

# From the Desk of the Pastor

August 7, 2022

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## DECIMNOVENO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Lo más difícil de lograr, es servir a otra persona libremente, desinteresadamente y por amor. Pero si lo logramos, no sólo hacemos el trabajo mucho más ligero, pero eliminamos todo el miedo y la compulsión de él. No pasaremos nuestro tiempo mirando sobre nuestros hombros para ver si nos está viendo 'el jefe'. Haremos lo que tiene que hacerse, lo que se espera de nosotros, lo que debe de hacerse, estando presente o ausente el jefe.

Es esta cualidad de 'fidelidad' y 'constancia' que se señala en el Evangelio de hoy. Este es lo ideal que se pone ante nosotros hoy en día, con respecto a nuestro servicio de Cristo, nuestro Maestro.

El Evangelio de hoy dice que tanto Jesús como el ladrón vienen a nosotros 'a la hora en que menos lo esperamos'. Pero la semejanza y el elemento de sorpresa termina allí. El ladrón viene a robar, destrozar y destruir.

Pero Jesús viene a sorprendernos con sus dones de misericordia y compasión abundante, de amor y perdón, con un milagro de transformación. La Razón porqué Jesús nos advierte no es para llenarnos de temor, sino porque nos ama y quiere que compartamos en todas las bendiciones que Él tiene para nosotros. Si no estamos listos, nos lo podemos perder.

La mayoría de la gente de Dios que salió de Egipto comenzó con fe, pero cuando se les puso difícil, se negaron a hacer las cosas que Dios les pidió, y se perdieron de la oportunidad de disfrutar de las bendiciones de la Tierra Prometida. Los infieles vivían descuidadamente y tontamente, como si no fueran considerados responsables ante Dios en nuestras vidas. Pero siempre debemos de ser los fieles sirvientes, alertos y estar listos para Su venida haciendo Su voluntad todo el tiempo.

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The hardest thing of all to achieve is, to serve another person freely, selflessly and out of love. But if we achieve it, we not only make the work a lot lighter, but we remove all fear and compulsion from it. We will not spend our time looking over our shoulder to see if 'the boss' is watching us. We will do what has to be done, what is expected of us, what we needs to be done, whether the boss is absent or present.

It is this quality of 'faithfulness' and 'constancy' that is singled out in the Gospel today. This is the ideal that is put before us today, regarding our service of Christ, our Master.

Today's Gospel says that both Jesus and the thief come to us 'at an hour we least expect'. But the similarity and the element of surprise end just there. The thief comes to rob, to vandalize and to destroy.

But Jesus comes to surprise us with his gifts of bountiful compassion and mercy, of love and forgiveness, with a miracle of transformation.

The Reason Jesus warns us is not to fill us with fear, but because He loves us and He wants us to share in all the blessings he has for us. If we are not ready, we may miss out.

Most of the people of God who left Egypt started off with faith, but when the going got difficult, they refused to do the things God told them to do, and they missed out on enjoying the blessings of the Promised Land. The Unfaithful lived carelessly and foolishly, as if they are not accountable to God in our lives.

But the faithful servants we must always be on the alert and be ready for His coming doing His will all the time.



### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

July 30<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Weekend Offering ..... \$ 3,155.70  
 St. Vincent de Paul ..... \$ 560.55

### AAA 2022

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment: \$ 29,219.00  
 YTD we paid: \$ 7,271.89  
 Balance we owe: \$ 21,947.11

Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated!

## R. C. I. A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a year-round process available to any adult who wishes to inquire into Catholicism. It is also an invitation for adults who have not received and would wish to receive all the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

R.C.I.A.: is a journey of faith, filled with Hope and fired by love. This time is spent in discovering Jesus, to listen to his call as he says: "Have Courage, It is I, do not be afraid".

While our community prays for them, those in RCIA devote time in prayer in order to respond to his Calling, to recognize him in the Sacred Scriptures, to focus on the Teachings of the Church, to worship Him and meet Him at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and so grow in Catholic Faith, Hope and Love.

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or in sponsoring someone who is in the process of being initiated into the Church, please call the Parish office at **415-334-4646**.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 6 TO AUGUST 13

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August 6, 2022	August 7, 2022	August 8, 2022	August 9, 2022	August 10, 2022	August 11, 2022	August 12, 2022	August 13, 2022
<b>9:00am</b> Y. M. I. families	<b>8:00am</b> Parish of St. John	<b>9:00am</b> Remigio Mendoza	<b>9:00am</b> Parish of St. John	<b>9:00am</b> Y.M.I. living & deceased members	<b>9:00am</b> † Gualberto Espino, Jr.	<b>9:00am</b> The Sick in the Parish of St. John	<b>9:00am</b> Cameron Caceres Remigio Mendoza
<b>4:30pm</b> Parish of St. John	<b>10:00am</b> Rosemary Holmes ☩ † Eduardo Genoves † Mel Ventura † Maria, Perfecto Hierro, Sr. & Jr						<b>4:30pm</b> † Rufino Labari † Benny Falcon
	<b>12:00pm</b> Parish of St. John						

