



The kingdom of heaven
is like a landowner
who went out at dawn
to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1

September 20, 2020

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET GO

In our daily lives, and in prayer and worship, we encounter a God whom we don't fully understand. We sometimes meet a mysterious and surprising God, whose actions and designs are beyond us, "as high as the heavens are above the earth." Our readings this week describe the confusion, the joy, and the challenge of this encounter. The readings invite us to "let go." Isaiah invites us to let go of trying to fit God into our own comfortable ways of thinking. Paul, knowing that he might face death at any time, describes his joy over having let go of trying to control his future. Jesus' parable in the Gospel of Matthew challenges us to let go of limiting God's generosity to others. May our encounters with our mysterious but trustworthy God transform our hearts and minds, and deepen our trust in God.

A GENEROUS GOD

The parable in today's Gospel identifies a very strong human tendency to believe that everyone should get what they deserve. If we achieve more than others, we deserve to receive more: more money, more privilege, more honor. And so we anticipate that God will reward more liberally those who have done more for God.

Jesus says that God does things differently. The full day's wage in the story is like the gift of forgiveness and salvation, shared equally and abundantly with all. The full-day laborers complained that "you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden." They resented not being placed higher than the others, refusing to accept them as equals. Jesus is saying that, among God's people, there is no such pecking order. Regardless of background or achievements, we can accept everyone as brothers and sisters, and rejoice in God's generosity to everyone.

THE FIRST AND LAST

In today's parable, had the laborers who worked all day been paid first, they likely never would have known that the late-starters had been paid the same wage, and would not have become jealous. In the way the story is told, though, both the justice and the mercy of God are revealed. The landowner gave a just wage to those who worked all day, and he was generously merciful to those who worked less.

When Jesus says that "the last will be first and the first will be last," he points to the kingdom of God. This is a kingdom where oppression is ended and divisions between people are healed. God brings justice and mercy to a world that sorely needs them. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is called "the first and the last," the Alpha and Omega. In Jesus, the first and the last are brought together to heal God's world. When we work for justice and show mercy, we join in Jesus' healing ministry.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

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El Reino de los cielos es semejante a un propietario que, al amanecer, salió a contratar trabajadores para su viña.

Mateo 20:1

20 de septiembre de 2020
Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

SUÉLTAME

En nuestra vida diaria, y en la oración y la adoración, nos encontramos con un Dios que no comprendemos completamente. A veces nos encontramos con un Dios misterioso y sorprendente, cuyas acciones y designios están más allá de nosotros, “tan alto como los cielos están sobre la tierra”. Nuestras lecturas de esta semana describen la confusión, la alegría y el desafío de este encuentro. Las lecturas nos invitan a “dejarnos ir”. Isaías nos invita a dejar de tratar de encajar a Dios en nuestras propias maneras cómodas de pensar. Pablo, sabiendo que podría enfrentar la muerte en cualquier momento, describe su alegría por haber dejado de intentar controlar su futuro. La parábola de Jesús en el Evangelio de Mateo nos desafía a dejar de en medio limitar la generosidad de Dios a los demás. Que nuestros encuentros con nuestro Dios misterioso pero digno de confianza transformen nuestros corazones y mentes, y profundicen nuestra confianza en Dios.

UN DIOS GENEROSO

La parábola del Evangelio de hoy identifica una tendencia fuertemente humana de creer que cada uno debe obtener lo que se merece. Si logramos más que otros, merecemos recibir más: más dinero, más privilegios, más honor. Y así anticipamos que Dios nos recompensará más libremente a aquellos que han hecho más por Dios.

Jesús dice que Dios hace las cosas de manera diferente. El salario de un día, en la historia es como el don de perdón y salvación, compartida igual y abundantemente con todos. Los trabajadores de tiempo completo se quejan diciéndole: “le pagas lo mismo que a nosotros que soportamos el peso del día y del calor”. Les molestaba que no les hayan pagado más que a los otros, rechazando aceptarlos como iguales. Jesús dice que en medio del pueblo de Dios no hay tal jerarquía. Independientemente de antecedentes o logros, podemos aceptar a todos como hermanos y hermanas, y alegrarnos en la generosidad de Dios para todos.

EL PRIMERO Y EL ÚLTIMO

En la parábola de hoy, había empleados que trabajaron todo el día y a los que les pagaron primero; ellos probablemente nunca hubieran conocido que los empleados que empezaron tarde su jornada habían recibido la misma paga y no habrían estado celosos. En la forma en que la historia se cuenta, tanto la justicia y la misericordia de Dios se revelan. El patrón dio un salario justo a los que trabajaron todo el día; y fue generosamente misericordioso con aquellos que trabajaron menos horas.

Cuando Jesús dice que “los últimos serán los primeros, y los primeros, los últimos”, él apunta hacia el Reino de Dios. Este es un reino donde la opresión termina y las divisiones entre las personas son sanadas. Dios trae justicia y misericordia al mundo que gravemente las necesita. En el libro del Apocalipsis, Jesús llama a “los primeros y los últimos”, el Alfa y el Omega. En Jesús, los primeros y los últimos se reúnen para sanar el mundo de Dios. Cuando trabajamos por justicia y mostramos misericordia, nos unimos en el ministerio sanador de Jesús.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Isaías 55:6-9

Salmo 145 (144):2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Filipenses 1:20c-24, 27a

Mateo 20:1-16a

Our Parish Financial Corner

Update

Sunday 9-06-2020:

Envelopes / checks:	\$ 12,536.00
Plate:	301.00
Online Giving 9-06-2020:	\$ 8,239.00
Total for 9-06-2020:	\$ 21,075.00
JPII Debt Envelopes / checks:	\$ 2,849.72
JPII Debt online 9-06-2020:	\$ 1,830.50
Total JPII 09-06-2020:	\$ 4,680.22
Total Misc. Income:	\$ 2,063.00

JPII

Parish Debt Elimination Campaign

August payment: \$19,200.00

Balance on Debt: \$179,028.72



**Prayer to Saint Joseph for intercession in
Financial Difficulty**

Dear Saint Joseph, You were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon those parish families in their anxiety over their present inability to support their families.

Please help them to find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from their hearts and that they are soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to their care. Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. 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

Diocese Goal: \$99,975.00
Pledges Made: \$131,083.00
Gifts Received: **\$101,370.20**
Donors: 433
Percent of Goal: 101.40 %
As of: Sep 07, 2020 9:59PM


We are so excited to share that we have met our DDF goal so every dollar given now comes directly back to our parish! May God bless you for your continued generosity!

Catholic Spirituality	Mass Schedule & Intentions
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Susan Vogt—Author, Speaker, Coach
Helping couples & families foster their deepest beliefs.

Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers




September 21 is [International Day of Peace](#). World peace is good but probably feels impossible these days. Yet married couples learn a lot about peacemaking. What's one thing you've learned about resolving an argument? Share it with someone today.

Heaven on Earth ... Friday's from 7 pm to 8 pm



Sign Up for
Adoration
During the COVID - 19 pandemic



Divine Mercy in My Soul
from the Diary of
Saint Faustina Kowalska

When you reflect upon what I tell you in the depths of your heart, you profit more than if you had read many books. Oh, if souls would only want to listen to My voice when I am speaking in the depths of their hearts, they would reach the peak of holiness in a short time. (584)

He has deigned to place these pillars of light along the path of my spiritual life. They light my way so that I do not go astray or become delayed in my journey toward close union with the Lord. I have a great love for the Church, which educates souls and leads them to God. (749)

Saturday, September 12	
4:00 PM	†Sara Hernandez †Phillips Woods
Sunday, September 13	
7:30 AM	Karl Flores
9:00 AM	Jenna Warden - Happy Birthday
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
1:00 PM	†Jose Trinidad Berumean
5:00 PM	
Monday, September 14	
7:30 AM	Alexis Zarate - Healing Robert & Gloria Robertson - Happy Anniversary
Tuesday, September 15	
7:30 AM	Karl Flores
	Lydia D'anna
Wednesday, September 16	
7:30 AM	†Melissa Whelan
Thursday, September 17	
7:30 AM	Jovan Melvin Liz Laurel - Healing
Friday, September 18	
7:30 AM	†Loreto & Eliza Bermejo Mr. Chukwudi & Mrs. Chinwe Uchendu
Saturday, September 19	
4:00 PM	†Rutila Castro †Lloyd & Naney Gasway Mr. Chukwudi & Mr. Chinwe Uchendu
Sunday, September 20	
7:30 AM	†Syras Paspe Cruz †Jim Gallogly †Eduardo & Feremy Pascual
9:00 AM	†Louis & †Margaret Smith †Isaac Andrew Cruz
11:00 AM	†Dorothy Demelo Mr. Chukwudi & Mrs. Chinwe
1:00 PM	People of the Parish
<i>Pray</i>	

Tagalog	
“Conduct Worthy of the Gospel”	
Philippians 1:23-24,27a	
	Nais ko nang pumanaw sa mundong ito upang makapiling ni Cristo, sapagkat ito ang lalong abuti. Ngunit alang-alang sa inyo, mas kailangan pang manatili ako sa buhay na ito. Kaya nga, mga kapatid, pagsikapan ninyong mamuhay nang nararapat ayon sa Magandang Balita ni Cristo.
	I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Please visit my blog www.priestmbp.com
 To stay connected with you, the People of God.
 May God help you to find whichever is lost in your life.
 I just found some words and sentences instead of that missing back pack.

THE PRIEST OF THE MISSING BACK PACK

"I DID NOT FIND MY BACK PACK, BUT I FOUND MANY REASONS TO WRITE ABOUT THE LORD..."



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."

Matthew 25: 31-46

ARE YOU FASTING? SHOW ME YOUR FAST WITH YOUR WORKS. WHICH WORKS? IF YOU SEE SOMEONE WHO IS POOR, SHOW HIM MERCY. IF YOU SEE AN ENEMY, RECONCILE WITH HIM. IF YOU SEE A FRIEND WHO IS BECOMING SUCCESSFUL, DO NOT BE JEALOUS OF HIM! LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR.

(St. John Chrysostom)



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. 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) Jeffrey 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 Sanz
 (SSG) Jordan Stone
 (Specialist) Nathan Taylor
 (Sgt) Riley Villapando
 (SR) Nicole Woodall
 (USMC) Joseph Luzzini
 Daniel Duarte III

TRUE FASTING LIES IS REJECTING EVIL, HOLDING ONE'S TONGUE, SUPPRESSING ONE'S HATRED, AND BANISHING ONE'S LUST, EVIL WORDS, LYING, AND BETRAYAL OF VOWS.

(St. Basil the Great)



ST. PETER & ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL ■ WHERE FAITH MEETS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE!

JULY CALENDAR

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY—WEDNESDAY | 8:30 AM—1:30 PM
6-10: SCHOOL OFFICE IS CLOSED



Do you need a Gift Card for a Birthday, Anniversary, Clothing, Gas, Food or Everyday items?

We sell Scrip gift cards for many retailers like Target, Arco, Walmart, Panera Bread, Arco, Starbuck's, etc. Stop by our school office from 8:30-9:30 am Mondays. The gift card rebates (% varies per gift card purchase) support our school. **Not a school family? No problem!** You may still buy gift cards to help our general fund or support a school family with their Tuition Support Obligation. See the Office for details.



ADMINISTRATION

- Kelly Burt—Principal
- Joann Losciale—Preschool Director
- Laura Onopa—Business Manager
- Maria Trujillo—Administrative Assistant

FAITH IN OUR FUTURE! #SPSPSAINTS

Thank You for Supporting our 31st Saints Gala Online Auction

All proceeds will directly benefit our academic & athletic programs.

♥ In Smaller Classes Students...
 Are Part of a Close-Knit Community ♦ Process More & Participate Frequently ♦ Speak Up & Are Higher Achievers
 Have More One-to-One Time w/Teachers ♦ Are More Likely to Excel in H.S. & Beyond ♦ Help Your Child Succeed in Life.

ENROLL NOW!



† FAITH IN OUR FUTURE! †

Now Enrolling for SY 2020-21
Preschool - 8th Grade



"TO BE SAINTS IS NOT A PRIVILEGE FOR THE FEW, BUT A VOCATION FOR EVERYONE" - POPE FRANCIS

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| <p>Smaller Class Sizes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool Classes = 12 • Average Grade School Classes = 16:1 | <p>Co-curricular Subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computers, Music, Art, Spanish, and Sparks® Physical Education School Library & RC Book Mobile | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCEA/WASC Accredited • Diocesan & CA Common Core Standards • Credentialed Teachers • Weekly School Mass | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerated Reader & Math • ICSSL Sports Program • Before & after school 7 a.m.—6 p.m. • Catered hot lunch program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovated classrooms • New S.T.E.A.M. Lab • 100 Mile Club® • AHA Kids Heart Challenge • Community Service and Outreach |
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September

Youth Ministry and Confirmation

Sign up now for all ministries!
Forms available online at stpeterstpaul.com

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.
Begins: Sept. 21st

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.
Begins: Sept. 9th

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.
Begins: Sept. 24th

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.
Year 1 begins: 3rd week of september
Year 2 begins: last week of september

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

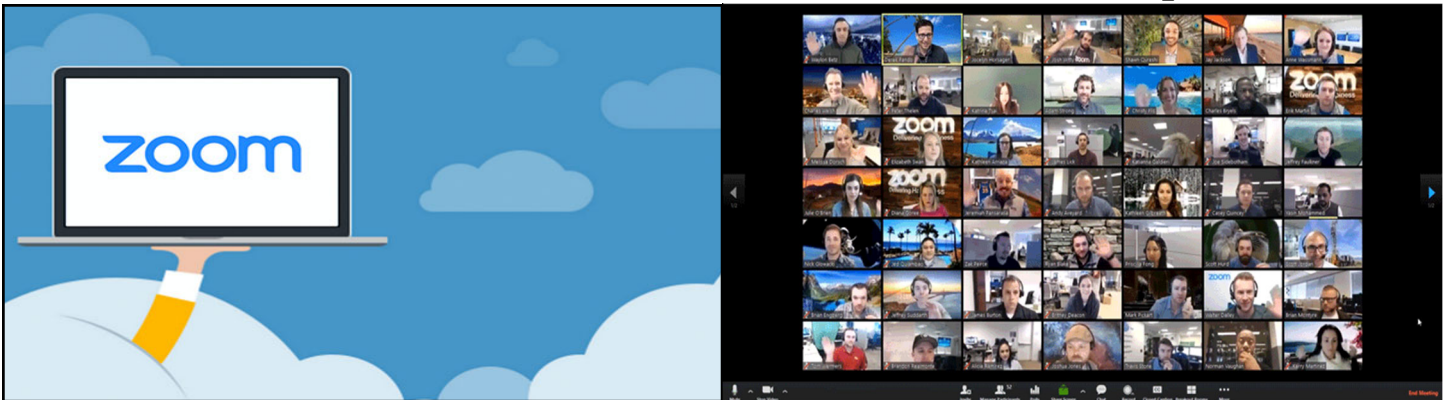
Staff/Hours

Maggie Kelledy-Paroski - Youth Minister ext. 301
Daniel Manriquez - Youth Confirmation Coordinator ext. 300
Suzy Metzgar - Youth Ministry Admin. Assistant ext. 225

(909) 987-9312

Office Hours:

Mon & Tues: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Wed & Thurs: Through phone only, use ext. 301 - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Fri-Sun: CLOSED



Ministry ZOOM Meeting Contacts

St. Joseph Covenant Keepers

Saturday @ 7:30-9:00 am

Contact: Chuck Denise. cfdinise@gmail.com

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday @ 9-10:30 am and 7-8:30 pm

Contact: Jenny Campbell. jcampbell@stpeterstpaul.com

Boy Scout Troop

Monday @ 6:55 pm

Contact: Marc Cobb. Marccobb@verizon.net

*Note: Knights of Columbus meetings are for members only Contact Marc Cobb

Catholic Daughters- Our Lady of Fatima Court #1387

3rd Monday @ 7 pm with rosary at 6:30 pm

Contact: Yvette Weilacker. yweilacker@gmail.com

Hispanic Community

Daily rosary in Spanish

Friday June 5 at 7pm

Contact: Mercedes Aschenbrenner. mercedesasch@icloud.com

St. Vincent de Paul Member Meeting

Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

Contact: Scott Schwartz. sandnsky8@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday @ 10:30-12:00

Contact: Mary Jo Kunkel. mjkunke155@gmail.com

ACTS

Women - 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm

Men - 3rd Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm

Contact: Tiffany Wulkopf. tiffanywulkopf@gmail.com or 909-565-3348

Virtual pre-baptism classes

Once a month beginning June

Contact: Aileen Gamalinda for more information. agamalinda@stpeterstpaul.com

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PASTOR**

**REV. JUAN SANDOVAL
PAROCHIAL VICAR**

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JOHN BARNA**

**DEACON
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[909-477-3362](tel:909-477-3362) for Emergencies.

<http://www.stpeterstpaul.com>
<https://app.flocknote.com/spspaltaloma>
www.facebook.com/spspaltaloma

Regular Parish Office Hours (909) 987-9312

Monday - Thursday
8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Friday Closed

Children's Faith Formation & Baptism (909) 980-9423

Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Or by appointment
CLOSED Fridays

Youth Ministry

Sun: Closed/Mon: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm/ Tues. 1:30 pm 4:30 pm /
Wed: Closed / Thurs: 1:30 pm -
4:30 pm/ Fri: By Appointment / Sat: Closed

Our Parish Office Staff 987-9312

Business Manager	Karen Hein	Ext. 230
IT (Support Specialist)	Jason Cary	
	jcary@stpeterstpaul.com	
Liturgy Administrative Assistant	Carolina Menendez	Ext. 303
Life Teen Music Coordinator	Melissa Acosta	Ext. 227
Matrimonial Sacraments	Aileen Gamalinda	Ext. 231
Music Director	Audrey Donaldson	Ext. 227
Pastoral Care	Debby Leonardo	Ext. 302
	Gloria Rivera	Ext. 222
Parish Admin. Assistant /Bulletin	Alex Zarate	Ext. 242
Parish Office Secretary	Ann Hogan	Ext. 221

Kindness is the Language

Which

THE DEAF CAN HEAR AND THE BLIND CAN SEE

Parish School / Preschool through – 8th grade: 987-7908

Principal – Preschool Director	Kelly Burt	Ext. 235
Business Manager	Laura Onopa	Ext. 245
Administrative Assistant	Maria Trujillo	Ext. 234

Parish Mission Statement

We the people of St. Peter and St. Paul Parish, as members of the Roman Catholic Church, are a sacramental, worshipping 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.

Pray for the dead
and
Fight to the end for the living



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

St Peter and St Paul Catholic Church has joined the worldwide movement to protect the unborn with 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil on the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood abortion facility 918 W. Foothill Blvd. Upland, CA 91786
September 23 – November 1 * 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Kick-Off

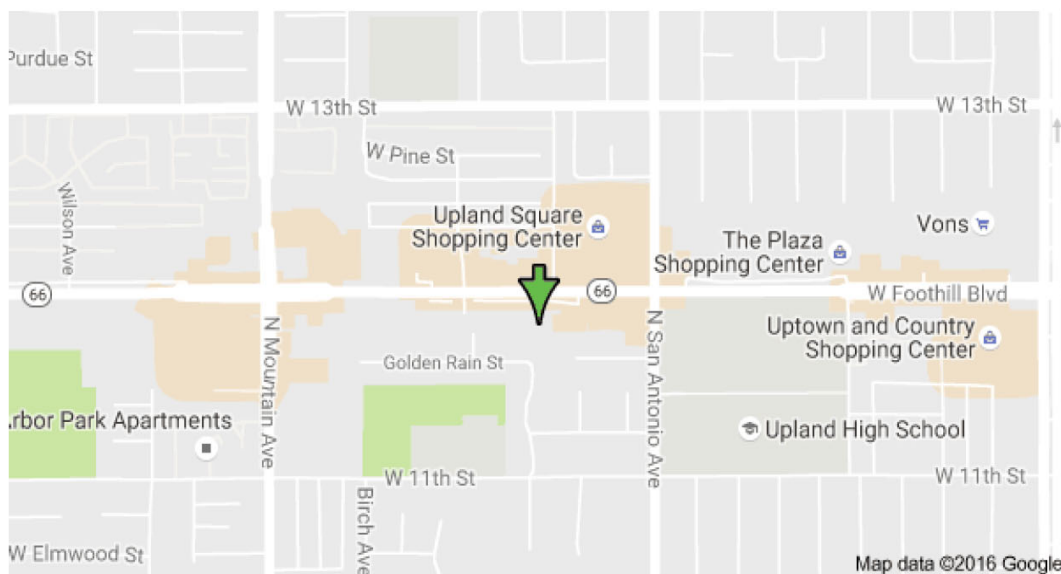
10:00 – 11:00 AM Wednesday September 23 Vigil Site

To register for weekly vigil hours, visit: www.40DaysforLife.com/upland

Or

To sign up for “24/7 Pray from Home” hours or for information

Call or text Deborah (909) 240-6419 or email deborahc@cumminsarchitecture.com





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**Has Joined the Worldwide Movement to
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40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Adoration
September 23 – November 1**

Kick-Off

*Unite your prayers from your own home with the largest
40 Days for Life Campaign ever!*

Wednesday, September 23

24/7 Pray from Home

You may choose any hour day or night to pray.

Schedule prayer times

Call or text Deborah (909) 240-6419

Email deborahc@cumminsarchitecture.com

Eucharistic Adoration

Pray for the Unborn before the Blessed Sacrament.

Every Friday in the Playground 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Sign up on SignUpGenius or

Call the church office (909) 987-9312



Pope Francis: Confront COVID with unbounded love

By Christopher Wells, 10 September 2020

At the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis says it is “time to improve our social love.”

Pope Francis focused his attention on the concept of the “common good” in his catechesis at Wednesday’s General Audience.

Seeking the common good together

Continuing his reflections on “Healing the World,” Pope Francis said we can emerge from the coronavirus crisis better than before “if we all seek the *common good* together.” At the same time, he lamented that we are beginning to see “partisan interests emerging,” with some people seeking to take advantage of the crisis for selfish purposes.

“The Christian response to the pandemic and to the consequent socio-economic crisis is based on *love*,” the Pope said, and especially the love of God for us. We in turn are called to love everyone – not only our friends and family, but even our enemies. This is difficult, the Pope acknowledged, but it is an “art that can be learned and improved.”

Building a civilization of love

Love, he continued, not only helps us to build personal relationships, but also allows “social, cultural, and economic relationships to flourish, allowing us to construct a ‘civilization of love,’” Pope Francis said, using an expression beloved of the sainted Popes Paul VI and John Paul II.

Love without borders

The current crisis, said Pope Francis, is helping us to see that the good of each person individually is tied up with the common good of society as a whole, and vice versa. And he insisted, “A virus that does not recognize barriers, borders, or cultural or political distinctions must be faced with a *love* without barriers, borders or distinctions.”

If, on the other hand, solutions to the crisis are tinged with selfishness or egoism, the Pope said, “we may perhaps emerge from the coronavirus crisis, but certainly not from the human and social crisis that the virus has brought to light and accentuated.” Instead, everyone – and Christians in particular – have a duty to work to promote the common good.

Politics rooted in ethics and nourished by love

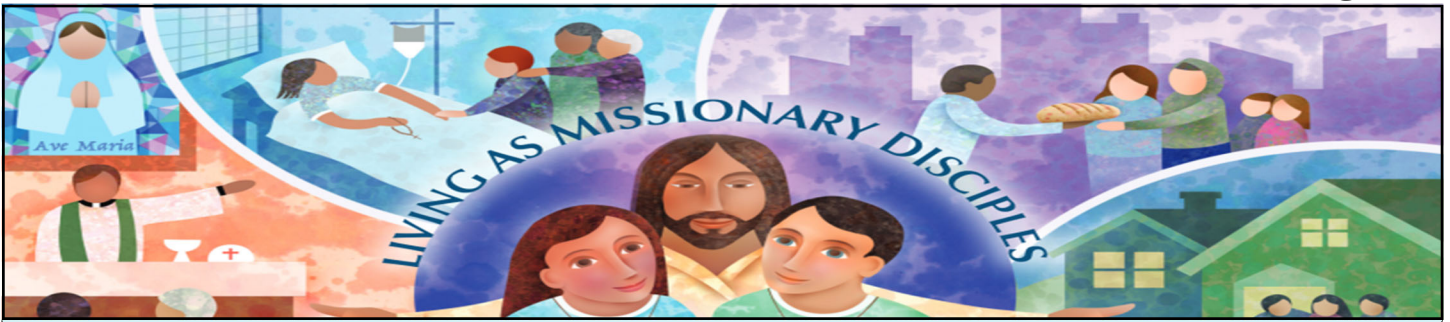
Pope Francis admitted that politics often has a bad reputation, and perhaps not without reason. A “good politics is possible,” though, he insisted, when it “puts the human person and the common good at the center of its duty.” This calls for everyone, but especially those with social and political commitments and duties, to root their actions “in ethical principles,” and nourish them “with social and political love.”

Pope Francis said, “Christians, in a particular way the laity, are called to give good example of this and can do it thanks to the virtue of charity, cultivating its intrinsic social dimension.”

Called to improve social love

Now, said Pope Francis, is the “time to improve our social love, with everyone’s contribution.” The Holy Father insisted that everyone must do their part, with no one excluded. “Thus, through our gestures, even the most humble ones, something of the image of God that we bear with us will be made visible, because God is the Trinity, God is love.”

With God’s help, Pope Francis said, “we can heal the world,” if we all work together “for the common good.”



Catechetical Sunday Sept. 20, 2020

“I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.”

The Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19-20, 2020.

The theme this year is: *“I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.”*

At all Masses that weekend, the Community of St. Peter & St. Paul will be calling forth all catechists to be blessed and commissioned. (including those at home)

Catechists include the following ministries:

School religion teachers, RCIA teams, Confirmation teams, Children’s Liturgy teams, Children’s Faith Formation teams as well as Baptism, First Communion and Marriage Prep teams. This includes all who assist in these ministries as aids or assistants.

Catechetical Sunday reflects on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It is an opportunity to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion"

~ *Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta* ~



"Cualquier país que acepta el aborto, no está enseñando a su gente a amar, sino a usar la violencia para conseguir lo que quieren. Es por eso que el mayor destructor de amor y la paz, es el aborto"

~ *Santa Madre Teresa de Calcuta* ~

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**What Is the Best Way to Express a Political
Viewpoint?**

In civil dialogue, listen and speak carefully and respectfully. Conversation rooted in truth builds bridges and strengthens communities with a cooperative spirit seeking the common good.

For dynamic reading: *Civil Discourse: Speaking Truth in Love*: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/parishes-and-schools/upload/Civil-Dialogue-bulletin-insert.pdf>

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Nick Ewell, Chapter Marshall, ADVC
Knights of Columbus
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