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ST. EUGENE

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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 1, 2022

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY MAY 1

Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00, 1:30 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm
Coffee Social – Parish Life Center – 8AM – 12:00 PM
RCIA & RCIF – School – 10:30 am

MONDAY MAY 2

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

TUESDAY MAY 3

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 MAY 4

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Outdoor Rosary – Fatima Grotto – 6:00 pm

THURSDAY MAY 5

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

FRIDAY MAY 6

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

SATURDAY MAY 7

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am
Confession – Cathedral – 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Sunday Vigil Masses – Cathedral – 4:30 pm
& 6:30 pm (Spanish)
ICF Dinner – Becker Center (Brinker Room) -5:30/ 6:00 pm

RETREAT IN SOQUEL

~SILENT RETREAT~

Opus Sanctorum Angelorum is offering a Silent Retreat at St. Clare's Retreat Center, 2381 Laurel Glen Rd, Soquel, CA from June 2 - 5, 2022. The daily schedule includes Divine Office, Holy Mass, Adoration, the Rosary, conferences, Stations of the Cross, time for private reflection, meals in silence, opportunity for confession/spiritual direction. For more info, go to: contact@opusangelorum.org.

~COAT & BLANKET DRIVE~

Our Lady of Grace Sodality, in a spirit of Christian charity and service to the poor, is asking for donations of coats and blankets for those in need. For those who desire to participate in this endeavor, donations can be brought to the Youth Room of the Becker Center between 10-11:00 am on Saturday, May 7th. May Our Lord and Our Lady bless and reward you for your generosity!

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of: 04/17/22

Sunday Donations Received:	\$20,609.00
2nd Collection : No Second Collection	N/A

~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

The Special of the Month for the month of May is 25% off all in-stock clergy wear! We have albs, surplices, cinctures, vestment bags, and much more! Do you serve at the altar? Do you have a friend or a loved one who is a priest, a deacon, or an acolyte? Take advantage of our low prices on our in-stock clergy wear this month! The shop is open Wed-Fri 9:30-4:30 & Sun 9:30-1:30. Call us at 542-0250.

ST. EUGENE'S CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

~FALL REGISTRATION~

Saint Eugene's Cathedral School is now enrolling Kindergarten through 8th Grade students! Please go to the following link to apply. <https://www.steugenesch.org/html/admissions/Admissions.html> Upon the submission of your completed application, you will receive an invitation to the student screening and tour date. If you have questions, please contact our office between 8 am and 1:30 pm Monday-Friday, at 707-545-7252.

~PRE-SCHOOL~

Our preschool is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. We also offer an 8-week summer session. For more information, please contact Sharry Caesare at caesares@steugenesch.org or 707 528-9133 for information and availability.

SECOND COLLECTION INFORMATION

~NO SECOND COLLECTION~

This weekend, April 30 & May 1, there is no Second Collection. We will also not have a Second Collection next weekend, May 8 & 9.

IN MEMORIAM

†Roger Ballard†

Please remember Roger Ballard and his family and friends in your prayers and Masses. He passed away on 4/17/22. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him." *May he rest in peace.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 30
8:00 am	Serena & Ed O'Brien, deceased
4:30 pm	Patrick Grace, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Juana de la Cruz Garcia, deceased
Sunday	May 1
7:30 am	Vince Buettner, living
9:00 am	People of St. Eugene's
10:30 am	Isabel Carrera, deceased
12:00 pm	Pedro de Jesus Monterroso, deceased
1:30 pm (EF)	Joseph Benedict Arnerich, living
5:30 pm	Maria & Gustavo Sanchez, living
6:00 pm	Paulina Pelaez, living
Newman Ctr.	
Monday	May 2
6:45 am	Poor souls in Purgatory
8:00 am	Salvador Marapao, living
Tuesday	May 3
6:45 am	Albina Dragovina, deceased
8:00 am	Robert Cook, deceased
5:30 pm (EF)	Michael Tran, living
Wednesday	May 4
6:45 am	Stephenie Lee, deceased
8:00 am	Kathy & Bob Moody, living
Thursday	May 5
6:45 am	Jarrett Barrell, living
8:00 am	Michael Hart, deceased
Friday	May 6
6:45 am	Albert Orozco, living
8:00 am	Fr. Desmond Devine, deceased
9:20 am (Sch)	Mina Noah Huerta-Miller, living
12:00 pm	Roberto Marapao, deceased
(Hosp)	
7:00 pm (Sp.)	Juan Cruz, living
Saturday	May 7
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	David Ellis, deceased
6:30 (Sp)	Jose Carrillo Sanchez, deceased

~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.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~4 MILE PILGRIMAGE~

Join us on Saturday, May 21st for a 4-mile pilgrimage! We will begin our day with the 8:00 a.m. Mass here, at St. Eugene's. We will then be led on our walk by Stephen Morris, Director of Youth Activities for the Diocese of Santa Rosa. He will lead us on a section of the Camino de Sonoma. We will discover a bit more about Santa Rosa history, Coastal Miwok and Pomo settlements, early church communities, and the missions, finishing our pilgrimage by 11:00 a.m. at Prince Gateway Park, near the home of Luther Burbank. RSVP/info: dsryouth@srdiocese.org // 310-849-2342.

~EVENING RETREAT~

St. Joseph Church is offering an Easter Evening Retreat with Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist (*Exposition, Prayer, Homily, Gregorian Chant & Benediction*) on Friday, May 6, 2022, from 7:00pm - 8:00pm at 150 St Joseph Way, Cotati, CA 94931 Go to www.stjosemaria.info to learn more.

~LAKE COUNTY PASSION PLAY~

All are invited to come and watch this amazing outdoor production of the Passion of Christ on May 14th and 15th, from 4:00-6:00 PM. The destination is located off of Highway 29, about 4 miles north of Lakeport on 7010 Westlake Rd, Upper Lake CA, 95485. For directions or more information, please call: 707-263-0349 . There is no charge, but donations are gratefully accepted. More info at: www.lakecountypassionplay.org

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

~ICF FUNDRAISER DINNER~

The St. Eugene's Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) will hold a fundraiser dinner in the Becker Center, Brinker Room, on Saturday, May 7th. The menu includes salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu, rice, wine soda, water and dessert. Hosted cocktails begin at 5:30 pm and dinner begins at 6:00 pm. Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$20 per person. For a ticket, please call Doreen O'Rourke at 707-889-4726.

~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VIDEO SERIES~

What does it mean to be a man today? Most men have asked themselves this question. Most men want to lead fuller and more purposeful lives - to be better men, better husbands and better fathers - but sometimes it can be difficult to know how. The Knights of Columbus is hosting a 12-part video discussion series, "Into The Breach". Please join us for food, fraternity, and prayer as we discuss "Fatherhood," on Monday, May 9th, at 6:00PM in the Becker Center. Open to all Catholic Men 18 years and older.

~EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF~

The Grant Family

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

WE ARE CATHOLIC

~FROM THE PASTOR~

In our Gospel reading from St. John, we are told explicitly that when the apostles cast the net over the right side of the boat, as Jesus had commanded them, they caught 153 fish in the net. That number is actually quite significant. It has been said that at that time, there were only 153 known species of fish. Jesus had already called the disciples 'fishers of men' (Mark 1:17) but they focused initially exclusively on Israel. The number 153 represented every possible known group of people in the world at that time, in other words, the whole world. This leads us to the fact that the word "catholic" means universal. The whole world. Let us take a look at how our universal church came to be called "Catholic".

THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

~CHRISTIANS~

"As mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, it is true that the followers of Christ early became known as "Christians" (cf. Acts 11:26). The name Christian, however, was never commonly applied to the Church herself. In the New Testament itself, the Church is simply called "the Church." There was only one. In that early time there were not yet any break-away bodies substantial enough to be rival claimants of the name and from which the Church might ever have to distinguish herself."

~CATHOLIC~

"Very early in post-apostolic times, however, the Church did acquire a proper name--and precisely in order to distinguish herself from rival bodies which by then were already beginning to form. The name that the Church acquired when it became necessary for her to have a proper name was the name by which she has been known ever since--the Catholic Church. The name appears in Christian literature for the first time around the end of the first century. By the time it was written down, it had certainly already been in use, for the indications are that everybody understood exactly what was meant by the name when it was written. Around the year A.D.

107, a bishop, St. Ignatius of Antioch in the Near East, was arrested, brought to Rome by armed guards and eventually martyred there in the arena. In a farewell letter which this early bishop and martyr wrote to his fellow Christians in Smyrna (today Izmir in modern Turkey), he made the first written mention in history of "the Catholic Church." He wrote, "Where the bishop is present, there is the Catholic Church" (To the Smyrnaeans 8:2). Thus, the second century of Christianity had scarcely begun when the name of the Catholic Church was already in use."

~THE NAME CAUGHT ON~

"Thereafter, mention of the name became more and more frequent in the written record. It appears in the oldest written account we possess outside the New Testament of the martyrdom of a Christian for his faith, the Martyrdom of St. Polycarp, bishop of the same Church of Smyrna to which St. Ignatius of Antioch had written. St. Polycarp was martyred around 155, and the account of his sufferings dates back to that time. The narrator informs us that in his final prayers before giving up his life for Christ, St. Polycarp 'remembered all who had met with him at any time, both small and great, both those with and those without renown, and the whole Catholic Church throughout the world.' We know that St. Polycarp, at the time of his death in 155, had been a Christian for 86 years. He could not, therefore, have been born much later than 69 or 70. Yet it appears to have been a normal part of the vocabulary of a man of this era to be able to speak of 'the whole Catholic Church throughout the world.' The name had caught on, and no doubt for good reasons. The term 'catholic' simply means universal, and when employing it in those early days, St. Ignatius of Antioch and St. Polycarp of Smyrna were referring to the Church that was already 'everywhere', as distinguished from whatever sects, schisms or splinter groups might have grown up here and there, in opposition to the Catholic Church. The term was already understood even then to be an especially fitting name because the Catholic Church was for everyone, not just for adepts, enthusiasts or the specially initiated who might have been attracted to her."

~THE FULLNESS OF THE FAITH~

"Again, it was already understood that the Church was 'catholic' because -- to adopt a modern expression -- she possessed the fullness of the means of salvation. She also was destined to be 'universal' in time as well as in space, and it was to her that applied the promise of Christ to Peter and the other apostles that 'the powers of death shall not prevail' against her (Mt 16:18). The Catechism of the Catholic Church in our own day has concisely summed up all the reasons why the name of the Church of Christ has been the Catholic Church: 'The Church is catholic,' the Catechism teaches, '[because] she proclaims the fullness of the faith. She bears in herself and administers the totality of the means of salvation. She is sent out to all peoples. She speaks to all men. She encompasses all times. She is missionary of her very nature (no. 868)."

~THE COUNCIL OF NICAEA~

"So the name became attached to her for good. By the time of the first ecumenical council of the Church, held at Nicaea in Asia Minor in the year 325 A.D., the bishops of that council were legislating quite naturally in the name of the universal body they called in the Council of Nicaea's official documents 'the Catholic Church.' As most people know, it was that same council which formulated the basic Creed in which the term 'catholic' was retained as one of the four marks of the true Church of Christ. And it is the same name which is to be found in all 16 documents of the twenty-first ecumenical council of the Church, Vatican Council II."

~THE LORD'S HOUSE~

"It was still back in the fourth century that St. Cyril of Jerusalem aptly wrote, 'Inquire not simply where the Lord's house is, for the sects of the profane also make an attempt to call their own dens the houses of the Lord; nor inquire merely where the church is, but where the Catholic Church is. For this is the peculiar name of this Holy Body, the Mother of all, which is the Spouse of Our Lord Jesus Christ' (Catecheses, xviii, 26). The same inquiry needs to be made in exactly the same way today, for the name of the true Church of Christ has in no way been changed. It was inevitable that the Catechism of the Catholic Church would adopt the same name today that the Church has had throughout the whole of her very long history." How Did the Catholic Church Get Her Name? by Kenneth D. Whitehead <http://www.ewtn.com/faith/teachings/churb3.htm>

WHAT IS MERCY?

~MERCY IS THE PERFECTION OF JUSTICE~

Last Sunday was Divine Mercy Sunday. Just as a post script, I would like us to meditate on the idea of mercy as explained by Fulton Sheen: "As the world grows soft, it uses more and more the word mercy. This could be a praiseworthy characteristic if mercy were understood right. Forgotten in all such mercy pleas is the principle that *mercy is the perfection of justice*. Mercy does not come first, and then justice; but rather justice first, then mercy. The divorce of mercy and justice is sentimentality, as the divorce of justice from mercy is severity. Mercy is not love when it is divorced from justice. He who loves anything must resist that which would destroy the object of his love. ... If mercy meant the forgiveness of all faults without retribution and without justice, it would end in a multiplication of wrongs. Mercy is for those who will not abuse it, and no man will abuse it who already started to make the wrong right, as justice demands." www.catholicgentleman.net/2015/09/sheen-the-real-definition-of-mercy/

~HOLY BOLDNESS~

We see in our first reading, from Acts 5, the High Priest of the Sanhedrin saying to the Apostles: "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? But Peter and the apostles said in reply, **"We must obey God rather than men."** It took a lot of courage for them to say this. The question is, do we have this same kind of courage? Do we stand up for the teachings of Jesus?

"Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong." - St. Paul 1 Corinthians 16:13

"I do not care very much what men say of me, provided that God approves of me." - St. Thomas More

"Be brave! Do not be led by what others think or say." - St. John Bosco

"Let nothing frighten you. Who has God, lacks nothing. God alone is enough." - St. Teresa of Avila

"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to abandon ourselves unreservedly, so that we might be molded by God's grace, even as we cannot see where that path may lead us." - St. Ignatius Loyola

MI FE CATOLICA

SOMOS CATÓLICOS

~DEL PASTOR~

En nuestra lectura del Evangelio de San Juan, se nos dice explícitamente que cuando los apóstoles echaron la red por el lado derecho de la barca, como Jesús les había ordenado, pescaron 153 peces en la red. Esta cifra es realmente muy significativa. Se ha dicho que en aquella época sólo se conocían 153 especies de peces. Jesús ya había llamado a los discípulos "pescadores de hombres" (Marcos 1:17), pero al principio se centraron exclusivamente en Israel. El número 153 representaba todos los posibles grupos de personas conocidos en el mundo en aquella época, es decir, el mundo entero. Esto nos lleva al hecho de que la palabra "católica" significa universal. El mundo entero. Veamos cómo nuestra iglesia universal llegó a llamarse "católica".

LA IGLESIA UNIVERSAL

~CRISTIANOS~

"Como se menciona en los Hechos de los Apóstoles, es cierto que los seguidores de Cristo se conocieron pronto como "cristianos" (cf. Hechos 11:26). Sin embargo, el nombre de cristiano nunca se aplicó comúnmente a la Iglesia misma. En el propio Nuevo Testamento, la Iglesia se llama simplemente "la Iglesia". Sólo había una. En aquellos primeros tiempos no existían todavía cuerpos disidentes lo suficientemente importantes como para ser reclamantes rivales del nombre y de los que la Iglesia pudiera tener que distinguirse."

~CATÓLICO~

"Sin embargo, muy pronto en los tiempos post-apostólicos, la Iglesia adquirió un nombre propio, y precisamente para distinguirse de los organismos rivales que para entonces ya estaban empezando a formarse. El nombre que la Iglesia adquirió cuando se hizo necesario que tuviera un nombre propio fue el nombre por el que se la conoce desde entonces: la Iglesia Católica. Este nombre aparece por primera vez en la literatura cristiana hacia finales del siglo I. En el momento de su redacción, sin duda ya se utilizaba, pues todo indica que todo el mundo entendía exactamente lo que significaba el nombre cuando se escribió. Alrededor del año A.D.

En el año 107, un obispo, San Ignacio de Antioquía, en Oriente Próximo, fue arrestado, llevado a Roma por guardias armados y finalmente martirizado allí en la arena. En una carta de despedida que este primitivo obispo y mártir escribió a sus compañeros cristianos en Esmirna (hoy Esmirna en la moderna Turquía), hizo la primera mención escrita en la historia de "la Iglesia católica". Escribió: "Donde está el obispo, allí está la Iglesia católica" (A los esmirneanos 8:2). Así pues, apenas había comenzado el segundo siglo del cristianismo cuando ya se utilizaba el nombre de Iglesia católica."

~EL NOMBRE SE IMPUSO~

"A partir de entonces, la mención del nombre se hizo cada vez más frecuente en el registro escrito. Aparece en el relato escrito más antiguo que poseemos fuera del Nuevo Testamento sobre el martirio de un cristiano por su fe, el Martirio de San Policarpo, obispo de la misma Iglesia de Esmirna a la que había escrito San Ignacio de Antioquía. San Policarpo fue martirizado hacia el año 155, y el relato de sus sufrimientos se remonta a esa época. El narrador nos informa de que, en sus últimas oraciones antes de entregar su vida por Cristo, San Policarpo "se acordó de todos los que se habían reunido con él en cualquier momento, tanto pequeños como grandes, tanto los que tenían como los que no tenían renombre, y de toda la Iglesia católica en todo el mundo". Sabemos que San Policarpo, en el momento de su muerte en el año 155, llevaba 86 años como cristiano. Por lo tanto, no pudo haber nacido mucho más tarde del año 69 o 70. Sin embargo, parece haber sido una parte normal del vocabulario de un hombre de esta época el poder hablar de "toda la Iglesia Católica en todo el mundo". El nombre se había impuesto, y sin duda por buenas razones. El término "católico" significa simplemente universal, y al emplearlo en aquellos primeros tiempos, San Ignacio de Antioquía y San Policarpo de Esmirna se referían a la Iglesia que ya estaba "en todas partes", a diferencia de las sectas, cismas o grupos separatistas que pudieran haber surgido aquí y allá, en oposición a la Iglesia Católica. Ya entonces se entendía que el término era un nombre especialmente adecuado, porque la Iglesia católica era para todos, no sólo para los adeptos, los entusiastas o los especialmente iniciados que pudieran sentirse atraídos a ella".

~LA PLENITUD DE LA FE~

"Además, ya se entendía que la Iglesia era 'católica' porque -para adoptar una expresión moderna- poseía la plenitud de los medios de salvación. También estaba destinada a ser 'universal' tanto en el tiempo como en el espacio, y a ella se aplicaba la promesa de Cristo a Pedro y a los demás apóstoles de que 'los poderes de la muerte no prevalecerán' contra ella (Mt 16,18). El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica de nuestros días ha resumido de manera concisa todas las razones por las que el nombre de la Iglesia de Cristo ha sido Iglesia Católica: "La Iglesia es católica", enseña el Catecismo, "porque proclama la plenitud de la fe. Lleva en sí misma y administra la totalidad de los medios de salvación. Es enviada a todos los pueblos. Habla a todos los hombres. Abarca todos los tiempos. Es misionera por naturaleza (nº 868)".

~CONCILIO DE NICAEA~

"Así, el nombre quedó unido a ella por siempre. En la época del primer concilio ecuménico de la Iglesia, celebrado en Nicea, en Asia Menor, en el año 325 D.C., los obispos de ese concilio legislaban con toda naturalidad en nombre del cuerpo universal que llamaban en los documentos oficiales del Concilio de Nicea 'la Iglesia católica'. Como la mayoría de la gente sabe, fue ese mismo concilio el que formuló el Credo básico en el que se mantuvo el término 'católico' como una de las cuatro marcas de la verdadera Iglesia de Cristo. Y es el mismo nombre que se encuentra en los 16 documentos del vigésimo primer concilio ecuménico de la Iglesia, el Concilio Vaticano II".

~LA CASA DEL SEÑOR~

"Fue todavía en el siglo IV que San Cirilo de Jerusalén escribió acertadamente: "No preguntes simplemente dónde está la casa del Señor, porque las sectas de los profanos también intentan llamar a sus propias guaridas las casas del Señor; ni preguntes simplemente dónde está la iglesia, sino dónde está la Iglesia católica. Porque éste es el nombre peculiar de este Cuerpo Santo, la Madre de todos, que es la Esposa de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo" (Catequesis, xviii, 26). La misma indagación debe hacerse hoy exactamente de la misma manera, pues el nombre de la verdadera Iglesia de Cristo no ha cambiado en absoluto. Era inevitable que el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica adoptara hoy el mismo nombre que la Iglesia ha tenido a lo largo de toda su larguísima historia." ¿Cómo obtuvo la Iglesia Católica su nombre? por Kenneth D.

¿QUE ES MISERICORDIA?

~LA MISERICORDIA ES LA PERFECCIÓN DE LA JUSTICIA~

El domingo pasado fue el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Solo para darle secuencia, me gustaría que meditáramos sobre la idea de la misericordia tal como la explica Fulton Sheen: "A medida que el mundo se ablanda, usa más y más la palabra misericordia. Esta podría ser una característica digna de elogio si la misericordia se entendiera correctamente. En todas esas súplicas de misericordia se olvida el principio de que la misericordia es la perfección de la justicia. La misericordia no viene primero, y luego la justicia; sino primero la justicia, luego la misericordia. El divorcio de la misericordia y la justicia es sentimentalismo, como el divorcio de la justicia y la misericordia es severidad. La misericordia no es amor cuando está divorciada de la justicia. El que ama cualquier cosa debe resistir lo que destruiría el objeto de su amor. ... Si la misericordia significara el perdón de todas las faltas sin retribución y sin justicia, terminaría en una multiplicación de los males. La misericordia es para quien no abusará de ella, y no abusará de ella ningún hombre que ya empezó a hacer bien el mal, como exige la justicia."

~SANTO ATREVIMIENTO~

Vemos en nuestra primera lectura, de Hechos 5, al Sumo Sacerdote del Sanedrín diciendo a los Apóstoles: "Os dimos órdenes estrictas, ¿verdad? dejar de enseñar en ese nombre? Pero Pedro y los apóstoles respondieron: **"Debemos obedecer a Dios antes que a los hombres"**. Les tomó mucho coraje decir esto. La pregunta es, ¿tenemos este mismo tipo de coraje? ¿Defendemos las enseñanzas de Jesús?

"Estad alerta, permaneced firmes en la fe, sed valientes, sed fuertes". - San Pablo 1 Corintios 16:13

No me importa mucho lo que los hombres digan de mí, siempre que Dios me apruebe". - Santo Tomás Moro

"¡Sé valiente! No te dejes llevar por lo que otros piensen o digan". - San Juan Bosco

"Que nada os asuste. Quien tiene a Dios, nada le falta. Sólo Dios basta". - Santa Teresa de Ávila

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