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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Nov 1 – All Saints/All Souls Day Mass at 7pm
Nov 2 – Squires Yard Clean-Up Day
Nov 3 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 7 – Adoration & Confession after Mass
Nov 9 – St. Anne's Meeting at 5:30pm
Nov 10 – NO Faith Formation Classes
Nov 10 – KC's Meeting at 9am
Nov 10 – Spanish Mass at 2:00pm
Nov 13 – Encounter Youth Grp – 6:30-8pm
Nov 14 – NO 9AM Weekday Mass
Nov 14 – Finance Council Meeting at 6pm
Nov 17 – Adoration Before Mass 9:30-10:20am
Nov 21 – NO 9AM Weekday Mass
Nov 25-29 – Parish Office Closed
Nov 27 – Thanksgiving Mass at 6:00pm
Nov 28 – NO 9AM Weekday Mass
Dec 1 – Scrip Orders Due
Dec 10 – Christmas Flower Envelopes Due



ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, November 1st

*SS. Peter & Paul,
Weyauwega at 7:00pm
Sacred Heart, Manawa at 5:30pm*



THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE

*Wednesday, November 27
6:00pm at SS. Peter & Paul,
Weyauwega*

*Thursday, November 28
8:00am at Sacred Heart,
Manawa*

THANKSGIVING MASS & PIE SOCIAL

Wednesday, November 27, 6:00pm

Bring a pie to share if you're able. If not, just come!
In gratefulness for all the gifts God gives us, consider
bringing non-perishable food items to church during the
month of November to share with Weyauwega-Fremont Giving Tree.



"The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit."

~ Pope Saint John XXIII

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ!

The month of November is dedicated to the souls in Purgatory whose feast day is celebrated on November 2nd. The Church prays for the faithful departed throughout the entire year during Mass, however the Feast of All Souls' Day is a solemn day set apart for honoring all those who have died but especially those who have not yet attained heaven and are now in their state of purification. It's a special day to fondly remember loved ones who are no longer with us. There is a Mexican saying that people die three times: the first is when they die;

the second is when they are buried; and the third is when they are forgotten. Celebrating All Souls' Day is one way to never forget those who have gone before us and remind us of the realities we must all face which are death, judgement, Heaven, and Hell. When a person dies, Judgment takes place where the soul is judged by God. After the judgement, a person can go to one of three places – Heaven, Hell, or Purgatory.

Heaven is the eternal state of perfect happiness where those who were faithful to God in this life enjoy seeing God face-to-face.

Hell is the eternal state of torment for those who rejected God in this life.

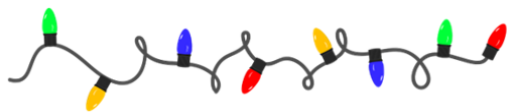
In addition to these two permanent states, there is an intermediate one called Purgatory, a place for those who are free of mortal sin and are Heaven-bound but require further purification before entering Heaven. Once the time of purification is

over, the souls in Purgatory are then admitted into the perfection of Heaven. The souls in Purgatory are still members of the Church, they are more alive than ever, present and united to us through the Mystical Body of Christ. The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ of which there are three different parts:

- The Church Militant which consists of those still on earth. We are militant because we still struggle against the world and the temptations of the Devil.
- The Church Suffering refers to the souls in Purgatory. They have completed their earthly journey but are not yet in Heaven.
- The Church Triumphant consists of those already in Heaven.

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Christmas Scrip Orders

There are some physical cards available and one scrip order will be placed this year. Please have order forms turned into the scrip box in the entrance of the church by **Dec 1st, 2024.**

An order form is included with the newsletter.

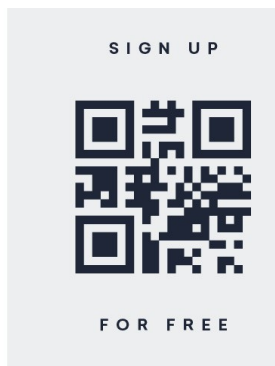
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ST. ANNE'S MEETING

November 10th at 5:30pm

There will be a St Anne's Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 10th after the 4:30pm Mass

Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church Financial Statement

September 2024

Sep-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 Benefits
Liturgy and Worship
Pastoral Care and Outreach
Faith Formation & Youth
Buildings and Grounds
General Office
Diocesan Assessment
Other Payments+CapEx
Total Payments

Restricted Donation Revenue
Restricted Donation Expense

Net Excess(Deficit)

1,820

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The Communion of Saints is the unity and cooperation between each of the three parts. Having a feast such as this may sound depressing, scary, or morbid, but it should not be. On All Souls Day, we are faced with the mystery of death and we are reminded of the promise of resurrection and eternal life. We ask God for mercy on those who have died. We pray for an ever deeper and abiding awareness of the steadfast love of God expressed through Jesus Christ. God's love made known in Jesus Christ is the reason for our hope. All Souls Day is a day of solidarity between all Christians. It is a celebration of what we call the "Communion of Saints", where 'saints' signifies all who are baptized in Christ. Our love and sense of duty do not permit us to ignore them. They

are all the people some of whom are intimately known to us. They call out for our help and one day we too will need help from others.

On this day the Church is asking us to pray in a very special way for all the deceased, for all those whom we knew, but also for all those who have died without their going away ever being communicated to us. As we commemorate all the faithful departed we turn towards Heaven and eternity. We go to the God of Love, the all-holy, all-powerful, and to him, we direct our prayers for the souls of all those who died, our brothers and sisters waiting to be one in Jesus. Let us ask Mother Mary, who saw her Son on earth, and who sees Him constantly in Heaven, to grant us this grace of eternal life. We pray to Mary our Mother that through her intercession all Christians

receive the eternal life which is in her Son and may the souls of all the departed rest in eternal peace through her intercession.

All Souls' Day should not be a feast of fear – it is and should be, a feast of love. The memory of those who have died should live on every day – not just on November 2nd. Let us make this prayer our own "God, our creator, and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and returned to you in glory. May all your people who have gone before us in faith share his victory and enjoy the vision of your glory forever."

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace! Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kris

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

Due to the Parish Office by Tuesday,
December 10th.



La Misa en Español
10 de noviembre de 2024

Encounter Youth Group

We will be meeting **Wednesday, November 13** 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!

NO WEEKDAY MASS:

Thursday, Nov 14th – Father gone
Thursday, Nov 21st – Professional Development
Thursday, Nov 28th – Thanksgiving Day



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

There will be an opportunity for
Eucharistic Adoration from
9:30-10:20am on Sunday, Nov 17th.

WEYMONT FOOD PANTRY

Weymont Food Pantry wants to thank all who so generously donated to our August food drive, We collected almost 300 pounds of food during August and September. This is what keeps the pantry going. Also the pantry is in need of brown paper bags and plastic bags. They can be left in the basket by the door on parking lot side of church or taken to pantry on Mondays when we are open. Thanks again.

Please pray for our students who will be receiving their first reconciliation this year!

Sterling Beyers	Jesse Neuman
Hector Delgado	Billy Spierings
Marina Flores-Cruz	Maria Wagner
Daniel Hutchison	



Children's Christmas Program

This year's Christmas Program will be on **Sunday, Dec. 15** after 10:30am Mass. **Please join us for this heartwarming reenactment of the story of Jesus' birth.**

Everyone is welcome to the Potluck Lunch to Follow

(Main dish provided) Families with last name starting with...
can you please bring:

A-H bring vegetable/lettuce salad
I-P bring a fruit dish
Q-Z bring a dessert

Children's Christmas Program Practice Times

Just a reminder our K/1st gr.-5th gr. students will be practicing for the Christmas program Saturdays, December 7 & 14, from 9-11:00am. Thank you so much parents for your extra time in making this possible! It will be a joy to watch!



WEYAUWEGA-FREMONT GIVING TREE

The Weyauwega-Fremont Giving Tree is in the planning stages, the give away date is set for December 21, 2024. Letters have been sent

and we plan to have the tags on the tree by Thanksgiving, in the mean time new or gently used coats will be accepted in the totes by the doors, and monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket, with checks being made out to Weyauwega-Fremont Christmas Giving Tree. If you have questions please call Pat Shaw. Thanks and God Bless.

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.

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Please return your order form with check payment by the last weekend of the month to the parish office or the Scrip box in the narthex.
There are many different brands and card values so if you do not see something, please ask!

Product	%	QTY	Total
Aeropostale \$25.00	10.0%		\$
Amazon.com \$10.00	2.25%		\$
Amazon.com \$100.00	2.25%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.25%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	8.0%		\$
American Eagle \$25.00	10.0%		\$
American Girl \$25.00	9.0%		\$
AppleStore/Apple.com \$25.00	5.0%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8.0%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8.0%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8.0%		\$
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Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10.0%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12.0%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7.0%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4.0%		\$
BP \$100.00	1.5%		\$
BP \$250.00	1.5%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Buckle \$25.00	8.0%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings \$25.00	8.0%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4.0%		\$
Burlington Shoes \$25.00	8.0%		\$
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Cenex \$25.00	3.0%		\$
Cheddars \$25.00	8.0%		\$
Children's Place \$25.00	12.0%		\$
Chili's Bar & Grill \$25.00	11.0%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	10.0%		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6.0%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3.0%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8.0%		\$
Discover Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$100.00	1.25%		\$

Product	%	QTY	Total
Dominos \$25.00	8.0%		\$
DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse) \$25.00	8.0%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3.0%		\$
Famous Footwear \$25.00	8.0%		\$
Fleet Farm \$100.00	3.5%		\$
Fleet Farm \$25.00	3.5%		\$
Gap \$25.00	14.0%		\$
Gordon's Food Service Store \$25.00	4.0%		\$
Hardee's \$10.00	5.0%		\$
Home Depot \$25.00	4.0%		\$
HomeGoods \$25.00	7.0%		\$
IHOP \$25.00	8.0%		\$
Itunes & App Store \$25.00	5.0%		\$
JCPenney \$25.00	5.0%		\$
Kohl's \$25.00	4.0%		\$
Kwik Trip \$100.00	4.0%		\$
Kwik Trip \$50.00	4.0%		\$
Kwik Trip \$25.00	4.0%		\$
Little Cesaers Pizza \$20.00	8.0%		\$
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Maurices \$20.00	7.0%		\$
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Panda Express \$25.00	8.0%		\$
Pick'n Save (WI only) \$25.00	4.0%		\$
Piggly Wiggly (WI & IL only) \$25.00	3.0%		\$
Pizza Ranch \$25.00	8.0%		\$
Red Lobster \$25.00	8.0%		\$
Red Robin \$25.00	8.0%		\$

Product	%	QTY	Total
REI \$25.00	8.0%		\$
Roundy's (WI & IL only) \$25.00	4.0%		\$
Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Scheel's \$25.00	8.0%		\$
Sears \$25.00	4.0%		\$
Shell \$25.00	1.5%		\$
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Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8.0%		\$
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Walgreens \$25.00	5.0%		\$
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Wendy's \$10.00	6.5%		\$
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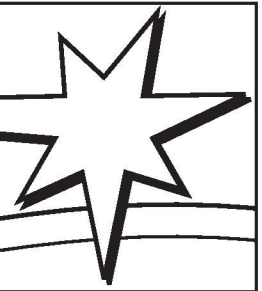
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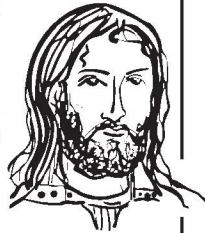
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Thoughtful Moments

St. Josaphat of Volhynia

Born in Lithuania in 1580, to Orthodox parents, St. Josaphat became a monk, then a priest. When he was consecrated Archbishop of Plotsk, he worked to bring his diocese into union with the Catholic Church. While his personal holiness inspired many of the Eastern Orthodox in his diocese to return to communion with Rome, it was still a widely unpopular decision. He suffered persecution by a schismatic party and was eventually martyred by an angry mob.



Making room for God

Building Christ-centered homes starts with making our hearts home for Christ. Is there room in your heart for Jesus? Do you make time for Him? Give Him a central place in your life. When we let Jesus be King of our hearts, we'll experience deep peace, lasting joy, and true freedom.

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14).



Prepare for the holidays by sharing Christ's love

Advent is a season of giving and hope, making it an ideal time for Catholic families to practice charity by sharing Christ's love with others. Here are some meaningful ways parents can teach charity during Advent:

Donate care packages. Call homeless shelters to see what items are most needed during the winter season (e.g., socks, toiletries, and gloves). Organize a family outing to purchase them. Prepare the care packages and together, bring them to the shelter.

Volunteer at the parish. Offer to help parish staff by setting up decorations, organizing events, or assisting with Advent services.

Write cards for the sick and homebound of your parish. Create

homemade Christmas cards for nursing home residents, hospital patients, or parishioners unable to leave their homes.

Give the gift of presence.

Visit a nursing home or assisted living facility to spend time with residents. Encourage children to sing Christmas carols or read short stories to residents during the visit.

Pray for those in need. Create a family

prayer list during Advent, praying for people in need. Add those mentioned during Mass.

Teach children the value of giving.

Encourage children to donate unused toys or clothes to those in need. Place a "sacrifice jar" in a prominent spot, encouraging everyone to put in coins whenever they make a small sacrifice. Donate proceeds at Christmas Mass.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

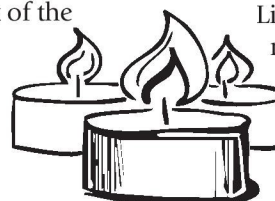
Why do Catholics light candles?

Ancient Jews kept a light burning perpetually near the Ark of the Covenant as a sign of reverence for God's presence. For Catholics, a lit candle in the sanctuary symbolizes Jesus Christ, who proclaimed, "I am the light

of the world" (John 8:12).

Lit votive candles in churches represent the prayer intentions entrusted to God by others.

Lighting a candle also reflects our desire to remain spiritually present with God throughout the day, even when we cannot stay in prayer ourselves.



Help children love Confession

Inviting children to join you for Confession may not spark excitement, but the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of God's greatest gifts of mercy. With the right approach and preparation, it can become a meaningful and joyful family practice.

Set the tone with love and grace. Remind children that Jesus instituted this Sacrament (Matthew 16:19) because He loves us and wants to help us stay close to Him. Confession is not about punishment but about receiving grace and making things right with God.



Ease anxieties by practicing together. Role-play Confession at home to help children feel comfortable. Reassure them it's okay to bring notes into the confessional if needed.

Build a routine with clear expectations. Choose a regular day—like the first Saturday of each month—and mark it on the calendar. Predictability makes Confession easier and avoids surprises.

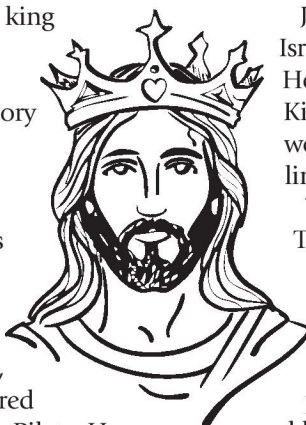
Celebrate God's mercy as a family. Make it a joyful occasion! Go out for ice cream or enjoy a special family meal to celebrate being restored in friendship with God.

Scripture LESSON

John 18:33b-37, Our love shows who our King is

God promised a powerful king for His people, a king who would unite them, fight for them, and lead them to victory against their enemies. The image of a triumphant Messiah-king kept God's people hopeful. When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, hopes ran high. Perhaps He was the one.

Yet, on Good Friday, Jesus, bound and subdued, appeared before the governor, Pontius Pilate. He was rejected. The people didn't want a leader who talked of love, suffering, and service, but someone who would wipe their enemies off the face of the earth.



Jesus is King—not just of Israel, but the entire universe. He told Pilate that His Kingdom is not of this world, not bound by the limits of an earthly kingdom.

What can a parent do?

Teach children that Jesus' kingship is rooted in grace, repentance, justice, and mercy. Encourage them to serve Christ by practicing love, patience, and kindness—both at home and in school. Through their actions, they reveal who their true King is, bearing witness to His reign of love over all creation.

Parent TALK

My girls were more interested in rock stars than God's stars. I explained that saints are people who lived with extraordinary virtue and are in Heaven with God. Following their examples can help us get to Heaven, too. And, if we ask for their help, they will pray for us to God.

One day Kara found a picture of my college graduation. "Is that Mother Teresa?" she asked. St. Teresa of Calcutta was the commencement speaker when I graduated from college. I described how simple and powerful her words were that day and that I never forgot her. We watched a movie about her life on Formed.org.

The girls were impressed that this saintly woman lived in their lifetimes. I told them I had given our family to her special protection when she died. "So, she is our patron saint," Kara said. "That's so much cooler than a rockstar."



Feasts & Celebrations

November 1 – All Saints Day. In the early Church, the persecutions were so widespread, there were more martyrs than feast days to commemorate them. Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints Day. This year, it's a holy day of obligation.

November 3 – St. Martin de Porres (1639). A saint and mystic, St. Martin joined the Dominicans in 1594, when people of African and indigenous descent were barred from religious orders. Despite this, he founded an orphanage and cared for the needy,

regardless of race or rank.

November 18 – Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul.

Today, we celebrate the dedications of the two Roman churches dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul, honoring their role in spreading the Gospel.

November 28 – St. Catherine Labouré (1876). Born to a farming family in Cote d'Or, France, St. Catherine joined the Daughters of Charity in 1830. Our Lady appeared to her, asking to have a medal engraved. This became known as the Miraculous Medal.



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Compañeros en la fe

Noviembre de 2024

Ayudando a nuestros hijos a crecer en la fe católica

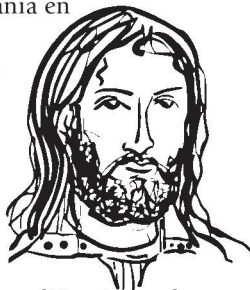
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Momentos para pensar

San Josafat de Volinia

Nacido en Lituania en 1580 en una familia ortodoxa, san Josafat se hizo monje y luego sacerdote. Cuando fue consagrado como arzobispo de Pólotsk, se desvivió por unir su diócesis con la Iglesia católica. Aunque su santidad personal inspiró a muchos ortodoxos en su diócesis a regresar a la comunión con Roma, su decisión fue poco popular para otros muchos. Sufrió la persecución de una facción disidente y al final fue martirizado por una turba enfurecida.



Hagan sitio a Dios

Construir hogares y familias centradas en Dios comienza con hacer en nuestros corazones un hogar para Cristo. ¿Hay sitio en su corazón para Jesús? ¿Tienen tiempo para él? Concédanle un lugar central en su vida. Cuando permitamos que Jesús sea el rey de nuestros corazones, sentiremos paz profunda, alegría duradera y auténtica libertad.

"Dejen que los niños se acerquen a mí y no se lo impidan, porque el Reino de Dios pertenece a los que son como ellos" (Marcos 10:14).



Prepárense para las fiestas compartiendo el amor de Cristo

El Adviento es el tiempo litúrgico para la generosidad y la esperanza, y es el tiempo perfecto para que las familias católicas practiquen la caridad compartiendo el amor de Cristo con los demás. He aquí algunas formas significativas para enseñar la práctica de la caridad a nuestros hijos durante el Adviento:

Donar paquetes de ayuda. Llamen a los refugios para gente sin hogar y pregunten qué es lo más necesario durante el invierno (ejemplo: calcetines, artículos de aseo, guantes). Organicen una salida en familia para comprarlos. Preparen los paquetes y llévenlos al refugio.

Hagan voluntariado en la parroquia. Ofrezcan ayuda al personal de la parroquia adornando, organizando eventos o colaborando en las liturgias del Adviento.

Escriban tarjetas para los enfermos de su parroquia y las personas reclusas en casa.

Hagan tarjetas navideñas para los residentes de residencias para ancianos, pacientes de hospital o miembros de su parroquia que no pueden salir de sus hogares.

Regalen su presencia.

Visiten una residencia de ancianos o una residencia de vivienda asistida y pasen tiempo con los residentes. Animen a sus hijos a que canten villancicos o lean relatos breves a los residentes durante la visita.

Recen por los necesitados. Creen una oración familiar durante el Adviento, rezando por los necesitados. Añadan las personas mencionadas en la misa.

Enseñen a sus hijos el valor de dar. Animen a sus hijos a que donen juguetes o ropa sin usar a los necesitados. Pongan un "frasco de sacrificios" en un lugar prominente, animando a todos a depositar una moneda cada vez que hagan un pequeño sacrificio. Donen lo que recojan en la misa de Navidad.



¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

Los antiguos judíos mantenían una luz ardiendo perpetuamente junto al Arca de la Alianza para mostrar reverencia ante la presencia de Dios. Para los católicos, una vela encendida simboliza a Jesucristo que dijo: "Yo soy la luz del mundo"



¿Por qué encienden los católicos velas votivas?

(Juan 8:12). Las velas votivas en la iglesia representan también las peticiones que otros han ofrecido a Dios con sus oraciones. Encender una vela es también una forma de expresar nuestro deseo de estar presentes espiritualmente ante Dios a lo largo del día, aunque no podamos permanecer en oración.

Ayuden a los niños a amar la confesión

Si les piden a sus hijos que los acompañen a confesar, lo más seguro es que no reaccionen con entusiasmo, pero el sacramento de la reconciliación es un gran don de la misericordia de Dios. Con la preparación adecuada puede convertirse en una significativa y gozosa práctica familiar.

Fijen el tono. Recuérdenles a todos que Jesús estableció este sacramento (Mateo 16:19) porque nos ama y quiere que estemos cerca él. La confesión no es un castigo sino una oportunidad para recibir la gracia y enmendar nuestros asuntos con Dios.



Eliminen los nervios. Ensayen la confesión en casa para que los niños le pierdan el miedo. Pueden llevarse sus apuntes al confesionario si fuera necesario.

Green un hábito con expectativas claras. Ir a confesar con regularidad fortalecerá a toda la familia. Elijan un día fijo – por ejemplo el primer sábado del mes – y apúntenlo en el calendario. Saber qué les espera facilita la confesión y evita sorpresas.

Celebren la misericordia de Dios. Después de confesar vayan a tomar un helado o una comida especial en familia para celebrar el retorno a la amistad con Dios.

Lecciones de las Escrituras

Juan 18:33b-37, Nuestro amor muestra quién es nuestro Rey

Dios prometió a su pueblo un rey que los uniría, lucharía por ellos y los llevaría a la victoria sobre sus enemigos. Esta imagen de un mesías-rey triunfador mantenía la esperanza del pueblo de Dios. Cuando Jesús entró en Jerusalén el Domingo de Ramos, la esperanza de la gente era grande: ¿era él el esperado?

Pero el Viernes Santo, Jesús atado y en apariencia desvalido, apareció ante el poderoso gobernador, Poncio Pilatos. La gente rechazó a Cristo. No querían un líder que hablara de amor, de sufrimiento y de servicio, sino a alguien que barrierá a sus enemigos de la faz de la tierra.

Jesús es rey no sólo de Israel, sino de



nosotros y del universo entero. Le dijo a Pilatos que su reino no es de este mundo, que no está limitado por los confines de un reino terrenal.

¿Qué pueden hacer los padres? La majestad de Jesús es de gracia y de arrepentimiento, de justicia y de misericordia, de amor a Dios y a nuestros semejantes, especialmente los pobres y los necesitados. Enseñen a los

niños a servir a Cristo dando muestras de amor, de paciencia y de bondad hacia todos en casa y en la escuela. Sus acciones dirán a todos quién es su rey.

Hablan los padres

A mis hijas les interesaban más las estrellas de rock que las estrellas de Dios. Les expliqué que los santos son personas que vivieron con

extraordinaria virtud y que por ello están en el cielo con Dios. Seguir su ejemplo puede ayudarnos a ir también al cielo. Y si les pedimos ayuda rezarán por



nosotros ante Dios. Mis hijas seguían sin entenderlo.

Un día Kara encontró una foto de mi graduación de la universidad. “¿Es ésta la madre Teresa?”, preguntó. Le dije que sí, que santa Teresa de Calcuta había hablado en mi graduación. Les conté lo sencillas e impresionantes que fueron sus palabras ese día y que nunca la olvidé. Vimos un documental sobre su vida en Formed.org.

A mis hijas les impresionó que esta santa hubiera vivido en su tiempo. Luego les dije que había encomendado a nuestra familia bajo su protección cuando murió. “Así que es como nuestra santa patrona”, dijo Kara. “Eso es mucho mejor que una estrella de rock”.

Fiestas y celebraciones

1 de noviembre – Día de Todos los Santos. En la Iglesia primitiva, las persecuciones eran tan espantosas que había más mártires que días festivos para conmemorarlos, de modo que el papa Gregorio IV designó el 1 de noviembre como Día de Todos los Santos. Este año es un día de precepto.

3 de noviembre – San Martín de Porres (1639). Santo y místico, san Martín ingresó en los dominicos en 1594, cuando a las personas de origen africano e indígena no se les permitía formar parte de órdenes religiosas. A pesar de ello, fundó un

orfanato y se ocupó de los necesitados sin distinción de raza o rango.

18 de noviembre – Dedicación de las basílicas de san Pedro y san Pablo. Hoy celebramos la dedicación de las dos iglesias romanas dedicadas a san Pedro y san Pablo, honrando su papel en la difusión del evangelio.

28 de noviembre – Santa Catalina Labouré (1876). Nacida en el seno de una familia campesina de la Costa de Oro, Francia, santa Catalina ingresó en las Hijas de la Caridad en 1830. Nuestra Señora se le apareció y le pidió que acuñara una medalla. Se la conoce como la Medalla Milagrosa.



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