

Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

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January 17, 2016—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

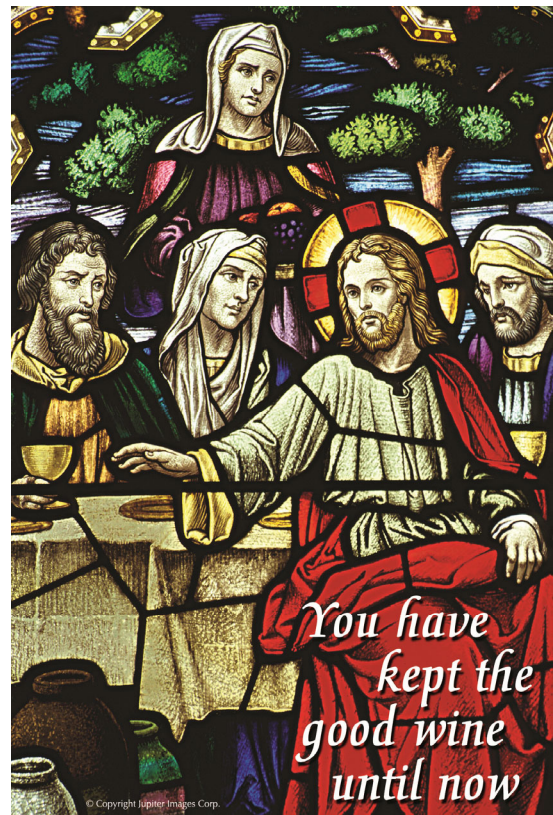
SURPRISES

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life--not necessarily our own--will be surprised for the better.

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EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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The Parish Advisory Council meets August through May. Our next meeting will be January 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the JP II Conf. Room. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Penance and Reconciliation

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

**Mass Intentions and Readings
for January 16 to 24**

<p>Sat.1/16 5:00PM 7:00PM</p>	<p>1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Psalms 21:2-7; Mark 2:13-17 Ulysses Gambella, dec. by Nick & Maria Gambella Pro Populo</p>
<p>Sun.1/17 10:00AM 1:00PM</p>	<p>Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalms 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11 In Honor of Gloria Elizabeth Akosa (80th Birthday) by her children Su Kim Quang, dec. by Kim Quang</p>
<p>Mon.1/18 9:00AM</p>	<p>1 Samuel 15:16-23; Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mark 2:18-22 No Mass Today</p>
<p>Tue.1/19 9:00AM</p>	<p>1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalms 89:20-22, 27-28; Mark 2:23-28 In Honor of Linda Tolar (Birthday) by Kuczynski Family</p>
<p>Wed.1/20 9:00AM</p>	<p>1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mark 3:1-6 Rita Yurick, dec. by Carla & Jim Berger</p>
<p>Thu.1/21 7:00PM</p>	<p>1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Psalms 56:2-3, 9-13; Mark 3:7-12 For an end of abortion by Gia Nguyen</p>
<p>Fri.1/22 9:00AM</p>	<p>1 Samuel 24:3-21; Psalms 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mark 3:13-19 In Honor of Lynn Kuczynski (Birthday) by Kuczynski Family</p>
<p>Sat.1/23 5:00PM 7:00PM</p>	<p>2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Psalms 80:2-3, 5-7; Mark 3:20-21 In Honor of Marcie Grant by Lovick Children Pro Populo</p>
<p>Sun.1/24 10:00AM 1:00PM</p>	<p>Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Psalms 19:8-10, 15; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 Dolores Kuczynski, dec. by Kuczynski Family Lindan Reyes, dec. by Esther Reyes, Anthony & Cherry</p>

Sacramental Life

Baptism

Baptisms are during Mass the third week-end 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 January 17 to 23

Church Lamp: will be lit in Honor or **Bill Smyk** on the occasion of this 92nd Birthday by Kathy & Debbie.

Chapel Lamp: will be lit in Loving Memory of **Su Kim Quang** by Kim Quang.



Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Remember! Celebrate! Act!

In honor of the celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day the Parish Office, School Office and Saint Mary School will be closed on Monday, January 18th.

SVDP Needs the Following...

Our SVDP Society is in need of the following items for their food pantry: Jelly, potted meat, canned chicken breast, tuna, spaghetti, noodles, hamburger helper and rice. Thank you for your generosity to the Society and for your help in helping us to care for those in need.

Saint Mary School Annual Spaghetti Supper & Bingo...

Friday, January 22nd tickets are \$7.00 each. Lunch take out or delivery is available from 11:00am to 2:00pm, dinner take out is available from 4:00 to 8:00pm, dinner eat in 5:00 to 8:00pm.

Bingo will start at 7:00pm.

Tickets are available from the School or Parish Office.

Be sure to get a ticket and come out to enjoy this major school fundraiser.

A Deanery Holy Hour for Vocations Friday, January 29 at 7:00pm Saint Mary Parish Goldsboro.

The Holy Hour for Vocations provides an opportunity to come together as a deanery and pray before the Blessed Sacrament for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. All are invited to join Bishop Burbidge in this celebration. A reception will follow the Holy Hour.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 17 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- * SMS Selling Spaghetti Supper Tickets outside Church after all Masses
- * NO RCIA
- * **No Faith Formation Classes**
- * K of C Memorial Dinner Auditorium
- * Spanish Language Choir Practice Church after 1:00pm Mass
- * Hispanic Food Sale outside after 1:00pm Mass

Monday, January 18-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- * **Parish Office, School & School Office Closed today**

Tuesday, January 19

- * Finance Council Meeting JPPII Conf. Room 6:00pm
- * Perpetual Novena Chapel 6:45pm
- * Legion of Mary Library 7:00pm
- * K of C Second Degree Meeting Cafeteria 7:00pm
- * Liturgy Committee Meeting Lounge 7:00pm

Wednesday, January 20

- * 27:17 Fellowship (Men's Group) 5 Star Restaurant 7:00am
- * TYM Youth Night Parish House 6:00 to 8:00pm

Thursday, January 21

- * "High Nooners" Bookclub Office noon
- * 10:00am Choir Practice Lounge 7:00pm
- * Nutrition Class Cafeteria 7:35pm

Friday, January 22

- * School Liturgy Church 9:00am
- * SMS Spaghetti Supper Auditorium 4 to 8:00pm
- * Spanish Choir Practice Church 6:00pm

Saturday, January 23

- * 5:00pm Choir Practice Church 4:00pm

Sunday, January 24-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- * RCIA Lounge after 10:00am Mass
- * Faith Formation MS & HS classrooms 11:15am to 12:45pm
- * Faith Formation K to 5 classrooms 11:30am to 12:30pm
- * Spanish Language Choir Practice Church after 1:00pm Mass
- * K of C Spanish Degrees Parish House noon to 6:00pm
- * MS Youth Night Auditorium 6 to 8:00pm

Offertory Report

January 4: \$9,240.84
\$7,750.00
 \$1,490.84

Saint Mary School: \$1,727.08

Second Collection January 24:
 Church in Latin America

Thank You ...to Matt & Theresa Makdad, and all the wonderful volunteers who helped to decorate our Church for Christmas. They worked tirelessly to make it special for Jesus and for us.

Ladies Guild Lenten Day of Reflection... coming up on Saturday, March 12th. Watch for more information.



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:

Santiago Acevedo, Robert Ames, Dolores & Gary Barton, Jesse Brickhouse, Marco Castaneda, Judy Cordeiro, Andrea Cruz, Maria del Socorro Cruz, Lee & Sarah Davis, Marjorie Dixon, Elaine Evans, John-Alex Gonzalez, Jr., Gustavo Gonzalez, Agnes Harris, Mary Hayman, Rogisides Jaimés, Joan Jones, Laura Jones, Dianne Kendall, Bertha Kish, Chuck Kirk, Erma Lawrence, Denise Lewis, Dorothy Lewis, Pat Marguglio, Billie Myers, Wilbert & Mary Perry, Ray Prazak, Brandon Quinn, Benjamin Raposa, Ben Rodriguez, Sr. Angela Scalia, Natalie Ulrey, Azeneth Viafara, 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.

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage...

The Faith Formation Office is planning a pilgrimage to Emmitsburg, MD the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton with a side visit to the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Pilgrimage is scheduled to take place Sunday, April 10, 2016 through Tuesday, April 12, 2016. We will be staying 2 nights in a hotel in Fredrick, MD and plan to travel via car. So if you are interested watch for more information...start planning with friends and family to make this pilgrimage with us.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although our tradition carries a long memory of marriage as a sacrament, it may surprise you to learn that for nearly eleven centuries, there was no single wedding ceremony approved for use in the Church. While we have evidence of priests blessing marriages as early as the second century, in the early period church leaders relied on civil authorities to manage marriage for everyone in society. In most cases, society yielded its authority to sanction marriage to the male heads of households.

From ancient times, marriage had been a family affair, managed by the father of the family, who acted as priest and guardian of family tradition. Each head wanted to keep the family gods alive, and so he would arrange for brides for his sons, paying a "bride price" as compensation for the loss of a skilled household worker. As creepy as that sounds, it was a step up from the kidnapping practice of earlier years. Even after the kidnapping raids stopped, the customs remained. Every wedding contained the ritualized kidnapping of the bride, the husband abducting his bride from the festivities, carrying her over the threshold to prevent her father's gods from following her into her new religion. There, he fed her a piece of "sacred cake," initiating her into a new way of life. It's fascinating to see how customs endure, long after we have completely rejected the values and attitudes they originally expressed!

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Scrip...

The next scrip order is going in on Tuesday, February 2nd. If you want to place a scrip order you must have the order in the Parish Office by 8:15am the morning of February 2nd.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter...

The next weekends are Feb. 5-7, 2016 in Asheville, NC and Apr. 29-May 1 in Chapel Hill, NC. Early sign up is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org>.

Diocese of Raleigh

www.dioceseofraleigh.org



You are invited to follow the Diocese @RaleighDiocese and Bishop Burbidge @BishopBurbidge on Twitter.

Lifeline for Marriage – Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital disillusionment and misery. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on February 12-14, 2016 call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvailenc@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org. - See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.4MQ9ikmN.dpuf>

BAA...

We are in the beginning of the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2016. This year our Parish Goal is \$66,584. Please, prayerfully consider your donation and make your pledge as early as possible. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is our opportunity to support the work of the Catholic Church in Eastern North Carolina and is conducted each year in every parish. The BAA raises funds throughout the Diocese of Raleigh. The services that the Diocese provides reflect our Catholic belief in the sanctity of human life, the dignity of the individual and the central role of the family in life and society. In the over 30-year history of the BAA for the Diocese of Raleigh, there has been over \$115 million donated to support the ministries of Eastern North Carolina. - See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/stewardship-and-advancement/bishops-annual-appeal/campaign-update#sthash.TUFwe9ZJ.dpuf>



Saint Mary School Corner

Keeping Spirit and Faith in Education

The week of January 18th at Saint Mary School:

- Monday, January 18th Saint Mary School will be closed in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Thursday, January 21st the 4th grade has the Bake Sale.
- Friday, January 22nd School Liturgy at 9:00am in the Church.
- Friday, January 22nd we hold our 39th Annual Spaghetti Supper Fund Raiser.

Next week we will be holding various activities to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

ONLY THE BEGINNING

At the conclusion of today's Gospel we hear that the disciples of Jesus "began to believe in him" (John 2:11) following this sign, though they are referred to as his disciples at the outset of the story. This is a reminder that a "disciple" is not one who comes with belief one hundred percent intact, but is somebody who follows Christ one hundred percent of the time, no matter what. This we do by following the admonishment "Do whatever he tells you." It is this cooperative aspect of discipleship that is reinforced by Paul's wonderful description of the working together and cooperation of the many gifts of the one same Spirit by disciples in order to build the Church. It is through our ongoing cooperation and dedication of our gifts to the work of the gospel that things will continue to change through the power of Jesus Christ. Perhaps it will not be water changing into wine as in Cana long ago, but it can definitely be the transforming of the world around us in his name.

Today's Readings: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Respect Life



Abortion, Poverty And Social Ills

Prior to 1973, abortion advocates argued that if abortion was legalized, the reduction in "unwanted children" would result in a dramatic reduction in poverty, child abuse and other social ills. This of course never materialized. On the contrary, poverty today is at record levels and child abuse has literally skyrocketed since 1973 (as the value of life has been severely undermined).

Abortion discriminates against the poor.

Margaret Sanger, the founder of International Planned Parenthood, the world's largest abortion provider, was a proponent of eugenics. She believed in eliminating the poor and minority communities in America through contraception and sterilization. For example, she argued in 1922 that "all our problems are the result of overbreeding among the working classes." (Cited by Steve Mosher and Michael W Bird in their review of Margaret Sanger's *The Pivot of Civilization*). And today Planned Parenthood continues to target those very communities with abortion services (though they contend that this has nothing to do with eugenics). A very high percentage of Planned Parenthood abortion mills are located in poor and minority communities. It's no wonder that although abortions have decreased in America over the last few years, Planned Parenthood's abortion numbers continue to go up.

Planned Parenthood has argued that abortion is "cost-effective" because "for every \$1.00 spent by government to pay for abortions for poor women, about \$4.00 is saved in public medical and welfare expenditures incurred as a result of an unintended birth." (*Bad*

Science in the Service of a Lethally Racist Ideology, Angela Franz. Cited on the nrlc.org website).

The truth is that abortion and the promiscuous society that it encourages results in increased poverty and other social ills. The "sex without consequences" mentality leads to one-parent-families, a breakdown in the family unit and all the adverse social consequences that this entails.

~www.pro-lifearticles

Please, Pray the Rosary for an end to abortion



Jubilee Year of Mercy

January 17, 2016

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary, whom Catholic tradition names "Mother of Mercy," at Cana intercedes with her Son to show mercy toward the bridal couple: "Son, they have no wine." But he does more! Jesus' transformation of water into wine is a "sign" (John's term for "miracle") that God's marriage with the whole human race has begun in Jesus' person and ministry, a marriage that will be consummated on the cross: "It is finished"--we are saved! But before Jesus acts, Mary instructs the servers to prepare the way for Jesus' miracle of mercy: "Do whatever he tells you." During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Mother Church, like Mother Mary, instructs us to share the Spirit's manifold gifts--some of which Paul lists in today's second reading--in generous service to the human family. Thus we prepare the way for Jesus' new miracles of mercy, transforming life's sometimes stagnant water into the refreshing wine of God's mercy.

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Doing justice to the memory of MLK's faith and vision.

By William H. Chafe



Martin Luther King Jr. has now been dead longer than he lived. But what an extraordinary life it was. At 33, he was pressing the case of civil rights with President John Kennedy. At 34, he galvanized the nation with his "I Have a Dream" speech. At 35, he won the Nobel Peace Prize. At 39, he was assassinated, but he left a legacy of hope and inspiration that continues today.

IN the decades since Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination in 1968, politicians and commentators have honored his birthday by celebrating his "mainstream" values — his commitment to the American Dream, his belief in equal opportunity and, above all, his hope that, one day, white and black children might be judged by "the content of their character ... [and not] by the color of their skin."

Yet, these celebrations fail to do justice to King's commitment to social justice, the complexity of his political convictions and the profound religious faith that enabled him to endure racism, as well as persecution by the FBI. Only when we understand the full scope of King's vision of equality can we appreciate his true legacy.

That legacy begins with the power of King's faith, which became searingly personal when, soon after agreeing to become the spokesman for the Montgomery bus boycott, he began receiving nightly phone calls from people threatening to kill his family.

Unable to sleep and tormented by visions of his little girl suffering, King broke down one night in his kitchen. As David Garrow writes in his biography of King, at that moment King heard an inner voice saying, "Stand up for justice, stand up for truth ... [It was] the voice of Jesus saying still to fight on. He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone." From that moment forward, the voice in the kitchen was King's personal anchor.

The second point to recognize is the tension King insisted upon between his embrace of the New Testament's gospel of unconditional love and the Old Testament's prophetic insistence on righteous justice. Latter-day King celebrants focus on his support for reconciliation without acknowledging his prophetic anger. "It is not enough for us to talk about love," he told his followers. "There is another side called justice ... Standing beside love is always justice. Not only are we using the tools of persuasion — we've got to use the tools of coercion." It was this co-existence of love and justice that led King to write his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" in 1963. To moderate white clergymen who pleaded for patience and a reduction in tension, King wrote: "[N]onviolent direct action seeks to create ... a crisis and foster such tension that a community which has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue." King then drove home the point. "The Negro's great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom," he wrote, "is not the Klu Klux Klanner, but the white moderate who is more devoted to 'order' than to justice; who prefers the negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice." The third and final point is King's insistence that racial justice was inextricably linked to economic justice and international peace. "We are engaged in a social revolution," he proclaimed. "The evils of racism, economic exploitation, and militarism are all tied together, and you can't really get rid of one without getting rid of the others." That was why he condemned America's war in Vietnam, demanded "basic structural changes in the architecture of American society," and insisted that his dream of a just society required "a radical redistribution of economic and political power."

All these themes came together in the last months of King's life. King became profoundly depressed. In the words of his wife Coretta, "[H]e didn't expect to live a long life." But then there was that voice from the kitchen — a voice that gave him the courage to continue standing up for justice and love, and that sent him to Memphis to advance the cause of striking sanitation workers there as part of the Poor People's Campaign to which he was now devoted.

"It doesn't really matter with me now," he declared the night before his assassination, "because I've been to the mountaintop ... and I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land." So as we remember the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., let us recognize the full depth of his faith and vision — not just the antiseptic version that has now become part of our official culture.



SAINT MARY SCHOOL

39th Annual SPAGHETTI SUPPER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

1601 EDGERTON STREET
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LUNCH TAKE OUT or DELIVERY: 11:30-2:00pm

DINNER TAKE OUT: 4:00-8:00pm

DINNER EAT IN: 5:00-8:00pm

Bingo at 7:00p.m.

ALL TICKETS \$7.00

Children (3 & Under) Eat Free when dining in.

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TO ORDER BEFORE 01/22/2016

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 comunicármolo.

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.

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.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1502 el fraile Nicolás de Ovando y doce franciscanos dieron inicio a la evangelización de América en la República Dominicana. Ellos fueron enviados por los reyes españoles con el mandato de convertir a los nativos "sin les hacer fuerza alguna".

Con los misioneros llegaron Alfonso y Antonio Trejo quienes traían con ellos un cuadro de la Virgen María bajo la advocación de Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia. Ellos la llevaron a Higüey, donde en 1572 se le construyó su primer santuario. Poco a poco esta pequeña imagen se convirtió en la Reina del corazón de los dominicanos.

María observa dulcemente a su recién nacido quien yace sobre las pajas. Está coronada y lleva puesto un manto azul rociado de estrellas y un escapulario blanco. Lleva una aureola hecha de doce estrellas. En una esquina de la imagen san José también observa al niño por encima del hombro derecho de María. El 25 de enero del 1979 Juan Pablo II la coronó por ser la primera evangelizadora del continente Americano. Con ella los doce misioneros trajeron la Alta Gracia de Jesucristo a nuestras tierras.

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

SORPRESAS

La vida está llena de sorpresas, algunas agradables, otras no. La Sagrada Escritura está llena de relatos sobre las sorpresas de Dios que surgen donde menos se esperan: los hijos más jóvenes reciben la herencia, a los más humildes se les dan los sitios de honor; un predicador itinerante, condenado a morir como un criminal, es exaltado hacia la gloria celestial eterna.

Cualquiera que haya planificado una

boda o celebración similar sabe que está llena de oportunidades para que surjan sorpresas. Para el novio (el cual, en el relato bíblico, no tiene contacto directo con Jesús) la agradable sorpresa vino porque otra persona había prestado atención y tenía fe en Jesús.

A lo mejor pensamos que la lección de la conocida historia de las bodas de Caná es que cuando tenemos fe en Jesús, nuestra vida cambiará positivamente. Sin embargo, un cristiano necesita tener una perspectiva más amplia, y darse cuenta que tener fe en Cristo implica que la vida de alguien - sea la tuya, sea la de otra persona - va a mejorarse sorpresivamente.

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**Año Jubilar de la Misericordia
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Por la boda de Cana, la tradición católica llama a María "Madre de la Misericordia", pues ella intercede ante su Hijo para mostrar misericordia a los novios: "Hijo, no les queda vino". ¡Jesús hace algo más! Para Jesús esa transformación que hace del agua en vino es un "signo" (la palabra que usa Juan es "milagro") que es el matrimonio de Dios con toda la humanidad que empezó en la persona de Jesús y su ministerio y que será consumado en la Cruz: "todo está cumplido", ¡somos salvados! Pero antes que Jesús haga algo, María dijo a los que estaban sirviendo preparar el camino para el milagro de la misericordia de Jesús: "Hagan lo que él les diga". Durante este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, la "Madre Iglesia", como la Madre María, nos dice que compartamos los dones del Espíritu, algunos de los cuales Pablo enlista en la segunda lectura de hoy, en un servicio generoso a la familia y así preparar el camino para los nuevos milagros de misericordia de Jesús, transformando la vida; algunas veces el agua estancada en un vino refrescante de la misericordia de Dios. --Peter Scagnelli, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Lecturas De La Semana

Lunes:	1 Samuel 15:16-23; Salmos 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Marco 2:18-22
Martes:	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Salmos 89 (88):20-22, 27-28; Marco 2:23-28
Miércoles:	1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Salmos 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10; Marco 3:1-6
Jueves:	1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Salmos 56 (55):2-3, 9-13; Marco 3:7-12
Viernes:	1 Samuel 24:3-21; Salmos 57 (56):2-4, 6, 11; Marco 3:13-19
Sábado:	2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Salmos 80 (79):2-3, 5-7; Marco 3:20-21
Domingo:	Nehemías 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Salmos 19 (18):8-10, 15; 1 Corintios 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lucas 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Aborto, Pobreza y Problemas Sociales

Anterior a 1973, defensores del aborto argumentaban que si el aborto era legalizado, la reducción de “los niños no deseados” resultaría en una dramática reducción de la pobreza, abuso infantil y otros problemas sociales. Esto por supuesto nunca se materializo. Por el contrario, hoy la pobreza alcanza un nivel record y el abuso infantil literalmente sus niveles de alcance se han disparado desde 1973 (como el valor a la vida también ha sido mermado severamente). El aborto discrimina en contra del pobre. Margaret Sanger, la fundadora de Paternidad Planeada Internacional (Planned Parenthood International), el proveedor de clínicas

de aborto más grande del mundo, fue una defensora de la eugenesia. Ella creía en la eliminación de comunidades pobres y las minorías en los EUA a través de la esterilización y la anticoncepción. Por ejemplo, en 1922 ella argumentaba que, “todos nuestros problemas eran el resultado de la sobre-reproducción en la clase baja trabajadora”. (Citado por Steve Mosher y Michael W. Bird en el análisis sobre *El eje de Civilización* de Margaret Sanger). Hasta el día de hoy Planned Parenthood continua teniendo como objetivo estas comunidades supliéndoles servicios de aborto (a pesar de ello sostiene que no tiene nada que ver con eugenesia). Un alto porcentaje de Centros o clínicas de Planned Parenthood están localizados en comunidades pobres y de minorías. Y no es sorpresa que en estos últimos años los índices de aborto en general han disminuido en los Estados Unidos, los números de abortos llevados a cabo dentro de los centros abortistas de Planned Parenthood continúan incrementando.