



The Cathedral of
ST. EUGENE

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WEBSITES

Parish: www.steugenec.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 7:25 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

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING – NOVEMBER 20, 2022

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20

Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00,
1:30 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm
RCIA – PLC – 10:30 am
Coffee Social – PLC – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

MONDAY NOVEMBER 21

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

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22

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 NOVEMBER 23

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Outdoor Rosary – Fatima Grotto – 6:00 pm
Adult Bible Study – PLC – 7:00 pm

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Thanksgiving Day Mass – Cathedral – 9:00 am

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am
Confession – Cathedral – 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Sunday Vigil Masses – Cathedral – 4:30 pm
& 6:30 pm (Spanish)

~FROM THE PASTOR~

As many of you already know, Fr. Acevedo left St. Eugene's last Monday. He travelled back east to begin a program designed to help clergy who have allegedly experienced demonic attacks. Because of the serious nature of this situation, it was imperative to act quickly, which therefore resulted in his somewhat sudden departure. As Catholics, we know that demons are real and that, at times, they manifest their malevolence in a variety of ways. Fr. Acevedo will be receiving the very best of care from experts in this field so that he may one day continue his priestly ministry with renewed health, energy and vigor. If you hear anything other than what you are reading here, just be aware that in situations like this, it is often easy for rumors of misconduct, etc. to flourish. I assure you, that in Fr. Acevedo's case, there was no conduct of an immoral nature of any kind involved in this situation. *Please include Father in your daily prayers as we ask our Lord to deliver him from any and all malevolent forces.*

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of 11/6/22

Sunday Donations Received:	\$13,271.
Second Collection: Military Archdiocese	\$3,064.

~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

This week, we will be closed from Monday – Friday so that our employees can spend time with their families for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be open as usual on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 26 & 27. Advent begins on November 27th and now is the time to prepare for it and Christmas! Our gift shop is filled with beautiful Advent wreaths, candles, calendars and more! This year we have Advent calendars with chocolate inside (a very limited amount available) and calendars from Germany and the U.K. During the month of November, all Advent merchandise (excluding Magnificat Advent Companions) is 25% off! ! The shop is open Wed-Sat, 8:30-4:30 & Sun, 8:30 – 1:30 pm. Call us at: (707) 542-0250.

~ CHRISTMAS TREE REBATES~

Buy your tree at Kringle's Korner Christmas Trees at the Luther Burbank Center and earn a 15% rebate for St. Eugene's. Green rebate cards are in the vestibules. Turn in the card to Kringle's when you buy your tree. If you don't have a card or forget to take a card with you, just tell your sales clerk that you are from St. Eugene's and want to participate in the rebate program. The parish uses the rebates to help offset the cost of church Christmas greenery.

SECOND COLLECTION INFORMATION

~ NO COLLECTION~

This weekend, November 19 & 20 there is no Second Collection. There will be no Second Collection next weekend, November 26 & 27, however, there will be a collection taken on November 24th at our Thanksgiving Day Mass!

~ST. EUGENE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL ~

For those parents who may be thinking about a change of school for their children to a more faith-focused, authentically Catholic School, St. Eugene Cathedral School is open and ready to help! We offer tours, no appointment necessary, every month, with the next one being on December 9 at 9:00 am. Please check us out at: www.steuenesch.org

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	November 19
8:00 am	Jack Bjornstrom, deceased
4:30 pm	Charles Guenza, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Santiago Rodriguez, deceased
Sunday	November 20
7:30 am	ICF Members, living & deceased
9:00 am	McShane & Stronge Families, living & deceased
10:30 am	People of St. Eugene's
12:00 pm	All Souls in Purgatory
1:30 pm (EF)	Mike Wade, living
5:30 pm	Richard Anthony MacDonell, deceased
6:00pm Newman Ctr.	Lisa Tran, living
Monday	November 21
6:45 am	Juana Maldonado, deceased
8:00 am	Leo Pimentel, deceased
Tuesday	November 22
6:45 am	Anastacio & Maria Estela Carretero, deceased
8:00 am	Rafael Rojas, living
5:30 pm (EF)	Jasmin & Jason De Guzman, living
Wednesday	November 23
6:45 am	Juana Maldonado, deceased
8:00 am	Martin B. McCormick, deceased
Thursday	November 24
9:00 am	George Skikos, deceased
Friday	November 25
6:45 am	Fr. Frank Epperson, living
8:00 am	Marapao, Masalta & Douglas Families, living & deceased
12:00 pm (Hosp)	Lisa Tran, living
Saturday	November 26
8:00 am	Magda O. Skikos, living
4:30 pm	Benigno & Ruperta Marapao, deceased
6:30 (Sp)	Santiago Rodriguez, deceased

IN NEED OF PRAYER

~PLEASE PRAY FOR~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, 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, Aida Catapang, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Paulita Castro, Jean L. Alfano, Theresa Pham, Rainey Olson, Michele Otten, Pauline Goslovich, Mary Gonzales, Nick Sidjakov, Sandi Picconi, Margaret Keifer and Joan Cosgrove.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~THANKSGIVING DAY MASS~

On Thursday, November 24, we will NOT have our usual morning Masses at 6:45 and 8:00 am. We will have one Mass at 9:00 am to give thanks for the many blessings we have been given by Almighty God. We have been blessed with faith and with an amazing parish family. A collection will be taken. Let us pray for all of those who are in pain, despair and loneliness on this day of happiness and thanksgiving. Deo Gratias!

~EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL RETREAT~

A Eucharistic Revival Retreat entitled, "Jesus, Light of the World," will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Mendocino from December 27 - January 1. Say goodbye to 2022 and start 2023 off right by learning more about the great love that Jesus has for YOU, expressed in the Holy Eucharist. Conferences will be led by Dr. Anthony Lilles, of St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park and Fr. Robert Torczynski, former Carthusian Monk and current Pastor of St. Anthony's. For registration information and more information about the retreat, please text or call Fr. Robert at 936-203-0572. Accommodations will be at The Hill House Inn - 707-937-0554.

~ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE~

It's not too late to turn in your All Souls' Remembrance envelopes to either the collection plate or the Parish Office. All envelopes received are placed on the altar during the entire month of November. As Catholics, we know that our prayers help those in Purgatory and that this belief is rooted in Scripture.

SAVE THE DATE

~PRIESTLY ORDINATION~

On **Monday, December 12, at 11:00 am**, His Excellency, Bishop Robert Vasa, will ordain Deacon Gabriel Sanchez-Navarro to the Holy Priesthood here at the Cathedral of St. Eugene. The ordination will be followed by a reception in the Msgr. Becker Center. Because December 12 is also the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fr. Sanchez-Navarro will be offering a Spanish Mass (his first Mass) at 4:30 pm on this same day. There will be a reception in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe immediately following Mass in the Msgr. Becker Center. *The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. He is not for himself, he is for you.* - St. John Vianney, *The Curé of Ars*

Have a
Blessed
Thanksgiving



MY CATHOLIC FAITH

CHRIST THE KING

~FROM THE PASTOR~

This Sunday, we celebrate a great Feast Day: the Feast of Christ the King. Now, more than ever, we need to put Jesus first in society and in our personal lives. I hope the following articles will inspire us all to do just that.

KING OF OUR MINDS & HEARTS

~FIRST IN OUR LIVES~

“Who or what comes first in your life? Our celebration of Jesus Christ as King today means that we place Jesus first in our lives at all times. On this last Sunday of this liturgical year before Advent begins next Sunday, we celebrate publicly that Jesus is first in our lives. We could say today is really a celebration of the first commandment, “I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.” In the Gospel (John 18:33-37) Jesus shows us one way to put him first. He says, “...all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.” (John 18:37) So putting Jesus first means listening to his voice of truth and then living by his truth. In everything we think and do and say let us listen to the voice of Jesus. We begin making Jesus King of our lives by firstly making Jesus King of our minds and then King of our actions.”

~KING OF OUR MINDS~

“We make Jesus King of our minds by blocking out thoughts or images from our minds that are not of Jesus and then filling our minds with what would please Jesus. Much of what is on radio and TV and the internet is not of Jesus. Making Jesus King of your mind means choosing wisely what you allow into your mind from radio, TV, and the internet because sometimes unfortunately it is possible to hear the voice of Satan on radio, TV or internet. Listen to the voice of Jesus by turning off the voice of Satan on the TV and spending time in silence or enjoying other people’s company without the distraction of TV. Paul wrote in 2 Cor 10:5, “we demolish every presumptuous notion against the knowledge of God, and we bring every thought into captivity or obedience to Christ.” That describes very well what it means to make Jesus King of our minds, “we demolish every presumptuous notion against the knowledge of God, and we bring every thought into

captivity or obedience to Christ.” Instead of filling your mind with the voice of Satan on TV, radio, or internet, fill your mind with the voice of Jesus.” “When we fill our minds with the voice of Jesus instead of the voice of Satan it will have an effect in our lives. You will be a much happier person. When people visit your home they will see whose voice is influencing you. Sacred pictures on the walls of our homes remind us to listen to the voice of Jesus we make him King of our lives. “*When we make Jesus King of our minds it is much easier to also make Jesus King of our actions. We make Jesus King of our actions when we have to make a decision and we choose to do what would be pleasing to Jesus.* Sometimes when we are making a decision we have different options and making Jesus our King means choosing to do what most pleases Jesus. Sometimes we have these different options because there is a difference between the laws of the land and the laws of God. Even if the State legalizes something it does not mean that it is in accordance with the will of God. A State may be forced to make something immoral legal because of pressure from certain groups or court rulings. Even when the State gives us the freedom to do something we still need to ask ourselves, “Is this the right thing to do?” When laws concerning public morality are introduced we need to ask, “Did the lawmakers listen to the voice of Jesus or to some other voice?” Jesus says, “...all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.” Laws permitting abortion, euthanasia ... are laws not listening to the voice of Jesus . Our celebration today is a joyful celebration because Jesus is not like kings of earthly kingdoms who may be remote from their people. Jesus is close to us, he walks by our side, he lifts us up when we need help, he gave his life for us. Our celebration of Jesus Christ as King today means that we place Jesus first in our lives at all times. We put Jesus first in our lives and make him King of our lives, firstly in our minds and then in our actions. We make Jesus King of our minds by blocking out voices that are contrary to Jesus and filling our minds with what would please Jesus. When we make Jesus King of our minds it is much easier to make Jesus King of our actions. We make Jesus King of our actions when we have decisions to make and we choose the option that would most please Jesus.” By Fr. Tommy Lane, For complete homily, go to: Jesus Christ our King, King of our Minds, King of Our Actions. www.frtommylane.com/homilies/year_b/34.htm

JESUS IS OUR KING

~QUAS PRIMAS~

"Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 for the universal church in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. He connected the increasing denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism throughout Europe. At the time of *Quas Primas*, many Christians (including Catholics) began to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority."

~WHEN DEVOTION WANES~

"Pius XI, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of non-Christian dictatorships in Europe, and saw Catholics being taken in by these earthly leaders. These dictators often attempted to assert authority over the Church. Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, when the feast was needed most. Pius hoped the institution of the feast would have various effects. They were:

1. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state (*Quas Primas*, 32).
2. That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ (*Quas Primas*, 31).
3. That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies (*Quas Primas*, 33)."

~WHOSE AUTHORITY~



"Today, the same distrust of authority exists, although the problem has gotten worse. Individualism has been embraced to such an extreme, that for many, the only authority is the individual self. The idea of Christ as ruler is rejected in such a strongly individualistic system. Also, many

balk at the idea of kings and queens, believing them to be antiquated and possibly oppressive. Some even reject the titles of "lord" and "king" for Christ because they believe that such titles are borrowed from oppressive systems of government. However true these statements might be (some kings have been oppressive), these individuals miss the point:

Christ's kingship is one of *humility and service*. Jesus said: You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:42-45, NAB)."

~THE CONCEPT OF KINGSHIP~

"Thus, Jesus knew the oppressive nature of secular kings, and in contrast to them, he connected his role as king to humble service, and commanded his followers to be servants as well. In other passages of Scripture, his kingdom is tied to his suffering and death. While Christ is coming to judge the nations, his teachings spell out a kingdom of justice and judgment balanced with radical love, mercy, peace, and forgiveness. When we celebrate Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive ruler, but one willing to die for humanity and whose "loving-kindness endures forever." Christ is the king that gives us true freedom, freedom in Him. *Thus we must never forget that Christ radically redefined and transformed the concept of kingship.* For the full article, go to:

<http://www.churchyear.net/ctksunday.html>



MI FE CATOLICA

~DEL PASTOR~

~CRISTO REY~

Este domingo celebramos una gran fiesta: la fiesta de Cristo Rey. Ahora, más que nunca, necesitamos poner a Jesús en primer lugar en la sociedad y en nuestra vida personal. Espero que los siguientes artículos nos inspiren a todos a hacerlo.

REY DE NUESTRAS MENTES Y CORAZONES

~PRIMERO EN NUESTRAS VIDAS~

"¿Quién o qué es lo primero en tu vida? Nuestra celebración de Jesucristo como Rey hoy significa que ponemos a Jesús en primer lugar en nuestras vidas en todo momento. En este último domingo de este año litúrgico, antes de que comience el Adviento el próximo domingo, celebramos públicamente que Jesús es lo primero en nuestras vidas. Podríamos decir que hoy es realmente una celebración del primer mandamiento: "Yo soy el Señor, tu Dios. No tendrás dioses extraños delante de mí". En el Evangelio (*Juan 18:33-37*) Jesús nos muestra una manera de ponerlo a él en primer lugar. Dice: "...todos los que están del lado de la verdad escuchan mi voz". (*Juan 18:37*) Así que poner a Jesús en primer lugar significa escuchar su voz de verdad y luego vivir según su verdad. En todo lo que pensamos, hacemos y decimos, escuchemos la voz de Jesús. Comenzamos a hacer a Jesús Rey de nuestras vidas haciendo primero a Jesús Rey de nuestras mentes y luego Rey de nuestras acciones".

~REY DE NUESTRAS MENTES~

"Hacemos a Jesús Rey de nuestras mentes bloqueando los pensamientos o imágenes de nuestras mentes que no son de Jesús y luego llenando nuestras mentes con lo que agradaría a Jesús. Mucho de lo que sale en la radio, en la televisión y en internet no es de Jesús. Hacer a Jesús Rey de tu mente significa elegir sabiamente lo que permites en tu mente de la radio, la televisión y el internet porque a veces desafortunadamente es posible escuchar la voz de Satanás en la radio, la televisión o el internet. Escucha la voz de Jesús apagando la voz de Satanás en la televisión y pasando tiempo en silencio o disfrutando de la compañía de otras personas sin la distracción de la televisión. Pablo escribió en *2 Cor 10:5*, "derribamos toda idea presuntuosa contra el conocimiento de Dios, y llevamos todo pensamiento al cautiverio o a la obediencia a Cristo". Eso describe muy bien lo que significa hacer a Jesús Rey de nuestras mentes, "derribamos toda idea presuntuosa contra el conocimiento de Dios, y llevamos todo pensamiento a cautiverio u obediencia →

a Cristo". En lugar de llenar tu mente con la voz de Satanás en la televisión, radio o internet, llena tu mente con la voz de Jesús". "Cuando llenamos nuestras mentes con la voz de Jesús en lugar de la voz de Satanás tendrá un efecto en nuestras vidas. Serás una persona mucho más feliz. Cuando la gente visite tu casa verá de quién es la voz que te está influenciando. Los cuadros sagrados en las paredes de nuestros hogares nos recuerdan que si escuchamos la voz de Jesús lo hacemos Rey de nuestras vidas. "Cuando hacemos a Jesús Rey de nuestras mentes es mucho más fácil hacer a Jesús Rey de nuestras acciones. Hacemos a Jesús Rey de nuestras acciones cuando tenemos que tomar una decisión y elegimos hacer lo que sería agradable a Jesús. A veces cuando estamos tomando una decisión tenemos diferentes opciones y hacer a Jesús nuestro Rey significa elegir hacer lo que más le agrada a Jesús. A veces tenemos estas opciones diferentes porque hay una diferencia entre las leyes de la tierra y las leyes de Dios. Incluso si el Estado legaliza algo no significa que esté de acuerdo con la voluntad de Dios. Un Estado puede verse obligado a legalizar algo inmoral debido a la presión de ciertos grupos o a sentencias judiciales. Incluso cuando el Estado nos da la libertad de hacer algo, debemos preguntarnos: "¿Es esto lo correcto?" Cuando se introducen leyes relativas a la moral pública tenemos que preguntarnos: "¿Los legisladores escucharon la voz de Jesús o alguna otra voz?" Jesús dice: "...todos los que están del lado de la verdad escuchan mi voz". Las leyes que permiten el aborto, la eutanasia... son leyes que no escuchan la voz de Jesús. Nuestra celebración de hoy es una celebración alegre porque Jesús no es como los reyes de los reinos terrenales que pueden estar alejados de su pueblo. Jesús está cerca de nosotros, camina a nuestro lado, nos levanta cuando necesitamos ayuda, dio su vida por nosotros. Nuestra celebración de Jesucristo como Rey hoy significa que ponemos a Jesús en primer lugar en nuestras vidas en todo momento. Ponemos a Jesús en primer lugar en nuestras vidas y lo hacemos Rey de nuestras vidas, primero en nuestras mentes y luego en nuestras acciones. Hacemos a Jesús Rey de nuestras mentes bloqueando las voces que son contrarias a Jesús y llenando nuestras mentes con lo que agradaría a Jesús. Cuando hacemos a Jesús Rey de nuestras mentes es mucho más fácil hacer a Jesús Rey de nuestras acciones. Hacemos a Jesús Rey de nuestras acciones cuando tenemos que tomar decisiones y elegimos la opción que más agradaría a Jesús".

~JESÚS ES NUESTRO REY~

~QUAS PRIMAS~

"El Papa Pío XI instituyó la Fiesta de Cristo Rey en 1925 para la Iglesia universal en su encíclica Quas Primas. Relacionó la creciente negación de Cristo como rey con el aumento del secularismo en toda Europa. En la época de Quas Primas, muchos cristianos (incluidos los católicos) empezaron a dudar de la autoridad y la existencia de Cristo, así como del poder de la Iglesia para continuar la autoridad de Cristo".

~CUANDO LA DEVOCIÓN DISMINUYE~

"Pío XI, y el resto del mundo cristiano, fueron testigos del surgimiento de dictaduras no cristianas en Europa, y vieron cómo los católicos se dejaban llevar por estos líderes terrenales. Estos dictadores a menudo intentaron imponer su autoridad sobre la Iglesia. Al igual que la fiesta del Corpus Christi se instituyó cuando la devoción a la Eucaristía estaba en su punto más bajo, la fiesta de Cristo Rey se instituyó durante una época en la que el respeto a Cristo y a la Iglesia estaba disminuyendo, cuando la fiesta era más necesaria. Pío esperaba que la institución de la fiesta tuviera varios efectos. Estos eran: Que las naciones vieran que la Iglesia tiene derecho a la libertad y a la inmunidad del Estado (Quas Primas, 32).

2. 2. Que los líderes y las naciones vieran que están obligados a dar respeto a Cristo (Quas Primas, 31).

3. 3. Que los fieles obtengan fuerza y valor de la celebración de la fiesta, ya que se nos recuerda que Cristo debe reinar en nuestros corazones, mentes, voluntades y cuerpos (Quas Primas, 33)."

~CUYA AUTORIDAD~



"Hoy existe la misma desconfianza en la autoridad, aunque el problema se ha agravado. El individualismo ha sido abrazado hasta tal extremo, que para muchos, la única autoridad es el yo individual. La idea de Cristo como gobernante es rechazada en un sistema tan fuertemente individualista. Además, muchos rechazan la idea de reyes y reinas, por considerarlos anticuados y posiblemente opresivos. Algunos incluso rechazan los títulos de "señor" y "rey" para Cristo porque creen que tales títulos se toman prestados de sistemas de gobierno opresivos. Por muy ciertas que sean estas afirmaciones (algunos reyes han sido opresivos), estos individuos no entienden nada:

La realeza de Cristo es de humildad y servicio. Jesús dijo: Sabéis que los que son reconocidos como gobernantes sobre los gentiles se enseñorean de ellos, y sus grandes hacen sentir su autoridad sobre ellos pero entre ustedes no será así. Más bien, el que quiera hacerse grande entre vosotros será vuestro servidor; el que quiera ser el primero entre vosotros será el esclavo de todos. Porque el Hijo del Hombre no ha venido a ser servido, sino a servir y a dar su vida en rescate por muchos (Marcos 10:42-45, NAB)".

~EL CONCEPTO DE REALEZA~

"Así, Jesús conocía la naturaleza opresiva de los reyes seculares y, en contraste con ellos, relacionó su papel de rey con el servicio humilde, y ordenó a sus seguidores que fueran también servidores. En otros pasajes de la Escritura, su reino está ligado a su sufrimiento y muerte. Mientras que Cristo viene a juzgar a las naciones, sus enseñanzas explican un reino de justicia y juicio equilibrado con el amor radical, la misericordia, la paz y el perdón. Cuando celebramos a Cristo como Rey, no estamos celebrando a un gobernante opresor, sino a uno dispuesto a morir por la humanidad y cuya "bondad amorosa perdura para siempre". Cristo es el rey que nos da la verdadera libertad, la libertad en Él. Por eso no debemos olvidar nunca que Cristo redefinió y transformó radicalmente el concepto de realeza.

~DEL PASTOR~

Como muchos de ustedes ya saben, el Padre Acevedo salió de St. Eugene el lunes pasado. Viajó de al Este para comenzar un programa diseñado para ayudar al clero que supuestamente ha experimentado ataques demoníacos. Debido a la gravedad de esta situación, era necesario actuar con rapidez, lo que resultó en su partida algo repentina. Como católicos, sabemos que los demonios son reales y que, a veces, manifiestan su malevolencia en una variedad de formas. Padre Acevedo estará recibiendo la mejor atención de expertos en este campo para que algún día pueda continuar su ministerio sacerdotal con renovada salud, energía y vigor.

Si escucha algo diferente a lo que está leyendo aquí, tenga en cuenta que en situaciones como esta, a menudo es fácil que surjan rumores de mala conducta, etc. Les aseguro, que en el caso del Padre Acevedo, no hubo conducta de naturaleza inmoral de ningún tipo involucrada en esta situación. Incluya al Padre en sus oraciones diarias mientras le pedimos a nuestro Señor que lo mantenga a salvo y lo libere de todas y cada una de las fuerzas malévolas.

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