



The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 14, 2020



The unifying motif of this year's readings for today is God's gift of living, life-giving Bread. Prefigured in the manna, which not only nourished individuals but defined Israel as a community under God's special care, Jesus, the living bread, bestows on us—individually and as a community—eternal life that, in John's perspective, begins here and is fulfilled hereafter. This "already/not yet" theme is alluded to by the Communion invitation's reference to Revelation's vision of the kingdom-feast: "Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:9) once slain who lives forever. For Saint Paul, the eucharistic bread and cup are both sign of what the community is called to be and source of the community's strength to live that ideal.

LIVING, LIFE-GIVING BREAD

FLESH AND BLOOD

Today's Gospel verses, John 6:51–58 are a "eucharistic version" of the previous verses, 6:35–50, in which Jesus asserts, "Whoever believes has eternal life" (6:47). Now Jesus replaces "believes" with "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (6:54). This parallelism is mirrored in the complementarity of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the intimate relationship between ambo (lectern) and altar, "the table of God's Word and the table of Christ's Body."

But today's Gospel presents a further parallel, the complementarity of flesh and blood. By using "flesh," a word he sometimes uses to denote the whole of human nature rather than "body," John seems to suggest that, in receiving Christ's Body in the Eucharist, we disciples are to assimilate the whole of Jesus' humanity, his own radically self-sacrificing-unto-death lifestyle as our distinctive manner of being human. Moreover, the very reason the law forbade partaking of sacrificial blood is precisely why Jesus says we must drink his blood, "for the blood is life" (Deuteronomy 12:23). By partaking of Christ's Blood in the Eucharist, we "have eternal life" here and now; that is to say, we live by Christ's victory over death in this life, a victory that will be made permanent when Jesus raises us up on the last day (6:54).

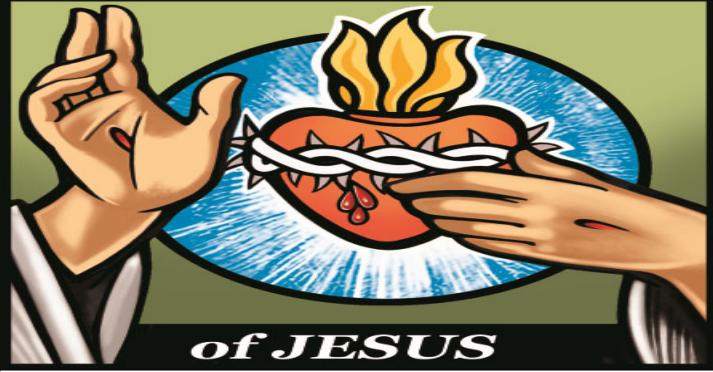
WE ARE ONE

As we partake of this gift, we become one with Christ in reality. But there is more. We also become one with each other. As we all partake of the mystery, we are united in flesh and spirit—in the Holy Spirit—with each other as well. As Paul says, "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17).

Today we celebrate this wonderful gift. Even though we do not fully understand it, we believe and accept it with joy. We are one with Christ and one with each other. We too become the Body of Christ in the world.

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 8:2–3, 14b–16a
Psalm 147:12–15, 19–20
1 Corinthians 10:16–17
John 6:51–58

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Our Parish Financial Corner

Update

Sunday 6-07-2020:

Envelopes/checks:	\$ 10,654.00
Online Giving 6-07-2020:	\$ 8,346.00
Total for 6-07-2020:	\$ 19,000.00
JPII Debt Envelopes/checks:	\$ 1,456.00
JPII Debt online:	\$ 1,545.00
Total JPII 6-07-2020:	\$ 3,001.00

JPII

Parish Debt Elimination Campaign

May payment: \$13,000.00

Balance on Debt: \$226,228.72



The Prayer of St. Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;*

*O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Amen

Dear Parishioners,

For your convenience we have provided several ways you can send us your offering.

- Safely drop off in the office between the hours 9 am to 2:30 pm Mon-Thurs.
- Drop in the mail slot in the Serra Building which is checked daily
- Mail in to St. Peter & St. Paul, 9135 Banyan St. Alta Loma, 91737
- Online giving via our website stpeterstpaul.com
- Through your bank

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and we all pray that we will be back together in our pews very soon. May God bless you and keep you and your families safe.

In Christ's Service

Father Henry



Diocesan Development Fund Campaign Progress

Diocese Goal: \$133,300.00

Pledges Made: \$123,347.00

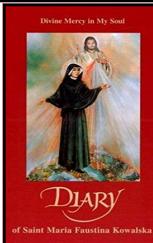
Gifts Received: \$78,446.00

Donors: 419

Percent of Goal: 58.85 %

As of: Jun 07, 2020 2:57PM

14 June 2020

Parish Event Schedule		Mass Schedule & Intentions
 <p>Susan Vogt—Author, Speaker, Coach Helping couples & families foster their deepest beliefs.</p>	Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers	<p>Saturday, June 6 4:00 PM †David Cobos</p> <p>Sunday, June 7 7:30 AM †Robert Brennan 9:00 AM †Robert & Harriet Hooks Madison Elkin - Happy Birthday 11:00 AM †Blanche Parr 1:00 PM †Teresa Lucero Valenzuela People of the Parish</p> <p>Monday, June 8 7:30 AM Dora Mindreau †Ignacio G. Aguirre</p> <p>Tuesday, June 9 7:30 AM Orly & Lory Valderrama - Happy Anniversary</p> <p>Wednesday, June 10 7:30 AM Cyril Cabison - Happy Birthday</p> <p>Thursday, June 11 7:30 AM †Mr. & Mrs Coelho †Louie David</p> <p>Friday, June 12 7:30 AM</p> <p>Saturday, June 13 4:00 PM †Rudy Orue</p> <p>Sunday, June 14 7:30 AM</p> <p>9:00 AM †Jeannette Zuber †Benita Rojas & †Elias Magrina †Manuela C. Rios</p> <p>11:00 AM †David Chamness 1:00 PM People of the Parish 5:00 PM †Rosita Pascual †Edmund Levi</p>
<p>June 14 is the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. It may seem gross to a young child to think about how they came from the bodily love of their parents, but honoring one's body - flesh and blood - is an important reality to grow into. Acknowledge a physical trait of your child today.</p>	Heaven on Earth ...	 <p>"Christ held Himself in His hands when He gave His Body to His disciples saying: 'This is My Body.' No one partakes of this Flesh before he has adored it." - St. Augustine</p>
 <p>Divine Mercy in My Soul from the Diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska</p>		 <p>BILINGUAL ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS & OUR SEMINARIANS- ROSARIO BILINGÜE PARA VOCACIONES Y NUESTROS SEMINARISTAS</p> <p><i>Fiat-Yes God-Si Dios!</i></p> <p>When/Cuándo: Every Friday of June/Cada Viernes de Junio@ 6PM</p> <p>Zoom ID: 890 290 3394 - Password: Mary</p> 

"A soul does not benefit as it should from the sacrament of confession if it is not humble. Pride keeps it in darkness. The soul neither knows how, nor is it willing, to probe with precision the depths of its own misery. It puts on a mask and avoids everything that might bring it recovery." (113)

1 Corinthians 10:16-17**Tagalog**

Hindi ba't ang pag-inom natin sa kopa ng pagpapala na ating ipinagpasalamat ay pakikibahagi sa dugo ni Cristo? At ang pagkain natin ng tinapay na ating pinipira-piraso ay pakikibahagi naman sa kanyang katawan? Kaya nga, dahil iisa lamang ang tina-pay, tayo'y iisang katawan kahit na tayo'y marami, sapagkat nagsasalu-salo tayo sa iisang tinapay.

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.



St. Vincent de Paul's Corner

National SVDP has asked that our helpline be closed
For the safety of everyone due to the pandemic

For immediate assistance, dial 211 or
Catholic Charities (909) 880-3625
Questions about SVDP? Contact:

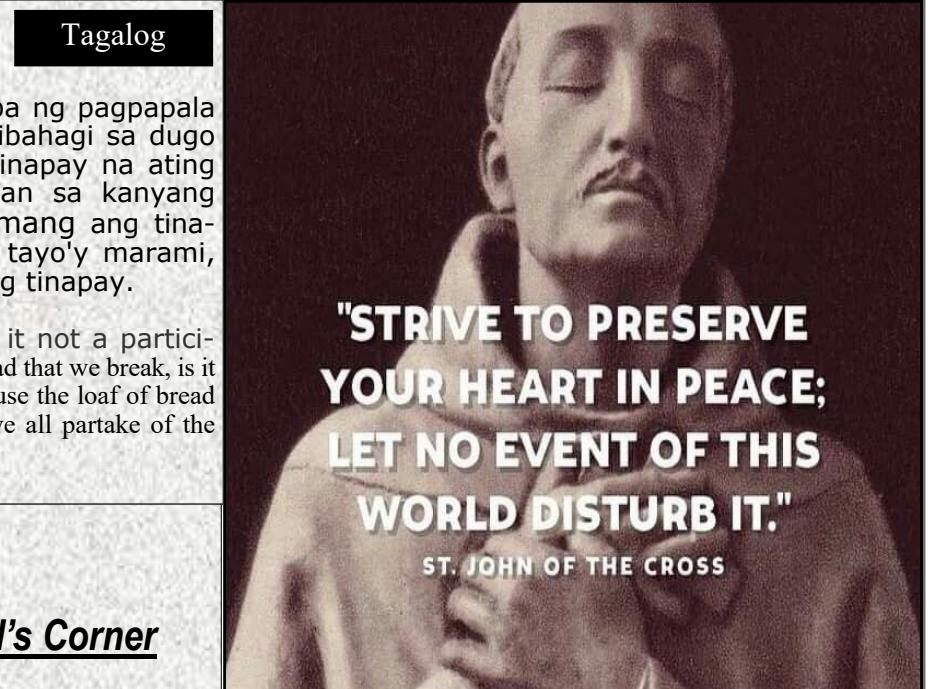
Scott, sandnsky8@gmail.com or Fred, Firetruckfreddy@earthlink.net

Food donations for those in need in our community can be placed at any time in the container in front of the office. A portion will be distributed to the food pantry at His Hands at St. Joseph's church in Upland. Questions about food donations? Sherry B. Busiabaer@outlook.com

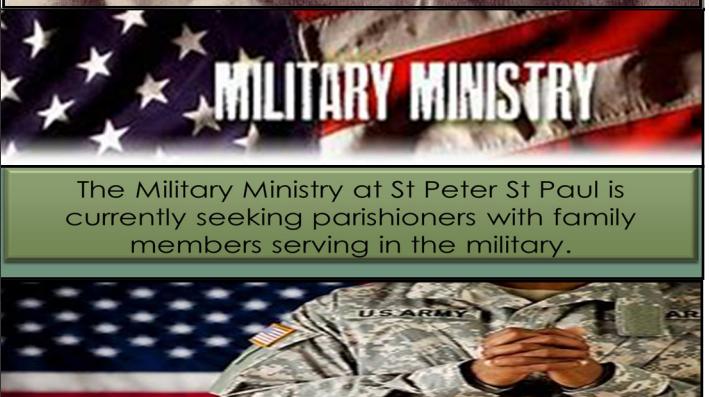
"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

Parish Mission Statement

We the people of St. Peter and St. Paul Parish, as members of the Roman Catholic Church, are a sacramental, worshiping community on a journey towards the fulfillment of Christ's Kingdom. We strive to provide a spiritual haven for all people without distinction. We are equally committed to the challenges of the gospel message. We accept its call to ongoing conversion, the use of our gifts for the benefit of our community, and loving service to one another.



ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



The Military Ministry at St Peter St Paul is currently seeking parishioners with family members serving in the military.



Military Ministry Request

The Military Ministry at St. Peter & St. Paul is seeking anyone interested in being part of our team, which will be made up of parishioners who have family members actively serving in the military. As well as, those who have a love for our military and are dedicated to keeping those who have served in our prayers. Activities of this ministry will consist of mailing care packages to military family members of our parishioners, support for families that have a loved one serving in active duty, coordinating with past and present military families for parish events, organizing special Masses and events for the Military holidays and celebrations. If you are interested in being involved in this ministry, please contact: Jonathan & Lynde Peralta (Jonathan @ 951-285-0270, Lynde @ 909-938-3243)

Military Prayer List Please pray for those serving our country

(PFC) Jacob Beaty (AMN) Jacob Beckham (MC) Hadji Cabangcalan (MSG) Carlos Carrasco (LTC) Jeffry Combalecer (PFC) Candace Cordero (SGT) Christian Cortez (SGT) Kurt Rehnburg (SMCCA) Raymund Alvaran (E3) Alexander Jimenez (PFC) Jacob Rivas	(PFC) Christian Lopez (SSG) Kamrin Pavlos (PO) Matthew Peralta (MSG) Victor Sanchez (SSG) Jordan Stone (Specialist) Nathan Taylor (Sgt) Riley Villapando (SR) Nicole Woodall (USMC) Joseph Luzzini Daniel Duarte III
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31st Saints Gala Online Auction

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June

Youth Ministry and Confirmation

Baccalaureate Mass for ALL graduates coming soon!
For all graduating middle school, high school, and college students!

Ministries offered by the Youth Office:

Youth Groups:

EDGE

Middle School

Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community.

LIFE TEEN

High School

Life Teen is a movement within the Roman Catholic Church, Life Teen leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

For more information please contact Maggie

Catechism:

Sacramental Prep.

Sacramental Preparation is available for all high school and middle school teens who are seeking to receive their First Communion.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is open for all teens ready to take a step forward in their faith and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Your teen must be 14 at the time of enrollment.

For more information please contact Daniel

Young Adults:

RENEWED

Renewed is a young adult group for anyone in their early stage of adulthood.

For more information please contact Maggie

Staff/Hours

Father Juan Sandoval - Youth Office Supervisor ext. 304

Maggie Kelledy-Paroski - Youth Minister ext. 301

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Suzy Metzgar - Youth Ministry Admin. Assistant ext. 225

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Sun: CLOSED
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Mon: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Thurs: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Tues: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Fri: By Appointment

Sat: CLOSED

Welcoming back our community in times of multiple crisis

This is a time of multiple crisis: the pandemic, financial hardships, racism, intolerance, homelessness, indifference, apathy, culture of death, divisionism, materialism, superficiality, etc. I can go on and on numbering the different problems our society is facing right now. Even though we watch and read in the news continuously, day after day, bad news in the midst of this crisis, there is hope and good news: OUR CHUCH IS RE-OPENING THIS WEEKEND! Thanks be to God. WELCOME BACK!

I understand that true Catholics who believe in the real presence of the Lord in the Eucharist are hungry and thirsty for the Eucharist. Many people have complained about closing our churches. Some people have gone intolerant, blaming bishops and priests for the closing but remember that this was done for the common good, to avoid the spread of the novel coronavirus. The use of technology has been very helpful to continue participating during Mass from home. Before the closing of our churches, a group of people were asking to close our church because it was dangerous to worship when the pandemic hit. A little while after the closing, there was another group of people who were pushing aggressively ready to rally in front of the church to push for an opening. Rallying and complaining are not the solutions. The solution is to be OBEDIENT to what the bishops and Church authorities were asking us to do. Something I learned along during my seminary formation is that when we are obedient, we do not fail. Actually, this is written in a St. Francis of Sales book: "*there is not failing to be obedient*" (The True Spiritual Conferences of St. Francis of Sales, Bishop and Prince of Geneva, Institutator and Founder of the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary, Conference X). Some Christian Catholics usually forget about being obedient. I am calling for obedience and patience.

As we are opening the church, there are many restrictions in place. My question is: Am I being patient enough to follow directions during the new normal? Am I willing to serve to clean and disinfect the church after each Mass? How can I be helping hand during this time? I can keep asking you many more questions but my purpose is to help us reflect in our commitment to serve others in our community.

In the same way, when we see racism and injustice, what is my reaction? Am I indifferent? The answers to these questions are very personal, but we can choose to be indifferent and passive or to be open for the needs of others being active in this community of faith. Last year, Pope Francis beautifully explained how to avoid indifferentism.

Pope Francis warned against the "culture of indifference", and called on the faithful to follow God's example of love, "without ever turning away" in tending to people's needs, especially those of the poor (...) He reflected about the Gospel according to Mark (6:34-44), the parable of the multiplication of the fish and the loaves. Francis explains God's motivation behind his first step: "he had compassion". He could not remain **indifferent**, the Holy Father said, because "love is restless, love does not tolerate **indifference**, love has compassion". Indeed, faced with the **indifference** of the Apostles toward the hungry multitude and their suggestion to send the crowd away to find their own food while the Apostles had enough bread for themselves, Jesus admonishes: "You give them something to eat". (v. 37). The Apostles "were not mean", but rather, "they were **indifferent**; they did not know what love is, they did not know what compassion is".
(L'Osservatore Romano, weekly edition, n.4, 25/01/2019)

If the Apostles were indifferent chances are that we are indifferent as well.

Along my life, I have been the victim of racism and discrimination in this country. I can see how racism is prevalent even inside our Church. What is my personal approach on this issue? My answer: to pray for those who are racist without knowing that they are; to speak out against the evils of racism. Pope Francis twitted last week: "*We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form. At the same time, we have to recognize that violence is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us pray for reconciliation and peace.*" What is your personal approach then?

Thus, institutional and structural racism has permeated our society and our Church. This is time to reflect and avoid being indifferent denouncing the sin of racism and praying for those who are racist without awareness or intent. Anyways, welcome back to our Church and keep praying against the actual evils of humanity mentioned at the beginning of this article.

From the desk of **Father Juan Sandoval** creator of :
The Priest of the Missing Backpack vlog
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Bienvenidos a nuestra comunidad durante tiempos de crisis

Este es un momento de crisis múltiple: la pandemia, las dificultades financieras, el racismo, la intolerancia, la falta de vivienda, la indiferencia, la apatía, la cultura de la muerte, el divisionismo, el materialismo, la superficialidad, etc. Puedo seguir y seguir enumerando los diferentes problemas que enfrenta nuestra sociedad ahora mismo. Aunque vemos y leemos las noticias continuamente, día tras día, malas noticias en medio de esta crisis, hay esperanza y buenas noticias: ¡NUESTRO IGLESIA ESTÁ ABRIENDO ESTE FIN DE SEMANA! Gracias a Dios.

Entiendo que los verdaderos católicos que creen en la presencia real del Señor en la Eucaristía tienen hambre y sed de la Eucaristía. Mucha gente se ha quejado de cerrar nuestras iglesias. Algunas personas se han vuelto intolerantes, culpando a obispos y sacerdotes por el cierre, pero recuerden que esto se hizo por el bien común, para evitar la propagación del nuevo coronavirus. El uso de la tecnología ha sido muy útil para continuar participando durante la misa desde casa. Antes del cierre de nuestras iglesias, un grupo de personas pedía cerrar nuestra iglesia porque era peligroso asistir cuando la pandemia golpeó. Poco tiempo después del cierre, había otro grupo de personas que estaban presionando agresivamente para reunirse frente a la iglesia para forzar una apertura. Quejarse y protestar no son las soluciones. La solución es ser OBEDIENTE a lo que los obispos y las autoridades de la Iglesia nos pidieron que hiciéramos. Algo que aprendí durante mi formación en el seminario es que cuando somos obedientes, no fallamos. En realidad, esto está escrito en un libro de San Francisco de Sales: "*no se falla en ser obediente*" (Las Conferencias Espirituales Verdaderas de San Francisco de Sales, Obispo y Príncipe de Ginebra, Institututor y Fundador de la Orden de la Visitación de Santa María, Conferencia X). Algunos cristianos católicos generalmente se olvidan de ser obedientes. Estoy pidiendo obediencia y paciencia.

A medida que abrimos la iglesia, existen muchas restricciones. Mi pregunta es: ¿estoy siendo lo suficientemente paciente como para seguir las instrucciones durante la nueva normalidad? ¿Estoy dispuesto a servir para limpiar y desinfectar la iglesia después de cada misa? ¿Cómo puedo estar ayudando durante este tiempo? Puedo seguir haciéndole muchas más preguntas, pero mi propósito es ayudarnos a reflexionar en nuestro compromiso de servir a otros en nuestra comunidad.

Del mismo modo, cuando vemos racismo e injusticia, ¿cuál es mi reacción? ¿Soy indiferente? Las respuestas a estas preguntas son muy personales, pero podemos elegir ser indiferentes y pasivos o estar abiertos a las necesidades de otros que están activos en esta comunidad de fe. El año pasado, el Papa Francisco explicó bellamente cómo evitar el indiferentismo.

El Papa Francisco advirtió contra la "cultura de la indiferencia" y pidió a los fieles que siguieran el ejemplo de amor de Dios, "sin apartarse jamás" para atender las necesidades de las personas, especialmente las de los pobres (...) Reflexionó sobre el Evangelio según Marcos (6: 34-44), la parábola de la multiplicación de los peces y los panes. Francis explica la motivación de Dios detrás de su primer paso: "tuvo compasión". No podía permanecer indiferente, dijo el Santo Padre, porque "el amor es inquieto, el amor no tolera la indiferencia, el amor tiene compasión". De hecho, ante la indiferencia de los apóstoles hacia la multitud hambrienta y su sugerencia de enviar a la multitud a buscar su propia comida mientras los apóstoles tenían suficiente pan para sí mismos, Jesús advierte: "Les das algo de comer". (v. 37). Los apóstoles "no eran malos", sino más bien "eran indiferentes; no sabían qué es el amor, no sabían qué es la compasión". (*L'Osservatore Romano, edición semanal*, n. 4, 25/01/2019)

Si los apóstoles fueron indiferentes, es probable que nosotros también somos indiferentes. A lo largo de mi vida, he sido víctima del racismo y la discriminación en este país. Puedo ver cómo prevalece el racismo incluso dentro de nuestra Iglesia. ¿Cuál es mi enfoque personal sobre este tema? Mi respuesta: rezar por aquellos que son racistas sin saber que lo son y hablar en contra de los males del racismo. El Papa Francisco twitteó la semana pasada: "No podemos tolerar ni hacer la vista gorda ante el racismo y la exclusión de ninguna forma. Al mismo tiempo, tenemos que reconocer que la violencia es autodestructiva. Con la violencia no se gana nada y se pierde mucho. Oremos por la reconciliación y la paz". ¿Cuál es su enfoque personal entonces? Así, el racismo institucional y estructural ha permeado nuestra sociedad y nuestra Iglesia. Es hora de reflexionar y evitar ser indiferentes denunciando el pecado del racismo y rezando por aquellos que son racistas sin conciencia ni intención. De todos modos, bienvenidos de nuevo a nuestra Iglesia y sigan orando contra los males reales de la humanidad mencionados al comienzo de este artículo.

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