

July 5th 2020 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church is open for Mass

The Church is now open for two Public Masses on Sunday. The masses are at: **10am in English and 12 noon en español.**

Iglesia está abierta para misa

La Iglesia ahora está abierta para dos misas públicas los domingos. Las misas serán a las 10 am en inglés y a las 12 del mediodía en español.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 4

9:00am

4:30pm *St. John Parishioners*

Sunday, July 5

8:00am

10:00am *Fabiola Shugarte (bday)*

12:00pm

Monday, July 6

9:00am *St. John Volunteers*

Tuesday, July 7

9:00am † *Nancy Kearney*

Wednesday, July 8

9:00am † *Eduardo Genoves*

Thursday, July 9

9:00am

Friday, July 10

9:00am † *Michael & Albert Gragnani*

Saturday, July 11

9:00am † *Adela Bumanlag*

4:30pm † *Rufino Labari*

From the Desk of the Pastor ...

In the Gospel for this Fourth of July weekend Jesus beckons us all who labor and are burdened to come to him and find rest. His invitation is similar to Emma Lazarus's words on the statue of Liberty: 'Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.'

In order to appreciate more fully today's Gospel reading, perhaps it is necessary to know something about the wisdom literature and tradition in Israel. The cultivation of wisdom was highly prized among virtually all segments of the ancient world, pagan as well as Jewish and Christian. Wisdom is personified as a teacher to all who seek it. In the book of Sirach (51:25-27), Lady Wisdom says to those who desire her, "Come, take my yoke, and find for yourselves rest." The notion that the treasures of Wisdom are hidden from the foolish was widely known. Hence one can imagine how the Jewish Christians would see Jesus in this passage as the embodiment of that Wisdom sought by ancient sages.

The prayer that Jesus makes, however, involves a striking reversal. Speaking to his Father, Jesus affirms that 'these things' are hidden 'from the wise and the learned' but revealed to the 'little ones'. This is just the opposite of the 'popular wisdom' of the day that regarded the learned doctors of the Law as bearers of God's wisdom.

The 'little people' of the day: the tax collectors and sinners who dined with Jesus, understood the true meaning of the reign of God, and it is to these to whom the Son (wisdom) has been revealed.

Reflexiones del Párroco...

En el Evangelio para este fin de semana del Cuatro de Julio Jesús nos llama a todos los que trabajamos y estamos agobiados de venir a Él y encontrar descanso. Su invitación es similar a las palabras de Emma Lázaros en la estatua de Libertad: 'Dame tu cansancio, tu pobreza, su grupo que anhela respirar con libertad.'

Para poder apreciar más plenamente la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, tal vez es necesario saber algo acerca de la literatura de la sabiduría y la tradición de Israel. El cultivo de la sabiduría era muy apreciado entre prácticamente todos los segmentos del mundo antiguo, pagano así como Judío y Cristiano. La sabiduría es personificada como profesor a todos los que lo buscan. En el libro de Eclesiástico (51:25-27), La Señora Sabiduría le dice a aquellos que la desean, "Vengan, tomen mi yugo y encuentren para sí mismos descanso." La idea de que los tesoros de la Sabiduría estaban escondidos de los necios era ampliamente conocido. Por lo tanto, uno puede imaginarse cómo los Cristianos Judíos verían a Jesús en este pasaje como la encarnación de esa Sabiduría buscada por los antiguos sabios.

La oración que Jesús hace, sin embargo, implica un cambio sorprendente. Hablando con Su padre, Jesús afirma que 'estas cosas' están ocultas 'a los sabios y los eruditos' pero revelado a los 'pequeños'. Esto es justamente lo contrario de la 'Sabiduría Popular' del día en que se consideraba a los eruditos doctores de la Ley como portadores de la sabiduría de Dios.

Los 'pequeños' del día: los publicanos y pecadores que cenaban con Jesús, entendían el verdadero significado del Reino de Dios, y es a éstos a quienes se ha revelado el Hijo (la sabiduría).

My yoke is easy,
and my burden light

mi yugo es fácil
y ligera mi carga

SECOND COLLECTION

Today's Second Collection is for the **Reserve Fund** of St. John the Evangelist. This account was established to help fund the on-going major maintenance and needs of the Parish of St. John. Thank you for your continued generous support.

Segunda Colecta

La segunda colecta de hoy es para el **Fondo de Reserva** de nuestra parroquia. Este fondo fue establecido para ayudar a financiar el mantenimiento y necesidades de la parroquia.

Gracias por su generoso apoyo

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

Jesus's invitation in today's Gospel passage includes some of the most comforting words in all of sacred Scripture: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Jesus wants to journey with us, right beside us—when two people are yoked together they are united in all they do; they are never alone and never have to carry their burdens by themselves. Jesus knows that our lives in this fallen world are hard, with the weight of our own fallen nature always pressing down upon us. If we trust him enough to repent from our self-centered ways and follow him—obeying his commandments and seeking to "remain in his love," our lives truly will change. When we trust Jesus enough to allow him to come into contact with every corner of our lives, we are transformed by him, become more like him, filled with his own Spirit and wisdom and courage and goodness. And that's when our burdens also are transformed. They become places of redemption. That's when our weariness is transformed. It is filled with the joy of hope that comes from knowing that we are heard, understood, valued, and accompanied.

"Vengan a mí, todos ustedes que trabajan y están agobiados, y les daré descanso. Toma mi yugo sobre ti y aprende de mí, porque soy manso y humilde de corazón; y encontrarán descanso para ustedes mismos. Jesús quiere viajar con nosotros, justo a nuestro lado: cuando dos personas se unen, se unen en todo lo que hacen; nunca están solos y nunca tienen que llevar sus cargas solos. Jesús sabe que nuestras vidas en este mundo son difíciles. Si confiamos en él lo suficiente como para arrepentirnos de nuestras formas egocéntricas y seguirlo, nuestras vidas realmente cambiarán.