



*The Cathedral of*  
**ST. EUGENE**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

**WEBSITES**

Parish: [www.steugenes.com](http://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** has been moved to outside of the East Entrance of the Parish Life Center due to Covid-19 restrictions on gathering indoors.

**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** 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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 28, 2021

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28

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 1

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

#### TUESDAY MARCH 2

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
Latin Mass – Cathedral- 5:30 pm

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 3

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

#### THURSDAY MARCH 4

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

#### FRIDAY MARCH 5

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
Stations of the Cross – Cathedral – 2:00 & 6:00 pm;  
Spanish – 7:00 pm

#### SATURDAY MARCH 6

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am  
Confession - Cathedral -3:00 – 4:30 pm  
Mass – Cathedral -4:30 pm; 6:30 pm (Spanish)

### PARKING LOT SAFETY

#### ~ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT~

Due to the continuing Covid-19 restrictions, our Adoration Chapel remains closed. The faithful are invited to adore our Eucharistic Lord in the parking area/sidewalk on the east side of the PLC. **Please note, that there is traffic in the parking lot, so please be mindful of this!**

#### ~40 DAYS FOR LIFE~

The Santa Rosa "40 Days for Life" began on (Ash) Wednesday. We are always in need of "Prayer Warriors" who will pray with us in front of the Planned Parenthood building on Sonoma Avenue. We must speak for those who cannot! If you are interested in joining us, please call Judy at 477-8937; (for donations) call Mary 321-8948 or for a Spanish speaker, call Theresa at 795-8890.

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

### Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

#### ADMINISTRATION

#### For the Weeks of: 2/14/21

Sunday Donations Received:	\$13,371.66
Collection Revenue Received for: Religious Education	\$ 2,408.00

#### ~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

During the month of March, our St. Francis Statue is 25% off. Lent is a time for self-reflection and deepening our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. As St Francis stated: "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." Our St Francis statue is 8 inches tall, and it fits perfectly on a desk, on a shelf, or wherever you need inspiration and peace. We have a limited supply, so shop early! We also have a large selection of books in Spanish. Please stop in and see our new location in the "Faith Room" of the Parish Life Center. 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. We stay open until 4:30 on the First Sunday of each month.

#### ~2020 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](mailto:bookkeeper@steugenes.com) or call 542-6984 ext. 13. Be sure to include your envelope number.

#### ~ANNUAL DIOCESE MINISTRY APPEAL~

The annual Diocesan Ministry Appeal will be conducted this weekend, February 27 & 28. As you know, your generosity in this appeal helps us keep so many important ministries going! For example, as Director of Seminarians, Fr. Epperson can tell us that every penny of that budget is well-spent on the education and formation of our future priests. These are hard times for many of us but please know that with your help, whatever the amount may be, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help individuals and parishes throughout our diocese – the Catholic education of our children, Seminarians, Religious Education & Youth Ministry, clergy formation and more. Please respond generously when you are asked to make a pledge. For more information, visit [www.srdioocese.org](http://www.srdioocese.org). Thank you and God bless you for any help you can give to this worthy cause.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 27</b>
8:00 am	Fr. Gabriel Barrera, living
4:30 pm	Carl Di Capo, deceased
6:30 pm	Maria Williams, deceased
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 28</b>
7:30 am	Pat Dowd, living
9:00 am	Paula Epperson, deceased
10:30 am	People of the Diocese
12:00 pm	People of St. Eugene's
1:30 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:30 pm	Mary Tran, living
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 1</b>
6:45 am	Kathleen Haberkorn, deceased
8:00 am	Emily Bayardo, deceased
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 2</b>
6:45 am	Peter Anderson, deceased
8:00 am	Pat Dowd, living
5:30 pm (EF)	Joseph Duong, living
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 3</b>
6:45 am	Pepper & Anne Therese Furrey & Emory Elliott, deceased & Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:00 am	Leo Pimentel, deceased
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 4</b>
6:45 am	Jerry Mishork, living
8:00 am	Paul Palanos, deceased
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 5</b>
6:45 am	Peter Anderson, deceased
8:00 am	Ryan Edward Shaklik, living
12:00 pm Hosp.	Maria Hong Tran, deceased
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 6</b>
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	Stephanie Buettner, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Juan Jimenez, deceased

## IN NEED OF PRAYERS

### ~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, John Bugbee, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Joan Cosgrove, Paulita Castro, Virginia Avilla and Tiffany Hutchinson.

## SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

### ~FROM THE PASTOR~

I think I speak for all of us when I say how pleased we are to be able to worship inside our Cathedral once again. Now that we are inside, we are still under the restriction of only allowing 25% capacity in the church. This means that we have an usher at the door counting people as they come in so as to comply with this restriction. Because of this, we must close (lock) the doors when Mass starts, so that the usher may also be able to find a pew and worship. So, please be on time! If you are not, you will have to worship outside. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

### ~MARCH FISH FRY~

The Knights of Columbus will hold a second Lenten Fish Fry at the Becker Center for "Drive Through" service on March 19, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. It will be Take-Out Only. For \$16.00 enjoy fish, french fries, coleslaw & ice cream! Tickets are available in the Parish Office, M-F, 9-4 and at the Bookstore/Gia Shop. Meals will also be purchased on site while the supply lasts.

### ~PANCAKE BREAKFAST~

The St. Eugene's Pre-School will hold a "take-out" Pancake Breakfast from 8-11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 21st, in front of the Msgr. Becker Center. A delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs and sausage will be brought to your car while you wait. While waiting for breakfast, kids can have fun finding the 12 Easter eggs that are "hidden" in front of the building. Tickets will go on sale March 1st for \$12.00 at the Parish Office, Pre-school and Elementary School. Thanks for supporting our pre-school!

## IN MEMORIAM

### †Alice Mary Obuchowski†

Please remember Alice Mary Obuchowski and her family and friends in your prayers and Masses. She passed away on 11/10/20. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her." *May she rest in peace.*

### †Domenica Egan†

Please remember Domenica Egan and her family and friends in your prayers and Masses. She passed away on 12/18/20 "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her." *May she rest in peace.*

### †Alice Whitney†

Please remember Alice Whitney and her family and friends in your prayers and Masses. She passed away on 02/03/21. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her." *May she rest in peace.*

### ~REVISIONS NEEDED~

The list of people in need of prayer has not been updated for almost one year. Please contact us if you notice someone who needs to be taken off, or if you would like to add someone.

## MY CATHOLIC FAITH

### THE PRIESTHOOD

#### ~FROM THE PASTOR~

This weekend, we are asked to give generously to our Annual Ministry Appeal. This appeal covers a wide range of ministries from Catholic Schools, to Marriage and Family, to Clergy Formation and Vocations to the Religious Life. All of these ministries are so very important, as they truly are the lifeblood of our Church. As Director of Seminarians, however, I would like to focus today, on the area of Religious Vocations. As many of you know, vocations to the priesthood fell dramatically and drastically beginning in around 1975. The number of priests exploded in 1950 and peaked in 1970. After this, there was a slow but steady decrease in the number of priests and then, the decline became quite steep around 1990. Sadly, the priests ordained from 1970-1980, will be reaching retirement age between the years 2015-2025 (age 25 + 45 years of service = retirement age 70). What does this mean to the average lay person? Well, in 1950, there was 1 priest to every 652 Catholics in the United States. As of 2016, there was 1 priest to every 1,843 Catholics in the United States. It will only get worse, before it gets better. However, rather than depress you with these statistics, I want to share with you today words of wisdom and encouragement from some of our great priests and nuns from the past – many of whom are saints and also lived in trying times. Aided by our fervent prayers, let us hope that among our seminarians and sisters today, we will have many saints rise up and renew the Church!

#### ~FULTON J. SHEEN~

“Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen could not recall a time in his life when he did not want to be a priest. At his First Communion, he prayed that one day he would be ordained to the priesthood. That day came in September 1919, when the 24-year-old son of Newton and Delia Sheen was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois. Sheen would become a towering figure in the Catholic Church in the 20th century, known to millions as a brilliant orator and a master teacher of the faith on television and radio, in many dozens of books, and from the pulpit. But for more than 60 years, Sheen was first, foremost, and always a priest. He wrote and spoke

often about the priesthood. He gave many retreats later in life to remind his brother priests who and what they truly are. Even more than 40 years after his death, Sheen’s teachings stand as a faithful sentinel against modern efforts to “reform” the priesthood by dispatching with celibacy or even ordaining women. It is easy to imagine him today before a podium and microphone, explaining in stirring tones and rich voice why Our Blessed Lord made the holy priesthood as He did. It’s easy because he gave those talks and wrote passionate words about his vocation and his life.”

#### ~ALTER CHRISTUS~

“Sheen emphasized that priests were ambassadors of Jesus Christ and *alter Christus*, “other Christs,” who are “dispensers of the mysteries of God.” The role and essential characteristics of the priesthood come from Christ himself, Sheen said; to attempt to change or modify them would be to oppose God’s divine plan. Christ calls the priest, makes the priest, and provides the grace for him to completely offer himself as priest and victim. This is the way he continues the priesthood of Our Blessed Lord,” Sheen said in his talk, “Holy Orders.” “Our Lord was not a priest because he was eternally begotten by the Father. Our Lord was a priest because he had a human nature, which he could offer up for our salvation. And so we too, continuing that priesthood, are something like Jacob’s Ladder—it reaches up to the heavens and yet at the same time it is placed on the earth. Therefore every priest is a kind of another Christ, having vertical relations to Christ and Heaven and horizontal relations to men on earth.”

#### ~TOTAL GIFT OF SELF~

“In his many retreats for priests and bishops, Sheen often said that priestly celibacy is misunderstood as an undue burden; a cruel cross that is unfairly forced upon priests. Rather, Sheen argued, celibacy is a gift from Christ to his priests. Celibacy, Sheen said during one retreat, is a treasure the Blessed Lord keeps in “pots of earthenware.” The earthenware pots “have received a gift. A gift: celibacy. That is the way Our Lord describes it, as a gift. That is the way the Vatican Council describes it. Celibacy is a gift that is given to some men. He gave it to us. We did not offer celibacy, we received it. And as

long as we remain close to Him, we will have it and keep it."

~**BEARABLE AND JOYFUL**~

"Sheen said the key is for priests to be so closely conformed to Christ as to take on his nature and imitate him. "Celibacy is hardest when we fall out of love with Christ," Sheen wrote. "Then it becomes a great burden. Once we priests put celibacy in the context of the Church and discuss its history, its sociology and the like, there is a groaning under the burden. Once we see it in relation to Christ, then it is less a problem and more a matter of love. Celibacy as an ecclesiastical law is hard. Celibacy as a question of discipleship is hard too, but bearable and joyful" (*Treasure in Clay: the Autobiography of Fulton J. Sheen*, [New York: Image Books/Doubleday, 1980], page 214).

~**MAKE A HOLY HOUR**~

"Sheen always implored priests to make a daily Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament, a practice he carried out every day of his priesthood (nearly 22,000 Holy Hours). Any priest who does this, he said, would not be lost. "I could draw a curve of my own life...my attitude toward celibacy would be seen always in direct relationship to my personal love of Christ," he wrote in *Treasure in Clay*. "Once our passions cease to burn for him, they begin to burn toward creatures. Celibacy is not the absence of passion; it is rather the intensity of a passion." <https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2020/02/20/celibacy-is-not-the-absence-of-passion-fulton-sheen-on-celibacy-and-the-priesthood/>

**ON NUNS & SISTERS**

~**WOMEN RELIGIOUS**~

What is the difference between a Catholic nun and sister? Though the terms are often used interchangeably, **nuns** historically take solemn vows and live a life of prayer and contemplation **in** a monastery or convent, while **sisters** take simple vows and live an active vocation of prayer and charitable works **in** areas such as education and healthcare. Let us now read some words of wisdom from our saintly women religious!

~**ST. TERESA OF AVILA**~

"Let nothing perturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything."

"May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

~**ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX**~

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be."

"Our Lord does not so much look at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them."

~**ST. EDITH STEIN**~

"And when night comes, and you look back over the day and see how fragmentary everything has been, and how much you planned that has gone undone, and all the reasons you have to be embarrassed and ashamed: just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God's hands and leave it with Him."

"Each woman who lives in the light of eternity can fulfill her vocation, no matter if it is in marriage, in a religious order, or in a worldly profession."

"On the question of relating to our fellowman - our neighbor's spiritual need transcends every commandment. Everything else we do is a means to an end. But love is an end already, since God is love."



## CATEDRAL DE ST. EUGENE'S — 28 de Febrero del 2021

### Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

#### 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)*

#### PARA LA PARTICIPACION EN LA MISA

##### CREDO

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; Que por nosotros lo hombres, y por nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, Y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María la Virgen, y se hizo hombre; Y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato; padeció y fue sepultado, Y resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; Y de nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, Que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y gloria, y que habló por los profetas.

Creo en la Iglesia, que es una, santa, católica y apostólica. Confieso que hay un solo Bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo futuro. Amén.



#### CALENDARIO PARROQUIAL

Se invita a toda la comunidad, durante la Cuaresma se estará rezando el Viacrucis en la Catedral los todos los Viernes a las 7:00pm. En español.

Santa Misa en Español los sábados a las 6:30pm.

Confesiones Sábados de 3:00 a 4:30pm.

#### TIENDA DE ARTICULOS RELIGIOSOS

~ TIENDA DE LIBROS Y REGALOS  
EN LA CATEDRAL ~

¡Por favor, visítenos!

Estamos estrenando una nueva tienda ahora es en el salón parroquia, (Parish Life Center-Faith Room) mas grande y muchos mas artículos religiosos y de interés

• ¡Durante el mes de Febrero, todos los calendarios y artículos de adviento tienen un 25% de descuento!

¡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.

Estamos cerrados Lunes / Martes.

Llámenos al 542-0250.

## Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

Leamos con atención este sermón de San León Magno, Papa, sobre la ley que se nos dio por mediación de Moisés y la gracia que nos ha venido por Jesucristo. El Señor descubre su gloria en presencia de unos testigos escogidos e ilumina con tan gran esplendor aquella forma corporal, que le es común con todos, que su rostro se pone brillante como el sol y sus vestidos blancos como la nieve. Sin duda esta transfiguración tenía sobre todo la finalidad de quitar del corazón de los discípulos el escándalo de la cruz, a fin de que la humillación de la pasión voluntariamente aceptada no perturbara la fe de aquellos a quienes había sido revelada la excelencia de la dignidad oculta. Mas, con igual providencia, daba al mismo tiempo un fundamento a la esperanza de la Iglesia, ya que todo el cuerpo de Cristo pudo conocer la transformación con que él también sería enriquecido, y todos sus miembros cobraron la esperanza de participar en el honor que había resplandecido en la cabeza.

A este respecto, el mismo Señor había dicho, refiriéndose a la majestad de su advenimiento: Los santos brillarán entonces como el sol en el reino de su Padre. Y el apóstol san Pablo afirma lo mismo, cuando dice: Considero que los trabajos de ahora no pesan lo que la gloria que un día se nos descubrirá; y también: Porque habéis muerto y vuestra vida está oculta con Cristo en Dios; cuando se manifieste Cristo, que es vuestra vida, os manifestaréis también vosotros con él revestidos de gloria.

Además, los apóstoles, que tenían que ser fortalecidos en su fe e iniciados en el conocimiento de todas las cosas, hallaron también en este milagro una nueva enseñanza. En efecto, Moisés y Elías, es decir, la ley y los profetas, se aparecieron, hablando con el Señor; y ello para que se cumpliera con toda perfección, por la presencia de estos cinco hombres, lo que está escrito: Sólo por la declaración de dos o tres testigos se podrá fallar una causa. ¿Qué más estable, qué más firme que esta causa? Para proclamarla, la doble trompeta del antiguo y del nuevo Testamento resuena concorde, y todo lo que en tiempos pasados sirvió para testimoniarla coincide con la enseñanza evangélica.

Las páginas de una y otra alianza, en efecto, se confirman mutuamente, y el resplandor de la gloria presente muestra, de una manera manifiesta y cierta, lo que las antiguas figuras habían prometido bajo el velo del misterio; es que, como dice san Juan, la ley se nos dio por mediación de Moisés, pero la gracia y la verdad nos han venido por Jesucristo, ya que en él han llegado a su cumplimiento la promesa de las figuras mesiánicas y el significado de los preceptos de la ley; pues, con su presencia, enseña la verdad de la profecía y, con su gracia, hace posible la práctica de los mandamientos.

Que la proclamación del santo Evangelio sirva, pues, para fortalecer la fe de todos, y que nadie se avergüence de la cruz de Cristo, por la que el mundo ha sido redimido. Nadie, por tanto, tema el sufrimiento por causa de la justicia, nadie dude que recibirá la recompensa prometida, ya que a través del esfuerzo es como se llega al reposo y a través de la muerte a la vida; el Señor ha asumido toda la debilidad propia de nuestra pobre condición, y, si nosotros perseveramos en su confesión y en su amor, vencemos lo que él ha vencido y recibimos lo que ha prometido.

### Consagración a San José

Oh Glorioso Patriarca San José,  
heme aquí, postrado de rodillas ante vuestra presencia,  
para consagrarme a ti y pedir os vuestra protección.

Bajo vuestro amparo pongo mi cuerpo y mi alma,  
propiedad, vida y salud.

Aceptadme como hijo vuestro.

Preservadme de todos los peligros,  
asechanzas y lazos del enemigo.

Asistidme en todo momento y ante todo  
en la hora de mi muerte. Amén.

