrinos
- Traer copia del acta de nacimiento del niño (a)
- Traer copia del acta de matrimonio de los padrinos
- Llenar una solicitud por niño.
- Estar registrados o registrarse en la parroquia.

Confirmaciones

- Estar bautizado
- Haber hecho la primera comunión
- Ser mayor de 15 años

Presentación de 3 Años

Requisitos:

- Solicitarla 2 meses antes
- Estar bautizado (a)
- Donación

XV Años

Si cumples y/o deseas celebrar tus XV años en los primeros 6 meses del año te invitamos a inscribirte para la preparación:

Requisitos:

- Estar bautizada
- Haber hecho la primera Comunión
- Inscribirse con 4 meses de anticipación
- Asistir a la preparación
- Donación

Abogado Certificado en Migración

El ministerio social católico tiene un abogado autorizado y reconocido para casos de migración Si usted necesita algún servicio comuníquese con:

Jim Palmer Tel. (252) 355-5111 (Habla español)
2717 Memorial Boulevard, Greenville

HIJOS E HIJAS DE DIOS

Ser el Hijo amado de Dios no es una condición a la que está apegado. Es una que comparte con nosotros. Todos nosotros estamos llamados a ser hijos e hijas de Dios. En Jesús, todos podemos reclamar la predilección de Dios. La segunda lectura aclara esto. Aquí leemos sobre el bautizo de Cornelio y los miembros de su casa. El discurso de Pedro recuenta la unción de Jesús por el Espíritu Santo y el gran poder que se esparció por Israel hasta la puerta de uno de los gentiles, Cornelio.

Lo mismo que sucedió a su casa, nos sucede a nosotros. Nuestro trabajo en la tierra, nuestra vocación bautismal y la tarea honorable que realizamos tendrá su fin. Lo que no tiene fin es la vida de salvación que recibimos con el Bautismo. No hay fin a la vida de los hijos de Dios; no hay fin a la compasión de Dios que conocemos en Jesús. No hay fin a nuestra posición como pueblo elegido y amado por Dios. A causa de la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesús, siempre estaremos entre los predilectos de Dios.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Al escribir Tradiciones de nuestra fe me he encontrado con muchas fiestas patronales en España, Latinoamérica y Estados Unidos de América. Muchas de ellas mantienen su carácter religioso mientras que otras son simplemente una excusa para festejar, mejorar la economía local o hacer política, pero no por estas razones deben ser descartadas.

Tomemos, por ejemplo, la fiesta de san Sebastián de las Ovejas en la frontera entre Argentina y Chile. Esta fiesta es más vieja que ambas naciones y su peregrinación pisa los dos suelos. A lo largo del tiempo, esta fiesta ha sufrido por razones políticas entre ambas naciones, pero a partir de 1980 las autoridades eclesiásticas, civiles y gubernamentales han intentado revitalizar esta fiesta por varios motivos.

Las autoridades eclesiásticas la usan para renovar el cristianismo añadiendo las enseñanzas y prácticas del Concilio Vaticano II a las tradiciones antiguas. Las autoridades civiles la utilizan para incrementar el comercio y el turismo en la región. Los gobiernos de Chile y Argentina la ven como un enlace benéfico entre ambas naciones.

Las fiestas patronales buscan integrar todos los aspectos del ser humano, su política, economía, cultura, celebración y religión.

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Margarita salió del consultorio del masajista aliviada del estrés de los últimos meses, renovada y vigorizada. Fue como si la memoria de sus músculos se hubiera borrado y el poder de ellos se hubiera desatado por medio de las manos del masajista y de los aceites aromáticos.

El rito del Bautismo incluye una clase de "masaje" simbólico, que tiene un propósito similar. Los recién bautizados son ungidos con el crisma fragante y habilitados por el Espíritu Santo para vivir como miembros de Cristo, quien fue ungido sacerdote, profeta y rey. Esto conecta a los cristianos, el nuevo Israel, con el antiguo Israel, en el cual los sacerdotes, los profetas y los reyes eran ungidos a fin de mostrar que el Espíritu de Dios estaba con ellos. También nos conecta a Jesús, tal como lo indican las Escrituras de hoy.

En la segunda lectura escuchamos que "Dios ungió [a Jesús de Nazaret] con el poder del Espíritu Santo", después de los cual "él pasó haciendo el bien, porque Dios estaba con él" (Hechos 10:38). Mateo presenta a Jesús siendo ungido simbólicamente con el Espíritu Santo como el Hijo predilecto de Dios, y la primera lectura describe aquello para lo cual fue escogido Jesús: "para que manifieste el derecho a las naciones . . . para abrir los ojos a los ciegos . . . para sacar del calabozo . . . a los que viven en tinieblas" (Isaías 42:1, 7). En breve, Jesús fue elegido como el Mesías, o el "Ungido" de Dios, que inauguraría la era mesiánica. Los bautizados también son elegidos y ungidos a fin de que continúen la misión mesiánica de Cristo en la Iglesia.

—Virginia Stillwell

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	1 Samuel 1:1-8; Salmos 116 (115):12-19; Marco 1:14-20
Martes:	1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8abcd; Marcos 1:21-28
Miércoles:	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Salmos 40 (39):2, 4, 7-10; Marcos 1:29-39
Jueves:	1 Samuel 4:1-11; Salmos 44 (43):10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Marcos 1:40-45
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