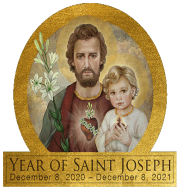




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Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas
Saturday / Sábado: Vigil 4:30pm
Sunday / Domingo: 9:00am & 10:30am en Español

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -JUNE 13, 2021- UNDECIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Progress, not perfection, in our Faith Today's First Reading presents the image of plant growth, reminding us that it is God, the Creator, who regulates which ones prosper and which ones will not. God topples the mighty and raises the lowly. This same theme is echoed in Our Lady's Magnificat. The Responsorial Psalm 92, encourages us to have an attitude of gratitude; for God blesses the grateful heart. However, as Christians we know that God's justice is not always seen here and now, but oftentimes is left to be seen in the afterlife. In the Second Reading, St Paul reminds us to not lose sight of our goal, our true home; i.e., eternal happiness with the Lord in the next life. If we just live for the here and now, we will fall into selfish and even self-destructive ways. We are called to be courageous in living God's love now. In today's Gospel, Jesus presents two parables on the growth of seeds. The mysterious unseen growth of a seed nurtured by God who makes it grow, is like the seed of Faith that someone plants, but God is the one that causes it to grow in our hearts. Faith is God's gift to us, it's growth however small or insignificant it may seem, is a miracle of grace. We may not witness great miracles in our lifetime, but often we see small miracles of grace: when one forgives

another; when someone dies to self to serve others; or when a person rejects temptation in order to live in God's grace, and even greater, when they continue on that path, responding to His grace. We are reminded not to expect perfection from our fellow believers or ourselves, but rather *progress* in our Faith. The only thing we should commit ourselves to is the gradual process of furthering the growth of God's kingdom in our midst.



Progreso, no la perfección, en nuestra fe La primera lectura de hoy presenta la imagen del crecimiento de una planta, así recordándonos que Dios, el Creador, es quien dicta cuál prosperará y cuál no. Dios deja caer al poderoso y engrandece al más pequeño. Este mismo lema es el que hace eco en la Magnificat de Nuestra Señora. El Salmo Responsorial 92, nos anima a que tomemos una actitud de gratitud; ya que Dios bendice a los de corazón agradecido. Sin embargo, como cristianos, sabemos que la justicia de Dios no siempre se ve aquí y

ahora, sino que mayormente se ve en la vida eterna. En la Segunda Lectura, San Pablo nos recuerda que no debemos de perder de vista nuestra meta, nuestro verdadero hogar; es decir, la felicidad eterna con nuestro Señor en la próxima vida. Si sólo vivimos por el aquí y el ahora, caeremos en modos egoístas y auto-destructivos. Se nos llama a ser valientes al vivir el momento en el amor de Dios. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús presenta dos parábolas sobre el crecimiento de las semillas. El crecimiento invisible y misterioso de una semilla que es nutrida por Dios se asemeja a la semilla de Fe que uno siembra, pero que Dios hace crecer en nuestros corazones. La Fe es el regalo de Dios para nosotros, su crecimiento, por pequeño o insignificante que sea, es un milagro de la gracia divina. Puede que no seamos testigos de grandes milagros en nuestras vidas, pero seguido vemos milagros de gracia: cuando se da el perdón; cuando alguien muere a sí mismo para darse a otros; o cuando se rechaza la tentación para poder vivir en la gracia de Dios, y aún más, cuando se continúa en ese camino, respondiendo así a Su gracia. Se nos recuerda que no debemos esperar la perfección de nuestros compañeros creyentes, ni de nosotros mismos, sino sólo el del *progreso* en nuestra Fe. A lo único a lo que nos debemos de comprometer es al proceso gradual de continuar el crecimiento del reino de Dios entre nosotros.

Bible Study has resumed their meetings. Contact Brad Pappalardo for more information: bradpappa@gmail.com

Charities Ministry next drop off date for donations is Monday, June 21st. Storage locker will be open from 7AM-5PM. Drop offs can also be made on Wednesday, June 23rd from 7:30AM-9:30AM, as long as someone is there to receive items. For more information contact mobile mall director Shirley Brook 916-501-4981.



Journey with St. Joseph Pilgrimage: June 19 – December 7, 2021 Pope Francis has declared this year as the Year of St. Joseph for the Universal Church. The faithful of the Diocese of Sacramento are encouraged and invited to “Journey with St. Joseph” on a pilgrimage through our eleven parishes named for St. Joseph. **Our parish will be one of the eleven parishes participating!** Visit www.scd.org/journey-st-joseph to learn more and download a Pilgrim’s Prayer Booklet. You may also find more information in the vestibule. St. Joseph, pray for us!

Quo Vadis Virtual Retreat for Boys ages 13 to17: The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations will be offering the upcoming Quo Vadis Virtual Retreat for boys on August 5-8. Please **SAVE THE DATE** as you make your plans for summer activities. For more information, please contact our office at 916-733-0258 or by email to msmith@sd.org

Quo Vadis - Retiro Virtual para Varones de 13 a 17 Años: La Oficina de Vocaciones Religiosas y Sacerdotales estará ofreciendo el retiro virtual de Quo Vadis para varones del 5 al 8 de Agosto. Favor de **RESERVAR LA FECHA** para ir planeando sus actividades de verano. Para más información favor de contactarnos a la oficina al 916-733-0258 or por email a msmith@scd.org

Mass & Worship Updates from the Diocese of Sacramento Starting Friday, June 18, 2021, Pastors may accommodate the faithful for the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass as well as other sacramental and worship services at 100% of the seating capacity in the parish churches. Bishop Soto is also rescinding the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Starting Sunday, June 20, 2021 all the Catholic faithful in the Diocese of Sacramento are obliged to personally attend and actively participate in the Sunday celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass, unless they are sick, have a vulnerable health condition, are caring for someone with a vulnerable health condition, or have other serious reasons. To see the full letter and the decree from Bishop Jaime Soto, please visit www.scd.org

SECOND COLLECTION INFORMATION
INFORMACION DE SEGUNDA COLECTAS

June 19/20: Parish Charities

June 26/27: Peter Pence Collection

July 3/4: Parish Maintenance

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA June 12-18, 2021

Sat. 4:30 pm –

Sun. 9:00am –

Sun. 10:30 am –

Mon. 8:15am-

Tues. 8:15am-

Wed. 8:15am–

Thur. 8:15am-