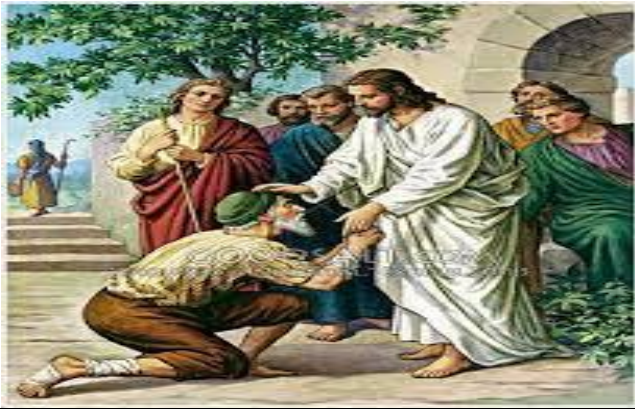


September 8, 2024



SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase "Sunday best" has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it's a healthy sign that we're as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man's origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark's Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm -- Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading -- Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel -- Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

MASSES FOR THE WEEK † MISAS DE LA SEMANA

August 31 - September 6

Saturday/4:30pm/Augusto Coutinho †,

Maria Spannuth †, Lee Roy Weiland †

6:30pm/Alfredo Montanez Salgado †,

Isabel Topeto †

Sunday/8:00am/Alicia Andes †,

Isaias Posas †, Luis Posas †

10:00am/Tony Mello †

11:30am/All Souls †

Monday/9:00am/All Souls †

Tuesday/9:00am/Isaias Posas †

Wednesday/9:00am/All Souls †

Thursday/9:00am/ All Souls †

Friday/9:00am/All Souls †

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is celebrated each Thursday from 4:30PM-6PM.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Ministers assist the Presider in the distribution of communion at Mass or other special events.

Ministers must be a Catholic in good standing, registered in the parish.

LECTORS

Lector proclaim God's Word to the assembled faith community.

Two lectors are scheduled to read at each weekend Mass. Training is available to properly proclaim God's word.

Lori Smith or Ben White at 209-745-1389.



Let us pray for our sick: Manuel Francisco Silva, Beto Da Sanchez, Charlie Morales, Francisca Martinez, Nick Neuburger, Larry Ellsworth, Aslan Khamo, Maria Gonzalez, Senon Franco Jr.

Religious Education News

Registration for 2024-2025/CLOSED

Part of this weekend's collection will benefit the **Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement**. This is an opportunity for parishioners to thank our priests for their long and loving service to the diocese.

To all who have donated to the roof project. A total of \$70,265.00 has been received. Our Goal: \$134,000.00.

THE SUNSHINE FOOD & PANTRY RESOURCE CENTER WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR PARISH THAT HAVE SO GENEROUSLY HELPED TO SUPPLY FOOD FOR THE NEEDY IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. The collection of food is on the last week-end of each month. *Collection bins will be available in the vestibule of the church.*

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you!

TURN IN YOUR ALUMINUM PULL TABS

The Daughters of Isabella collect aluminum pull tabs from containers like soda pop, soup, pet food cans, etc. then bring them to the Ronald McDonald House in Sacramento. This helps the Ronald McDonald House raise funds for their programs that provide family-centered care to families and children. If you would like to start saving can tabs for this worthy cause, please bring them to church when you attend mass and give them to any Daughters of Isabella member.



LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Díganles a los que están asustados: Calma, no tengan miedo. Ya viene su Dios a salvarlos (Isaías 35:4-7a).

Salmo -- Alaba, alma mía, al Señor (Salmo 146 [145]).

Segunda lectura -- No hagan diferencias entre personas. Dios ha escogido a los pobres de este mundo para hacerlos ricos en la fe (Santiago 2:1-5).

Evangelio -- Jesús curó a un sordo que hablaba con dificultad. "Ábrete". (Marcos 7:31-37)

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Sal 5:5-7, 12; Lc 6:6-11

Martes: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lc 6:12-19
Miércoles: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Sal 45 (44):11-12, 14-17; Lc 6:20-26

Jueves: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Sal 139 (138):1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lc 6:27-38

Viernes: Nm 21:4b-9; Sal 78 (77):1bc-2, 34-38; Flm 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Sábado: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Sal 116 (115):12-13, 17-18; Lc 6:43-49

Domingo: Is 50:5-9a; Sal 116 (115):1-6, 8-9; Sant 2:14-18; Mc 8:27-35

DEBES VER MÁS ALLÁ DE LAS APARIENCIAS
La frase "vestido de domingo" ha perdido gran parte de su significado en la sociedad actual.

Algunos se lamentan de que la gente ya no se ponga elegante para asistir a la iglesia los domingos; otros consideran que es un síntoma saludable que nos vistamos tan informalmente cuando nos reunimos ante el Señor como en los demás lugares. Sin importar cuál sea nuestra opinión sobre este tema, Santiago seguramente nos reprendería. En ambos casos, seguimos centrándonos en las apariencias, creyendo que suponen una especie de posición privilegiada ante Dios. Es cierto, Santiago critica a la comunidad que favorece a los ricos y bien vestidos mientras condena al ostracismo a los que están pobremente vestidos, pero critica aún más a quienes hacen distinciones y toman decisiones en base a criterios que nada tienen que ver con el Reino de Dios. Puede que Santiago enfoque nuestra atención hacia el Reino de Dios que describe Isaías, en el cual la gente es curada y la tierra se hace fértil para dar fruto. Jesús hoy se enfoca en este Reino de Dios cuando cura a un gentil en una región hostil a su fe judía, sin tener en cuenta el origen, la vestimenta ni la condición social de este hombre, ni siquiera su habilidad para retribuirle la atención. Isaías, Santiago y Jesús en el Evangelio según san Marcos nos llaman a ir más allá de las apariencias para averiguar dónde se debe hacer y se ha hecho la voluntad de Dios, así en la tierra como en el cielo.

Noticias de la Doctrina!

¡Registraciones de la doctrina se ha cerrado!