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ST. EUGENE

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Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Entrance is located at SW corner of Rectory

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 12 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: 8:00a.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 Annette (English) at: 542-3635 or Maria Vega (Spanish) at: 710-5094

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass. *During this time of Covid-19, Benediction is not being held.*

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 Hours: Tues & Wed. 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Cathedral Books & Gifts Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30-4:30 & Sun 8:30-1:30, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: 542-0250

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 30, 2022

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY JANUARY 30

Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00, 1:30 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm
RCIA & RCIF – School – 10:30 am

MONDAY JANUARY 31

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Women of the Word – PLC (Hope Rm) – 9:30 am
PSR – School – 3:45 pm
Latin Mass – Cathedral- 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Candlemas Mass (Latin/EF)- Cathedral-5:30 pm
Bible Study – PLC Hope Room – 6:00 pm
Outdoor Rosary – Fatima Grotto – 6:45 pm

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am
Sunday Vigil Masses – Cathedral – 4:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
(Spanish)

SECOND COLLECTION

~SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL~

The Second Collection this weekend, January 29 & 30, is for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. There is no Second Collection next weekend, February 5 & 6. As always, thank you for your generosity!

~CAMINO DE SONOMA~

The Camino de Sonoma invites all Catholic faithful, nature lovers, and health enthusiasts to walk a pilgrimage along the Camino de Sonoma. Guided walks begin each day at 8am and conclude at 3pm. RSVP or more info contact Stephen Morris - dsryouth@srdiocese.org (310-849-2342). 2022 Guided Walks: January 8th, January 20th, February 19th, or March 3rd - 8th (all 6 stages to begin Lent) .

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of: 01/16/22

Sunday Donations Received:	\$11,932.
2nd Collection received for: <i>Tuition Assistance Program</i>	\$2,964.

~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

February is the Month of the Passion. It is a time to focus and prepare for the season of Lent. As we approach Lent and meditate on the Lord's Passion, all statues and pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are 25% off all month. Please come by and see what we have to offer. Also, we are seeking more volunteers to help us in this busy ministry. Please see the paragraph below for more information and how to apply. Also, please tell your Spanish-speaking friends that we have a great selection of Spanish language books & cards! 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. Please feel free to call us at: (707) 542-0250.

~VOLUNTEERS NEEDED~

Our Bookstore/Gift Shop is looking for a few volunteers with retail experience, who are customer-service oriented, self-starters (but willing to take direction) and able to work a minimum of 4 hours/week. We are a ministry as well as a retail store, so compassion and the ability to listen are highly recommended. Interested? Stop in the bookstore during business hours (see hours above) and an interview will be scheduled.

~CHARITABLE DONATIONS & TAX STATEMENTS~

"St. Eugene's greatly appreciates your generous donations. A year end list of your donations suitable for tax purposes is available to **registered** parishioners upon request. If you wish to receive a tax statement, e-mail office@steugenes.com or call 707-542-6984 ext. 102. Mention your envelope number if you have one. Indicate how you want to receive your statement: mail, email or pick up."

~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 or call her at 542-6984, extension 100.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 29
8:00 am	Charles Guenza, deceased
4:30 pm	Lydia Masi, deceased
6:30 (Sp)	In Thanksgiving & Reparation for the life of Sara Guido, living
Sunday	January 30
7:30 am	Michael Tran, living
9:00 am	People of St. Eugene's
10:30 am	People of the Diocese
12:00 pm	Irene Marcin, deceased
1:30 pm (EF)	Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa
5:30 pm	Teresa Espinoza, deceased
6:00 pm (Newman Ctr.)	Gildardo Luna Torres, living
Monday	January 31
6:45 am	Mathew Ponce, living
8:00 am	Joseph Byrne, deceased
Tuesday	February 1
6:45 am	Gary Stephens, deceased
8:00 am	John Kennedy, living
5:30 pm (EF)	Michael Tran, living
Wednesday	February 2
6:45 am	Laura Leon Luna, living
8:00 am	Leo Pimentel, deceased
5:30 pm (EF)	Socorro Pulido Garcia, deceased
Thursday	February 3
6:45 am	Elaine Little, deceased
8:00 am	William Avilla, deceased
Friday	February 4
6:45 am	Lisa Tran, living
8:00 am	Lorena Ponce, deceased
9:20 am (Sch)	Laura Leon Luna, living
7:00 pm (Sp)	Kitzia Leon Luna, living
Saturday	February 5
8:00 am	In honor of and in reparation for the offences against the Immaculate Heart of Mary & the Sacred Heart of Jesus and for the living & deceased members of the Russell & Rinaldi Families.
4:30 pm	Bruce Cagwin and Howard & Martha Smith, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Roberto Archundia Garcia , living

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~INTERNATIONAL ROSARY CRUSADE~

Join us in solidarity with an international prayer effort begging the Mother of God for help in this unprecedented, global crisis of division and strife brought on by a two-year pandemic. Social, political and economic instability has been the result of lockdowns, shutdowns and mandates. A Rosary campaign began in Austria in November of last year, and has since spread to thousands of groups in France, Italy, Belgium, United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Croatia, Germany and many others. Groups are just starting in the United States. What is involved? People around the world are praying the Rosary in a public place every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Join us at the Fatima Statue and grotto outside the east entrance of the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. for the Rosary. **On February 2, we will meet at 6:45 pm for those who would like to attend the Candlemas Mass (See Below).**

~CANDLEMAS~

Please join us this Wednesday, February 2, at 5:30 pm for a special Candlemas Sung Mass (Missa Cantata) celebrated in the Extraordinary Form (Latin). On this day, the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in the liturgy. According to the 1962 Missal (the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite), this day is referred to as the "Purification of Mary." It is also known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche until this feast. A special table will be set up for you to bring your own candles to be blessed.

~WORLD MARRIAGE DAY~

SAVE THE DATE! Bishop Robert Vasa has announced that the 3rd Annual Diocesan "Celebrate Marriage Mass" will be held on Sunday, February 13th, at 10:30 a.m. here at the Cathedral. All married couples within the diocese are invited to attend, especially those celebrating "milestone" anniversaries (e.g., 5, 10, 20, 25, etc.) . So married couples, celebrate *your* marriage by attending this special "*Celebrate Marriage Mass*"! For further information, please contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at www.familylife@srdiocese.org or call (707) 566-3305.

~PLEASE PRAY FOR~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Sandy Torti Wilcox, Marjorie Miles, Amelia Lansangan, Gail Brown, Leo Del Santo, 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, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Joan Cosgrove, Paulita Castro, Jean L. Alfano, Theresa Pham, Rainey Olson, Michele Otten, Pauline Goslovich, Mary Gonzales and Nick Sidjakov.

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.

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

FROM THE PASTOR

~A REFLECTION~

To me, the first reading today from Jeremiah, has two of the most powerful lines that I have ever read in my life: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you ...” The power here is in the fact that every single person in existence, from the beginning of time until the end of time, whether born or unborn, was known intimately by God from the very beginning! Before we were conceived, He knew us. He knew our eye color, how many hairs would be on our head, whether we’d be left-handed or right-handed, and every other minute detail that goes into being a unique human being. Just to put a number on an unknowable amount of time, He knew you “20 million years” before you were conceived! Think about that for a minute. You were in God’s mind when the earth was created. You were in God’s mind before the earth was created! All of the love He has for you existed long, long before you came into being. Now, with that in mind, think of the devastating loss suffered when finally that unique being makes his or her flesh and blood appearance in the world – in the hidden world of his/her mother’s womb – and that life is taken before ever breathing, ever seeing ... or ever being baptized. We sometimes hear people use the rationale that a pregnancy is a mistake; the baby was not planned, therefore, the baby must be aborted. But right here, in Jeremiah, we see that the pregnancy was not a mistake. The baby WAS planned. Even if the baby had been conceived as the result of sin, fornication, for example, that human being was known and “planned” by God “20 million” years ago! With this love in mind, let us take a look at the next very powerful message today from our second reading: 1 Corinthians 13:13 – “And now abide faith, hope, charity ... but the greatest of these is charity.” Let’s take a look at some reflections and saintly quotes that

teach us more about true, Christian love (charity). Let’s begin, though, with a very succinct summary of our three readings today in an article by Scott Hahn, well-known Catholic author and speaker.



THE SON OF JOSEPH

~A PROPHET TO THE NATIONS~



“God’s words in today’s First Reading point us beyond Jeremiah to Jesus. Like Jeremiah, Jesus was consecrated in the womb and sent as a “prophet to the nations” (see [Luke 1:31-33](#)). Like the prophets before Him, Jesus too faces hostility. In today’s Gospel, the crowd in His hometown synagogue quickly turns on Him, apparently demanding a sign, some proof of divine origins – that He’s more than just “the son of Joseph.” The sign He gives them is that of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. From their colorful careers Jesus draws two stories. In each, the prophets bypass “many...in Israel” to bestow God’s blessings on non-Israelites who had faith that the prophets were men of God (see [1 Kings 17:1-16](#); [2 Kings 5:1-14](#)). “None...not one” in Israel was found deserving, Jesus emphasizes. His point isn’t lost on His audience. They know He’s likening them to the “many...in Israel” in the days of the prophets. That’s why they try to shove Him off the cliff. As He promised to protect Jeremiah, the Lord delivers Jesus from those who would crush Him. And as were Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is sent to proclaim God’s gift of salvation – not exclusively to one nation or people, but to all who realize in faith that from the womb God alone is their hope, their rescuer, their “rock of refuge,” as we sing in today’s Psalm.”

~WHEN THE PERFECT COMES~

“Prophecies, Paul tells us in today’s Epistle, are partial and pass away “when the perfect comes.” In Jesus, the word of the prophets has been brought to perfection, fulfilled in those who have ears to hear, as He declares in today’s Gospel. Greater than the gifts of faith and hope, Jesus shows us how to love as He loved, to love God as our Father, as One Who formed us in the womb and destined us to hear His saving Word. This is the salvation, the “mighty works of the Lord,” that we, as the Psalmist, are thankful to proclaim daily in the Eucharist.” By: Dr. Scott Hahn, <https://www.faithandreason.com/2013/02/prophet-to-the-nations-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-4th-sunday-in-ordinary-time/>

FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY

~WHAT IS FAITH?~

"Paul gives us ... three virtues that sum up what it is to be a Christian. First, the Necessity of Faith (Heb 11:1) "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith is indispensable to us. We are instructed to live by faith and to walk in faith. In other words...we cannot be a Christian without faith! Faith is not just believing. It involves believing and acting upon that belief. Faith is taking God at His Word ...believing what He said is true. "

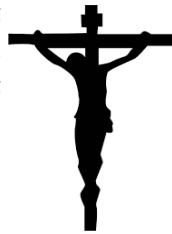
~WHAT IS HOPE?~

"The Importance of Hope... (Rom 15:13) "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Hope is confident expectation. The difference between faith and hope is: Faith believes that God can do. Hope believes that God will do. It is one thing for us to have faith that God can meet our every need. It is another to believe that He will! Without hope there is despair."

~WHAT IS LOVE?~

"The Greatness of Love ... (1 Cor 13:13) "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Why is charity or love greater than faith and hope? It is the only one that will last forever. Faith will not last (remember it is the evidence of things unseen), but when we get to heaven our faith will be turned to sight. Hope is confident expectation, but when we are with the Lord all our hopes will be realized. The only one that will continue on is love...we will love the Lord through-

out all eternity!" For full article go to: Faith, Hope, and Charity <http://www.brandonweb.com/sermons/sermonpages/1corinthians22.htm>



AQUINAS SPEAKS

~AQUINAS AND THE THREE VIRTUES~

"St. Thomas Aquinas showed how the three theological virtues are related in the order of precedence and the order of perfection. In the order of precedence, faith comes first, followed by hope and then charity. In Thomas's view, a man loves a thing because he apprehends it as his good. When we believe a person to be good, we develop hope in that person and then proceed to love him or her. But in the order of perfection, charity precedes faith

and hope, for it is through charity that they reach their fullness as virtues. Hence, charity is the "mother and the root of all the virtues." Aquinas's view is grounded in Scripture. St. Paul taught that of all the theological virtues the greatest is love (1 Cor. 13:13). Love, here called charity and understood in this context as Christian love, never fails, because the goal of our faith and what we hope for is the presence of God — and God is Love (1 John 4:8). Thus, although faith and hope can exist without charity, they are not perfect and Christian without charity. By: Fr. Maurice Emelu, Excerpt taken from: <https://catholicexchange.com/faith-relates-hope-charity/>

~THE SAINTS SPEAK OF LOVE~

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." St Augustine

"The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; It signifies Love, It produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life." St. Thomas Aquinas

"Charity is the sweet and holy bond which links the soul with its Creator: it binds God with man and man with God." St. Catherine of Siena

"Everything comes from love, all is ordained for the salvation of man, God does nothing without this goal in mind. St. Catherine of Siena

"You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them." St. Therese of Lisieux

"The person who loves God cannot help loving every man as himself, even though he is grieved by the passions of those who are not yet purified. But when they amend their lives, his delight is indescribable and knows no bounds. A soul filled with thoughts of sensual desire and hatred is unpurified. If we detect any trace of hatred in our hearts against any man whatsoever for committing any fault, we are utterly estranged from love for God, since love for God absolutely precludes us from hating any man." Maximus the Confessor

MI FE CATOLICA

DE NUESTRO PASTOR

~UN REFLEJO~

Para mí, la primera lectura de hoy de Jeremías tiene dos de las líneas más poderosas que he leído en mi vida: “Antes de formarte en el vientre te conocí, antes de que nacieras te consagré...” El poder aquí está en el hecho de que cada persona en existencia, desde el principio de los tiempos hasta el final de los tiempos, ya sea nacido o no nacido, ¡fue conocido íntimamente por Dios desde el principio! Antes de que fuéramos concebidos, Él nos conocía. Sabía nuestro color de ojos, cuántos cabellos tendríamos en la cabeza, si seríamos zurdos o diestros, y todos los demás detalles mínimos que se requieren para ser un ser humano único. Solo para ponerle un número a una cantidad de tiempo desconocida, ¡Él te conoció “20 millones de años” antes de que fueras concebido! Piense en eso por un minuto. Estabas en la mente de Dios cuando se creó la tierra. ¡Estabas en la mente de Dios antes de que se creara la tierra! Todo el amor que Él tiene por ti existió mucho, mucho antes de que nacieras. Ahora, con eso en mente, piensen en la pérdida devastadora sufrida cuando finalmente ese ser único hace su aparición en carne y hueso en el mundo – en el mundo oculto del vientre de su madre – y esa vida es quitada antes de siquiera respirar, alguna vez viendo... o alguna vez siendo bautizado. A veces escuchamos a la gente usar la lógica de que un embarazo es un error; el bebé no fue planeado, por lo tanto, el bebé debe ser abortado. Pero aquí mismo, en Jeremías, vemos que el embarazo no fue un error. El bebé FUE planeado. Aunque el bebé hubiera sido concebido como resultado del pecado, la fornicación, por ejemplo, ¡ese ser humano fue conocido y “planeado” por Dios hace “20 millones” de años! Con este amor en mente, echemos un vistazo al próximo mensaje muy poderoso de nuestra segunda lectura: 1 Corintios 13:13: “Y ahora permanecen la fe, la esperanza, la caridad... pero la mayor de ellas es la caridad”. Veamos algunas reflexiones y citas santas que nos enseñan más sobre el verdadero amor cristiano (caridad). Sin embargo, comencemos con un resumen muy sucinto de nuestras tres lecturas de hoy en un artículo de Scott Hahn, conocido autor y orador católico.

EL HIJO DE JOSE

~UN PROFETA PARA LAS NACIONES~

“La palabra de Dios en la Primera Lectura de hoy nos llevan más allá de Jeremías a Jesús. Al igual que Jeremías, Jesús fue consagrado en el vientre y enviado como “profeta a las naciones” (ver Lucas 1:31-33). Como los profetas antes que él, Jesús también enfrenta hostilidad. En el Evangelio de hoy, la multitud en la sinagoga de Su ciudad natal rápidamente se vuelve contra Él, aparentemente exigiendo una señal, alguna prueba de los orígenes divinos: que Él es más que simplemente “el hijo de José”. La señal que les da es la de los profetas Elías y Eliseo. De sus coloridas carreras, Jesús extrae dos historias. En cada una, los profetas pasan por alto a “muchos... en Israel” para otorgar las bendiciones de Dios a los no israelitas que tenían fe en que los profetas eran hombres de Dios (ver 1 Reyes 17:1-16; 2 Reyes 5:1-14). “Ninguno... ni uno solo” en Israel fue hallado merecedor, enfatiza Jesús. Su punto no se pierde en Su audiencia. Saben que Él los está comparando con los “muchos... en Israel” en los días de los profetas. Es por eso que tratan de empujarlo por el precipicio. Como prometió proteger a Jeremías, el Señor libera a Jesús de aquellos que lo aplastarían. Y al igual que Elías y Eliseo, Jesús es enviado a proclamar el regalo de salvación de Dios, no exclusivamente a una nación o pueblo, sino a todos los que se dan cuenta en la fe de que desde el vientre solo Dios es su esperanza, su salvador, su “roca de refugio,” “como cantamos en el Salmo de hoy”.

~CUANDO LLEGA LO PERFECTO~

“Las profecías, nos dice Pablo en la epístola de hoy, son parciales y pasan “cuando venga lo perfecto”. En Jesús, la palabra de los profetas ha sido llevada a la perfección, cumplida en aquellos que tienen oídos para oír, como Él declara en el Evangelio de hoy. Más grande que los dones de la fe y la esperanza, Jesús nos muestra cómo amar como Él amó, amar a Dios como nuestro Padre, como Aquel que nos formó en el seno materno y nos destinó a escuchar Su Palabra salvadora. Esta es la salvación, las “maravillas del Señor”, que nosotros, como salmista, estamos agradecidos de proclamar diariamente en la Eucaristía”.

FE, ESPERANZA & CARIDAD

~¿QUÉ ES LA FE?~

"Pablo nos da... tres virtudes que resumen lo que es ser cristiano. Primero, la necesidad de la fe (Hebreos 11:1) "Es, pues, la fe es la certeza de lo que se espera, la convicción de lo que no se ve". La fe es indispensable para nosotros. Se nos instruye a vivir por fe y a caminar en fe. En otras palabras... ¡no podemos ser cristianos sin fe! La fe no es solo creer. Se trata de creer y actuar sobre esa creencia. La fe es tomar a Dios en Su Palabra... creyendo que lo que Él dijo es verdad. "

~¿QUÉ ES LA ESPERANZA?~

"La importancia de la esperanza... (Rom 15:13) "Y el Dios de la esperanza os llene de todo gozo y paz en el creer, para que abunden en esperanza por el poder del Espíritu Santo. La esperanza es una expectativa confiada. La diferencia entre la fe y la esperanza es: La fe cree que Dios lo puede hacer. La esperanza cree que Dios hará. Una cosa es que tengamos fe en que Dios puede satisfacer todas nuestras necesidades. ¡Otra es creer que Él lo hará! Sin esperanza no hay desesperación."

~¿QUÉ ES EL AMOR?~

"La grandeza del amor... (1 Cor 13,13) "Y ahora permanecen la fe, la esperanza, la caridad, estas tres; pero la mayor de ellas es la caridad". ¿Por qué la caridad o el amor es mayor que la fe y la esperanza? Es el único que durará para siempre. La fe no durará (recuerde que es la evidencia de las cosas que no se ven), pero cuando lleguemos al cielo nuestra fe se volverá a la vista. La esperanza es expectativa confiada, pero cuando estamos con el Señor todas nuestras esperanzas se realizarán. El único que perdurará es el amor... ¡amaremos al Señor por toda la eternidad!".

SANTO TOMAS DE AQUINO HABLA

~AQUINO Y LAS TRES VIRTUDES~

"Santo Tomás de Aquino mostró cómo las tres virtudes teologales se relacionan en el orden de precedencia y el orden de perfección. En el orden de precedencia, la fe viene primero, seguida de la esperanza y luego de la caridad. En opinión de Santo Tomás, un hombre ama una cosa porque la aprehende como su bien. Cuando creemos que una persona es buena, desarrollamos esperanza en esa persona y luego procedemos a amarla. Pero en el orden de la perfección, la caridad precede a la fe y esperanza, porque es a través de la caridad que alcanzan su →

plenitud como virtudes. Por tanto, la caridad es "madre y raíz de todas las virtudes". El punto de vista de Santo Tomás de Aquino se basa en las Escrituras. San Pablo enseñó que de todas las virtudes teologales la mayor es el amor (1 Cor. 13:13). El amor, aquí llamado caridad y entendido en este contexto como amor cristiano, nunca falla, porque la meta de nuestra fe y lo que esperamos es la presencia de Dios, y Dios es Amor (1 Juan 4:8). Así, aunque la fe y la esperanza pueden existir sin la caridad, no son perfectas y cristianas sin la caridad.

~LOS SANTOS HABLAN DE AMOR~

"Dios nos ama a cada uno de nosotros como si fuera uno solo de nosotros". San Agustín

"La Eucaristía es el Sacramento del Amor; Significa Amor, Produce amor. La Eucaristía es la consumación de toda la vida espiritual". Santo Tomás de Aquino

"La caridad es el vínculo dulce y santo que une el alma con su Creador: une a Dios con el hombre y al hombre con Dios". Santa Catalina de Siena

"Todo viene del amor, todo está ordenado para la salvación del hombre, Dios no hace nada sin este objetivo en mente. Santa Catalina de Siena

Bien sabéis que Nuestro Señor no mira tanto la grandeza de nuestras acciones, ni siquiera su dificultad, sino el amor con que las hacemos. Santa Teresa de Lisieux

"La persona que ama a Dios no puede dejar de amar a cada hombre como a sí mismo, aunque esté afligido por las pasiones de los que aún no están purificados. Pero cuando modifican sus vidas, su deleite es indescriptible y no conoce límites. Un alma llena de pensamientos de deseo sensual y odio no está purificada. Si detectamos cualquier rastro de odio en nuestros corazones contra cualquier hombre por cometer cualquier falta, estamos completamente alejados del amor a Dios, ya que el amor a Dios nos impide absolutamente odiar a cualquier hombre." Máximo el Confesor

~SE NECESITAN ADORADORES~

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