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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
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REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 12 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 8:00a.m; 4:30 p.m. & Sp.6:30 p. m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call Annette (English) at: 542-3635 or Maria Vega (Spanish) at: 710-5094

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

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary is Monday – Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Cathedral

Chaplet of Divine Mercy is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

CATHEDRAL SHOPS

Cathedral Thrift Shop Hours: Tues & Wed. 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 10, 2021

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 11

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

TUESDAY OCTOBER 12

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 OCTOBER 13

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
School Mass – Cathedral – 9:20 am
Bible Study – PLC (Hope Rm) - 6:00 pm

THURSDAY OCTOBER 14

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

FRIDAY OCTOBER 15

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

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16

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

SECOND COLLECTION

~TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM~

This weekend, October 9 & 10, our Second Collection will be for our Tuition Assistance Program. There will be no Second Collection next weekend, October 16 & 17. As always, thank you for your generosity!

~ALZHEIMER'S FUND~

The Peter F. Bessone Alzheimer's Fund was established at St. Eugene's in honor of Mr. Bessone, a former parishioner who suffered from this debilitating disease. Upon his death, the Bessone family set up the Fund to provide financial assistance to parishioners who also suffer from Alzheimer's or who provide care for family members who have been afflicted. This monetary assistance is to help cover respite care expenses that are not already covered by private or public insurance. If you find yourself in this position, please contact the parish office (542-6984) to inquire about any assistance the Fund may be able to provide to you.

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of: 09/26/21

Sunday Donations Received:	\$14,299
Collection Revenue Received for: No Second Collection	N/A

~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

October is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary. To celebrate this, all of our stunning rosaries are 25% off during October only! There's a rhythm to praying the rosary, and as you enter into that rhythm, you'll begin to think less about the words and more about the meaning of the words and the meditations. Also, we have a great Spanish section, so please tell your Spanish-speaking friends to visit us! 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.

~ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT~

The parish annual financial report for last fiscal year, July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 is available in the Parish Office to registered parishioners. If you would like a copy, please stop by and pick one up or you can send an email request to us at: Office@steugenes.com. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

~NEW TO THE PARISH?~

If you are new to St. Eugene's, *Welcome!* We hope you find a spiritual home here. Please formally register in the parish and be a part of our family. Come to the parish office Mon-Fri, 9-4 to register - a welcome packet awaits you there. Registration cards are also available in the front and east church vestibules.

~UPDATE YOUR RECORDS~

Have you changed your address? Phone number? Email address? Have you added new family members since you registered in the parish? Have your children grown up and left home? If so, please contact the parish office and let us know your changes so that we can update your parishioner record. Email changes to maria@steugenes.com or call her at 542-6984, ext. 10.

~NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING~

Engaged and married couples: you have the opportunity to learn Natural Family Planning at your convenience! Self-paced classes are available through the Couple to Couple League. Please visit their website: www.ccli.org.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	October 9
8:00 am	Mary Tran, living
4:30 pm	George Schirle, deceased
6:30 (Sp)	Leonardo Carranza & Encarnación Huerta, deceased
Sunday	October 10
7:30 am	For the Bilic Family, deceased
9:00 am	William Avilla, deceased
10:30 am	People of St. Eugene's
12:00 pm	John Bugbee, deceased
1:30 pm	Eduarda Benitez, living
5:30 pm	Deirdre McCormick & Martin Brian McCormick, deceased
6:00 pm (Newman Ctr.)	Michael Hart, deceased
Monday	October 11
6:45 am	Mary Tran, living
8:00 am	Larry Wold, deceased
Tuesday	October 12
6:45 am	Peluso Family, living & deceased
8:00 am	ICF Members, living & deceased
5:30 pm (EF)	Sam Martin Wold, deceased
Wednesday	October 13
6:45 am	Margaret Haberkorn Kaminsky, deceased
8:00 am	Walter Cotton, deceased
9:20 am (School)	Laura Leon Luna, living
Thursday	October 14
6:45 am	Emma Burrell, living
8:00 am	Giampaoli Family, living & deceased
Friday	October 15
6:45 am	Peter & Theresa Pham, living
8:00 am	Maria Moratoya de Monterroso, deceased
Saturday	October 16
8:00 am	McShane & Stronge Families, living & deceased
4:30 pm	Elizabeth Haberkorn, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp.)	Pablo Fernandez, 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, 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 and Mary Gonzales.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~EVENING ROSARY~

Please join us in the Cathedral on Friday, October 15th, at 7:00 p.m., as we pray the Rosary in honor of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. We will begin the evening with the Rosary and we will end with the Litany of the Saints. An ice cream social will follow in the Parish Life Center. *"The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results."* -St. Josemaria Escriva

~PRIESTS ON RETREAT~

From October 19-22, Tuesday–Friday, the priests of the Diocese will be away on retreat. This means that we will not have our usual 6:45 and 8:00 a.m. daily Masses on those days. Instead, we will have a Morning Prayer service each day at 8:00 a.m. led by Seminarian, Christopher Girolo.

~RESPECT LIFE MONTH~

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) proclaims October of each year as Respect Life Month. Let's take a look at what the Holy Bible has to say about life in its earliest stages:

Why Should We Value Life? "Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the One who formed you from the womb, 'I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, stretching out the heavens by Myself, and spreading out the earth all alone.'" (Isaiah 44:24)

Who Is the Creator of the Preborn? "For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works and that my soul knows well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed, and in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them." (Psalm 139:13-16)

How Is God Concerned With the Preborn? But when He who had set me apart before I was born and had called me through His grace." (Galatians 1:15)

Are the Preborn Human Beings? "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit...[saying] 'As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.' (Luke 1:41,44)

Who Is Responsible for Life and Death? "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live." (Deuteronomy 30:19)

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

VIRTUE AND THE GOODNESS OF GOD

~FROM THE PASTOR~

I'd like to focus my attention today on the two gifts that were given to Solomon in today's first reading: the gifts of Prudence and Wisdom (two gifts that are sorely lacking in our society today.) Our first article will focus on this and hopefully enlighten us as to the great importance of these two virtues. I would also like to share an essay about the concept of "No one is good but God alone" that we see in our Gospel reading. A young man begins by saying, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone." Why did He say this? The author has an interesting take on that. Let us begin then with a look at the virtues of Prudence and Wisdom ...

PRUDENCE AND WISDOM

~LIVING THE VIRTUES~

"The first reading this week which is taken from the book of Wisdom ties together wisdom and prudence. Prudence and wisdom appear frequently in our ordinary speech, however, the way in which they are used in common parlance is not exactly how they ought to be understood. Usually, when people speak of prudence, they mean caution. Wisdom is usually related to the level of instruction. A person is considered wise if he or she has many academic degrees or if she or he has excelled in a trade or a skill. These are very superficial ways of understanding both prudence and wisdom. The ancient Greek philosophers considered prudence, which they called *phronesis*, the virtue that was the foundation of all other human virtues, because it enables the human person to do what is right, at the right moment for the right reason. Virtue in general is the foundation of moral life and, of course, of Christian morality. One becomes virtuous by living out the virtues daily to the point where they become second nature. Many people in our times, for many reasons, mistakenly think that love is a feeling, but in fact it is a virtue. The Catechism of the Catholic Church provides the following definition: "Human virtues are firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections

of intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions, and guide our conduct according to reason and faith. They make possible ease, self-mastery, and joy in leading a morally good life. The virtuous man is he who freely practices the good. The moral virtues are acquired by human effort. They are the fruit and seed of morally good acts; they dispose all the powers of the human being for communion with divine love."

~WE BECOME WHAT WE PRACTICE~

Indeed, one becomes an honest person by practicing honesty, a chaste person by living chastely, a just person by being fair and just in one's actions, a temperate person by practicing moderation. Every single human virtue is meant to be practiced, cultivated, so that it grows in us and becomes second nature. Of course, they all require effort, we are all wounded by sin and mastering the virtues is something difficult. We need a clear conscience and the strength needed to do what is right even when our appetites, passions or blind spots may sway us in the other direction. That is why the virtue of prudence is so important and so critical. For us, Christians, prudence is one of the four cardinal virtues, together with justice, fortitude and temperance. The Catechism explains that "four virtues play a pivotal role and accordingly are called "cardinal"; all the others are grouped around them. They are: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. "If anyone loves righteousness, [Wisdom's] labors are virtues; for she teaches temperance and prudence, justice, and courage." These virtues are praised under other names in many passages of Scripture. Prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it; "the prudent man looks where he is going." "Keep sane and sober for your prayers." Prudence is "right reason in action," writes St. Thomas Aquinas, following Aristotle. It is not to be confused with timidity or fear, nor with duplicity or dissimulation. It is called *auriga virtutum* (the charioteer of the virtues); it guides the other virtues by setting rule and measure. It is prudence that immediately guides the judgment of conscience. The prudent man determines and directs his conduct in accordance with this judgment. With the help of this virtue we apply moral principles to particular cases without error and overcome doubts

about the good to achieve and the evil to avoid."

~GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT~

"Wisdom is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit together with understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. The Catechism explains that "they belong in their fullness to Christ, Son of David. They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them." In the first reading the link that exists between prudence and wisdom is highlighted. Indeed, the person who is prudent is definitely wise. She or he is able to discern good from evil, recognizes what is right and wrong. The saints are clearly the most prudent and wisest persons on earth, even though some of them did not have many academic accomplishments. St. John Vianney, for example, was certainly not the valedictorian of his seminary class, yet he is the patron saint of parish priests and was a man of great wisdom, so much so that his writings continue to inspire many persons to this day. St. Therese, the Little Flower, is another example, she is even a Doctor of the Church, yet she died at a very young age."

~A LISTENING HEART~

"King Solomon is hailed as a model of wisdom. It all started when he asked the Lord for a simple thing, that He may give him a listening heart. Seeking the wisdom that comes from God by listening to his words and to the teachings of his spotless bride, the Church, enables us to grow in prudence and grow in all human virtues, which are perfected by the gift of grace, so that we can soar to communion with the living God and enjoy the fullness of life!"

WHY DO YOU CALL ME GOOD?

~ONLY GOD IS GOOD~

"In today's gospel reading, Jesus said, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone" (Mk 10:18). Jesus seems to be denying that He is God! Is that really what He is doing? Of course not! Jesus affirmed His divinity in many places in Scripture. He took upon Himself the divine name (cf. Jn 8:58). By calling God His Father He meant to make Himself equal with God (cf. Jn 5:17-18). The Jews picked up rocks to stone Jesus after He said to them, "I and the Father are one" (cf. Jn 10:30-31). He is the "son of man" who told John, "Fear not, I am the first and the last" (Rev 1:13, 17). Jesus certainly made no secret of the fact that He

was God and would never deny His divinity. In fact, when Jesus had the opportunity to clear up any misunderstanding as to His nature, He did not do it. During Jesus' trial before the Jewish leaders, the High Priest said to Jesus, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God" (Mt 26:63). Jesus responded by saying, "You have said so," or as the NIV has it, "Yes, it is as you say" (vs. 64). What all this means is that there must be some other way to understand this passage. It appears to me that the rich man thought that flattery would get him somewhere with Jesus, that if he addressed Jesus with enough complimentary words then Jesus would declare him righteous. Notice how the rich man ran over and knelt down in front of Jesus, instead of just walking over to Him. And, he began his address by saying, "Good Teacher."

~HE KNOWS WHAT'S IN OUR HEART~

"Of course, Jesus knew what was in the rich man's heart. Recall the second reading. Jesus is the one who is "able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." As the Letter to the Hebrews goes on to say, "No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account." So, when Jesus said, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone," He is basically saying to the rich man: "If you are going to call me 'good', let it be because you acknowledge my divinity, not because you think that by calling me good you can get something from me. I am good because I am God. Period." And since Jesus is God, He knew that greed was what kept the rich man from embracing God fully and so was able to tell the man exactly what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. The rich man, of course, did not expect such a penetrating analysis of his weaknesses, and so he went away sad. But that's Jesus for you. When you encounter God you encounter yourself." Used with permission. By: Nicholas Hardesty <http://phatcatholic.blogspot.com/2012/10/no-one-is-good-but-god-alone.html>

~ST. AUGUSTINE~

"It is by this capacity (reason and understanding) the soul drinks in wisdom, and becomes endowed with those virtues by which, in **prudence**, fortitude, temperance, and righteousness, it makes war upon error and the other inborn vices, and conquers them by fixing its desires upon no other object than the supreme and unchangeable Good."

MI FE CATOLICA

~ DEL PASTOR ~

Me gustaría centrar mi atención hoy en los dos dones que se le dieron a Salomón en la primera lectura de hoy: los dones de prudencia y sabiduría (dos dones que faltan en nuestra sociedad hoy en día). Nuestro primer artículo se enfocará en esto y ojalá nos ilumine en cuanto a la gran importancia de estas dos virtudes. También me gustaría compartir un ensayo sobre el concepto de "Nadie es bueno sino solo Dios" que vemos en nuestra lectura del Evangelio. Un joven comienza diciendo: "Maestro bueno, ¿qué debo hacer para heredar la vida eterna?" Jesús le respondió: "¿Por qué me llamas bueno? Nadie es bueno sino solo Dios". ¿Por qué dijo esto? El autor tiene una visión interesante de eso. Comencemos entonces con una mirada a las virtudes de la prudencia y la sabiduría ...

PRUDENCIA Y SABIDURIA

~ VIVIENDO LAS VIRTUDES ~

"La primera lectura de esta semana, tomada del libro de la Sabiduría, une sabiduría y prudencia. La prudencia y la sabiduría aparecen con frecuencia en nuestro hablar ordinaria, sin embargo, la forma en que se usan en el lenguaje común no es exactamente la forma en que deberían entenderse. Por lo general, cuando la gente habla de prudencia, se refiere a precaución. La sabiduría suele estar relacionada con el nivel de instrucción. Una persona se considera sabia si tiene muchos títulos académicos o si se ha destacado en un oficio o una habilidad. Son formas muy superficiales de entender tanto la prudencia como la sabiduría. Los filósofos griegos antiguos consideraban la prudencia, a la que llamaron *phronesis*, la virtud que era la base de todas las demás virtudes humanas, porque permite a la persona humana hacer lo correcto, en el momento adecuado y por la razón correcta. La virtud en general es el fundamento de la vida moral y, por supuesto, de la moral cristiana. Uno se vuelve virtuoso al vivir las virtudes diariamente hasta el punto en que se convierten en una segunda naturaleza. Mucha gente en nuestro tiempo, por muchas razones, piensa erróneamente que el amor es un sentimiento, pero en realidad es una virtud. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica proporciona

la siguiente definición: "Las virtudes humanas son actitudes firmes, disposiciones estables, perfecciones habituales de intelecto y voluntad que gobiernan nuestras acciones, ordenan nuestras pasiones y guían nuestra conducta según la razón y la fe. Hacen posible la tranquilidad, el autodomínio y la alegría de llevar una vida moralmente buena. El virtuoso es el que practica libremente el bien. Las virtudes morales se adquieren mediante el esfuerzo humano. Son fruto y semilla de actos moralmente buenos; disponen de todos los poderes del ser humano para la comunión con el amor divino".

~NOS CONVERTIMOS EN LO QUE PRACTICAMOS~

De hecho, uno se vuelve una persona honesta al practicar la honestidad, una persona casta al vivir castamente, una persona justa al ser justos y justos en sus acciones, una persona templada al practicar la moderación. Cada virtud humana está destinada a ser practicada, cultivada, para que crezca en nosotros y se convierta en una segunda naturaleza. Por supuesto, todos requieren esfuerzo, todos estamos heridos por el pecado y dominar las virtudes es algo difícil. Necesitamos una conciencia tranquila y la fuerza necesaria para hacer lo correcto incluso cuando nuestros apetitos, pasiones o puntos ciegos puedan influir en nosotros en la otra dirección. Por eso la virtud de la prudencia es tan importante y tan crítica. Para nosotros los cristianos, la prudencia es una de las cuatro virtudes cardinales, junto con la justicia, la fortaleza y la templanza. El Catecismo explica que "cuatro virtudes juegan un papel fundamental y, en consecuencia, se les llama "cardinales"; todos los demás se agrupan en torno a ellos. Ellos son: prudencia, justicia, fortaleza y templanza. "Si alguno ama la justicia, las obras [de la Sabiduría] son virtudes; porque ella enseña templanza y prudencia, justicia y valor". Estas virtudes se alaban con otros nombres en muchos pasajes de las Escrituras. La prudencia es la virtud que dispone la razón práctica para discernir nuestro verdadero bien en cada circunstancia y elegir los medios adecuados para lograrlo; "El hombre prudente mira hacia donde va". "Mantente cuerdo y sobrio para tus oraciones". La prudencia es "la razón correcta en acción", escribe Santo Tomás de Aquino, siguiendo a Aristóteles. No debe confundirse con timidez o miedo, ni con duplicidad o disimulo. Se llama *auriga virtutum* (el auricular de las virtudes); guía las otras virtudes →

estableciendo reglas y medidas. Es la prudencia la que guía inmediatamente el juicio de conciencia. El hombre prudente determina y dirige su conducta de acuerdo con este juicio. Con la ayuda de esta virtud aplicamos principios morales a casos particulares sin error y superamos dudas sobre el bien por lograr y evitar el mal".

~ DON DEL ESPIRITU SANTO ~

La sabiduría es uno de los siete dones del Espíritu Santo junto con el entendimiento, el consejo, la fortaleza, el conocimiento, la piedad y el temor del Señor. El Catecismo explica que "pertenecen en su plenitud a Cristo, Hijo de David. Completan y perfeccionan las virtudes de quienes las reciben". En la primera lectura se destaca el vínculo que existe entre prudencia y sabiduría. De hecho, la persona prudente es definitivamente sabia. Él o ella es capaz de discernir el bien del mal, reconoce lo que está bien y lo que está mal. Los santos son claramente las personas más prudentes y sabias de la tierra, aunque algunos de ellos no tuvieron muchos logros académicos. San Juan Vianney, por ejemplo, ciertamente no fue el mejor alumno de su clase de seminario, sin embargo, es el santo patrón de los párrocos y fue un hombre de gran sabiduría, tanto que sus escritos continúan inspirando a muchas personas hasta el día de hoy. Santa Teresa, la florecita, es otro ejemplo, incluso es Doctora de la Iglesia, pero murió muy joven.

~ UN CORAZÓN QUE ESCUCHA ~

El rey Salomón es aclamado como modelo de sabiduría. Todo comenzó cuando le pidió al Señor una cosa sencilla, que le diera un corazón atento. Buscar la sabiduría que viene de Dios al escuchar sus palabras y las enseñanzas de su esposa sin mancha, la Iglesia, nos permite crecer en la prudencia y crecer en todas las virtudes humanas, que se perfeccionan con el don de la gracia, para que podamos ¡Elevarnos en comunión con el Dios vivo y disfruta de la plenitud de la vida! Por el P. Roberto M. Cid. Usado con permiso <https://stpatrikmiamibeach.com/church/prudence-and-wisdom/>

¿POR QUÉ ME LLAMAS BUENO?

~ SOLO DIOS ES BUENO ~

En la lectura del evangelio de hoy, Jesús dijo: "¿Por qué me llamas bueno? Nadie es bueno sino solo Dios" (Mc 10, 18). ¡Jesús parece negar que Él es Dios! ¿Es eso realmente lo que está haciendo? ¡Por supuesto que no! Jesús afirmó Su divinidad en muchos lugares de las Escrituras. Tomó sobre sí el nombre divino (cf. Jn 8, 58). Al llamar a Dios su Padre, quiso hacerse igual a Dios (cf. Jn 5, 17-18). Los judíos

tomaron piedras para apedrear a Jesús después de que les dijo: "Yo y el Padre somos uno" (cf. Jn 10, 30-31). Él es el "hijo del hombre" que le dijo a Juan: "No temas, yo soy el primero y el último" (Apocalipsis 1:13, 17). Jesús ciertamente no ocultó el hecho de que Él era Dios y nunca negaría Su divinidad. De hecho, cuando Jesús tuvo la oportunidad de aclarar cualquier malentendido sobre su naturaleza, no lo hizo. Durante el juicio de Jesús ante los líderes judíos, el Sumo Sacerdote le dijo a Jesús: "Te conjuro por el Dios vivo, dínos si eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios" (Mt 26, 63). Jesús respondió diciendo: "Tú lo has dicho", o como dice en nuevo testamento, "Sí, es como tú dices" (vs. 64). Lo que todo esto significa es que debe haber alguna otra forma de entender este pasaje. Me parece que el hombre rico pensó que los halagos lo llevarían a alguna parte con Jesús, que si se dirigía a Jesús con suficientes palabras elogiosas, entonces Jesús lo declararía justo. Observe cómo el hombre rico corrió y se arrodilló frente a Jesús, en lugar de simplemente caminar hacia Él. Y comenzó su discurso diciendo: "Buen maestro".

~EL SABE LO QUE HAY EN NUESTRO CORAZON~

Por supuesto, Jesús sabía lo que había en el corazón del rico. Recuerde la segunda lectura. Jesús es quien es "capaz de discernir las reflexiones y los pensamientos del corazón". Como dice la Carta a los Hebreos: "Ninguna criatura se le oculta, sino que todo está desnudo y expuesto a los ojos de Aquel a quien debemos rendir cuentas". Entonces, cuando Jesús dijo, "¿Por qué me llamas bueno? Nadie es bueno sino solo Dios", básicamente le está diciendo al hombre rico: "Si me vas a llamar 'bueno', que sea porque reconoces mi divinidad, no porque creas que llamándome bueno puedes conseguir algo de mí. Soy bueno porque soy Dios. Punto." Y dado que Jesús es Dios, sabía que la codicia era lo que impedía al hombre rico abrazar a Dios por completo y así pudo decirle al hombre exactamente lo que tenía que hacer para heredar la vida eterna. El rico, por supuesto, no esperaba un análisis tan penetrante de sus debilidades, por lo que se fue triste. Pero ese es Jesús para ti. Cuando te encuentras con Dios, te encuentras contigo mismo. Usado con permiso. Por: Nicholas Hardesty <http://phatcatholic.blogspot.com/2012/10/no-one-is-good-but-god-alone.html>

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