Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 1 John 5:1-9 Mark 1:7-11

"...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



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Mass Intentions



Mass & Flower Intentions available Contact Alisa aaquino@stdombenicia.org

Altar Flowers in Celebration of Baptism of the Lord



Public Outdoor Mass

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. Weather permitting, otherwise live-stream.

Thank you to all our volunteers who make outdoor Masses possible. If you would like to help please email Teresa at tstone@stdombenicia.org.

*Live-Stream Masses WatchStDom.com

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 7:00, 9:00 a.m., & 1:00 p.m. (English/Spanish) Monday-Saturday: 8:15 a.m.

*All of our live-stream Masses will be immediately followed by distribution of Holy Communion in front of the church.

Confession Times

Please follow the signs in the vestibule. Tuesday and Thursday: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday: 9:15-10:15 a.m. Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.











Pastor's Corner

In the beginning...

Ordinary Time always begins with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when we commemorate Jesus' Baptism by John the Baptist, the inauguration of his public ministry. In Advent and Christmas, the focus is the mystery of the Incarnation, of God taking on our flesh. Accordingly, the season takes us through God's promise of a savior in the Old Testament, Jesus' conception, the Virgin Birth, the coming of the Magi and the "hidden years" of Jesus' growing up and adult life prior to his Baptism. In Lent and Easter, our focus is the Passion, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus and coming of the Holy Spirit, the actions by which humanity was reconciled to God and the Church's inception and mandate to continue Jesus' work.

I once heard Ordinary Time defined as, "that time of year when the Church admits there is not a lot going on." In one sense, it is true, because Ordinary Time does not have the joyful anticipation of Advent. the splendor of Christmas, the sobriety of Lent or the exaltation of Easter. These are watershed times in Jesus' life. The majority of Jesus' life, like yours and mine, was not spent in these exceptional and charged times. On another hand, this is not a fair statement; there is a lot going on, it is just not as momentous compared to the eighteen weeks of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.

The feast of the Epiphany, which we celebrated last weekend, recalls when the pagan wise men from the East came to offer homage to the Christ-child. It was not Jewish priests from Jerusalem, scribes or Levites scattered throughout the land of Israel or any other group of people who ought to have recognized and known of the monumental event of Jesus' birth. In a few weeks, we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph came to fulfill the Law of the redemption of the first-born. Again, none of the priests, Levites, scribes or anyone else recognized Who was being presented in the Temple. It was only two elderly prophets, Simeon and Anna, who knew who Jesus was and gave praise to God.

Just before his Baptism, John the Baptist told all who would hear, "There is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (Jn. 1:26b-27) At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, it is the demons (who, like the angels, know God more fully than any material creature can) recognize him and shrink in terror. Their "confession" (based on knowledge, not faith) stands in stark contrast to the Apostles, disciples, you and me who only come to know Jesus' fullness incrementally and partially.

Let us then renew our desire and efforts to draw ever nearer to the Lord of Life, so as to know Him better, to worship Him more fully and love Him more deeply. Even if thoughts of unworthiness or

inadequacy plague you: remember what Jesus did when Peter exclaimed, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" Absolutely nothing; Jesus stayed put and over the course of years invited him into a deeper and deeper intimacy.

Fr. Carl Schlichte, O.P. frcarl@stdombenicia.org 707.335.4668

Thank You!

We have so much to be thankful for at this time. Thank you, to all the parishioners and friends who sent us goodies, gift cards, cards, and surprised us with an abundance of love and joy this Christmas season! We are overwhelmed by your kindness during such an unforeseen time in our world.

Thank you, to St. Dominic School for allowing us to borrow the tents.

Thank you, to all the volunteers who were ready and willing to help build tents in the parking lot.

Thank you, to all the volunteers who helped at all our Christmas Masses outside in the cold.

Thank you, to all the people who showed up, not once but twice to take down tents after they were too wet the first time around.

Thank you, to all of our parishioners for braving the cold and attending Christmas Mass. You are the reason we work so hard to have outdoor Mass. We are truly blessed!

~St. Dominic's Parish Staff

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Parish Financial Report 7/1/2020-12/31/2020						
		YTD <u>Actual</u>	_	YTD <u>Budget</u>	_	+ / - <u>Budget</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$	450,790	\$	500,000	\$	(49,210)
Second Collections:						
Building Improvement	\$	18,103	\$	25,000	\$	(6,897)
Faith Formation	\$	3,793	\$	5,500	\$	(1,707)
SDS Tuition Assistance	\$	4,717				
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	39,209				
Total Operating Income	\$	544,234	\$	641,632	\$	(97,398)
Operating Expenses	\$	542,171	\$	634,504	\$	(92,333)
Net Income/Loss	\$	2,063	\$	7,128	\$	(5,065)



Grief Support

so that we can go back to 24/7.

Holidays are an especially difficult time. You are not alone. We are here for you.

During COVID our regular group sessions can't meet but our Grief Ministry team is available for one on one grief support via telephone. COVID, fires, and grief; it's a lot. We're here to listen.

Please contact Patti Erickson at consolation@stdombenicia.org or leave a phone message at 707.745.3502.

"Blessed are those who mourn: they shall be comforted." (MT 5:4)



ST. DOMINIC'S TEEN MINISTRIES

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YR I Confirmation

The confirmation team is looking forward to gathering with all YR I confirmation candidates during the month of January. The January - YR I calendar includes:

- Monday, January 11th Parent/Teen Adoration at 6:30 pm (livestreamed)
- Monday, January 18th Parent/Teen Home Study - Decision Point Chapter 2 Videos
- Monday, January 25th Teen Gathering with Catechist 6:30 pm

Please see your January email/newsletter for specific details.

YR I Form Due: Sponsor Forms are due by January 11th. This online form can be found on the confirmation page on the Church website at www.stdombenicia.org.

YR II Confirmation

The confirmation team is looking forward to a great second half of the program and to sacrament day on April 26th! The January - YR II calendar includes:

- Sunday, January 10th Teen Gathering with Catechist 6:30 pm
- Monday, January 11th Parent/Teen Adoration at 6:30 pm (livestreamed)
- Sunday, January 17th Parent/Teen Home Study - Decision Point Chapter 8 Videos
- Sunday, January 31st Teen Gathering with Catechist 6:30 pm

Please see your January email/newsletter for specific details.

Youth Ministry Opportunities January 2021

- 1. Serve at the Food Bank of Solano & Contra Costa - Various Dates
- 2. Support Vallejo Together, an organization that provides assistance to our homeless friends in our local area. The needs are many!
- 3. Adopt a prayer buddy at St. Dominic's Church. Pray for a specific child who is preparing to receive his/her First Eucharist in the spring.

For more information regarding confirmation gatherings, Vallejo Together donations or youth ministry opportunities, please contact Lisa Toomey at Itoomey@stdombenicia.org or 707.335.4697.





Society of St. Vincent de Paul

As we close 2020 the word that comes to my mind is gratitude. We at St Vincent de Paul are so grateful for all our wonderful parishioners who have supported us this year. Through your prayers, your food donations, your phone calls and your financial help we have been able to continue to serve those in need without missing a day. Our Vincentian's jumped in to help in whatever was needed. They adapted to sanitizing the pantry every time they went in, delivering food with only members from their own households (in order to keep up with the rules of social distancing, yet still having two people when you deliver food.) Delivering the food by dropping it at the door and ringing or knocking and leaving (no contact deliveries). Since we were not able to personally see those we serve, we started making weekly phone calls to check-in to see how they are doing and to let them know we care. We will continue to make these calls until we can again visit in person. As you may know, we were not able to provide our Easter, Thanksgiving, or Christmas dinner boxes due to the restrictions, but because of your generosity, we were able to mail gift certificates for the dinners and gift cards for the children's Christmas gifts. The juggling and orchestration it took to make this happen was a challenge, but our wonderful Vincentian's took on the task to make it work.

We are grateful we were able to mail Christmas cards to those living at Springs Road Healthcare. We are grateful to have been able to help those in need with their rent or utility bills and send financial help to the fire victims as well as financial help to Missionaries in Action.

We are grateful that we were able to have a "virtual" Walk For the Poor and so many of you donated and

shared your pictures of where you walked. We look forward to an in-person walk this year!

We are also so grateful to have our emergency container in place and we are working on filling it with items that will be needed in the event of an earthquake or other emergency.

We are grateful for our jail ministry to be able to provide sweats suits for those being released.

We are grateful for the ability to have our monthly meetings via zoom and be able to get business done and connect with each other.

We are grateful to have served those in need:

- We conducted over 900 "home visits"(34 in person pre-COVID)
- Helping over 2800 neighbors with food (550 deliveries)
- + Helped 800 neighbors with their rent (\$9800.00) and utility bills (\$23,075.00)
- Our year end totals assisting to the poor, including cash expenditures and In-Kind donations of food, Giving Tree gifts and clothing, totaled over \$119,000.
- Our members (Vincentians) contributed over 2800 hours and drove more than 3,800 miles serving those in need.

As we look forward, we know the financial needs will increase and we will do everything we can to help those in need. We thank you for your very generous financial support and we know that it is because of you that we are able to help others. As Mother Teresa says, "I can do things you cannot, and you can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things".

With gratitude we thank you from all of us at St Vincent de Paul, your love, support and caring allows us to help those in need.

Blessings, Kristine Passalacqua President

If you would like to join us in our ministry, our zoom meetings are the first Tuesday of the month Please join us on your computer or smartphone at: https://zoom.us/j/312553119?
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40DAYS FOR LIFE...

Peaceful, prayerful, effective 40 Days for Life campaign to build on successes in Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon, CA



Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon CA – Dear brothers and sisters.

Beginning on February 17 through April 28, 2021, the highly successful 40 Days for Life campaign returns to Vallejo with 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. I wanted to invite everyone to please prayerfully consider joining us by taking a one hour time slot on Wednesdays between 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. beginning on the first Wednesday of the vigil February 17, 2021 and all the following Wednesday's in the month of March 2021 ending on Wednesday March 24, 2021.

If you are willing to come out and pray one hour on Wednesday's, please make sure you are healthy, wear a mask, and maintain a 6' social distance from other prayer partners. The prayer vigil will take place in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 303 Sacramento St., Vallejo, CA. All prayer vigil participants are requested to pray for peace, pledging to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times. For information about 40 Days for Life in Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon, visit:

www.40daysforlife.com/Vallejo/Benicia/Am.Cyn.



Please contact Tony Hensley at tonyh@ctpub.com to sign up for one hour per week. If you are not comfortable praying publicly in front of PP, please consider giving one hour of your time any day of the week to pray for the cause of life in front of the Tabernacle of our Church at St. Dominic's. Thanks so much for your consideration.



Banners in the Church

The Baptism of the Lord (1450) By Fra Angelico (Fra Giovannie da Fiesole)



Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him. John is baptising when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer;

certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water. The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: "I ought to be baptized by you". He is the lamp in the presence of the Sun, the bridegroom, the greatest of all born of women in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptized by you and we should also add, "and for you", for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter. not only by the washing of his feet. Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens like paradise with a flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as an equal bearing witness to the Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from Heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like a dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God.

The purpose of Fra Angelico's works are to stimulate contemplation. To the right in the detail of the fresco, we see St. Dominic and blessed Villana looking on in adoration at this mystery, both observing and modeling the responses expected from the viewer. In Dominican tradition, meditation on the scenes was preparation for preaching vividly and persuasively upon the subject depicted.

Dominican Saints

January 3 to 15, playing a little catch up.

January 3 -Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

Reverence for the holy name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, arose in Apostolic times. Saint Paul in his letter to the Philippians wrote, "so that at Jesus's name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth and under the Earth, and every tongue shall proclaim the glory of God the Father: Jesus Christ is Lord" just as the name gives identity to a person and also reflects a person's life, the name of Jesus reminds the hearer of who Jesus is and what he has done for us. Keep in mind the name Jesus means the Lord saves or the Lord is salvation.

Blessed Stephana Quinzani, sister and virgin

Born in 1457 in Brescia, Italy she died on January 2, 1530. She was beatified by Pope Benedict XIV on December 14, 1740. She was a mystic and stigmatic. She is the patron of theologians. Blessed Stephana Quinzani pray for us.



January 4-St. Zdislava Berkianna of Lemberk, lay Dominican and mother



Born in 1220 in Krizanov, Moravia, she died in 1252 at Lemberk Castle, Boemia. She was beatified by Pope Pius X on August 28, 1907. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II on May 21, 1995 in Olomouc, Czech Republic. Zdislava was a wife, mother,

and one of the earliest lay Dominicans. She was a precociously pious child, running away at the age of 7 to the forest to become a Hermit. She was forced by her family to return home, and when she was 15, they forced her to marry a wealthy nobleman Havel of Markvartie. He treated her brutally, but she was eventually able to perform acts of charity, give refuge to the poor and dispossessed of her home. She founded and supported two priories, and joined the third order of St. Dominic as a lay person. She is the patron saint of Bohemia, of difficult marriages, and of those who are ridiculed for their piety. St. Zdislava Berkianna pray for us.

January 7-St. Raymond of Penafort, friar, priest and Master of the Order Born in CA. 1175 in Vilafranca del Penedes,



Catalonia, Crown of Aragon. He died on January 6, 1275 in Barcelona, Crown of Aragon.He was beatified in 1542 by Pope Paul II in

Rome, Italy. He was canonized by Pope Clement VIII on April 29, 1601. Saint Raymond is the patron saint of canon lawyers. He is known for his treaties on penance and for The Gregorian Descretals which is a book on canon law that was in effect and the standard for almost 700 years until 1917. His most famous miracle: after a dispute with King James 1st of Aragon who was in grievous sin on the island of Mallorca. The king forbade Raymond to leave the island, not being able to find a ship Raymond took off his capa laid it on the water using his walking stick as a mast, sailed six hundred miles back to Barcelona. The miracle was witnessed by many spectators and then the amazed crowd saw him land in Barcelona. In awe of this miracle, James the first renounced his evil ways, made penance, and thereafter led a good life. St Raymond of Penafort pray for us.

January 10-Blessed Gonsalvo of Amarante, friar and priest

He was born in 1187 in Arricomha, Tagilde, Vizela, Portugal. He died on January 10,1259 in Amarante, Portugal. He was beatified on September 16, 1561 by Pope Pius IV in Rome.He became a Dominican Friar and hermit after his return from a long pilgrimage that took him to both Rome and to Jerusalem. He became noted as a wonder worker who made miracles occur, and he was known for his



solitude, silence and reflection in order to better achieve communication with God. He is associated and invoked by those seeking to become pregnant and his name is given to the "Bolos De Sao Goncalo" an erotic pastry from Portugal, eaten on his feast day. Blessed Gonsalvo of Amarante pray for us.

Blessed Ann of the Angels Monteagudo, nun and virgin

She was born on July 26, 1602 in Tarannum, Arequipa, Peru. She died January 10, 1686. She was beatified on February 2, 1985 by Pope John Paul II. Ann studied under nuns in her childhood and decided to become one following a vision she had of Saint Catherine of Siena showing her the Dominican habit. Her parents made the effort to dissuade her from this though she continued



to pursue the path until she was inducted as a member of the Dominican nuns. She became noted for her holiness and held leadership positions due to her wisdom and the esteem that others had for her. Blessed Ann of the Angels pray for us.

January 11- Blessed Bernard Scammacca, friar and priest



He was born in 1430 in Catania, Kingdom of Sicily and died on January 11, 1487 in the same place. He was beatified on March 8, 1825 by Pope Leo XII in Rome. Bernardo after leading a wild desolate life, his conversion came after sustaining a wound from a duel that led him down a path towards religious life. He became a noted prophet and

spent hours in the confessional. Blessed Bernard Scammacca pray for us.

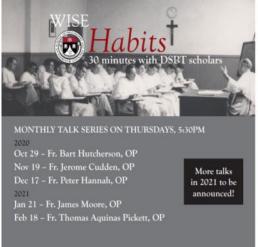
January 15-St. Francis Frenandez de Capillis, priest, St. Peter Sans, bishop, and companions martyrs in China.

Francis was beatified by
Pope Pius X, May 2, 1909,
along with 14 Chinese lay
people who had also died as
martyrs. St. Francis and St.
Peter were canonized as part
of a group of 120 martyrs of
China on October 1, 2000, by
Pope John Paul II. Their
collective memory is
remembered on July 9th,



while the feast day of Saint Francis is observed on January 15th, he is considered a protomartyr of China by the Holy See. All of the martyrs were severely tortured and eventually beheaded by the Chinese authorities for disseminating false doctrines and inciting the people against the new Emperor. St. Francis Frenandez pray for us.





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Please pray for the recovery of the sick listed in our Book of Intentions and the following:



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Please remember the following recently deceased (and their families) in your prayers: Sr. Mary Angela, OP, Robert Dubois, Tita Merino, Don McConlogue, Carmelita Diaz, Maria Caballero, Carlos Caballero, Jr., Patricia McShane, Michael Quiambao, Paul Canumay, Ruth McElhaney, Lucille Vitalie, Daniel C. Leary, Michael Francone, Veronica Arkin, Antonio Valdellon, Bill Mahoney, Mark Parish

*sick or remembrances will be listed for a period of 3 months

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Sunday Worship Aid

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 A reading from the Book of the Prophet

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not guench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise, give to the Lord the glory due his name; adore the Lord in holy attire

The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the Lord, over vast waters. The voice of the Lord is mighty; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The Lord is enthroned above the flood: the Lord is enthroned as king forever.

1 John 5:1-9

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John: Beloved: Evervone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor

over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood. Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 1:7-11

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark:

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ Our Lady of Guadalupe

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified. who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer for the Sick during the Pandemic

O God, our refuge in trials, our strength in sickness, our comfort in sorrow, spare your people, we pray, and hear our prayers for all who are sick: Grant them, we implore you, your merciful help, so that, with their health restored, they may give you thanks in the midst of the Church.

Your Only-Begotten Son took on our human nature and bore our infirmities: protect and strengthen also we pray. nurses, doctors, first responders, and all others on the front line of this pandemic, who put themselves in harm's way to serve the needs of others.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ. your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Pray for us! St. Joseph Pray for us! St. Patrick Pray for us! Holy Father St. Dominic Pray for us!

Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7 Lectura del Libro del profeta Isaías:

Esto dice el Señor: "Miren a mi siervo, a quien sostengo, a mi elegido, en quien tengo mis complacencias. En él he puesto mi espíritu para que haga brillar la justicia sobre las naciones. No gritará, no clamará, no hará oír su voz por las calles; no romperá la caña resquebrajada, ni apagará la mecha que aún humea. Promoverá con firmeza la iusticia, no titubeará ni se doblegará hasta haber establecido el derecho sobre la tierra v hasta que las islas escuchen su enseñanza. Yo, el Señor, fiel a mi designio de salvación, te llamé, te tomé de la mano, te he formado y te he constituido alianza de un pueblo, luz de las naciones, para que abras los ojos de los ciegos, sagues a los cautivos de la prisión y de la mazmorra a los que habitan en tinieblas". Palabra de Dios.

Te alabamos, Señor.

Salmo 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 El Señor bendice a su pueblo con la paz.

Hijos de Dios, aclamen al Señor, aclamen la gloria del nombre del Señor, póstrense ante el Señor en el atrio sagrado.

La voz del Señor sobre las aguas, el Señor sobre las aguas torrenciales, La voz del Señor es potente, la voz del Señor es magnifica.

El Dios de la gloria a tronado. En su templo un grito unánime, ¡Gloria! El Señor se sienta por encima del aguacero, el Señor se sienta como rey eterno.

1 Juan 5:1-9 Lectura de la primera carta de san Juan:

Queridos hijos: Todo el que cree que Jesús es el Mesías, ha nacido de Dios. Todo el que ama a un padre, ama también a los hijos de este. Conocemos que amamos a los hijos de Dios en que amamos a Dios y cumplimos sus mandamientos, pues el amor de Dios consiste en que cumplamos sus preceptos. Y sus mandamientos no son pesados, porque todo el que ha nacido de Dios vence al mundo. Y nuestra fe es la que nos ha dado la victoria sobre el mundo. Porque,

¿Quién es el que vence al mundo? Sólo el que cree que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios. Jesucristo es el que vino por medio del agua y de la sangre; él vino, no sólo con agua, sino con agua y con sangre. Y el Espíritu es el que da testimonio, porque el Espíritu es la verdad. Así pues, los testigos son tres: el Espíritu, el agua y la sangre. Y los tres están de acuerdo. Si aceptamos el testimonio de los hombres el testimonio de Dios vale mucho mas y ese testimonio es el que Dios ha dado de su Hijo. Palabra de Dios.

Te alabamos, Señor.

Marcos 1: 7-11

+ Lectura del santo Evangelio según san Marcos:

En aquel tiempo, Juan predicaba diciendo: "Ya viene detrás de mi uno que es mas poderoso que yo, uno ante quien no merezco ni siquiera inclinarme para desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Yo los he bautizado a ustedes con agua, pero el los bautizara con el espíritu Santo." Por esos días , vino Jesús desde Nazaret de galilea y fue bautizado por Juan en el Jordán. Al salir Jesús del agua, vio que los cielos se rasgaban y que el Espíritu , en figura de paloma, descendía sobre el. Se oyó entonces una voz del cielo que decía: "Tu eres mi Hijo amado; yo tengo en ti mis complacencias."

Palabra del Señor.

Gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

Profesión de Fe

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres y por nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre; y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padeció y fue sepultado, y resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria para

juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y gloria, y que habló por los profetas.

Creo en la Iglesia, que es una, santa, católica y apostólica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo futuro.

Amén.

Oración para los Enfermos durante la Pandemia

O Dios, refugio nuestro en dificultades, nuestra fortaleza en la enfermedad, nuestro consuelo en la congoja, protege a tu pueblo, te lo pedimos, y escucha nuestras oraciones por todos los que están enfermos: Concédeles, te imploramos, tu misericordiosa ayuda, para que, con su salud restaurada, ellos puedan darte gracias en tu Iglesia.

Tu Hijo Unigénito tomó nuestra naturaleza humana y cargó con nuestras debilidades; protege y fortalece, también te lo rogamos, a enfermeros, doctores, a aquellos respondiendo en primeros auxilios, y a los que están en la primera línea de esta pandemia, quienes se ponen en peligro al servir a otros en sus necesidades,.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, quien vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.

Santa Virgen de Guadalupe íRuega por nosotros! San José

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