February 12, 2023

THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).
Psalm — Happy are those who observe God's commands (Psalm 119).
Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).
Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 22, 2023

Mass: 9:00 AM

Distribution of Ashes: 6:00am – 7:00pm

To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances; to seek Him, the greatest adventure; to find Him; the greatest human achievement. ~St. Augustine

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

MASSES FOR THE WEEK - MISAS DE LA SEMANA

Saturday

4:30pm: *Bernardino Matos+, Maria Cabral+, Kurt Da Silva+*
6:30pm/*Spanish*: *Victoriano Benjamin Trujillo+*

Sunday

8:00am: *Alicia Andes+, Tony Mello+, Francisco Marquez+*
10:00am: *Tony Mello+, Bill Griffin+, Maria Cabral+, John & Dianne Kardash+, Rita Meadows+*
11:30am: *Victoriano Benjamin Trujillo+*
9:00am/(M): *Daily Mass*
9:00am/(T): *Daily Mass*
9:00am/(W): *Daily Mass*
9:00am/(Thurs): *Daily Mass*
9:00am/(F): *Daily Mass*

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

On February 17 we honor the seven founding saints of the Order of the Servants of the Virgin Mary. Bonfilius, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene and Buonagiunta were a group of merchants of Florence who, upon experiencing an apparition of the Blessed Virgin in 1233, renounced their businesses, left what was necessary for their families, and distributed the rest among the poor. They then dedicated themselves entirely to the veneration of the Virgin Mary, going to live on an Italian mountain, each assuming the life of a hermit—prayer, extreme fasting and penance. Sometime later, at the request of the pope's delegate, all but one were ordained priests. Brother Alexis, considering himself unworthy of the priesthood, decided to remain as a brother. They were all canonized in 1888. Their feast day, originally February 11, now falls on the 17th, the date of the death of the last of the seven founders. Brother Alexis died at the age of 110. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal will be held at all Masses, on February 18 & 19. Last year, our parish contributed $12,055.00 to the Appeal. Our 25% of the share of the Appeal went to benefit some of our parishioners with **Food Vouchers, Diapers, and Baby Formula.** Please prayerfully consider your gift to assist the many in need. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

Daughters of Isabella will hold their Spring Tea on Sunday, April 30, 2023. The theme is "An Elegant Affair". Ticket sales start February 4th. Please contact Betty Pratt at (209) 745-4767 or Teresa Schmidt at (916) 849-0924 for tickets or information.

12 de febrero de 2023

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LA GLORIA DEL CAMINO DIVINO

Las lecturas de hoy nos llevan a profundidades eternas y vibrantes. Seguidores de la ley de Dios, pertenecemos a tradiciones antiguas. Hijos de Dios, nos maravillamos ante la frescura de la creación. Las lecturas del Antiguo Testamento, del Eclesiástico y de los Salmos, celebran las ricas bendiciones que recibimos cuando observamos los mandatos de Dios, no porque seamos esclavos de la ley, sino porque la ley da vida en abundancia. La carta de san Pablo a los Corintios confirma la gloria de la ley divina, pero advierte que los caminos de Dios tienden a ser impopulares e incomprendidos en este mundo. Pablo habla de la antigua sabiduría de Dios, que está misteriosamente "oculta" y "revelada". Dios no tiene códigos secretos que los mortales terrenales no podemos entender; en el amor, Dios revela la gloria del camino divino en Jesús. El Evangelio de san Mateo subraya la importancia de vivir en la ley de Dios, animada por una relación profunda y personal con Jesús.Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios nos permite tomar decisiones, pero no debemos optar por la injusticia o el pecado (Sirácide 15:15-20).
Salmo — Felices son aquellos que observan los mandamientos de Dios (Salmo 119 [118]).
Segunda lectura — La sabiduría de Dios es misteriosa y escondida (1 Corintios 2:6-10).
Evangelio — Jesús no ha venido a abolir la ley ni los profetas, sino a darles plenitud (Mateo 5:17-37).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Sal 50 (49):1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mc 8:11-13
Martes: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Sal 29 (28):1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mc 8:14-21
Miércoles: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Sal 116 (116):12-15, 18-19; Mc 8:22-26
Jueves: Gn 9:1-13; Sal 102 (101):16-21, 29, 22-23; Mc 8:27-33
Viernes: Gn 11:1-9; Sal 33 (32):10-15; Mc 8:34 — 9:1
Sábado: Heb 11:1-7; Sal 145 (144):2-5, 10-11; Mc 9:2-13
Domingo: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

NUESTRA FASCINANTE FE

El 17 de febrero honramos a los siete santos fundadores de la Orden de los Siervos de la Virgen María. Bonfilius, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene y Buonagiunta eran un grupo de comerciantes de Florencia que, al experimentar una aparición de la Santísima Virgen en 1233, renunciaron a sus negocios, dejaron lo necesario para sus familias y distribuyeron el resto entre los pobres. Luego se dedicaron por completo a la veneración de la Virgen María, yendo a vivir a una montaña italiana, asumiendo cada uno la vida de un ermitaño: oración, ayuno extremo y penitencia. Tiempo después, a petición del delegado del Papa, todos menos uno fueron ordenados sacerdotes. El hermano Alexis, considerándose indigno del sacerdocio, decidió permanecer como hermano. Todos fueron canonizados en 1888. Su fiesta, originalmente el 11 de febrero, cae ahora el 17, fecha de la muerte del último de los siete fundadores. El Hermano Alexis murió a la edad de 110 años. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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