

Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

1000 North Jefferson Avenue, Goldsboro NC 27530-3141

919-734-5033

Rev. Alex Gonzalez, Pastor

Deacon Webster James

August 23, 2015—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



KEEPING OUR COMMITMENTS

In the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, the husband, Tevye, whose marriage was arranged years and years before, wants to know if his wife really loves him. Was their marriage just an arrangement, a deal? Did his wife, after all these years, ever love him? Does she still? We need to know if our loving commitments stick. We need to be reminded and reaffirmed. In the first reading, Joshua, Moses' successor, needed to know if the people would remain faithful to their covenant with the Lord. Joshua was going to lead them to a new life--a settled life. Would they be faithful? Jesus, who identified himself as the very life of his disciples' life, needed to know: Will you also go away or will you stay? We do not often see Jesus this vulnerable. Peter and the apostles chose to stay. What will we do?

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Fin de Semana</u>
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

<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Días de Semana</u>
9:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	lunes, martes, miércoles, viernes
7:00 PM	Jueves en Español
No 9 AM Mass on Thursday	
No hay Misa los jueves a las 9 AM	

Holy Days check inside Bulletin
Revise dentro del Boletín que se entrega en las Misas

First Friday Adoration begins after morning Mass and ends with Benediction at 9:30 PM.
Todos los viernes primero de mes de 10:00 AM Adoración al Santísimo a 9:30 PM.

WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

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

BIENVENIDOS LOS NUEVOS MIEMBROS

Para registrarse hablar con Elvira Ponce o llamar a la oficina

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.

Misión de la Parroquia

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

PARISH DIRECTORY

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PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chair Kevin Bacon, Vice-Chair John Margulio, Secretary Sharon Thomas
 Finance Council Chair John Heeden, Steve Balli, Sheila Covar, Anne Hurrey, Joseph Jones, Paula Long, Carlos Morales San Juan, Phyllis Radford, Donna Stevenson, Gene Seward.

The Parish Advisory Council meets August through May. Our next meeting will be August 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Penance and Reconciliation

Saturday ~ 4-4:40PM and by appointment.

Mass Intentions and Readings for August 22 to August 30

Sat.8/22 5:00PM 7:00PM	Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Psalm 128:1b-5; Matthew 23:1-12 Philip & Louise Baddour, dec. by their sons Pro Populo
Sun.8/23 10:00AM 1:00PM	Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-21; Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; John 6:60-69 Susan Marie Foss, dec. by K of C Council 5487 Cristian Orozco Ortuño, dec.
Mon.8/24 9:00AM	Revelation 21:9b-14; Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18; John 1:45-51 Angelina Vinciguerra, dec. by Charlie & Barbara Vinciguerra
Tue.8/25 9:00AM	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Psalm 139:1-6; Matthew 23:23-26 Marie Lawson Jernigan, dec. by Deacon & Mrs. W. James
Wed.8/26 9:00AM	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Psalm 139:7-12ab; Matthew 23:27-32 Maggie High, dec. by John Roberts Family
Thu.8/27 9:00AM 7:00PM	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Matthew 24:42-51 No Mass Rita Yurick, dec. by Becky Guijarro
Fri.8/28 9:00AM	1 Thessalonians:4:1-8; Psalm 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Matthew 25:1-13 Barbara Ashton, dec. by Students & Staff of St. Mary School
Sat.8/29 5:00PM 7:00PM	1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98:1, 7-9; Matthew 6:17-29 Freida Farfour Capps, dec. by Edmund, Joyce & Rick Farfour Pro Populo
Sun.8/30 10:00AM 1:00PM	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-5; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Carol Anne Carter, dec. by Sterling Jarrett Valentin Loa Olguin, dec.

Sacramental Life

Baptism

Baptisms are during Mass the third weekend of each month. Preparation is required before *scheduling* the time and date.

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 office. These visits are made after the Mass has been celebrated.

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers may be given in memory of a loved one or in honor of a person or event. You may make arrangements for flowers by calling the Parish Office at 734-5033 ext. 10 or 26.

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of August 23 to 29

Church Lamp will be lit In Loving Memory of **Doris Lawrence** by Francis Lawrence.

Chapel Lamp If you would like to reserve the Chapel Lamp in Memory of or Honor of a person or event please, call the Parish Office.

Fall Festival Time...

October 3rd is the date for this year's Fall Festival...we are in need of people to assist with the Fall Festival...if you can volunteer please, call the parish office.

Baskets, Baskets, Baskets...

An invitation for all Ministries, individuals and groups of individuals--you are invited to donate a basket to the Baskets Delight raffle for our Fall Festival. Baskets would be brought to the school or church office the week prior. School staff will take care of displaying the baskets and selling the tickets. We'd love to have lots of baskets to raffle! If you will participate, please contact Mrs. Magoon at (919) 735-1931, ext. 22 or at lynnmagoon@smsgoldsboro.org to tell her the theme of your basket so that we don't have lots of duplicates. Thanks in advance for your support of this important parish fundraiser--and mark your calendars now to plan to attend!

Friends of the Poor Walk/Run...

Our SVDP Society will be participating in the 2015 Friends of the Poor Walk/Run. This is the first time the St. Mary Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will try to raise funds and awareness by participating in this annual event.

What is needed is for our parishioners to form groups of walkers or runners and go to the SVDP web site and register your group under St. Mary Conference.

The Walk/Run will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at St. Mary School. Registration is 9:00am with a start time of 10:00am.

So talk to your friends and fellow parishioners and see if you can form a group to walk...get sponsors to pledge money to you for walking and get signed up at the following web site: www.fopwalk.org.

If you have any questions please, contact Wayne Barnes at 919-778-4501 or brantley24@yahoo.com.

All proceeds raised by St. Mary walkers will stay here in Wayne County and go towards the work of the Society to help alleviate the suffering of those in need within the county.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 23 –21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Father's Day

* RCIA	Lounge	After 10:00am Mass
* Faith Formation MS & HS	Classrooms	11:15am to 12:45pm
* Faith Formation K to 5th	Classrooms	11:30am to 12:30pm
* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Church	After 1:00pm Mass

Monday, August 24

* K of C Directors Meeting	Cafeteria	7:00pm
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Tuesday, August 25

* SVDP Meeting	6th grade classroom	6:00pm
* PAC Meeting	FF Conf. Room	6:00pm
* Perpetual Novena	Chaepl	6:45pm
* Legion of Mary	Library	7:00pm

Wednesday, August 26

* 27:17 Fellowship (Men's Group)	5 Star Restaurant	7:00am
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Thursday, August 27

* Back to School Picnic	Cafeteria	5:30pm
* 10:00am Choir Practice	Lounge	7:00pm

Friday, August 28

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

Saturday, August 29

* 5pm Choir Practice	Church	4:00pm
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Sunday, August 30-22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

* RCIA	Lounge	After 10:00am Mass
* Faith Formation Middle & High Sch.	Classrooms	11:15am to 12:45pm
* Faith Formation K to 5th	Classrooms	11:30am to 12:30pm
* Spanish Language Choir Practice	Church	After 1:00pm Mass

Next Fall Festival Planning Meeting will be held on Monday, August 31st at 6:00Pm in the Teachers Lounge.

Scrip...

Our next Scrip order will go in on **Tuesday, August 25th** so if you want to place an order please, be sure to have it in the Parish Office by 8:15am on the morning of the August 25th. Orders that come in after 8:15am will have to go on our next order date which is Tuesday, September 8th. Thank you for supporting our Scrip program which helps with raising funds for our Family Life Center.

SVDP...

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of the following items: Tuna, peas, potted meat (span, Treet, ham, salmon), tomato soup, dry beans (1lb., 2lb, or larger), and rice (1lb., 2lb., or larger). Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Report

August 9	\$ 8,578.32
	<u>\$ 7,750.00</u>
	\$ 828.32

Second Collection August 30:
St. Vincent de Paul Society.



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:

Robert Ames, José David Ariza, Dolores Barton, Jesse Brickhouse, Nubia Cano, Judy Cordeiro, Andrea Cruz, Lee & Sarah Davis, Marjorie Dixon, Elaine Evans, Gustavo Gonzalez, Agnes Harris, Mary Hayman, Joan Jones, Laura Jones, Bertha Kish, Erma Lawrence, Denise Lewis, Dorothy Lewis, Pat Marguglio, Billie Myers, Jim Myers, Wilbur & Mary Perry, Benjamin Raposa, Simon Scott, Natalie Ulrey, Richard Wagner.

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 Barbara at 919-751-0024.

Cookies for the Troops!!!

We are trying to start up our collection of home made cookies for the men and women stationed at Seymour Johnson AFB. Bake cookies, bring them to the Parish Office sometime on Monday...that's it!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter...

The next Worldwide Marriage Nov. 6 -8, 2015 in Atlantic Beach, NC. Early sign up is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscover.org or 704-315-2144.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The ministry of permanent deacons has become an essential part of our parish life today, yet for centuries until 1967, this deeply traditional ministry had virtually disappeared. Every priest had first to be ordained a deacon, but the notion that one could actually embrace a permanent vocation to the diaconate was lost.

The primary ministry of the deacon is to the welfare of the community, especially its poor, and his role in sacraments and preaching flows from that. His principal role is to animate and promote the ministry of all the faithful. Ninety percent of permanent deacons are married, although the discipline of celibacy for clerics means that if a deacon is widowed, normally he cannot remarry, nor can an unmarried deacon marry once ordained.

The deacon does not preside at Mass nor may he absolve sins. Nor, since anointing of the sick is linked theologically to penance, may he anoint.

Sometimes we are slow to engage with a tradition: Trent approved permanent deacons in the 1560s, but nothing was done until the 1960s.

The vitality of the long-delayed restoration has greatly enriched the Church, particularly in the United States, where the majority of the deacons in the world serve.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

Ireland Pilgrimage...

Join Father Scarcella and fellow diocesan Catholics on an amazing 10 day Pilgrimage to Ireland, May 11 to 20, 2016. Prices start at \$3,599 per person based on double occupancy with only a \$350 per person deposit. For further information contact Terri DeLuca at tdeLucamusic@gmail.com or 704-774-7779 or visit www.ctscentral.net and search "scarcella". Space is limited. Register early for the best price!

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2015 Catechetical Sunday This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2015, and will focus on the theme "Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person." Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. - See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.et4Wwg9q.dpuf>

Wedding Anniversary Mass

2015 Bishop Michael F. Burbidge invites all couples celebrating 25, 50 or more years of marriage to honor their vocation of marriage. The Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday, October 18 at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 300 Dundee Road, Pinehurst. Family Members are welcome to attend. Please register through your parish office beginning in September through Friday, October 9. - See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.et4Wwg9q.dpuf>

The Office of Human Life and Dignity and the Office of Catholic Formation and Evangelization are collaborating to bring you this extensive page of resources. We are all catechists- teachers, parents, grandparents- really all of the lay faithful. The diocese has created a webpage which we hope will be useful at in your classrooms, in your parish and in your homes in promotion the theme of Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person. Go to this website to learn more : <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/content/catechetical-sunday-2015> - See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/>



Saint Mary School Corner

Keeping Spirit and Faith in Education

Things are moving along and we are entering our third week of the new school year. It is amazing how we fall right into our schedule. This week we have:

- Wednesday, August 26th Fall Pictures for PK through 8th grade.
- Thursday, August 27th the third grade has the Bake Sale.
- Friday, August 28th we have our school liturgy at 9:00AM in the Church.

Parents are always welcome to come and worship with us as a school and parish community.

Memorial Donation...

St. Mary Church has received a Memorial Donation in memory of **John Begeron** from Lynn & Laurie Kuczynski.

Substitute Catechist...

Our Faith Formation Program is in need of some extra help. We have a full staff of wonderful catechist but there are times when they need a Sunday off for personal or family events. If you would like to help by volunteering to be a substitute catechist please call the Parish Office at 919-734-5033 ext. 26.

When a catechist needs a sub for a Sunday you will get an email asking if you would be available and if you are information on the class for that day will be available for you.

Remember the best part of being a Catechist is; "helping children and teens see how relevant Jesus really is."

Respect Life

Fundamental Right

Some call the right-to-life movement "divisive." Our country was founded on the recognition of certain basic moral principles, the most important of which is that the right to life is unalienable, is bestowed by the Creator, and is to be protected by the government.

The very greatness of America depends on her adherence to this truth. How, then, can one consider "divisive" the very principle on which our unity as a nation stands?

Some speak of "a pluralistic society." What holds this "pluralistic society" together, keeping it from becoming a disconnected chaos? Clearly, there needs to be certain basic, foundational principles to which everyone in the society adheres if it is to survive. The right to life is the first among them.

~ProLife Articles for Bulletins

Mark Your Calendars...

- **Diaper Drive**, September 12 to September 20, 2015. We need Newborn and size 4 also wipes, bibs, pacifiers, socks blankets, bottles and little storybooks suitable for infants to age 1. All donations will benefit Wayne Pregnancy Care Center. Just bring your donations to Church on the week of Sept. 12 to 20th and leave them in the playpen that we will have set up. Thank you!
- **Day of Remembrance** at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Newton Grove on Saturday, September 12 at 3:00pm. Join us for prayers and the Rosary for the 157 aborted babies buried in the cemetery at the church.
- **Life Chain** Sunday, October 4 meet at 2:30pm at Five Star Restaurant, 212 N. Berkeley Blvd. We will Life Chain from 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Adult Faith Formation and Bible Studies... Mark Your Calendar!

We are planning various programs for Adult Faith Formation. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events. If you are interested in attending any of the programs please, call the Parish Office at 919-734-5033 ext. 10 or 26 and give us your name and phone number.

- **Catholicism The New Evangelization**—will begin on Sunday, October 18, 2015 and conclude on Sunday, November 29, 2015. This class will be held in the Chapel of the Parish House and will take place from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Cost is \$25.00. The moderator for this class will be Matt Yurksaitis.
- **1st Corinthians**—will begin on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 and will end on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. Class will be held in the 5th grade classroom and will take place from 7:00pm to 8:15pm. No class on Wednesday, October 14th or Wednesday, November 25th. Anne Hamm is the moderator for this class. Cost is \$25.00. Call the Parish Office if you want to attend.

We are also planning classes that will start Wednesday, January 6th on Exodus and Sunday morning classes on the Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues starting January 31st. So watch for more updates on these classes.

The Sunday programs are all from Father Robert Barron and the Wednesday classes are all Bible Study Classes.

Thank You...

A very special Thank You to our wonderful volunteers who helped make the Bar-B-Q and Bluegrass a great celebration. A very special thank you to Carla Berger, our Social Committee Chairperson for all the planning and hard work that went into this event. We also send our thanks to Samantha Casey and the Bluegrass Jam for the uplifting performance.

SANKOFA Senior Pilgrimage Heritage Tour 2016

April 14-18 2016

Sponsored by AAMEN Chapter St. Mary, Goldsboro
Diocese of Raleigh

Going to New Orleans, LA

If you are 50 years or older this trip is for you. To meet people from the Diocese of Raleigh, see the South, pray together, celebrate Mass as a Community of believers and enjoy great Catholic history and American History

Prices include transportation via Tour bus, Hotel and all tours.

Space is limited.

Cost:\$900.00 Single Occupancy

\$600.00 Double Occupancy



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Martha Carter-Bailey-919-750-3435





ST MARY CHURCH
DIAPER DRIVE

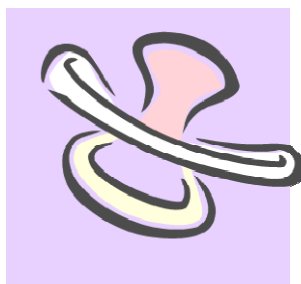
FROM: SEPT 12, 2015 **TO:** SEPT 20, 2015

Diapers size: Mainly Newborn! Size 4

Also: wipes, bibs, pacifiers, socks, blankets, bottles
“Little” books suitable for infants and 1 year old children.

We will have playpens or containers at the entrances to the church for this collection.

**BENEFIT! WAYNE PREGNANCY
CARE CENTER**



Directorio

Padre John Alexander Gonzalez
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 4:40pm

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.

Platicas 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.

Presentaciones

Requisitos:

- * Solicitarla 2 meses antes.
- * Estar bautizado (a).
- * Donación
- * Se hacen en la Misa del sábado o Domingo

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 con María la coordinadora.
- * Asistir a la preparación
- * Donación
- * Llevarse un volante de información y seguir las reglas.

GUARDANDO NUESTROS COMPROMISOS

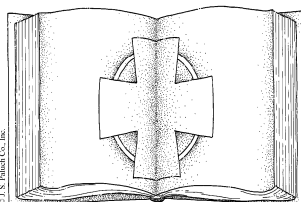
En la obra musical El violinista en el tejado, el esposo, Teveye, cuyo matrimonio había sido planificado por otros muchos años atrás, quiere saber si su esposa de veras lo ama. ¿Fue su matrimonio solamente un arreglo, un contrato? Después de tantos años, ¿llegó su mujer a quererlo? ¿Lo quiere todavía?

Necesitamos saber si nuestros compromisos son duraderos. Necesitamos que nos lo recuerden y reafirmen. En la primera lectura, Josué, el sucesor de Moisés, necesitaba saber si el pueblo iba a mantenerse fiel a su alianza con el Señor. Josué iba a llevarlos a una nueva vida -una vida estable. ¿Serían fieles? Jesús, habiéndose identificado como la fuente de vida de sus discípulos, necesitaba saber. ¿Ustedes van a irse también o van a quedarse? Pocas veces vemos a Jesús tan vulnerable. Pedro y los apóstoles escogieron quedarse. ¿Qué vamos a hacer nosotros?
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Formación de la Fe...

Clases...Domingo, Agosto 23. Kinder a 5th grado 11:30am a 12:30pm. Middle School & High School 11:15am a 12:45pm.

TÚ TIENES
PALABRAS DE
VIDA
ETERNA



Felicitaciones a **Gustavo Adolfo Pineda Castañeda** hijo de Gustavo Adolfo Pineda Ortiz y Cecilia Castañeda Toubio, se Bautizó aquí 8 de agosto de 2015.

Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul (SVDP)...

Nuestra Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul necesita los siguientes artículos: Pasta, fideos, mantequilla de maní, mermelada, sopa de pollo y de tomate, macarrones con queso, preparación para hacer hamburguesas, arroz en bolsa, frijoles secos.

Las donaciones que hacemos a la SVDP ayudan a los más necesitados dentro del Condado de Wayne.

Mucas gracias por su generosidad.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Cuando Jesús dice que hay que comer su cuerpo y beber su sangre (Juan 6:55), los cristianos católicos, literalmente, seguimos sus palabras. En esto somos muy fundamentalistas: cuando Jesús dice que el pan es su cuerpo y el vino es su sangre, lo creemos de todo corazón (1 Corintios 11:24-25). Para los católicos, nuestra fe y estilo de vida están basados en la consagración del pan y vino en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. La Iglesia primitiva reconocía con tristeza que no todos los que querían seguir a Jesús podían aceptar la realidad de su cuerpo y sangre. Por eso, Juan el evangelista dice que muchos abandonaron a Jesús cuando éste les habló del sagrado convite (Juan 6:60-69). De la muchedumbre que le seguía, poquísimos continuaron con él. Quienes siguieron acompañándolo reconocían que Jesús tiene palabras de vida eterna. Esta verdad la vemos reflejada en la celebración de la misa, pues del Pan de la Palabra pasamos al Pan Eucarístico. Escuchamos su Palabra para luego comer su Cuerpo y beber su Sangre a fin de tener vida eterna.

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM,
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Lecturas De La Semana

Lunes: Apocalipsis 21:9b-14; Salmos 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Juan 1:45-51

Martes: 1 Tesalonicenses 2:1-8; Salmos 139 (138):1-6; Mateo 23:23-26

Miércoles: 1 Tesalonicenses 2:9-13; Salmos 139 (138):7-12ab; Mateo 23:27-32

Jueves: 1 Tesalonicenses 3:7-13; Salmos 90 (89):3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mateo 24:42-51

Viernes: 1 Tesalonicenses 4:1-8; Salmos 97 (96):1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mateo 25:1-13

Sábado: 1 Tesalonicenses 4:9-11; Salmos 98 (97):1, 7-9; Marco 6:17-29

Domingo: Deuteronomio 4:1-2, 6-8; Salmos 15 (14):2-5; Santiago 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Marco 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Un Derecho Fundamental

Algunos dicen que el movimiento del derecho a la vida es "divisivo." Nuestro país fué fundado en el reconocimiento de ciertos principios morales básicos, el más importante de los cuales es que el derecho a la vida es inalienable, que ha sido otorgado por el Creador y que debe ser protegido por el gobierno.

La auténtica grandeza de los Estados Unidos depende de su adherencia a esta verdad. Por consiguiente, cómo puede alguien considerer como "divisorio" el mero principio sobre el cual se basa nuestra unidad como una nación? Se habla de que la nuestra es una "sociedad pluralística". Qué es lo que mantiene

unida esta "sociedad pluralística", previniendo que se transforme en un caos inconexo? Claramente, se necesitan ciertos principios básicos y fundamentales a los cuales cada uno en la sociedad dé su apoyo, para que ésta sobreviva. Entre ellos, el derecho a la vida es el primero.

El Camino

Es difícil preparar a un niño de una manera que los padres no lo hagan ellos mismos.

~Anónimo

Bendecido

Si tienes vision estás bendecido. Si tienes intuición estás Bendecido mil veces más.

~Anónimo