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Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering into the kingdom of God before you."

MATTHEW 21:31

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 27
2020

HUMILITY

Blessed Giles of Assisi, in the thirteenth century, wrote, "No one can attain the knowledge of God but by humility. The way to mount high is to descend." This helps express the profound truth of today's readings. In Ezekiel's view, only the humble can acknowledge fault and turn to God with repentance. In the Gospel from Matthew, those who view themselves humbly are able to recognize God's presence in Jesus. And in his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul's stirring hymn tells the story of Jesus, who through his humility showed us the depths of God's love. Jesus Christ is exalted as Lord precisely because of his humility and service to God. In our own parishes and faith communities, just like the Christian community of Philippi, we are called to follow Jesus' way, and live with humility and in service to one another.

BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

Today's Gospel describes the second half of a sharp exchange between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. They asked, "By what authority do you do these things?" Much of this dispute is about authority. How could Jesus claim to represent God's purposes? This question continues to resonate today. Who speaks for God? Who doesn't? How do we tell the difference?

Jesus' response is, look at the evidence. Look at how, in response to John the Baptist and to Jesus, people were healed in body and in spirit. Look how people found new intimacy with God, and how they turned away from their sin. The authority of John and of Jesus rested not in some position within the religious institutions, but in the grace and healing power evident in John and in Jesus.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The readings today make it clear that to be a follower of Jesus you have to be able to change your mind. More precisely, we must allow God to change us, to transform our minds. For most of us, this can be really hard. This is why the readings speak so much about humility. Humility opens up our capacity to be transformed. Humility allows us to challenge our own thinking and behavior, so as to avoid self-justification on one hand, and self-denigration on the other hand.

Humility can be cultivated in the practice of reflection. This might mean claiming some time to allow God into our busy days. This might mean time away, through a retreat or day of quiet, perhaps with the help of a spiritual guide or director.

Humility can also be cultivated in actions of service. We learn Jesus' humility through washing each other's feet. We can place other's interests ahead of our own, and relinquish our need to be in control. When we cultivate humility, we create space within us to allow God to take residence and transform us.

TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm 25:4-9
Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]
Matthew 21:28-32



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Jesús dijo a los sumos sacerdotes y a los ancianos del pueblo: “Yo les aseguro que los publicanos y las prostitutas se les han adelantado en el camino del Reino de Dios”.

MATEO 21:31

VIGÉSIMO
SEXTO
DOMINGO
DEL TIEMPO
ORDINARIO
27 DE
SEPTIEMBRE
DE 2020

HUMILDAD

El beato Giles de Asís, en el siglo XIII, escribió: “Nadie puede alcanzar el conocimiento de Dios, sino por humildad. La forma de montar en lo alto es descender.” Esto ayuda a expresar la profunda verdad de las lecturas de hoy. En opinión de Ezequiel, sólo los humildes pueden reconocer la culpa y volverse a Dios con arrepentimiento. En el Evangelio de Mateo, aquellos que se ven humildemente son capaces de reconocer la presencia de Dios en Jesús. Y en su carta a los filipenses, el conmovedor himno de san Pablo cuenta la historia de Jesús, quien con su humildad nos mostró lo más profundo del amor de Dios. Jesucristo es exaltado como Señor precisamente por su humildad y servicio a Dios. En nuestras propias parroquias y comunidades de fe, al igual que la comunidad cristiana de Filipo, estamos llamados a seguir el camino de Jesús, y a vivir con humildad y al servicio el uno al otro.

¿CON QUÉ AUTORIDAD?

El Evangelio de hoy describe la segunda mitad de un argumento entre Jesús y los sumos sacerdotes y los ancianos del pueblo. Le preguntaron: ¿con qué autoridad haces estas cosas? Mucho de esta discusión fue acerca de la autoridad. ¿Cómo era posible que Jesús dijera que representaba los propósitos de Dios? Esta pregunta sigue escuchándose hasta el día de hoy. ¿Quién habla por Dios? ¿Quién no lo hace? ¿Cómo podemos diferenciarlos?

La respuesta de Jesús es ver a la evidencia. Miren cómo, en respuesta a Juan el Bautista y a Jesús, las personas son sanadas del cuerpo y el alma. Miren cómo las personas encontraron una nueva intimidad con Dios, y cómo cambiaron sus vidas de pecado. La autoridad de Juan y Jesús reposa no en algunos puestos de las instituciones religiosas, sino en la gracia y evidente fuerza sanadora de Juan y Jesús.

CAMBIANDO LA MENTE

Hoy las lecturas ponen claro que para ser un seguidor de Jesús uno tiene que cambiar la mente. Más precisamente, debemos permitir que Dios nos cambie, transforme nuestras mentes. Para muchos de nosotros, esto puede ser verdaderamente difícil. Es por esto que las lecturas hablan mucho acerca de la humildad. La humildad abre nuestra capacidad para ser transformados. La humildad nos permite cambiar nuestra forma de pensar y nuestro comportamiento, para así poder evitar por un lado la auto justificación, y por otro lado la auto denigración.

La humildad puede cultivarse en la práctica de la reflexión. Esto podría significar dedicar un tiempo específico a Dios dentro de nuestra ocupada lista de las ajetadas obligaciones. Esto podría significar dedicar un tiempo específico para un retiro de un día de tranquilidad, quizá con la ayuda de un director espiritual.

La humildad también puede cultivarse en obras de servicio. Conocemos de la humildad de Jesús en el lavatorio de pies. Podemos poner nuestros intereses por delante de los nuestros, y renunciamos a nuestra necesidad de estar en control. Cuando cultivamos la humildad, creamos un espacio dentro de nosotros para permitir que Dios haga su morada en nosotros y nos transforme.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Ezequiel 18:25–28
Salmo 25 (24):4–9
Filipenses 2:1–11 [1–5]
Mateo 21:28–32

Our Parish Financial Corner

Update

Sunday 9-13-2020:

Envelopes/ checks:	\$ 9,295.00
Plate:	615.00
Online Giving 9-13-2020:	\$ 7,801.00
Total for 9-13-2020:	\$ 17,711.00
JPII Debt Envelopes/ checks:	\$ 1,735.00
JPII Debt online 9-13-2020:	\$ 1,098.00
Total JPII 09-13-2020:	\$ 2,833.00
Total Misc. Income:	\$ 3,843.00
Holy Land Collection:	\$1,110.00

JPII

Parish Debt Elimination Campaign

August payment: \$19,200.00

Balance on Debt: \$179,028.72



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

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




Diocesan Development Fund

Diocese Goal: \$99,975.00
Pledges Made: \$131,083.00
Gifts Received: **\$101,595.20**
Donors: 433
Percent of Goal: 101.62 %
As of: Sep 13, 2020 9:51PM


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



Susan Vogt—Author, Speaker, Coach
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Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers



"...humbly regard others as more important than yourselves." (Philippians 2:3) Humility is a hard lesson for children to learn for a strong ego is a necessary developmental stage. Discern whether your child is mature enough to defer to another without compromising self-worth.

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



Sign Up for *Adoration*

During the COVID - 19 pandemic

Tagalog

Philippians 2:1-5
Kaya nga, yamang mayroong kasiglahan ang buhay kay Cristo, mayroong kaaliwan ng pag-ibig, mayroong pakikiisa ng Espiritu Santo, at mayroong kagandahang-loob at mala-sakit para sa isa't isa, lubusin ninyo ang aking kagalakan; magkaroon kayo ng iisang kaisipan, mabuklod kayo sa iisang pag-ibig, at magkaisa kayo sa puso't diwa. Huwag kayong gumawa ng anuman dahil sa pansariling layunin o pagyayabang; sa halip, bilang tanda ng pagpapakumbaba, ituring ninyong higit ang iba kaysa inyong mga sarili. Pag-malasakitan ninyo ang kapakanan ng iba, at hindi lamang ang sa inyong sarili. Nawa'y magkaroon kayo ng kaisipan na tulad ng kay Cristo Jesus.

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete **my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.** Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

Mass Schedule & Intentions	
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
5:00 PM	†Pedro Villegas
Monday, September 21	
7:30 AM	†Ruel Lopena †Raul Chamagua
Tuesday, September 22	
7:30 AM	Monina De Jesus
Wednesday, September 23	
7:30 AM	†Elda Corrado †Kathryn Corrado
Thursday, September 24	
7:30 AM	Norma Silva - Healing Christine & Karina Silva
Friday, September 25	
7:30 AM	Liz Laurel
Saturday, September 26	
4:00 PM	Robert Robertson - Happy Birthday
Sunday, September 27	
7:30 AM	Bermejo & Dijamco Fam. †Consuelos Campe
9:00 AM	†Royal Lee Swanberg †Juanita Yao
11:00 AM	†Gregorio De Los Reyes
1:00 PM	
5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Pray



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 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)

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.."



"Carry your **cross** on your **back** and take it as it comes, **small** or **large**, whether from **friends** or **enemies** and of whatever **wood** it be made."

John Bosco



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

"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

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. Food will be distributed to Parishioners in need, Mary's Mercy Center and His Hands. Mary's Mercy has asked for new Undies, including socks, T shirts with sleeves and Briefs. They can be left with food donations.

Questions about these donations? Sherry B. Busiabaer@outlook.com



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)

CONSIDER THAT GOD REIGNS ONLY IN THE PEACEFUL AND DISINTERESTED SOUL.

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

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JULY CALENDAR

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



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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

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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

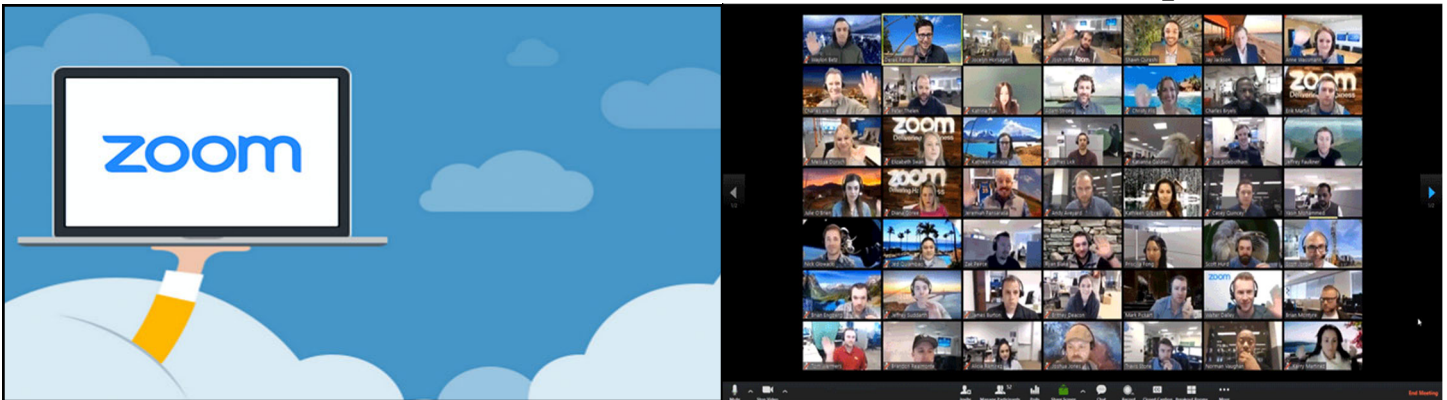
Staff/Hours

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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 (909) 987-7908

During hours the office is closed, call
 909-477-3362 for Emergencies.

<http://www.stpeterstpaul.com>
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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
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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
40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Adoration
September 23 – November 1

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

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

Sign up on SignUpGenius or

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Weekly Prayer Intention:

God's blessing upon participants of the

Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign



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

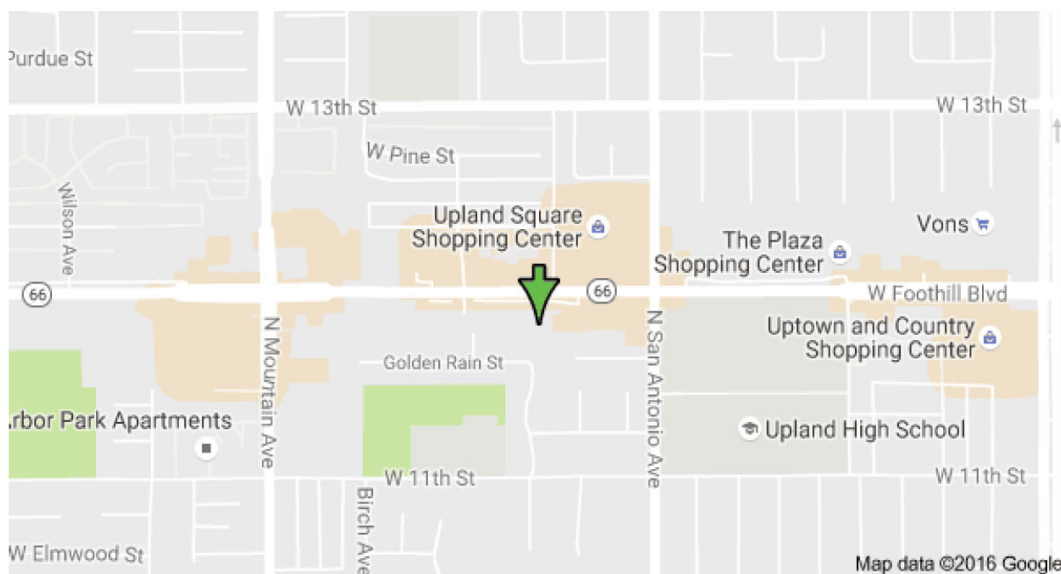
10:00 – 11:00 AM Wednesday September 23 Vigil Site

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





Pope at Mass prays peace in families, unity in the Church

By Christopher Wells May 4, 2020

In the Mass in Santa Marta on Monday, Pope Francis prayed for families closed up in their homes because of the pandemic. He acknowledged that families are trying to do many things they have never done before. Then, he mentioned the reality of domestic violence. "Let us pray," he said, "for families, that they might persevere in peace with creativity and patience during this quarantine". During his homily, Pope Francis emphasized the importance of unity despite differences. It revolved around two poles: the story of the criticism of St Peter by the early Church for eating with sinners, and the message of Jesus in the Gospel, "I am the shepherd of all".

Sources of division

In the first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, the Christian community in Jerusalem reproached St Peter for eating with pagans. This is just one example of the many divisions that we find in the early years of the Church, the Pope said. This spirit of division leads us to divide people between the righteous and sinners, between "us" and "them", he continued. We often believe that we have the correct position before God. Sometimes it leads to thinking that others are condemned. In fact, in the religious atmosphere of the time, not only Peter, but even Jesus was criticized for eating with sinners. This is a disease of the Church born of ideologies, Pope Francis said. **He warned that our commitment to an ideological position can become more important than listening to the Holy Spirit Who guides us. This can lead to divisions.**

Jesus died for everyone

Pope Francis then quoted a Cardinal emeritus who lives in the Vatican. That Cardinal said that the Church is like a river. Some members are closer to one bank or the other. **But everyone is in the same river. "No one outside, everyone inside," the Pope said. "The Lord wants it this way"**. Turning to the Gospel, the Pope emphasized the words of Jesus, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, **and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd"** (Jn 10:16). **The reality that "everyone in Jesus is important"**, the Pope said. Jesus "died for everyone", he insisted. He died not only for the good and the just, but even for those who make our lives difficult, for the thief, even for those who don't believe in Him. **"He died for everyone"**.

That there might be one Shepherd

Pope Francis invited us to pray for the unity of all men and all women, that there might be one sole Shepherd, one sole Pastor. "May the Lord free us from that psychology of division. May He help see this aspect, this great reality about Jesus: that in Him we are all brothers and sisters and He is the Shepherd of all," he said. "The word for today is: 'Everyone, everyone!' "



Te invita a una experiencia virtual para Restaurar la Comunicación, Reencender el Romance y Renovar el Compromiso, desde la comodidad de tu casa.

La experiencia consta de siete sesiones que se presentan dos veces por semana. Cada sesión dura de 2 a 2 horas y media comenzando generalmente a las 6:30 pm.

Todas las informaciones son ofrecidas virtualmente. Pide más información a estos contactos:

Información:

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Muchas veces portarse con generosidad hacia el prójimo es aún más importante que insistir en lo justo. "No maltratarás, ni oprimirás a los extranjeros...No harán daño a la viuda ni al huérfano..." ni tampoco escatimes comida o ropa para los pobres. (Éxodo

22:20-26) Esta semana identifiquen juntos una acción de generosidad que le puedas ofrecer a alguno que esté sufriendo. Y por si acaso, envía tu voto, si es que no lo has hecho ya.

"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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