



The Cathedral of
ST. EUGENE

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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 Ceci (Spanish) at: 571-9673

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 29, 2021

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY AUGUST 29

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

MONDAY AUGUST 30

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Respect Life Meeting – PLC – 3:30 pm

TUESDAY AUGUST 31

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Women of the Word – Brinker Room – 9:30 am
Latin Mass – Cathedral – 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Bible Study – PLC (Hope Rm) - 6:00 pm

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 2

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

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 3

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
School Mass – Cathedral – 9:20 am

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4

Spanish Mass – Cathedral – 5:30 am
Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am
Confession - Cathedral - 3:00 – 4:30 pm
Mass – Cathedral – 4:30 pm; 6:30 pm (Spanish)

RCIA CLASSES TO BEGIN

~RCIA CLASSES TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER~

Our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes will begin on September 12th. Classes will be held on Sundays, from 10:30 - 11:50 am until mid-May in the Becker Center Youth Room. Please return completed applications, baptismal certificate if applicable, and a \$20 fee, to the Parish Office, or bring those to the first RCIA class Sept. 12. Walk-ins are welcome on Sept. 12 -- applications will be provided at that time. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office: 707-542-6984

~HAITIAN RELIEF~

If you'd like to donate something to the Haitian Relief fund being taken up by the Diocese of Santa Rosa in collaboration with the USCCB, there is still time! Simply drop your check, made out to "St. Eugene's" (with HAITI written in the memo line) by the Parish Office by this Wed., Sept. 1.

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of: 08/15/21

Sunday Donations Received:	\$11,807
Collection Revenue Received for: Feast of The Assumption	\$3,492

~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

The Catholic church was a major force in the development of Western art and culture. To celebrate the impact of art in our spiritual lives, our **Special of the Month** for September is 25% off all art, including wall art and posters. 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.

~COLLECTIBLE SALE~

The St. Eugene's Thrift Shop will be having their annual Collectible Sale on **September 17 & 18** in the Msgr. Becker Center. The sale will run from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm on Friday and from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm on Saturday. All proceeds go to help with the support of our Parish. See you there!

~LIVE THE GOSPEL OF LIFE~

The Respect Life Committee meets on the **last Monday of every month at 3:30 pm in the Parish Life Center**. We help Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with building a culture that cherishes every human life. Please assist us in these efforts by attending our next meeting this Monday, August 30, in the Hope Room of the PLC.

SECOND COLLECTION

~ST. VINCENT DE PAUL~

This weekend, August 28 & 29, our Second Collection will be for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Next weekend, Sept. 4 & 5, our Second Collection will be for the education & support of our Seminarians.

~RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS~

On Saturday, September 25, 2021, the Diocese of Santa Rosa will present a day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese. The event will be held at Cardinal Newman High School, 50 Ursuline Rd., Santa Rosa. The theme is "**Praying Always**". The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the gym with Holy Mass offered by Bishop Robert F. Vasa. A variety of speakers will be presented throughout the day. This day is designed to bring spiritual nourishment to all adults in the Diocese. We look forward to seeing you. (Due to COVID19 restrictions, this event is **FREE**.) For more information or to register, please contact Carmen Aanenson at the Diocesan Dept. of Religious Education at e-mail address: dre@srdiocese.org or call her at: 707-566-3366 www.santarosacatholic.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 28
8:00 am	Winston Ameller, living
4:30 pm	Gustavo Sanchez-Barba, living
6:30 (Sp)	Familia Jimenez & Garcia, living & deceased
Sunday	August 29
7:30 am	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am	Antonio H. Ordoñez, living
10:30 am	People of St. Eugene's
12:00 pm	Fred Wallace, deceased
1:30 pm	Fr. Frank Epperson, living
5:30 pm	Sheelah Kirby, deceased
6:00 pm (Newman Ctr.)	William & Regina Jawett, deceased
Monday	August 30
6:45 am	Hector David Flores, living
8:00 am	Sofia Hervatin, deceased
Tuesday	August 31
6:45 am	Anthony & Norma Arnerich, deceased
8:00 am	Christiana Ameller, living
5:30 pm (EF)	Mary Tran, living
Wednesday	September 1
6:45 am	Samuel Valencia, deceased
8:00 am	Fr. James Mc Sweeney, deceased
Thursday	September 2
6:45 am	Francis & Martha Keyes, deceased
8:00 am	Sally Freeman, living
Friday	September 3
6:45 am	Frank Epperson, Sr., deceased
8:00 am	Sebastian Ameller, living
9:20 am (School)	John McCall, deceased
12:00 (Hospital)	Maria Hong Tran, deceased
Saturday	September 4
5:30 am (Sp.)	Fr. Jeffrey Keyes, living
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 & deceased members of the Russell and Rinaldi Families.
4:30 pm	Sally Costales, living
6:30 pm (Sp.)	Familia Jimenez & Garcia, living & deceased

IN MEMORIAM

†Bert Francis Mazeou†

Please remember Bert Francis Mazeou and his family and friends in your prayers and Masses. He passed away on 08-13-21. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him." *May he rest in peace.*

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~VIRTUAL ST. JOSEPH SUMMIT~

New Information: The Catholic World Report (CWR) magazine has taken an in-depth look at the upcoming Virtual St. Joseph Summit being held from Sept. 30 - Oct. 3. Last week, we shared some thoughts from Deacon Steve Greco, who was interviewed by the CWR. One question that was raised was: "Registration is free, but you charge \$49.99 for a premium passport. Why would someone opt to pay for a passport if the conference is free?" **Deacon Greco:** "The main reason is that we have so many speakers presenting in such a confined time period that it is best way to get the full benefit of the conference. With the passport, people can go back and listen to all the talks, at their leisure and at a pace where they can really absorb the material presented. We definitely want people to participate with either the free or passport option, but the passport is really the way to get all you can from this conference. There are also some other perks for passport holders, such as some additional content and an electronic copy of Fr. Calloway's book *Consecration to St. Joseph*." To register for the Summit, please go to: www.saintjosephsummit.com.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT MONTH

~MISSION COOPERATIVE PROGRAM~

Every year our Diocese participates in the Mission Cooperative program which allows us to unite with the Mission Church around the world by providing mission awareness throughout our parishes. Your past generous participation is a reflection of that ongoing awareness and concern. Due to the COVID restrictions, we are not supporting the travel required for these missionaries to visit the diocese in 2021, however, the desperate need for the support of our prayers and our financial contributions is greater than ever before. To this end, **we will be taking a special second collection during all Masses on September 11th and 12th**, with all proceeds to be sent to the missionary partners that the Diocese of Santa Rosa has historically supported. Around the world, those who are suffering, need to experience the solidarity of other Christians with our Universal Church in facing the pandemic and the other daily harsh realities that our brothers and sisters constantly face. As life hopefully returns to more of a normal state, we will continue to pray for one another and assist one another. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

~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, Mary Gonzales and Luke Gunnewegh.

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

SAVED BY FAITH AND WORKS

~FROM THE PASTOR~

One topic we see today in our second reading focuses on being doers of God's word and not merely hearers. Let's look at an often misunderstood tenet of our Faith in regards to being doers of God's word: good works. Non-Catholics often think that Catholics believe that we can be saved by good works. They preach that faith alone is all that is needed to be saved. We see from Holy Scripture however, that we need both of these, for the one flows from the other. A faith that does not manifest itself in good works, is a dead faith.

~FAITH ALONE~

"If we take a concordance and look up every occurrence of the word "faith," we come up with an undeniable fact the only time the phrase "faith alone" is used in the entire Bible is when it is condemned (James 2:24). The epistle of James only mentions it in the negative sense. The Bible tells us we must have faith in order to be saved (Hebrews 11:6). Yet is faith nothing more than believing and trusting? Searching the Scriptures, we see faith also involves assent to God's truth (1 Thessalonians 2:13), obedience to Him (Romans 1:5, 16:26), and it must be working in love (Galatians 5:6). These points appeared to be missed by the [protestant] reformers, yet they are just as crucial as believing and trusting. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 should be heeded by all, for it's certainly an attention grabber.

~LIFE-LONG PROCESS~

Paul speaks of faith as a life-long process, never as a one-time experience (Philippians 2:12). He never assumes he has nothing to worry about. If he did, his words in (1 Corinthians 9:24-27) would be nonsensical. He reiterates the same point again in his second letter to Corinth (2 Corinthians 13:5). He takes nothing for granted, yet all would agree if anyone was "born again" it certainly was Paul. ... Paul tells us our faith is living and can go through many stages. It never stays permanently fixed after a single conversion experience no matter how genuine or sincere. Our faith can be shipwrecked (1 Timothy 1:19), departed from (1 Timothy 4:1),

disowned (1 Timothy 5:8) wandered from (1 Timothy 6:10), and missed (1 Timothy 6:21). Christians do not have a "waiver" that exempts them from these verses.

~DECLARED RIGHTEOUS~

Do our works mean anything? According to Jesus they do. The people rewarded and punished are done so by their actions. And our thoughts (Matthew 15:18-20) and words (James 3:6-12) are accountable as well. These verses are just as much part of the Bible as Romans 10:8-13 and John 3:3-5. Some will object by appealing to Romans 4:3 and stating Abraham was "declared righteous" before circumcision. Thus he was only saved by "believing" faith (Genesis 15:6), not by faith "working in love" (Galatians 5:6). Isn't this what Paul means when he says none will be justified by "works of law" (Romans 3:28)? No, this is not what he means. He's condemning the Old Covenant sacrifices and rituals which couldn't justify and pointing to better things now in Christ Jesus in the New Covenant (Hebrews 7-10). The Catholic Church has never taught we "earn" our salvation. It is an inheritance freely given to anyone who becomes a child of God, so long as they remain that way. You can't earn it but you can lose the free gift given from the Father (James 1:17)." Bible Says Faith and Works Needed For Salvation, By Sal Ciresi. To read full article, go to: <http://www.ewtn.com/library/ANSWERS/FAWORKS.htm>

~MERIT~

For good works to be meritorious, one must be in a state of grace and do these things out of love of God rather than mere humanitarian reasons. In other words, one must seek to sincerely imitate Christ and do these good works in His name.



CATHOLIC Q&A

~ON LOSING FAITH~

Q: I know that we must have faith in Christ for He is the only way to the Father, yet I find my faith wavering because of scandals and corruption that seem to plague His Church. How can I get past this and have my faith restored?

A: Here is a short answer to a complex problem: "Both King David (a womanizer, an adulterer and a murderer) and Judas (a thief and a traitor) were chosen by God. Sin and scandal have always been amongst God's chosen ones ... and someone else's sin is no excuse for you to leave the True Faith." That being said, concentrate on your prayer life and pray like you have never prayed before for our Church and for all the souls affected by scandal.

~ON PROPHECY~

Q: I have recently learned about a little known apparition called Our Lady of Good Success. Is this approved by the Church? I hear it relates to our times.

A: Yes, this is a Church approved apparition, and yes, it very much speaks to our times! Venerable Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres was a Spanish, Conceptionist nun, living in Quito, Ecuador in the 1600's. The Blessed Mother appeared to her, telling her many things about the distant future—the 20th century. Some of the things she was told were: "The Sacrament of Matrimony, which symbolizes the union of Christ with His Church, will be attacked and deeply profaned. ... The Catholic spirit will rapidly decay; the precious light of Faith will gradually be extinguished until there will be an almost total and general corruption of customs. Added to this will be the effects of secular education, which will be one reason for the death of priestly and religious vocations. The Sacrament of Holy Orders will be ridiculed, oppressed, and despised, for in this Sacrament, the Church of God and even God Himself is scorned and despised since He is represented in His priests. The Devil will try to persecute the ministers of the Lord in every possible way; he will labor with cruel and subtle astuteness to deviate them from the spirit of their vocation and will corrupt many of them. These depraved priests, who will scandalize the Christian people, will make the hatred of bad Catholics and the enemies of the Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church fall upon all

priests. [...] The spirit of impurity will saturate the atmosphere in those times. [...] Like a filthy ocean, it will inundate the streets, squares and public places with an astonishing liberty. There will be almost no virgin souls in the world. [...] How the Church will suffer on that occasion the dark night of the lack of a Prelate and Father to watch over them with paternal love, gentleness, strength, and prudence. Many priests will lose their spirit, placing their souls in great danger. Pray insistently without tiring and weep with bitter tears in the secrecy of your heart, imploring our Celestial Father that, for love of the Eucharistic Heart of my Most Holy Son and His Precious Blood shed with such generosity and by the profound bitterness and sufferings of His cruel Passion and Death, He might take pity on His Ministers and quickly bring to an end those ominous times, sending to this Church the Prelate that will restore the spirit of its Priests."

~HISTORY LESSON~

Q: Has the Church gone through such horrible times before?

A: The answer is, yes. "Western society had fallen into a terrible moral state due to the general breakdown of law and order following the disintegration of Charlemagne's empire in 887 AD, which was accompanied by terrible, predatory invasions by Vikings, Magyars, and Muslims, who ravaged the continent. Italy, France, Spain, and the British Isles were particularly affected. The Catholic Church suffered the consequences of this chaos. The papacy itself came under the influence of secular politics and the personal behavior of the popes was sometimes the cause of serious moral scandal. Historians have generally seen this period as the lowest point in the history of the papacy." St. Peter Damian committed his life to struggling against this corruption. He rebuked emperors, bishops, and even popes in his quest to bring about reform, while always maintaining a firm loyalty to the papacy. He vigorously campaigned against all of the same types of things we are seeing today, particularly the sin of pederasty (the sexual abuse of teenage boys) which infected many of the clergy even back then and the sin of silence or covering up of such sins.



MI FE CATOLICA

SALVADO POR LA FE Y LAS OBRAS

~DEL PASTOR~

Nuestras lecturas de hoy se enfocan en ser hacedores de la palabra de Dios y no simplemente oyentes. Veamos un principio de nuestra fe que a menudo se malinterpreta con respecto a ser hacedores de la palabra de Dios: las buenas obras. Los no católicos a menudo piensan que los católicos creen que podemos salvarnos con buenas obras. Predican que solo la fe es todo lo que se necesita para ser salvo. Sin embargo, vemos en las Sagradas Escrituras que necesitamos ambos, porque el uno fluye del otro. Una fe que no se manifiesta en buenas obras, es una fe muerta.

~FE SOLAMENTE~

“Si tomamos una concordancia y buscamos cada aparición de la palabra "fe", llegamos a un hecho innegable, la única vez que la frase "solo fe" se usa en toda la Biblia es cuando se condena (Santiago 2:24). La epístola de Santiago solo lo menciona en sentido negativo. La Biblia nos dice que debemos tener fe para ser salvos (Hebreos 11: 6). Sin embargo, ¿la fe no es más que creer y confiar? Al escudriñar las Escrituras, vemos que la fe también implica el asentimiento a la verdad de Dios (1 Tesalonicenses 2:13), la obediencia a Él (Romanos 1: 5, 16:26) y debe obrar en amor (Gálatas 5: 6). Los reformadores [protestantes] parecían haber pasado por alto estos puntos, pero son tan cruciales como creer y confiar. Todos deberían prestar atención a 1 Corintios 13: 1-3, porque sin duda llama la atención.

~PROCESO DE POR VIDA~

Pablo habla de la fe como un proceso de por vida, nunca como una experiencia única (Filipenses 2:12). Nunca asume que no tiene nada de qué preocuparse. Si lo hiciera, sus palabras en (1 Corintios 9: 24-27) serían absurdas. Reitera el mismo punto nuevamente en su segunda carta a Corinto (2 Corintios 13: 5). No da nada por sentado, sin embargo, todos estarían de acuerdo si alguien "naciera de nuevo" ciertamente era Pablo. ... Pablo nos dice que nuestra fe está viva y puede pasar por muchas etapas. Nunca permanece fija de forma permanente después de una única experiencia de conversión, sin importar cuán genuina o sincera sea. Nuestra fe puede naufragar (1 Timoteo 1:19), apartarse de (1 Timoteo 4:1),

repudiado (1 Timoteo 5: 8) se desvió de (1 Timoteo 6:10) y se perdió (1 Timoteo 6:21). Los cristianos no tienen un "pase" que los exima de estos versículos.

~DECLARADO JUSTO~

¿Nuestras obras significan algo? Según Jesús lo hacen. Las personas recompensadas y castigadas lo hacen por sus acciones. Y nuestros pensamientos (Mateo 15: 18-20) y palabras (Santiago 3: 6-12) también son responsables. Estos versículos son tan parte de la Biblia como Romanos 10: 8-13 y Juan 3: 3-5. Algunos objetarán apelando a Romanos 4: 3 y declarando que Abraham fue "declarado justo" antes de la circuncisión. Por lo tanto, solo fue salvo por la fe "creyente" (Génesis 15: 6), no por la fe "obrando en amor" (Gálatas 5: 6). ¿No es esto lo que Pablo quiere decir cuando dice que nadie será justificado por "obras de la ley" (Romanos 3:28)? No, esto no es lo que quiere decir. Está condenando los sacrificios y rituales del Antiguo Pacto que no podían justificar y apuntando a mejores cosas ahora en Cristo Jesús en el Nuevo Pacto (Hebreos 7-10). La Iglesia Católica nunca ha enseñado que "ganamos" nuestra salvación. Es una herencia que se da gratuitamente a cualquiera que se convierta en hijo de Dios, siempre que siga siendo así. No puedes ganártelo, pero puedes perder el regalo gratuito que te dio el Padre (Santiago 1:17)". La Biblia dice que la fe y las obras son necesarias para la salvación, por Sal Ciresi. Para leer el artículo completo, vaya a: <http://www.ewtn.com/library/ANSWERS/FAWORKS.htm>

~MÉRITO~

Para que las buenas obras sean meritorias, uno debe estar en un estado de gracia y hacer estas cosas por amor a Dios y no por meras razones humanitarias. En otras palabras, uno debe buscar imitar sinceramente a Cristo y hacer estas buenas obras en Su nombre.



~SOBRE PERDER LA FE~

P: Sé que debemos tener fe en Cristo porque Él es el único camino al Padre, sin embargo, encuentro que mi fe vacila debido a los escándalos y la corrupción que parecen plagar Su Iglesia. ¿Cómo puedo superar esto y recuperar mi fe?

R: Aquí hay una respuesta breve a un problema complejo: "Tanto el amable David (mujeriego, adúltero y asesino) como Judas (ladrón y traidor) fueron elegidos por Dios. El pecado y el escándalo siempre han estado entre los elegidos de Dios ... y el pecado de otra persona no es una excusa para que abandones la Fe Verdadera. "Dicho esto, concéntrate en tu vida de oración y ora como nunca antes por nuestra Iglesia y por todas las almas afectadas por el escándalo.

~SOBRE LA PROFECÍA~

P: Recientemente me enteré de una aparición poco conocida llamada Nuestra Señora del Buen Suceso. ¿Está esto aprobado por la Iglesia? Escuché que se relaciona con nuestro tiempo.

R: Sí, esta es una aparición aprobada por la Iglesia, y sí, ¡habla mucho de nuestro tiempo! La Venerable Madre Mariana de Jesús Torres fue una monja concepcionista española que vivió en Quito, Ecuador en el siglo XVII. La Santísima Madre se le apareció y le contó muchas cosas sobre el futuro lejano: el siglo XX. Algunas de las cosas que le dijeron fueron: "El Sacramento del Matrimonio, que simboliza la unión de Cristo con Su Iglesia, será atacado y profanado profundamente. ... El espíritu católico decaerá rápidamente; la luz preciosa de la Fe se irá extinguiendo gradualmente hasta que haya una corrupción casi total y generalizada de las costumbres. A esto se sumarán los efectos de la educación secular, que será una de las causas de la muerte de las vocaciones sacerdotales y religiosas. El Sacramento del Orden Sagrado será ridiculizado, oprimido y despreciado, porque en este Sacramento, la Iglesia de Dios e incluso Dios mismo es despreciado y despreciado ya que Él está representado en Sus Sacerdotes. El diablo tratará de perseguir a los ministros del Señor de todas las formas posibles; trabajará con astucia cruel y sutil para desviarlos del espíritu de su vocación y corromperá a muchos de ellos. Estos sacerdotes depravados, que escandalizarán al pueblo cristiano, harán caer sobre todos el odio de los malos católicos y de los enemigos de la Iglesia Católica Romana y Apostólica sacerdotes. [...] El espíritu de impureza saturará la atmósfera en esos tiempos. [...] Como un océano in-

mundo, inundará calles, plazas y lugares públicos con una libertad asombrosa. Casi no habrá almas vírgenes en el mundo. [...] Cómo sufrirá la Iglesia en esa ocasión la noche oscura de la falta de un Prelado y Padre que los cuide con paternal amor, mansedumbre, fortaleza y prudencia. Muchos sacerdotes perderán su espíritu, poniendo sus almas en gran peligro. Rezad con insistencia sin cansaros y llorad con lágrimas amargas en el secreto de vuestro corazón, implorando a nuestro Padre Celestial que, por amor al Corazón Eucarístico de mi Santísimo Hijo y a Su Preciosa Sangre derramada con tanta generosidad y por la profunda amargura y sufrimientos de Su cruel Pasión y Muerte, podría compadecerse de Sus Ministros y rápidamente poner fin a esos tiempos nefastos, enviando a esta Iglesia al Prelado que restaurará el espíritu de sus Sacerdotes".

~LECCIÓN DE HISTORIA~

P: ¿La Iglesia ha pasado antes por tiempos tan horribles?

R: La respuesta es sí. "La sociedad occidental había caído en un estado moral terrible debido al colapso general de la ley y el orden tras la desintegración del imperio de Carlomagno en 887 d.C., que fue acompañada de terribles invasiones depredadoras de vikingos, magiares y musulmanes, que devastaron el continente. Italia, Francia, España y las Islas Británicas se vieron particularmente afectadas. La Iglesia Católica sufrió las consecuencias de este caos. El papado mismo estuvo bajo la influencia de la política secular y el comportamiento personal de los papas fue a veces la causa de un serio escándalo moral. Los historiadores generalmente han visto este período como el punto más bajo en la historia del papado". San Pedro Damiano dedicó su vida a luchar contra esta corrupción. Reprendió a emperadores, obispos e incluso papas en su búsqueda por lograr la reforma, manteniendo siempre una firme lealtad al papado. Hizo una vigorosa campaña contra todos los mismos tipos de cosas que estamos viendo hoy, particularmente el pecado de la pederastia (el abuso sexual de los adolescentes) que infectó a muchos clérigos incluso en ese entonces y el pecado del silencio o el encubrimiento de tales pecados.

~SE NECESITAN ADORADORES~

¡Nos complace anunciar que nuestra Capilla de Adoración Perpetua está abierta una vez más! Para inscribirse, comuníquese con:
Annette Righetti al 542-3635 (Inglés) o Maria Vega al: 710-5094

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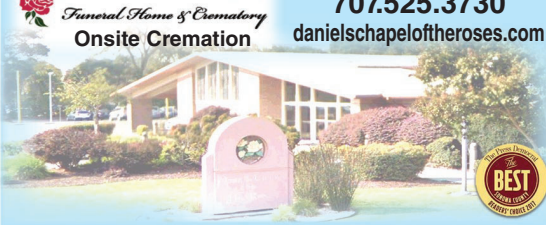
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