



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

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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](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: 8:00 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** 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** will re-open soon!  
**Cathedral Books & Gifts** Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30-4:30  
& Sun 8:30-1:30, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: 542-0250

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 14, 2021

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY MARCH 14

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

#### MONDAY MARCH 15

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

#### TUESDAY MARCH 16

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
Virtual Women of the Word Meeting - 10:00 a.m.  
Latin Mass – Cathedral- 5:30 pm

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 17

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

#### THURSDAY MARCH 18

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

#### FRIDAY MARCH 19

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
Stations of the Cross – Cathedral – 2:00 & 6:00 pm;  
Spanish – 7:00 pm  
Fish Fry – Becker Center – 5-7:00 p.m.

#### SATURDAY MARCH 20

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

### THRIFT SHOP RE-OPENING

#### ~THRIFT SHOP~

We are happy to announce that the St. Eugene Thrift Shop will re-open for business on Wednesday, March 17th. For the month of March, it will only be open on Wednesdays (24th and 31st). In April, it will resume its regular schedule of Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

#### ~PARISH OFFICE MOVE~

On Monday, 8 March, the parish office was relocated to a more logical location - in the old bookstore near the parking lot. New paint (donated by ACM) and new flooring and the moving of furniture will hopefully offer a welcoming environment within the new office. Office hours will remain the same, M-F 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A big "Thank You" to John Kennedy and Vince Buettner for all of their hard work in making this new office space a reality!

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

#### ADMINISTRATION

For the Weeks of: 2/28/21

Sunday Donations Received:	\$12,297.00
Collection Revenue Received for: N/A	

#### ~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.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#### ~ON YOUTUBE~

For those who are unable to attend our Friday Stations of the Cross in person, inside the Cathedral, you can now follow along with us on our YouTube Channel. Simply go to [www.Youtube.com](http://www.Youtube.com) and type in the words: Cathedral of St. Eugene – Stations of the Cross.

#### ~WOMEN OF THE WORD~

Women of the Word, St. Eugene's scripture, prayer, and social group open to all Catholic women, continues to meet during this pandemic (albeit in a different form). What do we do? *We support each other in prayer:* We are sharing weekly prayer requests and praises with one another. How and when do we meet? *We meet every other Tuesday morning "virtually"* via zoom and regular telephone lines. We are learning about and contemplating the Seven Sacraments. **Our next meeting will be on March 16, at 10:00 a.m.** We are doing a retreat called "Three Hearts": The Sacrament of Marriage. We welcome new members. If you are interested in joining us with prayer or at our bi-weekly meetings, email Mary Gioia for information about how to participate at: [hiecke@sonic.net](mailto:hiecke@sonic.net). Please join us for our next meeting!

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 13</b>
8:00 am	Scott Voelker, living
4:30 pm	Marion Dillard, deceased
6:30 pm	Jose Maria & Guadalupe Ambriz, deceased
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 14</b>
7:30 am	ICF Members, living & deceased
9:00 am	Richard Anthony Macdonell, deceased
10:30 am	People of the Diocese
12:00 pm	Homobano Gomez, deceased
1:30 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:30 pm	Mark Jordan, deceased
6:00 pm	Fran Saltysiak, deceased
(Newman Ctr.)	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 15</b>
6:45 am	Nguyen Van Ngam, deceased
8:00 am	Lisa Tran, living
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 16</b>
6:45 am	Martha Keyes, deceased
8:00 am	Aurora Huerta, living
5:30 pm (EF)	Daniela Pelaez, living
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 17</b>
6:45 am	Nguyen Van Ngam, deceased
8:00 am	Humberto Ordenez, deceased
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 18</b>
6:45 am	People of St. Eugene's
8:00 am	McShane & Stronge Families, living & deceased
9:30 am (School)	Navarrete, Cuen & Flores Families, living & deceased
1:30 pm (School)	Saccoro Albor, deceased
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 19</b>
6:45 am	Leo Pimentel, deceased
8:00 am	Fernando Sarmiento, living
12:00 pm Hosp.	Maria Hong Tran, deceased
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 20</b>
8:00 am	Phil Skikos, living
4:30 pm	Meghan McCurry, living
6:30 pm (Sp)	Maria Concepcion Hernandez, 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, 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

### ~MASS OF THE CHRISM~

The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the Diocesan and Religious priests of the Diocese, invites you to participate in the Mass of the Chrism here at St. Eugene's Cathedral on Thursday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m. This Mass is celebrated once a year and during the Mass, the Bishop blesses the oil of the Sick and the oil of Chrism. This Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the ministerial priesthood that the Bishop has received and it also signifies the unity the priests, who share in the same ministerial priesthood, have with the Bishop. *Seating is likely to be extremely limited due to the number of priests attending and the 25% capacity rule. This Mass will be live-streamed on our YouTube Channel.*

## 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/Gift Shop. Meals may 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 (from the car) 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. Meals may also be purchased on site while the supply lasts.

## FLOWER MEMORIAL ENVELOPES

### ~EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS~

Easter flower memorial envelopes are on the vestibule tables at both entrances of the church. Please legibly fill out the names of loved ones and return your envelopes to the collection plate on the weekend of **March 20 & 21** to be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. You can also drop them off at the Parish Office. Deadline to turn them in is noon, Wednesday, **March 24th**. Names received after this deadline will be listed in subsequent bulletins.

### ~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 added – 542-6984, ext. 16.

### ~DAYLIGHT SAVING~

Daylight Saving Time begins/began at 2:00 a.m., Sunday, March 14. Be sure to "spring forward!"

## MY CATHOLIC FAITH

### SINFULNESS AND MERCY

#### ~FROM THE PASTOR~

Our first reading today tells us, "In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, ... they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy." The Israelites were often a stubborn people who chose to go their own way rather than the way God wanted them to go. Aren't we all like that from time to time? Are we any different? Look at the state of man today and ponder this: Is the anger of the Lord so inflamed with us that there is no remedy? We mock Him by taking his Holy Name in vain (it's impossible to watch a movie or listen to a song that does not seem to do this); we fail to worship Him (Mass attendance in the West varies from 3% to 20% per Sunday) and we legally slaughter the unborn. We hide behind these sins with euphemisms like "choice" and "self-expression" so as not to expose our sin and prove as true what Jesus said, "For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed." So, the question remains, is there a remedy? Our Gospel reading tells us that, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." So, yes, the remedy is to live our lives as believers! To pray, to worship and to love one another. The two articles that I have chosen to share with you today address these readings quite well. Enjoy!

#### ~THE MISERY OF SIN~

**"Without love, life would be miserable.** Thankfully, we always have the love of God — every minute that we are alive, and whether it is tangible to us or not. The paths of life can sometimes be so dark that no light seems to permeate the blackness of sorrow, sickness, or despair. Yet, the light of faith can illuminate where all else fails, leading us ever onward and upward. This is because where senses fail, where the body knows only pain and sorrow, where the heart is broken, the intellect can submit to the guiding force of faith. "Now faith

is the substance of things to be hoped for, the evidence of things that appear not." (Hebrews 11:1) It is through the eyes of faith we see always see God's love for us. It is right to hope in times of darkness; for we have been promised the comfort of the Holy Spirit, and know the salvation that has been bought for us at a great price (cf. 1 Peter 1:18-19) because God loves us.

#### ~WE LOSE OUR VISION~

Few times are so painful and dark as those times when we sin grievously, thus blocking the light of God's grace in our souls. It is then that we fail to love ourselves. It is then that the enemy enters into our path with his plan to sabotage our journey. When we sin, we lose our vision, and become weak. Seeing our weakness, the enemy takes advantage and presses his whispers into our thoughts: *"It is of no use — I cannot fight these temptations; it makes no difference — I have been battling this for years; it is too late. The damage is already done. It is not so bad — I've done this before and nothing happened. I will just go to confession afterwards. It is all in vain, anyway, because I don't really want to stop. I am hopeless."*

#### ~WE ARE NOT ALONE~

The enemy torments us relentlessly. We, too, torment ourselves. Suffering both in body and in spirit, we submit to despair, sometimes falling deeper into sin. Sometimes, we choose the pleasure of the flesh over the battle to claw our way back out of the pit of sin. **'And he heard my prayers ...'** This is the best time to remember that we have help in getting back out of that darkness. *We are not alone.* In the words of the psalmist David, "And he heard my prayers, and brought me out of the pit of misery and the mire of dregs." (Psalm 40:2) Other times, we attribute too much power to ourselves, believing that through our own will and discipline, we can achieve success against the allure of sin. Again, *we are not alone.* It is important to remember that we not only fight against the flesh and the world, but also the devil. Our battles include those of another realm beyond what is seen by earthy eyes and detected by the senses. "For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood; but against principalities and power, against the rulers of the world of this

darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places." (Ephesians 6:12) We must not let the pain of the flesh, the scorn of the world, or the weight of a broken spirit keep us down. Let the devil keep to himself with his whispers of discouragement; only our worst enemy would give us such thoughts as to keep away from our Father when we need Him most.

#### ~THE SWEET YOKE~

True, the path is uphill, at times like a mountain; but we must believe that we do have the strength to take that mountain, for as Jesus promised us, "My yoke is sweet, and my burden light." ([Matthew 11:30](#)) One meaning of this assurance is that, free from the bondage of repeated grievous sin, the virtuous man finds that the trials of life are sweet, and the burdens of suffering – with their redemptive value – are light. To embrace this virtuous life, it is entirely necessary to resolve to avoid grievous sin. It is easier to stay free from grievous sin than to extract oneself from its grip; easier to admit our weakness, and even our desire to sin, begging assistance in that regard, than to deny those desires and pretend they don't exist. It's easiest of all when these decisions are made swiftly, with finality, and with total, uncompromising resolve to stay on the narrow path. "Be subject therefore to God, but resist the devil, and he will fly from you." (James 4:7) A wise priest once encouraged me, "A saint is not the man who never falls; a saint is the man who gets back up after his every fall." The success of our journey is much about getting back up over and over again. When we fall into sin, we must make the effort to stand back up, repentant. Renewing our resolve not to sin, we choose to trust in God's unending love for us and His all-forgiving mercy. "For thou, O Lord, art sweet and mild: and plenteous in mercy to all that call upon thee." (Psalm 86:5) He desires for us to experience temporal happiness as well as eternal happiness, and this can only be obtained by walking the path of virtue. It is on this virtuous path that we can be most brightly guided by the light of faith, and most steadily believe in the unending love that God has for us. We also have the love of one another: remembering that we all fall, we all sin, and we are all in need of God's forgiveness. "For all have sinned and need the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) Let's make this journey easier for one another, "For which cause comfort one another; and edify

one another, as you also do." (1 Thessalonians 5:11) In this same way, we can be a reflection of God's love to others in darkness, as they may at times be for us." By Susan Anne, For complete article go to: [www.Catholicquotations.com/temptation-sin-Satan-and-suffering/](http://www.Catholicquotations.com/temptation-sin-Satan-and-suffering/)

### LAETARE SUNDAY

#### ~THE HALF-WAY MARK~

"Rejoice in the Lord! Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is always about rejoicing. We rejoice because we have made it halfway through Lent! We rejoice because the Lord continues to call us His people and to draw us to Himself. We rejoice because we know that Jesus came in the flesh for us, died for us and is raised from the dead for us. The readings today make us very aware that we are still sinful humans, called to grow in faithfulness and love. The first reading is from the Second Book of Chronicles and gives us the sad history that God's people were unfaithful and finally taken from their own land into exile in Babylonia. The story does not end there, however. Instead this story gives us cause for rejoicing because God brings some of His people back to Judah, to Jerusalem, to rebuild the temple. This account from the Second Book of Chronicles is a pattern that is repeated over and over in the life of our Jewish ancestors and also in the life of our Church. We humans find it difficult to remain faithful. When we are unfaithful, God allows us to suffer the consequences and then, quite often, at least a remnant will return to the Lord. Then there is rejoicing! The second reading is from the Letter to the Ephesians and speaks again about our human failings and God's mercy. "God, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ. It is the gift of God." Finally today's Gospel from Saint John tells us "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.... Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." Our hearts are hardened and our ears are closed and so often we do not listen to these words of the Lord. Even when we do listen to them, often we do not believe them. Today, on the Sunday of Lent when we should rejoice, let us open our hearts and listen to God. He only wants to tell us that He loves us and invites us to live a life of commitment to Him." Fr. Abbot Philip Lawrence, OSB Christ in the Desert Monastery, Abiquiu, New Mexico. <https://www.catholicforlife.com/homily-for-the-4th-sunday-of-lent-year-b-4/>

**CATEDRAL DE ST. EUGENE'S — 14 de Marzo del 2021**

**Cuarto 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**

¡Por favor, visítenos!

Estamos estrenando una nueva tienda ahora es en el salón parroquia, (Parish Life Center-Faith Room)

¡Durante el mes de Marzo, tendremos el 25% de descuento en la estatua de San Francisco! La Cuaresma es un tiempo para la auto-reflexión y la profundización de nuestra relación con Dios a través de Jesucristo. Como decía San Francisco: "Oh divino Maestro, concede que no busque tanto ser consolado como consolar; ser comprendido como comprender; ser amado como amar. Porque es en el dar que recibimos; es en perdonar que somos perdonado y muriendo es que nacemos a la vida eterna". Nuestra estatua de San Francisco mide 8 pulgadas de alto y cabe perfectamente en un escritorio, en un estante o donde sea que necesite inspiración y paz.

También tenemos una gran selección de libros en Español.

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.

**JESUS Y LOS CAMBIADORES DE DINERO**

**~ EL SIGNIFICADO DETRÁS DE LA HISTORIA ~**

“En un ministerio marcado por una gran misericordia y bondad, se destaca el incidente de Jesús y los cambiadores de dinero. ... ¿Cuál es el verdadero significado de la historia? Primero, conviene una aclaración exegética. Aunque a veces se lee que los azotes se aplican a los propios cambiadores de dinero, como en la pintura de la escena de El Greco, una lectura más cercana y precisa del griego original indica que los azotes estaban dirigidos principalmente a las ovejas y los bueyes. Aún así, Jesús volcó las mesas de los cambiadores de dinero, por lo que ciertamente no se salvaron de su ira, incluso si la peor parte física la soportaba el ganado. (Aquí, estoy leyendo la versión en Juan 2, donde se menciona específicamente el uso del látigo o azote).

Una interpretación básica del evento lo toma al pie de la letra: Jesús estaba justamente enojado porque las actividades comerciales mundanas habían corrompido la santidad del templo. (Recuerde, uno de los significados de santidad es aquello que está apartado.) Como comentarista, D.A. Carson, explica: En lugar de la dignidad solemne y el murmullo de la oración, está el bramido del ganado y el balido de las ovejas. En lugar de quebrantamiento y contrición, santa adoración y petición prolongada, hay un comercio ruidoso ”.

**~ PERIODO DE TIEMPO ~**

“Pero hay un significado más profundo para esta historia y el contexto lo deja claro. En los evangelios sinópticos, es decir, Mateo, Marcos y Lucas, la purificación del templo llega cerca del final del ministerio de Jesús, a su entrada en Jerusalén, que culmina con su crucifixión. La historia se narra al comienzo del evangelio de Juan, pero el escritor del evangelio hace la misma conexión más explícita para nosotros: A esto los judíos respondieron y le dijeron: “¿Qué señal puedes mostrarnos por hacer esto?” Jesús respondió y les dijo: “Destruid este templo y en tres días lo levantaré”. Los judíos dijeron: “Este templo ha estado en construcción durante cuarenta y seis años, ¿y lo levantarás en tres días?” Pero estaba hablando del templo de su cuerpo. Por tanto, cuando resucitó de entre los muertos, sus discípulos se acordaron de que había dicho esto (Juan 2: 18-22) ”.

**~ PERIODO DE TIEMPO ~**

“La conexión es clara, pero ¿qué significa? ¿Cómo conduce Jesús a su propio sufrimiento al expulsar el ganado y los cambiadores de dinero? Aquí Agustín, en sus sermones sobre Juan, hace una observación útil sobre el sistema de sacrificios que existía entonces en el templo: Porque sabéis, amados, que se ofrecieron sacrificios a ese pueblo, por consideración a la mente carnal y al corazón de piedra que aún tenían, para evitar que cayeran en los ídolos; y ofrecieron allí como sacrificio bueyes, ovejas y palomas. tú sabes esto, porque lo has leído. 'No fue un gran pecado, entonces, si vendieran en el templo lo que fue comprado para ofrecerlo en el templo, y sin embargo él los echó fuera de allí.’”

**~ EXPULSANDO A LOS ANIMALES ~**

“¿Por qué es esto? Agustín lo insinúa, pero no lo dice explícitamente. La clave es tan obvia que se pasa por alto: tenga en cuenta que no solo fueron los cambiadores de dinero los que fueron expulsados, sino también los animales. Dado que los animales eran, de hecho, necesarios para los sacrificios del templo, su expulsión es un poco extraña, como señala este estudioso: ¿no fue la actividad comercial en sí la verdadera fuente de ofensa? Este detalle apunta al significado más profundo de este pasaje: ¿no es muy apropiado que este desafío a la antigua forma de sacrificios precediera a su reemplazo, que fue la ofrenda única de Cristo en la cruz? ”

**Consagración a San José**

Oh Glorioso Patriarca San José, heme aquí, prostrado 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.

