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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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WEBSITES

Parish: www.steugenes.com
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REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.; 4:30 p.m. & Sp. 6:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call 539-2772.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass.

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary is Monday – Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Cathedral

Chaplet of Divine Mercy is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

CATHEDRAL SHOPS

Cathedral Thrift Shop is open Tues & Wed 9:30 – 2:30
Cathedral Books & Gifts Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30-4:30
& Sun 8:30-1:30, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: 542-0250

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 1, 2020

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY MARCH 1

Coffee Social – PLC – 8:00 am – 12:00
Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00, 1:30
pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm
RCIA/RCIF Classes – Becker Ctr. – 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY MARCH 2

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Rosary for Life – Chapel - 9:00 am

TUESDAY MARCH 3

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Women of the Word – PLC (Hope Rm) – 9:30 am
Latin Mass – Cathedral- 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Legion of Mary – PLC – 6:00 pm

THURSDAY MARCH 5

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Golden Opportunities Meeting – PLC – 8:30 am
Chant Schola Fr. Keyes – PLC – 5:30pm

FRIDAY MARCH 6

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Bible Study – PLC – 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Stations of the Cross – Cathedral – 2:00 pm (only)

SATURDAY MARCH 7

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am
Ave Maria Girls' Group – PLC – 9:30 am
Ordination to the Priesthood Mass – Cathedral – 10:00 am
Ordination Reception – Becker Center – 11:30 am

~SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN~

St. Eugene's Cathedral School is accepting applications for grade K – 8th for the 2020-2021 school year. We offer an excellent academic education with a challenging curriculum integrated with gospel values. For further information, please visit our website www.steugenesch.org or call the school office at 545-7252 to arrange a tour. St. Eugene's Pre-school is accepting applications for three, four and five year olds. We offer an age appropriate balance of teacher directed and child initiated learning in a nurturing environment. For further information, please call Sharry Caesare, our preschool director, at 528-9133.

The bulletin item deadline is Thursday @ 3:00pm for the Sunday after next bulletin. E-mail items to: office@steugenes.com. We reserve the right to edit or omit items.

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Weeks of: 2/9/20

Sunday Donations Received:	\$ 12,719
Collection Revenue Received for: <i>Religious Education (Parish School of Religion)</i>	\$ 2,633

~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

Lent is a time of prayer, reflection and sacrifice for all Catholics. To support your prayer life this Lenten season, all of our devotional (prayer) books are 25% off during the month of March. Lent should be considered an opportunity to realign ourselves with God and pursue a renewed relationship with Him. Stop in and see us! We have many more resources for Lent as well! The shop hours are: Wed-Sat from 8:30 am-4:30 pm & Sun 8:30 am-1:30 pm. We are closed Mon./Tues. Call us at 542-0250.

~2019 CHARITABLE DONATION LIST~

St. Eugene's greatly appreciates your donations to the Sunday collections. A year-end list of donations suitable for tax purposes is provided to parishioners who use offertory envelopes, credit cards or online banking direct pay for Sunday collections. **NOTE:** Tax statements are sent to envelope users **upon request only**. If you wish to receive a tax statement, email bookkeeper@steugenes.com or call 542-6984 ext. 13. Be sure to include your envelope number.

~NEW TO THE PARISH?~

If you are new to St. Eugene's, *Welcome!* We hope you find a spiritual home here. Please formally register in the parish and be a part of our family. Come to the parish office Mon-Fri, 9-4 to register - a welcome packet awaits you there. Registration cards are also available in the front and east church vestibules.

~UPDATE YOUR RECORDS ~

Have you changed your address? Phone number? Email address? Have new family members since you registered in the parish? Have your children grown up and left home? If so, please contact the parish office and let us know your changes so that we can update your parishioner record. Email changes to maria@steugenes.com, call her at 542-6984 ext. 10.

SECOND COLLECCTION

~TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM~

This weekend, February 29 & March 1, our second collection is for our Tuition Assistance Program. There is no Second Collection next weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

~DAYLIGHT SAVINGS~

Just a reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, Mar. 8, at 2:00 am. Don't forget to turn your clock 1 hour forward!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 29
8:00 am	Vince Buettner, living
4:30 pm	Kathleen A. Haberkorn, deceased
6:30 pm	Margarita Avina Patino, deceased
Sunday	March 1
7:30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am	Janet Ann Frank, living
10:30 am	People of St. Eugene's
12:00 pm	Tim Barber, living
1:30 pm	Ana Spremich, deceased
5:30 pm	Maria de los Angeles Garcia and Holy Souls in Purgatory
Monday	March 2
6:45 am	Tom Bonfigli, living
8:00 am	Anne Therese Furey, Pepper Furey, My-Kola Skrypka and Emory Elliott, deceased
Tuesday	March 3
6:45 am	All Souls in Purgatory
8:00 am	Scott Voelker, living
5:30 pm (EF)	Robert Jakowchik, living
Wednesday	March 4
6:45 am	Iyleene Schmidt, deceased
8:00 am	Irene Carol, living
Thursday	March 5
6:45 am	People of St Eugene's
8:00 am	Ryan Edward Shaklik, living
Friday	March 6
6:45 am	Nazaria Getigan, deceased
8:00 am	Leo Pimentel, deceased
9:20 am (school)	Roger P. Cooney, deceased
12:00 pm (Hosp.)	Maria Hong Tran, deceased
Saturday	March 7
8:00 am	In honor of and in reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus and for the living and deceased members of the Russell and Rinaldi families.
4:30 pm	Mary Desideri, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Margarita Avina Patino, deceased

~IN NEED OF PRAYERS~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Sandy Torti Wilcox, Marjorie Miles, Amelia Lansangan, Gail Brown, Luigi Fabiano, Leo Del Santo, Daniel Velasquez, Emeline Jane Smith, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, Eileen Carol, Nancy Amador, Patrick Welter, Cristeta Marentes, Jesus Navarro, Michael Boland, Stephen Warner, Thomas Patrick, Aida Catapang, Hike Kazarian, John Bugbee, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Joan Cosgrove, Paulita Castro and Tiffany Hutchinson.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~PRIESTLY ORDINATION~

This **Saturday, March 7, at 10:00 am**, His Excellency, Bishop Robert Vasa, will ordain Deacons Thomas Stuart and John Plass to the Holy Priesthood here at the Cathedral of St. Eugene. A reception will follow in the Msgr. Becker Center. Recitation of the Rosary will begin at 9:30 a.m.

~'GOD IS' RETREAT~

The *God Is! Day of Renewal* one-day retreat is an opportunity to experience the fullness of faith found in the Catholic Church. This retreat meets people along their faith journey, reaching out through proclamation, personal witness, Sacramental renewal, prayer, Eucharistic adoration, music, and skits to help the participant's faith come alive. Additionally, the *God Is! Day of Renewal* provides a wonderful opportunity for a person to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The *God Is! Day of Renewal* one-day retreat will be presented on **Saturday, March 28th** here at St. Eugene's parish. The retreat, which begins at 8:00 a.m. (with check-in at 7:30 a.m.) and includes lunch, will conclude with the 4:30 p.m. Mass. There is no charge, however, a \$20 donation helps to cover the food costs for the day. Please **RSVP by March 15th** by sending an email to GodIs@sonic.net, write your full name, the name of your parish and your affiliation (Marriage Prep, Catechist, Confirmandi or Parish Member.)

~STATIONS OF THE CROSS~

This Friday, March 6, Bishop Vasa will be performing the Rite of Confirmation in the Cathedral at 6:00 pm. **This means that we will not be having our usual Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm (Spanish) that evening.** (We will have our usual 2:00 pm Stations of the Cross.) We will resume our regular schedule next Friday.

~ADORERS NEEDED~

St. Eugene's is so blessed to have Perpetual (24/7) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel. There are several time slots that are available to those who can give one or two hours per week to spend in silent contemplation and prayer with our Lord. Please call Ellen Moore at 539-2772 if you would like to sign up.

SAVE THE DATE

~ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER~

St. Eugene's is having their annual St. Patrick's dinner/fundraiser on Tuesday, March 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the Becker Center. Tickets are on sale March 1, 8 & 15 at the Sunday morning coffee social in the Parish Life Center and in the Parish Office on weekdays, 9-4. Pre-sale tickets are \$22 adults/\$15 children under 12. Tickets at the door on March 17 are \$25/\$15. Please join us!

~KNIGHTS' FISH FRY~

The Knights Of Columbus will hold a Lenten Fish Fry in the Msgr. Becker Center on Friday, March 20th. A Lenten meal of fish, french fries, coleslaw and ice cream will be served between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm for the cost of \$16.00. Take out available!

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

THE SIN OF ADAM

~FROM THE PASTOR~

In our first reading from the book of Genesis, we read the account of the Fall of Adam. Many of us may wonder why Original Sin is often referred to as the "Sin of Adam" when it is very clear that Eve was quite involved in the sinning! Below, we will read an interesting article regarding this. Also, many of us will be going to the polls on March 3rd to vote in the 2020 California Primary. As Catholics, we not only have a duty to vote but also a duty to inform our consciences regarding the issues at hand. For example, intrinsically evil actions/laws are those that fundamentally conflict with the moral law and can never be approved of under any circumstances. Remember, Jesus speaks to us through His Church. If your conscience is not in accord with His Church in terms of dogma and in terms of the Natural Law, your conscience is not "well-formed" and thus, is in error. On the next page, I list two websites that you can go to to become better informed about these matters.

ONE OR BOTH?

~WHY ADAM?~

"Original sin is that first sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, committed when they ate the forbidden fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Gen 3:1-7). While it clearly involved them both, Scripture and Tradition refer to it formally as the "Sin of Adam" or "Adam's Sin," not the "Sin of Adam and Eve." It is also described as coming to us "through one man," not "through one man and one woman." Consider the following quotes from Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

- *Like Adam, they [Israel] have broken the covenant – they were unfaithful to me there* (Hosea 6:7).
- *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, ... death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam* (Rom 5:12, 14).
- *For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive* (1 Cor 15:22).
- *All men are implicated in Adam's sin, as St. Paul affirms: "By one man's disobedience many (that is, all men) were made sinners" "sin came into the world*

through one man ..." (CCC # 402).

- *Following St. Paul, the Church has always taught that the overwhelming misery which oppresses men and their inclination towards evil and death cannot be understood apart from their connection with Adam's sin ...* (CCC # 403). *How did the sin of Adam become the sin of all his descendants? The whole human race is in Adam "as one body of one man." By this "unity of the human race" all men are implicated in Adam's sin, as all are implicated in Christ's justice* (CCC # 404). **Again, why just Adam? I want to propose several answers ...** Not everything I am about to write represents formal Church teaching; some of it is speculation on my part."

~PARALLELISM~

"St. Paul makes it clear that we are saved by Christ alone. This is because sin came through "one man" and hence we are saved by "one Man," the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as in Adam all die, so in Christ are all made alive (*cf* Rom 5:17; 1 Cor 15:22). Parallelism makes it fitting that because we were saved by one Man, we were steeped in sin through one man. This argument is ultimately unsatisfying because it amounts to a kind of *post hoc ergo propter hoc* argument by starting with the conclusion (we were saved by one Man) and then developing the premise (that it is because one man sinned). The New Testament guides and influences our understanding of the Old Testament, and it should. Hence, there are two Adams, a "man-for-Man" parallelism. In this sense the first sin is fittingly called the "Sin of Adam."

~THE HEADSHIP OF ADAM~

"Scripture teaches of the headship of the husband in marriage (*cf* Eph 5:22; 1 Peter 3:1; Titus 5:2; Col 3:18). When God ordained marriage, He stated, *A man shall leave his father and mother and cling to his wife, and the two of them shall be one* (Gen 2:24). The man leads the marriage and is its head, but this makes him ultimately responsible for what takes place in that marriage. Today, we tend to think of headship as a privilege, but Scripture speaks of it more in terms of responsibility and service (*cf* Mark 10:41-45; Lk 12:48). Thus, the headship of the husband brings upon him the ultimate responsibility for what happens in his household. This does not mean that his wife is necessarily without guilt, only

that that he must answer for it. I am the head of my parish. As such, if one of my parishioners or staff does something wrong, the bishop calls *me* and expects *me* to handle the matter. I am ultimately responsible for what happens in my parish and must account for it, accept shared responsibility for it, and correct it. It may be because I failed to teach properly. Perhaps I did not exercise enough oversight. It may not be *entirely* my fault, but as head, I must answer for it. Hence, original sin is called the "Sin of Adam" because as head of the household, he bore ultimate responsibility for what took place. When God was looking for them after they had sinned, He did not say, "Adam and Eve, where are you?" He said, "*Adam, where are you?*" (Gen 3:9) Eve was not without blame, but God called on Adam to render an account. Adam had headship and, in this sense, the first sin is fittingly called the "Sin of Adam."

~THE COMPLEXITY OF ORIGINAL SIN~

"When we think of the first sin, we tend to think of it simplistically, as simply the eating of forbidden fruit. I suggest that it was more complicated than that and involved Adam a little more than is commonly thought. Adam had been placed in the Garden of Eden prior to Eve's creation and had been told to work it and keep it (Gen 2:15). (Some translations say that he is to work in it and guard it.) After Eve's creation, she has a somewhat lengthy conversation with the devil, during which he spars with her, tempting her and ultimately causing her to fall. During this time, where was Adam? One would think he wasn't there because the text does not record him saying anything, but in fact Adam was right there the whole time! One would expect Adam to say to Satan, "Why are you talking to my wife? What are you saying to her? Why are you trying to mislead her?" One would further expect Adam to dispute what Satan was saying and to defend his wife from this temptation and error. Surely, Eve should not have had to answer Satan all on her own. She does well at the outset but then weakens under his onslaught. Why does Adam not step in to protect her and to bolster her strength? Why does he not assist her in this struggle and defend her against this threat? Is his silence not part of the first sin? Is his omission not integral to the fall of them both? Adam had an obligation to rebuff Satan and to guard his wife and the garden, but he remained passive. As head of the house, Adam had the primary responsibility

of defending his household from all error, sin and threat. Eve should not have had to face Satan alone. Adam was worse than useless; his silence gave strength to Satan's arguments. Eve was not without sin, but Adam failed to assist her and to provide her the support she needed and deserved. Thus, the first sin involved more than merely eating the fruit; that was its culmination. Adam's complicit silence was integral to the fall; it set the stage. In this sense the first sin is fittingly called the "Sin of Adam." By. Msgr. Charles Pope, <https://cathstan.org/posts/why-is-original-sin-called-the-sin-of-adam-not-the-sin-of-adam-and-eve>

~CATHOLICS AND VOTING~

"Catholics make up about 30 percent of those who vote in national elections. These 30 million Catholics have the power to make our country a better nation—more welcoming to life, more supportive of families, and more effective in its programs to help the poor and marginalized. Furthermore, Catholics who attend Mass regularly vote more often and express heightened concern for issues at the core of the Church's social teaching. Once politicians notice that Catholics vote their values, the faithful will have an opportunity to influence their leaders. But there are a few things to remember."

~THERE ARE DOMINANT ISSUES~

"First, Catholics who vote should not worry about "imposing" their values on others. The U.S. Supreme Court decision recognizing the legality of slavery would never have been overturned if men and women of faith had chosen to keep their religious convictions private. The voters who supported Lincoln didn't worry about "imposing" their faith in ending the scourge of slavery. Catholics do not seek laws requiring citizens to attend church or observe Lenten fasts. On the contrary, Catholics advocate the protection of basic human rights through legislation and policy, such as the right to life and the right to educational freedom. Laws and policies embody the values we as a nation agree to live by. **Second, Catholics know that the protection of the unborn is the "dominant issue" among all political issues.** The mandate to protect life in politics is unconditional and should be our foremost consideration. " *For more of this article, and a Catholic Voter guide, go to: www.catholicity.com/vote/introduction.html You can also check out : www.ewtn.com/vote BOTH of these sites will help inform your conscience so as to conform with Church teaching.*

CATEDRAL DE ST. EUGENE'S — 1 de Marzo del 2020

ORACION A SAN MIGUEL ARCANGEL

SAN MIGUEL ARCÁNGEL, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y asechanzas del demonio. Reprímele Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tu príncipe de la milicia celestial arroja al infierno con el divino poder a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo para la perdición de las almas.

Amen.



Nota:

Por recomendación de nuestro Obispo R. Vasa aprender de memoria esta oración y hacerla después de que termina la Santa Misa. (claro que usted puede rezarla lo mas seguido posible)

CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES

Preparación Pre-Bautismal en Español, Para Padres y Padrinos. Cada Primer Jueves de cada mes en el Salón Parroquial (PLC) La próxima será: el 5 de Marzo a las 7:00pm.

NO NIÑOS.

Antes de hacer preparativos tienen que hablar a la oficina mínimo 2 meses antes de la Ceremonia.

Si los padrinos son una pareja (matrimonio) necesitamos copia del certificado de Matrimonio a la Iglesia. (La Iglesia nos pide a una persona para que sea el padrino o madrina, no precisamente una pareja, siempre y cuando esta tenga la n... ir que practique la Fe)



CALENDARIO PARROQUIAL

Lunes -Legión de María: Nuestra Señora del Carmen Presídium PLC 5:00pm.

Legión de María: Nuestra Señora de Fátima Presídium en el PLC 7:00pm.

Cursillos: Ultreya PLC 7:00pm.

Martes -Grupo de Oración Shalom en el salón del Brinker a las 7:00pm.

Viernes -Grupo de Oración Carismática Familias Unidas en el Espíritu Santo, en el salón del Brinker a las 7:00pm.

-Armada Blanca 7:00pm.

Viacrucis 7:00pm. En la Catedral

Sábado -Confesiones de 3:00pm :

Santo Rosario 6:00pm.

Santa Misa 6:30pm.

Confesiones después de Misa.



TIENDA DE ARTICULOS RELIGIOSOS

~ TIENDA DE LIBROS Y REGALOS
EN LA CATEDRAL ~

¡Durante la Cuaresma!

La Cuaresma es un tiempo de oración, reflexión y sacrificio para todos los católicos. Para apoyar su vida de oración en esta temporada de Cuaresma, todos nuestros libros devocionales (de oración) tienen un 25% de descuento durante el mes de marzo. La Cuaresma debe considerarse una oportunidad para realinearnos con Dios y buscar una relación renovada con Él. ¡Detente a vernos! ¡También tenemos muchos más recursos para la Cuaresma!

¡Por favor, visítenos!

El horario de la tienda es: Miércoles a Sábado de 8:30 a.m. a 4:30 p.m. y Domingos de 8:30 a.m. a 1:30 p.m.

Pregunte por ayuda en Español tenemos voluntarios que pueden contestar todas sus preguntas. Si hay algo que necesita y no lo tenemos, nosotros podemos ordenarlo por usted.

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

Leamos con atención esta obra de los comentarios de San Agustín, Obispo, sobre los salmos, en Cristo fuimos tentados, en Cristo vencimos al Diablo.

Dios mío, escucha mi clamor, atiende a mi súplica. ¿Quién dice esto? Parece que uno solo. Pero veamos si es uno solo: Te invoco desde los confines de la tierra con el corazón abatido. Por tanto, no se trata de uno solo, a no ser en el sentido de que Cristo, junto con nosotros, sus miembros, es uno solo. ¿Cómo puede uno solo invocar a Dios desde los confines de la tierra? Quien invoca desde los confines de la tierra es aquella herencia de la que se ha dicho al Hijo: Pídemelo: te daré en herencia las naciones, en posesión, los confines de la tierra.

Por tanto, esta posesión de Cristo, esta herencia de Cristo, este cuerpo de Cristo, esta Iglesia única de Cristo, esta unidad que formamos nosotros es la que invoca al Señor desde los confines de la tierra. ¿Y qué es lo que pide? Lo que hemos dicho antes: Dios mío, escucha mi clamor, atiende a mi súplica; te invoco desde los confines de la tierra, esto es, desde todas partes.

¿Y cuál es el motivo de esta súplica? Porque tiene el corazón abatido. Quien así clama demuestra que está en todas las naciones de todo el mundo no con grande gloria, sino con graves tentaciones.

Nuestra vida, en efecto, mientras dura esta peregrinación, no puede verse libre de tentaciones; pues nuestro progreso se realiza por medio de la tentación y nadie puede conocerse a sí mismo si no es tentado, ni puede ser coronado si no ha vencido, ni puede vencer si no ha luchado, ni puede luchar si carece de enemigo y de tentaciones.

Aquel que invoca desde los confines de la tierra está abatido, mas no queda abandonado. Pues quiso prefigurarnos a nosotros, su cuerpo, en su propio cuerpo, en el cual ha muerto ya y resucitado, y ha subido al cielo, para que los miembros confíen llegar también adonde los ha precedido su cabeza.

Así pues, nos transformó en sí mismo, cuando quiso ser tentado por Satanás. Acabamos de escuchar en el Evangelio cómo el Señor Jesucristo fue tentado por el diablo en el desierto. El Cristo total era tentado por el diablo, ya que en él eras tú tentado. Cristo, en efecto, tenía de ti la condición humana para sí mismo, de sí mismo la salvación para ti; tenía de ti la muerte para sí mismo, de sí mismo la vida para ti; tenía de ti ultrajes para sí mismo, de sí mismo honores para ti; consiguientemente, tenía de ti la tentación para sí mismo, de sí mismo la victoria para ti.

Si en él fuimos tentados, en él venceremos al diablo. ¿Te fijas en que Cristo fue tentado, y no te fijas en que venció la tentación? Reconóctete a ti mismo tentado en él, y reconóctete también a ti mismo victorioso en él. Hubiera podido impedir la acción tentadora del diablo; pero entonces tú, que estás sujeto a la tentación, no hubieras aprendido de él a vencerla.

Recuerden que durante la cuaresma, nos corresponde como Bautizados, tres básicas reglas:

- ♦ Ayuno
- ♦ Oración
- ♦ Limosna o caridad

