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APRIL 2024



*Feed your Faith - and your
fears will starve to death.*

Apr 2 – 8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Daily
Readings & Reflections
Apr 4 – 8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Daily
Readings & Reflections
Apr 6 – KC's Meeting at 5:30pm
Apr 7 – Faith Formation Class at 9am
Apr 7 – Divine Mercy Sunday, Chaplet at
10:10am, Donuts & Confessions
available after Mass
Apr 9 – 8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Daily
Readings & Reflections
Apr 10 – Encounter Youth Group - 6:30-8pm
Apr 11 – 8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Daily
Readings & Reflections
Apr 13 – St Anne's Meeting at 3:15pm
Apr 14 – **NO** Faith Formation Class at 9am
Apr 14 – Spanish Mass at 2:00pm
Apr 16 – 8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Daily
Readings & Reflections
Apr 18 – 8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Daily
Readings & Reflections
Apr 21 – First Communion during
10:30am Mass
Apr 23 – 8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Daily
Readings & Reflections
Apr 25 – 8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Daily
Readings & Reflections
Apr 28 – Faith Formation Class at 9am
Apr 30 – 8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Daily
Readings & Reflections
May 1 – 8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Daily
Readings & Reflections
May 5 – Last Faith Formation Classes at 9am
May 5 – Faith Formation Potluck after Mass
May 5 – Confirmation at St. Mary
Magdalene's 2:00pm Mass
May 8 – Encounter Youth Group - 6:30-8pm

Divine Mercy Sunday is a good opportunity for us to reflect on the symbolism of the image of Divine Mercy.

The Dark background of the image represents the world in darkness without Jesus. Without Jesus we live in darkness. We get confused. We don't know which way to go or what to do so we make mistakes, we hurt ourselves and others.

The Illumination of Image of Jesus represents Jesus as the Light in the Darkness, showing us the way to be and act. By following the ways of Jesus and the teachings of the Church we learn how to live and have peace in all things.

The Wounds seen in the Lord's hands, feet and side represents an image of the Risen Christ. The wounds prove that He is the same Jesus who died on the cross and came back to life. Even though Jesus suffered and died a violent death, He rose from the dead and lives. We too will have life after death if we believe in Jesus.

The Right hand raised to the height of the shoulder in the act of blessing represents Jesus offering His blessings upon us. Jesus is always present and He desires to bless us / with the grace we need to be holy, and in our efforts to follow Him.

The image of the left-hand drawing aside his robe near his heart, and revealing the opening represents Jesus opening His Heart to us. He is showing us how much he loves us. Jesus opens His Heart to fill us with His love. In the same way He wants us to open our hearts and to be as loving and merciful as He is.

The Red and White rays represent The blood and water that poured from Jesus when He was pierced with a lance at the crucifixion. Jesus truly did die But He is resurrected, and He is alive to us today, touching us especially through the sacraments of the Church.

The white ray represents the water that poured from Christ's side revealing the cleansing we receive through the power of the Holy Spirit in Baptism and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The water of Baptism is the first way the Lord cleanses our souls. But, since we are only baptized once, we have the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation to cleanse our souls, to heal us of our hurts and to give us the power, or grace, not to sin as often.

The red ray represents the blood that poured from the side of Christ revealing the life-giving power of the Holy Eucharist. As blood is needed to keep a body alive and healthy, so too the Holy Eucharist is needed to keep souls alive and healthy.

The White robe represents the robe of the priesthood. Jesus is a priest; the great High Priest. A priest is someone who makes offerings to God. As a priest, Jesus offers His own life as the perfect sacrifice. We must follow His example in offering our own lives to God.

The eyes looking downward represents Jesus' gaze from the cross. While He was suffering and dying, Jesus was looking upon us. He continues to look upon us with the same love and mercy he proved to have for us while hanging on the cross.

The Left foot stepping forward represents the Lord coming to us with his peace. He is not waiting for us to come to Him, He makes the first move and comes to us with his message of mercy. He comes to remind and prepare us for his return when we will be judged on how we treated him and one another.

The Signature: "Jesus I Trust in You" is a reminder of the need to trust in God's mercy and the one who obtained mercy for us. The more a soul trusts the more it will receive. We need to be convinced about how very much Jesus loves us. To sign something means to confirm that something is true.

This "signature" means that we do believe that God, above all, is merciful and keeps the promises He made to us.

We need to trust in Him and have the courage and faith to accept his total love and acceptance of us.

Jesus said: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy". Brothers and sisters, Divine Mercy is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity.



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BISHOP'S APPEAL 2024

Living the Eucharist,
Sharing the Gifts

Our parish goal is \$17,327

As of March 26th,

SS. Peter & Paul has

contributed \$6,109.00.

Please help us reach our goal.



35.3%

FIRST COMMUNION

We would like to congratulate
and ask you to please pray for our
students who will receive their
First Communion on Sunday,
April 21 at the 10:30am Mass.

Jahari Byers

Kamila Cruz-Patino

Abel Cullen

Parker Ehlke

Peyton Oehlke

Gabriella Rosas

Ryan Schmoldt

Jase Neuman

James Randall

Olivia Rosas

Henry Spierings



Confirmation

Please pray for our Confirmation
Candidates who will receive the
sacrament of Confirmation on
May 5th at 2:00pm at St. Mary
Magdalene Parish in Waupaca.

"Come Holy Spirit!"

Christopher Delgado

Luke Duxbury

Sydney Folk

Luz Gomez-Chavez

Emma Hansen

Emily Munoz Gonzalez

Julissa Patino

Erick Rios

Samia Gonzalez

Alexis Leyva

Daniel Patino

Vivianna Patino

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Information



Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church Financial Statement

February 2024

Feb-24

Statement of Activity

Revenue

Church Support

Liturgy and Worship

Other Revenue

Faith Formation & Youth

Fundraising

PPP Loan Forgiveness

Total Revenue

Operating Expenses

Salaries and Wages

Payroll Taxes, Insurance Benefit

Liturgy and Worship

Pastoral Care and Outreach

Faith Formation & Youth

Buildings and Grounds

General Office

Diocesan Assessment

Other Payments+CapEx

Total Payments

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Restricted Donation Expense

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Father Kris will be visiting his family in India for the month of April. The Saturday & Sunday Masses will be celebrated as usual. Fr. Tim Shillcox, will be with us on April 6 & 7, 30 & 21, & 27 & 28. Fr. Kevin Ripley will be with us on April 13 & 14th, including the Spanish Mass. Please extend your gratitude to the visiting priests when they pray the masses here at SS Peter & Paul.

We will also be praying the Rosary together at 8:30am on Tuesdays & Thursdays, followed by reading & reflecting on the daily readings.

Please keep Father Kris in your prayers as he makes the long journey to India & back.



KC'S NEWS

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, Happy Easter! We hope all the families of St. Peter and Paul had a Blessed Easter!

The Knights of Columbus will have their next meeting Saturday April 6, 2024 after the 4:30 mass. The April meeting has been moved to the first Saturday due to scheduling conflicts. Please bring in any raffle tickets you have at that time.



If you know of someone in need of prayers, or you would like to be a Prayer Warrior (on the prayer chain) Call the church office at 920.867.2179

To have someone (or yourself) remembered in prayer during General Mass Petitions, sign the book on the narthex stand.

Divine Mercy (celebrated April 7, 2024)

The Divine Mercy devotion began in Poland in the 1930's when Jesus appeared to a holy nun named Sister Faustina Kowalska. He revealed to her His great love and mercy toward all people and the ways in which He wants us to respond to His Mercy promising special blessings to all who honor and proclaim His mercy.

Our Lord asked Sister Faustina to pray and work for the establishment of a Feast of Divine Mercy on the second Sunday of Easter; gave her an image of Himself to help people trust in His mercy, and taught her a chaplet (series of prayers) to pray for His mercy. After years of investigation by the Church, the Divine Mercy devotion was formally approved in 1978. Since then, it has spread quickly throughout the world. Sister Faustina was canonized a saint by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

Encounter

Youth Group

We will be meeting **Wednesday, April 10** at 6:30pm. All 6th -12th grade students are invited for a fun and inspirational evening of games, snacks, connecting with others, a talk, discussion and prayers.

Invite your friends of all faiths. All are welcome!

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

As you start your spring cleaning, keep the Squires in mind! We are accepting donations for our spring rummage sale. Contact Jake (920) 460-3487 or Richard Wagner (715) 281-7032. We can arrange pickup or you can drop the items off with us! Thank you in advance!



STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH OUR PARISH

Want to know what's happening in our parish? You can now find copies of the various councils and group meeting minutes on the website www.sspeterpaulchurch.org under the tab "Involvement" and "Council Minutes"

Bishop's Appeal—Easter People

We have just lived the sacred Triduum and celebrated the Lord's Resurrection. Over this last week, we were reminded how Jesus calls us all to be His disciples. Through the good works of the Bishop's Appeal, we can follow Jesus by sharing our faith.

Giving a gift to the Bishop's Appeal during the six weeks of this Easter Season would be a wonderful way to continue to follow in the footsteps of our risen Christ. If you have not yet made your gift to the Bishop's Appeal, please consider the joy you could bring to the lives of others now and throughout the year.

To make a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, contact your parish, visit the Bishop's Appeal website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give, or call Tammy at 920-272-8123.



Can You Guess What This Is?

- It has become the number one contributing factor in divorce in the United States.
- Some people say it is the hardest addiction to overcome.
- Both the Department of Justice and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children say that this issue is a serious problem.
- 90 % of kids ages 12-17 have been exposed to it.
- It causes a rewiring of the brain circuits. The brain center that controls impulsiveness becomes supercharged, and the brain center for willpower shrinks.
- Dr. Jeffrey Satinover of Princeton University says "It is as though we have devised a form of heroin...usable in the privacy of one's own home and injected directly to the brain through the eyes."
- It causes people to treat others as objects and at times even with violence.
- It creates unrealistic expectations about love, sex and human relationships.
- Research shows it can cause mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, insecurity, and body image issues*
- There are over 42 million websites dealing with this on the Internet.
- This industry makes more money annually than the NFL, NBA and MLB combined.
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 2354) says: "It offends against chastity because it perverts the conjugal act, the intimate giving of spouses to each other. It does grave injury to the dignity of its participants (actors, vendors, the public), since each one becomes an object of base pleasure and illicit profit for others. It immerses all who are involved in the illusion of a fantasy world. It is a grave offense [serious sin]."

The answer is Pornography. If you or someone you know is struggling with this issue, help can be found in many places including:

reclaimsexualhealth.com

Integrityrestored.com

Strive21.com

ABC's of God's Mercy

Ask for God's Mercy

Be Merciful

Completely Trust in God's Mercy



Jesus' Words to St. Faustina Recorded in Her Diary

The Feast/Asking for Mercy:

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confes-

sion and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.

Jesus taught her to pray a chaplet (directions are on the back) promising great graces to those who pray it. He said, Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will.

The Image/Trust in Jesus:

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina looking as He does in the image on this page. He said, Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You...I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.

The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls...these two rays issued forth from the very depth of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross.

By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so let every soul have access to it.

Let the rays of grace enter your soul; they bring with them light, warmth, and life.

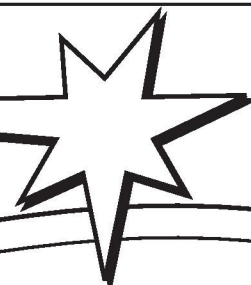
Being Merciful:

Look into My Merciful Heart and reflect its compassion in your own heart and in your deeds

Know that whatever good you do to any soul, I accept it as if you had done it to Me.

It should be of no concern to you how anyone else acts; you are to be My living reflection, through love and mercy. [Faustina answered, "Lord, but they often take advantage of my goodness." That makes no difference, My daughter. That is no concern of yours. As for you, be always merciful toward other people, and especially toward sinners.

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April 2024

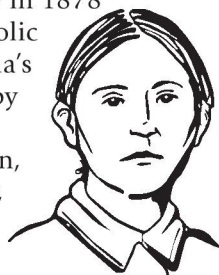
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Thoughtful Moments

St. Gemma Galgani

Born in Tuscany in 1878 to a devout Catholic family, St. Gemma's life was marked by consolation and suffering. Early on, she loved to pray, mystically conversing with Jesus, Mary, and her Guardian Angel. She suffered the loss of half her family to tuberculosis and was prevented from entering the Passionist Order due to her own poor health. She died of tuberculosis at the age of 25.



Religion, front and center

Treat children's religious education classes as the most important education they receive. Make attendance and homework as much a priority as "regular" school. Mastering the content they learn may not get them into college, but it will guarantee their entrance into someplace even more important.

"Truly, the Lord is waiting to be gracious to you, truly, he shall rise to show you mercy;
For the Lord is a God of justice: happy are all who wait for him!" (Isaiah 30:18)



Family habits that can help keep youngsters Catholic

Recent studies have revealed that many Catholic children leave the Faith when they leave high school. Those who remain faithful to Jesus come from families who follow four "best practices." Consider these:

Cultivate communion: Researchers found that families who shared a meal regularly are more likely to raise faithful Catholic adults. It's a powerful way to strengthen communion, teach values, and share a love for Jesus. Resolve to have family meals three or four times weekly (without screens).

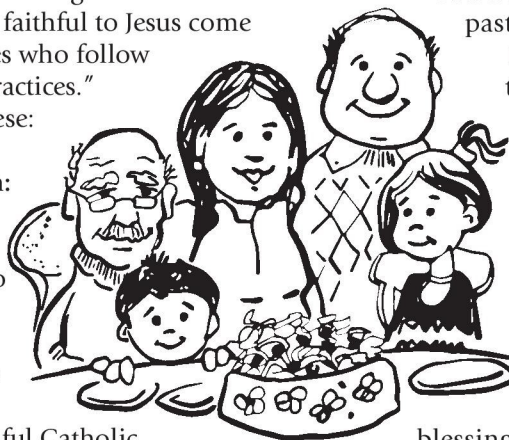
Be open to questions: Most young people leave the Church because they had many faith-based questions but no answers. Encourage children to ask and seek the answers together. Teach them

how to use reliable sources, starting with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* or turn to your local pastor.

Form a prayer tradition: Keep it simple. Gather round a Crucifix to pray for intentions and exchange a sign of peace. Let a different child lead the "nightly decade," or sing a hymn together and offer a blessing before bedtime.

Make prayer whatever works for you.

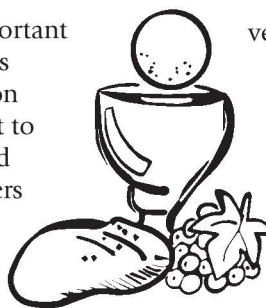
Encourage service: Faithful adults tend to grow up in families that prioritized service to the poor. Look for a way to donate time, talent or treasure to those in need. Your parish may need your support of one of its ministries. Let God's priorities shape your own.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

The Mass is the most important and powerful gift we have as Catholics. Holy Communion brings us into union – heart to heart – with Jesus, really and truly present. When He enters a soul, He brings with Him countless graces: peace, healing, remission for

Why do Catholics celebrate Communion?



venial sins, strength, spiritual nourishment, and a "love...strong as death" (Song of Songs 8:6). When Jesus enters the sanctuary of our hearts in Holy Communion, and especially at one's First Communion, it's a cause for joyful celebration.

How do our children benefit from weekly Mass?

If your family was invited to dinner and you knew Jesus would be there, would you go? Of course you would! You know how blessed your children would be just by being in Jesus' presence. In fact, Jesus is present – in person – at every Mass. Your children are blessed by Him:

Good food. Parents are careful to feed children well so they stay strong and healthy. At Sunday Mass, Jesus gives us the food we need for our souls to stay strong and healthy.

Good practice. God told us to keep holy

the Sabbath Day and to observe His laws.

Teaching children to obey God's rules is great practice for teaching them to obey ours.

Good listening. When we go to Mass, we hear God's Word. Familiarity with Scripture builds the lifelong skill of listening for God's voice.

Good company. Each of us is needed by our Catholic community. *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"* (Matthew 18:20).



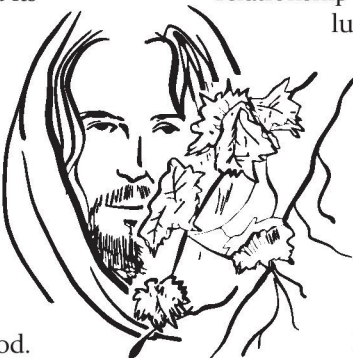
Scripture LESSON

John 15:1-8, "Remain in me"

In this Gospel passage, Jesus compares life with Him to the Vine and its branches. Our connection with Him is absolutely vital for our souls. The stark reality is that a vine-branch can't be cut off and "transplanted" in the soil; it's either attached to the vine or it withers and dies.

Why does Jesus say something so shocking? Because He is the Word of God. Jesus Christ must be the center of our lives. While some are called to devote themselves more radically to Christ than others (e.g. monks, nuns, and priests), everyone is called to deep, living

intimacy with Him. A close relationship with Christ isn't a luxury; it's a necessity for our spiritual health.



What can a parent do? Teach children that Jesus must be the center of our hearts, souls, and lives. Help them to build the habit of praying to Him often. Teach

them that weekly Mass and monthly Confession is needed to "keep in touch" with their Friend. To the extent that our hearts belong to Jesus, we will find lasting peace and joy.

Parent TALK

When we moved into a new neighborhood, I became concerned about some of the boys Toby started playing with. They seemed a little wild and some of the neighbors accused them of vandalism and stealing. I told Toby of

my concerns but said I wouldn't forbid him from playing with them. However, if the boys committed any misdeeds – whether he participated or not – I would hold Toby solely responsible.

That next week Toby ran home in a panic. Even though he "told them not to," the boys threw a rock through Mr. Grayson's front window. I walked Toby back to Mr. Grayson's house where he apologized for his and his friends' behavior and made arrangements to replace the window.

He had to mow a lot of lawns and rake a lot of leaves to pay for the window but he quickly lost interest in those friends, much to my relief.

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Feasts & Celebrations

April 3 – St. Richard of Chichester (1253). Born in England, St. Richard studied law at Bologna. Known for his holiness and administrative skills, he was named archbishop of Chichester, but because of political persecution, spent most of his office in exile. St. Richard died in Dover while preaching a crusade.

April 7 – Divine Mercy Sunday (1931). Jesus asked St. Faustina to ensure that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." He promised special graces and mercy to whoever honors him as the King of

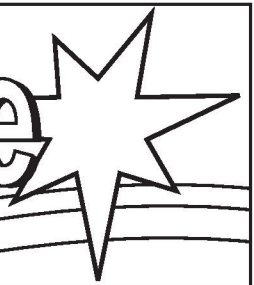
Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

April 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord. The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the Mother of God, to which she had complete confidence in God's wisdom.

April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist (First Century). St. Mark wrote his Gospel based on St. Peter's perspective and accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas in Cyprus. He is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.



Compañeros en la fe



Ayudando a nuestros hijos a crecer en la fe católica

Abril de 2024

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Momentos para pensar

Santa Gema Galgani

Nacida en Toscana en 1878 en el seno de una devota familia católica, la vida de santa Gema se destacó por el consuelo y el sufrimiento. Desde muy joven le gustaba rezar, conversaba místicamente con Jesús, María y su Ángel de la Guarda. Sufrió la pérdida de la mitad de su familia a causa de la tuberculosis y no fue aceptada como religiosa pasionista a causa de su mala salud. Murió de tuberculosis a los 25 años de edad.



La religión, prioridad esencial

Traten las clases de religión de sus hijos como la educación más importante que reciben. Piensen en la asistencia y la tarea como en una prioridad semejante a la escuela "normal". Dominar el contenido que aprendan quizá no les consiga plaza en la universidad pero les garantizará una plaza en un lugar aún más importante.

"Yavé está esperando el momento para perdonarlos; se levantará y tendrá piedad de ustedes, pues Yavé es un Dios justo y ¡felices los que en él esperan!" (Isaías 30:18)



Cuatro hábitos para que sus hijos sigan siendo católicos

Algunos estudios recientes han revelado que muchos niños católicos abandonan la fe cuando terminan la escuela secundaria. Los que permanecen fieles a Jesús proceden de familias que siguen cuatro "prácticas excelentes". Tengan en cuenta las siguientes:

Cultiven el trato familiar:

Los investigadores descubrieron que las familias que comparten con regularidad una comida suelen educar adultos católicos. Es una forma eficaz de fortalecer la unión entre ustedes, de compartir valores y de compartir el amor por Jesús. Propónganse comer juntos tres o cuatro veces a la semana (sin pantallas).

Sean receptivos a preguntas: Muchos jóvenes dejan la Iglesia porque tienen muchas preguntas relacionadas con la fe pero ninguna respuesta. Animen a sus hijos a preguntar y busquen juntos la respuesta.

Enséñenles a usar fuentes de información fidedignas, empezando con el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, o acudan a su párroco.

Establezcan una tradición de oración:

Que sea sencilla. Reúnanse en torno a un crucifijo para rezar por sus intenciones y dense una señal de paz. Que un niño distinto lea cada noche la "década nocturna" o bien canten juntos un himno y ofrezcan una bendición antes

de acostarse. Conviertan en oración lo que les vaya bien a ustedes.

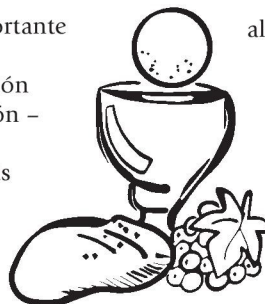
Estimulen el servicio: Los adultos con fe suelen criarse en familias que dan prioridad al servicio a los pobres. Busquen maneras de donar su tiempo, sus talentos o su dinero a los necesitados. Es posible que su parroquia necesite su apoyo para alguna de sus obras de apostolado. Que las prioridades de Dios den forma a las de ustedes.



¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Por qué celebran los católicos la comunión?

La misa es el don más importante y poderoso que tenemos los católicos. La Sagrada Comunión nos une – corazón con corazón – con Jesús, presente real y verdaderamente. Cuando Jesús entra en un alma, trae con él gracias incontables: paz, curación, remisión de los pecados veniales, fuerza,



alimento espiritual y un "amor ... fuerte como la muerte" (Cantar de los Cantares 8:6). Cuando Jesús entra en el santuario de nuestros corazones en la Sagrada Comunión, y especialmente en la Primera Comunión, es una razón para una celebración gozosa.

¿Cómo se benefician nuestros hijos de la misa semanal?

Si alguien invitara a su familia a cenar y ustedes supieran que Jesús estaría allí, ¿irían? ¡Por supuesto que sí! Saben que sus hijos serían bienaventurados simplemente por estar en presencia de Jesús. De hecho, Jesús está presente – en persona – en cada misa. Sus hijos son bendecidos por él:

Buenos alimentos. Los padres alimentan bien a sus hijos para que estén fuertes y sanos. En la misa dominical, Jesús nos da la comida que necesitamos para que nuestras almas estén fuertes y sanas.

Buena práctica. Dios nos dijo que santificaríamos el sábado y que observáramos

sus leyes. Enseñar a los niños a obedecer las normas de Dios es buena práctica para enseñarles a obedecer las nuestras.

Buena escucha. Cuando vamos a misa oímos la voz de Dios. La familiaridad con la Sagrada Escritura forma para toda la vida la habilidad de escuchar la voz de Dios.

Buena compañía. Nuestra comunidad católica necesita a cada uno de nosotros. “Pues donde están dos o tres reunidos en mi nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos” (Mateo 18:20).



Lecciones de las Escrituras

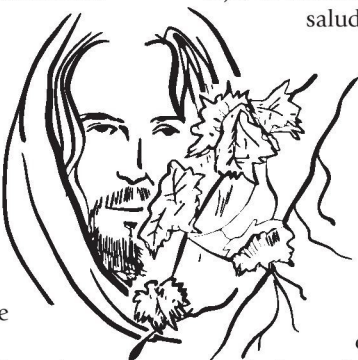
Juan 15:1-8, “Permanezcan en mí”

En este pasaje evangélico, Jesús compara la vida con él con la vid y sus sarmientos. Nuestra conexión con él es absolutamente vital para nuestras almas. La dura realidad es que no se puede cortar un sarmiento para “trasplantarlo” en la tierra; o está unido a la vid o se marchita y se muere.

¿Por qué dice Jesús algo tan impactante? Porque él es la Palabra de Dios. Jesucristo debe ser el centro de nuestras vidas.

Aunque algunas personas son llamadas a dedicarse más radicalmente a Cristo que otras (por ejemplo los monjes, monjas y sacerdotes), todos somos llamados a una intimidad profunda y viviente con él.

Una relación cercana con Cristo no es un lujo; es una necesidad para nuestra salud espiritual.

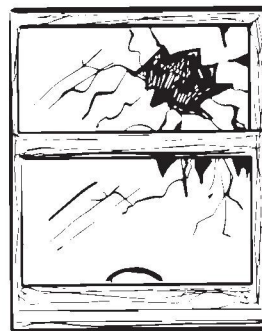


¿Qué pueden hacer los padres? Enseñen a sus hijos que Jesús debe ser el centro de nuestros corazones, almas y vidas. Ayúdenlos a que formen el hábito de rezarle con frecuencia. Enséñenles que necesitan la misa

semanal y la confesión mensual para “mantenerse en contacto” con su Amigo. En la medida que nuestros corazones pertenezcan a Jesús encontraremos paz y alegría duraderas.

Hablan los padres

Cuando nos mudamos a un barrio nuevo, me preocupaban algunos de los niños con los que jugaba Toby. Parecían



un poco alocados y algunos vecinos les acusaban de vandalismo y de robo.

Le comuniqué mis preocupaciones a Toby pero le dije que no le iba a prohibir que

jugara con ellos. Sin embargo, si los niños cometían alguna fechoría – participase él o no – responsabilizaría a Toby de ella.

La semana siguiente Toby llegó corriendo a casa asustadísimo. Aunque les dijo que “no lo hicieran”, los niños tiraron una piedra a la ventana de Mr. Grayson. Volví con Toby a casa de Mr. Grayson donde pidió perdón por su comportamiento y el de sus amigos y tomó las medidas pertinentes para reemplazar la ventana.

Tuvo que segar muchos pastos y rastrillar muchas hojas para pagar la ventana, pero perdió rápidamente interés por esos amigos, para alivio mío.

Fiestas y celebraciones

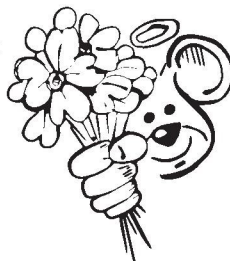
3 de abril – San Ricardo de Chichester (1253). Nacido en Inglaterra, san Ricardo estudió leyes en Bolonia. Conocido por su santidad y por sus destrezas administrativas, fue nombrado arzobispo de Chichester, pero a causa de persecuciones religiosas pasó la mayor parte de su vida en el exilio. San Ricardo murió en Dover mientras predicaba una cruzada.

7 de abril – Domingo de la Divina Misericordia (1931). Jesús pidió a santa Faustina que consiguiera que el domingo después de Pascua se convirtiera en la “Fiesta de la Misericordia”. Prometió gracias especiales y misericordia a quienes lo

honraran como Rey de la Misericordia y rezaran la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia.

8 de abril – Anunciación del Señor. El ángel Gabriel visitó a la Santísima Virgen María con la noticia extraordinaria de su papel como Madre de Dios y ella mostró total confianza en la sabiduría de Dios.

25 de abril – El evangelista san Marcos (siglo I). San Marcos escribió su Evangelio basándose en la perspectiva de san Pedro y acompañó a san Pablo y san Bernabé en Chipre. Se le atribuye la fundación de la Iglesia de Alejandría.



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