



The Cathedral of
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 7:25 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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 29, 2023

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY JANUARY 29

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

School Pancake Breakfast – Becker Ctr. – 8:00 am - 12 noon

MONDAY JANUARY 30

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

TUESDAY JANUARY 31

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Women of the Word – PLC – 9:00 am
PSR – School – 3:45 pm
Latin Mass – Cathedral- 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1

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

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2

Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am & 5:30pm (Latin)

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3

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

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am
Confession – Cathedral 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Sunday Vigil Masses – Cathedral – 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Singles Potluck – PLC – 5:30 pm

SECOND COLLECTION INFORMATION

~ ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ~

This weekend, January 28 & 29, the Second Collection will be for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. There will be no Second Collection next weekend, February 4 & 5. Thank you for generosity!

~ K of C TO HONOR MILITARY ~

Are you currently, or were you in the past, a member of our Armed Forces? If so, the Knights of Columbus would like to honor you! Our latest project is to update the sign in the PLC that honors our veterans. We would like to include all St. Eugene's parishioners who serve, or have served, our country. Forms are available for you to fill out in the Parish Office and in our Gift Shop/Bookstore. Please return the form to either of those locations by February 15th. For more information, please call Dan Ramos at: 707-217-1858.

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of 01/15/23

Sunday Donations Received:	\$12,187.
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Second Collection: Tuition Assistance Program	\$3,138.
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~ CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS ~

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. The USCCB states: *During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. A season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving...* To support your prayer life, all of our in-stock prayer books are on sale for 25% off during the month of February. We have "Divine Intimacy," "Christian Prayer," and many more excellent Catholic prayer books. 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

~CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK~

Please join us in celebrating Catholic Schools Week starting THIS Sunday, January 29th., with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Vasa at 10:30 am and followed by an Open House at the school/preschool from 10:00 am -12:30 pm and a pancake breakfast in the Becker Center from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. Enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee for only \$10 per person. Please join us! For more information, please go to: www.steugenesch.org or call (707) 545-7252.

~PRESCHOOL RESERVED PARKING~

Please refrain from parking in the reserved spaces directly across from the Parish Life Center. Preschool families paid to have the spaces available to them. They are understandably frustrated when they arrive at school with their children and find that someone has parked in their space. If we cannot guarantee that their spaces will be protected and available, no one will continue to purchase them. The money from the sales of the reserved spaces go directly to our little preschool program. There is ample parking space in the lot and no need to take one of the reserved spaces. *Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.*

~NEW ROOF FUND UPDATE~

We would like to thank all of you who have donated to our fund which will enable us to have a new roof put on the Cathedral. To date, we have collected \$56,000 of our \$100,000 goal! Your prayers are most appreciated as we continue to move toward our goal.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 28
8:00 am	Elizabeth Tallman, deceased
4:30 pm	Deborah J. Drewes, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Familia Jimenez Garcia, living
Sunday	January 29
7:30 am	Charles Guenza, deceased
9:00 am	Lauretta Chipley, deceased
10:30 am	People of the Diocese
12:00 pm	People of St. Eugene's
1:30 pm (EF)	Emmelia Zoe Thine, living
5:30 pm	Santa Rosa Fijian Catholic Community, living and deceased
6:00pm Newman Ctr.	Sharon Raymond, deceased
Monday	January 30
6:45 am	Tierre Giorgio Nonini, deceased
8:00 am	J. Guadalupe Rodriguez, deceased
Tuesday	January 31
6:45 am	Matthew Ponce, living
8:00 am	Peter Nelson, living
5:30 pm (EF)	Jesus Cardenas, living
Wednesday	February 1
6:45 am	John B. Montilliano Sr., deceased
8:00 am	John Kennedy, living
Thursday	February 2
6:45 am	Fr. Frank Epperson, living
8:00 am	Leo Pimentel, deceased
5:30 pm (Latin)	Maria del Refugio de Loza, deceased
Friday	February 3
6:45 am	Juan Garfias, deceased
8:00 am	William Avilla, deceased
9:20 am (School)	Students of St. Eugene School, living
12:00 pm (Hosp)	Peter Tran, living
7:00 pm (Sp)	Maria Isabel Padilla Higuera, deceased
Saturday	February 4
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 and deceased members of the Russell and Rinaldi families.
4:30 pm	Thomas Patrick, deceased
6:30 (Sp)	Familia Jimenez Garcia, living

~ICF SCHOLARSHIPS~

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) is offering scholarships to high school graduates (class of 2023). You are eligible to apply if you are a Catholic, have any Italian ancestry and a GPA of at least 3.20. See your school counselor for an application or go to www.ICF.org.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~CANDLEMAS~

Please join us this Thursday, February 2, at 5:30 pm for a special Candlemas Sung Mass (Missa Cantata) celebrated in the Extraordinary Form (Latin). On this day, the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in the liturgy. According to the 1962 Missal (the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite), this day is referred to as the "Purification of Mary." It is also known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche until this feast. A special table will be set up for you to bring your own candles to be blessed.

~HOLY HOUR~

On Thursday, February 2, at 6:00 pm., St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cotati, located at 150 St. Joseph Way, will offer A Holy Hour. Join them for Eucharistic Adoration, prayer of the Rosary, Benediction, Gregorian Chant and fellowship afterward. For more information, go to: www.stjosemaria.info

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

~SINGLES POTLUCK~

Please join us as we hold our first potluck for Singles! Starting on Saturday, Feb. 4th, and on the first Saturday evening of every month thereafter, we will meet in the Parish Life Center immediately following the 4:30 pm Mass (5:30 pm). Each meeting will begin with us praying the Rosary. We will then discuss the Faith, marriage and the importance of discerning one's vocation. Then, we'll enjoy a potluck dinner and mingle! We will likely end our meeting by or before 7:30 pm. *For more information and to sign up for a dish/drink/dessert to share, please call Deborah Jones at: 310-600-2359.*

~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, Joan Cosgrove and Denise Ealy.

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@steugenes.com.

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

SPEECH & THE BEATITUDES

~FROM THE PASTOR~

In today's first reading from Zephaniah, the ninth of the twelve minor prophets, we read the words, "They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue;" These words served to remind me of the many ways that lies and deceit worm their way into our hearts and find expression in our tongues. We are constantly warned, in both the Old and the New Testaments, of the harm done by cruel words, so today, I'd like to share with you a good article about the many ways that we offend God with words. Finally, both our second reading and our Gospel reading remind us that love and humility are the ways that we attain salvation. St. Paul writes: "Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God" whereby we see the value of humility. Also, in Mathew's Gospel we read the Sermon on the Mount which manifests not only the love that God has for us, but also His wisdom and justice. I came across an interesting Commentary on this particular Gospel that offers a point by point look at each beatitude that I'd like to share with you. It is by Fr. Callan and can be found at: <https://thedivinelamp.wordpress.com/2017/01/26/father-callans-commentary-on-matthew-51-12/>

SINS OF SPEECH

~STICKS AND STONES~

"There's a lot to be said for the old dictum "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." But we're not merely bones. To a certain extent, we need the respect of others in order to carry on our lives. True, Jesus himself bore a great many insults. But he also took name-calling surprisingly seriously: "whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be liable to the fire of Gehenna" (Mt 5:22)."

~BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR WORDS~

"Sins of speech can be especially insidious. It's easy to speak without thinking. And it's easy to underestimate the damage that a word can do, in

comparison with the more spectacular damage done by violence. Here St. James is helpful: "Consider how small a fire can set a huge forest ablaze. The tongue is also a fire. It exists among our members as a world of malice, defiling the whole body and setting the entire course of our lives on fire, itself set on fire by Gehenna" (Jas 3:5-6). Sins of speech turn us into arsonists, indeed inept arsonists, since ultimately we ourselves do not escape the inferno. Aquinas discusses numerous kinds of verbal arson, in fact too many to name here. There's *reviling*, in which the speaker seeks to dishonor someone to his face. It's what Jesus has in mind when he prohibits saying "You fool!" Speaking against someone in secret is called *backbiting*. If the backbiting is false, it's called *calumny*. If the backbiting is true—and there are times when even some true things should not be said—then it is called *detractio*. Backbiting is aimed at the diminishment of someone's good name, and for this reason it can be worse than theft, since "a good name is better than great riches" (Prv 22:1). Worse still is mischievous talk aimed at poisoning a friendship, since "nothing can be compared to a faithful friend" (Sir 6:15). There's also *derision*—making fun of someone. It's not always serious, but it can be worse than reviling when the aim is to "laugh someone to scorn." Yelling "You fool!" at someone at least acknowledges the person's existence and the effects of his actions. Scornful derision, by contrast, is a denial of the person's fundamental dignity. The derider dismisses him as if he were a circus animal, unfit for human society except as a form of entertainment. Christians are a people who ought to appreciate the power of words."

~SAVED BY THE WORD~

"We are saved by the word of the Gospel, and we worship the eternal Word, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity. Evil words, therefore, are especially absurd when they come from a Christian's mouth. We tend to forget the importance of words. So Jesus tells us to become like little children. He needs to teach us again how to speak." By: Fr. Alan Piper, O.P. <https://www.dominicanajournal.org/sins-of-speech/>

A POINT BY POINT COMMENTARY

~Matthew 1-12~

Mt 5:1. *And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain, and when he was set down, his disciples came unto him.* It is a question whether St. Matthew here and St. Luke 6:20-49 are giving the same identical discourse. It is possible that our Lord may have repeated the same discourse more than once, but it is probable that St. Matthew is only giving with more detail and greater development that of which St. Luke has preserved for us only an abridgment. The differences may all be explained by saying that one omits what he knows the other has. Our Lord spent the night in prayer and on the morrow chose His twelve Apostles. To them and to the multitude that had gathered a little further down the hill. He immediately delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Cf. Mt 6:12-17. **A mountain**, which was probably that called the Horns of Hattin, about two hours' distance from Tiberias (*This is most likely a reference to the city of Tiberias, located on the west side of the Galilee, or to the Galilee itself, which was sometimes called Tiberias see Jn 21:1*).

Mt 5:2. *And opening his mouth, he taught them, saying: And opening his mouth.* Hitherto our Lord had spoken by the mouth of His prophets and by the silent voice of His own miracles; but now He has determined to give personal utterance to His teachings. The Sermon on the Mount is an exposition of our Lord's ideas of happiness, wisdom and justice. Its aim throughout is to show the contrast between the principles of His kingdom and the principles which prevail in the world and in an imperfect Judaism, It may be divided in three parts: (a) Jesus promises happiness to those whom He calls; (b) He prescribes justice to those who come; (c) and He recommends wisdom to those who remain with Him (Le Camus).

Mt 5:3. *Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* **Blessed**; i.e., happy. **Poor in spirit**; i.e., those who are not *attached* to riches or to the goods of this world, either by desire or by actual possession. It is, in particular, *detachment* from earthly goods that makes one **blessed**. See Ps 69:32-33; Is 61:1, Mt 23:12; k 18:9-14. See also CCC [2544-2549](#).

Mt 5:4. *Blessed are the meek : for they shall possess the land.* **Meek**; i.e., those who for Christ's sake willingly and patiently endure the evils and hardships of life. By "the meek" we are not to understand lifeless and colorless characters; but those who, possessed of real character and vigor, meekly control themselves for the sake of Christ, and out of imitation of Him. See Ps 37:11; Zeph 3:11-12; Mt 11:29. **Shall possess the land.** This is commonly understood, after St. Jerome, to refer to the new heaven and the new earth, *which the meek shall possess*.

Mt 5:5. *Blessed are they that mourn : for they shall be comforted.* **Mourn**; i.e., those who grieve for their own and for others' offenses, out of love of God. are blessed, happy. See Ps 51:17; Isa 57:18-21; 61:1-3; Jer 31:13; Rev 7:17; 21:4.

Mt 5:6. *Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice : for they shall have their fill.* **Hunger and thirst**, etc.; i.e., happy are those who are subjected to real hunger and thirst, because justice is not done them, but who nevertheless patiently bear the wrong done them for God's sake. See Isa 55:1-2; Mt 6:33; 2 Tim 2:22; 1 Pet 3:12.

Mt 5:7. *Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.* **Merciful**; i.e., happy are those who try to alleviate the miseries of others, who charitably overlook and forgive the sins and mistakes of others; as they really forgive others, so shall they be forgiven. See Ex 34:6-7; Dan 9:9; Mt 6:12, 14-15; 18:21-35; Lk 6:36; Jam 2:13.

Mt 5:8. *Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God.* **Clean of heart**; i.e., happy are those who observe not only purity and chastity of body, but general purity and simplicity of conscience. It is certain that chastity of life will not only have an unspeakable reward hereafter, but that it leads to clearness of vision here below, in things purely natural, and especially in things supernatural. See Ps 24:3-5; 51:10; 73:1; 1 Jn 3:2-3.

Mt 5:9. *Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.* **Peacemakers**; i.e., those who strive to reconcile the differences between others. See Ps 34:14; Matt 5:44-45; Rom 12:18; 14:19; 2 Tim 2:22; Jam 3:1-18.

Mt 5:10. *Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* **For justice' sake**; i.e., happy are those who are persecuted on account of their faithfulness to the law of God and to their own duty. It is to be noted that throughout the beatitudes our Lord is continually raising our minds to the things of Heaven; we are not to expect temporal rewards for doing what He has enjoined; we are to look for our recompense hereafter. For this and the remaining two verses see Jn 15:18-21; 2 Tim 3:10-12; Jam 1:12; 1 Pet 3:14, 17; 4:12-16.

Mt 5:11. *Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for my sake:* **Untruly.** Our Lord promises no blessedness, no beatitude to those who deserve persecution and reviling; it is only to those who are unjustly so treated.

Mt 5:12. *Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in heaven. For so they persecuted the prophets that were before you.* **Be glad.** Those who suffer for the sake of Christ have every reason to rejoice because of the reward awaiting them hereafter.

MI FE CATOLICA

~DEL PASTOR~

~ DISCURSO Y LAS BIENAVENTURANZAS ~

En la primera lectura de hoy de Sofonías, el noveno de los doce profetas menores, leemos las palabras: "No harán iniquidad ni hablarán mentira; ni se hallará en su boca lengua engañosa;" Estas palabras sirvieron para recordarme las muchas formas en que las mentiras y el engaño se abren paso en nuestros corazones y encuentran expresión en nuestras lenguas. Se nos advierte constantemente, tanto en el Antiguo como en el Nuevo Testamento, del daño que causan las palabras crueles, por lo que hoy me gustaría compartir con ustedes un buen artículo sobre las muchas formas en que ofendemos a Dios con las palabras. Finalmente, tanto nuestra segunda lectura como nuestra lectura del Evangelio nos recuerdan que el amor y la humildad son las formas en que alcanzamos la salvación. San Pablo escribe: "Más bien, Dios escogió a los necios del mundo para avergonzar a los sabios, y escogió Dios a los humildes y despreciados del mundo, a los que nada valen, para reducir a nada a los que son algo, para que ningún ser humano gloriarse delante de Dios" por lo cual vemos el valor de la humildad. Además, en el Evangelio de Mateo leemos el Sermón de la Montaña que manifiesta no solo el amor que Dios nos tiene, sino también Su sabiduría y justicia. Encontré un Comentario interesante sobre este Evangelio en particular que ofrece una mirada punto por punto a cada bienaventuranza que me gustaría compartir con ustedes.

PECADOS DE DISCURSO

~PALOS Y PIEDRAS~

"Hay mucho que decir sobre el viejo dicho "los palos y las piedras pueden romperme los huesos, pero las palabras nunca me lastimarán". Pero no somos simplemente huesos. Hasta cierto punto, necesitamos el respeto de los demás para continuar con nuestras vidas. Es cierto que Jesús mismo soportó muchos insultos. Pero también tomó los insultos sorprendentemente en serio: "cualquiera que diga: '¡Necio!' será expuesto al fuego de la Gehena" (Mt 5:22)".

~CUIDADO CON TUS PALABRAS~

"Los pecados del habla pueden ser especialmente insidiosos. Es fácil hablar sin pensar. Y es fácil subestimar el daño que una palabra puede hacer, en →

comparación con los daños más espectaculares causados por la violencia. Aquí Santiago es útil: "Considere cuán pequeño un fuego puede incendiar un enorme bosque. La lengua es también un fuego. Existe entre nuestros miembros como un mundo de maldad, que contamina todo el cuerpo e incendia todo el curso de nuestra vida, incendiado por la Gehena" (Santiago 3:5-6). Los pecados de palabra nos convierten en pirómanos, en verdad en pirómanos ineptos, ya que en última instancia nosotros mismos no escapamos al infierno. Tomás de Aquino analiza numerosos tipos de incendios verbales, de hecho, demasiados para nombrarlos aquí. Está la injuria, en la que el hablante busca deshonorar a alguien en su cara. Es lo que Jesús tiene en mente cuando prohíbe decir "¡Necio!" Hablar contra alguien en secreto se llama murmuración. Si la murmuración es falsa, se llama calumnia. Si la murmuración es cierta, y hay momentos en que incluso algunas cosas verdaderas no deberían decirse, entonces se llama detracción. La murmuración tiene por objeto menoscabar el buen nombre de alguien, y por eso puede ser peor que el hurto, ya que "mejor es el buen nombre que las muchas riquezas" (Pr 22,1). Peor aún son las travesuras dirigidas a envenenar una amistad, ya que "nada puede compararse con un amigo fiel" (Sir 6,15). También está la burla: burlarse de alguien. No siempre es grave, pero puede ser peor que insultar cuando el objetivo es "hacer reír a alguien para despreciarlo". Gritando "¡Tonto!" en alguien al menos reconoce la existencia de la persona y los efectos de sus acciones. La burla desdeñosa, por el contrario, es una negación de la dignidad fundamental de la persona. El jinete lo despidió como si fuera un animal de circo, inadecuado para la sociedad humana excepto como una forma de entretenimiento. Los cristianos son un pueblo que debe apreciar el poder de las palabras".

~ SALVADOS POR LA PALABRA ~

"Somos salvos por la palabra del Evangelio, y adoramos al Verbo eterno, la segunda Persona de la Santísima Trinidad. Las malas palabras, por lo tanto, son especialmente absurdas cuando salen de la boca de un cristiano. Tendemos a olvidar la importancia de las palabras. Entonces Jesús nos dice que seamos como niños pequeños. Necesita enseñarnos de nuevo a hablar".

UN COMENTARIO PUNTO POR PUNTO

~Mateo 1-12~

Mateo 5:1. Y viendo la multitud, subió a un monte, y cuando se hubo sentado, se le acercaron sus discípulos. Es una pregunta si San Mateo aquí y San Lucas 6:20-49 están dando el mismo discurso idéntico. Es posible que nuestro Señor haya repetido el mismo discurso más de una vez, pero es probable que San Mateo sólo esté dando con más detalle y mayor desarrollo aquello del que San Lucas nos ha conservado sólo un compendio. Todas las diferencias pueden explicarse diciendo que uno omite lo que sabe que el otro tiene. Nuestro Señor pasó la noche en oración y al día siguiente escogió a sus doce Apóstoles. A ellos y a la multitud que se había congregado un poco más abajo del cerro. Inmediatamente pronunció el Sermón de la Montaña. Cf. Mt 6, 12-17. **La montaña**, que probablemente era la llamada Cuernos de Hattin, a unas dos horas de distancia de Tiberíades (*Esta es probablemente una referencia a la ciudad de Tiberíades, ubicada en el lado occidental de Galilea, o a la propia Galilea, que fue a veces llamado Tiberíades ver Jn 21:1*).

Mateo 5:2. Y abriendo su boca, les enseñaba, diciendo: Y abriendo su boca. Hasta ahora nuestro Señor había hablado por boca de sus profetas y por la voz silenciosa de sus propios milagros; pero ahora ha decidido dar expresión personal a sus enseñanzas. El Sermón de la Montaña es una exposición de las ideas de nuestro Señor sobre la felicidad, la sabiduría y la justicia. Su objetivo es mostrar el contraste entre los principios de Su reino y los principios que prevalecen en el mundo y en un judaísmo imperfecto. Puede dividirse en tres partes: (a) Jesús promete felicidad a aquellos a quienes Él llama; (b) Él prescribe justicia a los que vienen; (c) y Él recomienda sabiduría a aquellos que permanecen con Él (Le Camus).

Mateo 5:3. Bienaventurados los pobres en espíritu, porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos. Bendecido; es decir, feliz. Pobre de espíritu; es decir, los que no están apegados a las riquezas ni a los bienes de este mundo, ni por deseo ni por posesión real. Es, en particular, el desapego de los bienes terrenales lo que hace bienaventurado. Ver Sal 69:32-33; Is 61,1, Mt 23,12; k 18:9-14. Véase también [CCC 2544-2549](#).

Mateo 5:4. Bienaventurados los mansos, porque ellos poseerán la tierra. Manso; es decir, aquellos que por causa de Cristo soportan voluntaria y pacientemente los males y las penalidades de la vida. Por "mansos" no debemos entender personajes sin vida y sin color; sino aquellos que, poseídos de verdadero carácter y vigor, mansamente se controlan a sí mismos por causa de Cristo y por su imitación. **Ver Sal 37:11; Sof 3:11-12; Mateo 11:29. Poseerá la tierra.** Esto se entiende comúnmente, después de San Jerónimo, para referirse al cielo nuevo y la tierra nueva, que los mansos poseerán.

Mateo 5:5. Bienaventurados los que lloran, porque ellos serán consolados. Llorar; es decir, los que se →

afligen por las ofensas propias y ajenas, por amor a Dios. son bendecidos, felices. Ver Sal 51:17; Is 57, 18-21; 61:1-3; Jeremías 31:13; Apocalipsis 7:17; 21:4.

Mateo 5:6. Bienaventurados los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia, porque ellos se saciarán. Hambre y sed, etc.; es decir, dichosos los que están sometidos a verdadera hambre y sed, porque no se les hace justicia, pero que, sin embargo, soportan con paciencia el mal que se les hace por amor de Dios. Ver Isaías 55:1-2; Mateo 6:33; 2 Timoteo 2:22; 1 Pedro 3:12.

Mateo 5:7. Bienaventurados los misericordiosos, porque ellos alcanzarán misericordia. Misericordioso; es decir, felices los que tratan de aliviar las miserias de los demás, los que caritativamente pasan por alto y perdonan los pecados y errores de los demás; como realmente perdonan a los demás, así serán perdonados. Ver Éxodo 34:6-7; Dan 9:9; Mt 6, 12, 14-15; 18:21-35; Lc 6,36; Jam 2:13.

Mateo 5:8. Bienaventurados los limpios de corazón, porque ellos verán a Dios. Limpios de corazón; es decir, felices son aquellos que observan no sólo la pureza y castidad del cuerpo, sino también la pureza y sencillez general de la conciencia. Es cierto que la castidad de vida no sólo tendrá en el más allá una recompensa indecible, sino que conduce a la claridad de visión aquí abajo, en las cosas puramente naturales, y especialmente en las cosas sobrenaturales. Ver Sal 24:3-5; 51:10; 73:1; 1 Juan 3:2-3.

Mateo 5:9. Bienaventurados los pacificadores, porque ellos serán llamados hijos de Dios. pacificadores; es decir, aquellos que se esfuerzan por conciliar las diferencias entre los demás. Ver Sal 34:14; Mateo 5:44-45; Romanos 12:18; 14:19; 2 Timoteo 2:22; Jam 3:1-18.

Mateo 5:10. Bienaventurados los que padecen persecución por causa de la justicia, porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos. Por el bien de la justicia; es decir, felices los que son perseguidos por su fidelidad a la ley de Dios y a su propio deber. Es de notar que a lo largo de las bienaventuranas nuestro Señor está continuamente elevando nuestra mente a las cosas del Cielo; no debemos esperar recompensas temporales por hacer lo que Él ha ordenado; debemos buscar nuestra recompensa de aquí en adelante. Para este y los dos versículos restantes ver Jn 15:18-21; 2 Timoteo 3:10-12; Sant 1:12; 1 Pedro 3:14, 17; 4:12-16.

Mateo 5:11. Bienaventurados seréis cuando os ultrajen, y os persigan, y hablen todo mal contra vosotros, mentira, por causa de mí: Mentira. Nuestro Señor no promete ninguna bienaventuranza, a aquellos que merecen persecución e injuria; es sólo para aquellos que son injustamente tratados de esa manera.

Mateo 5:12. Alégrate y regocíjate, porque tu galardón es muy grande en los cielos. Porque así persiguieron a los profetas que fueron antes de vosotros. Estar contento. Los que sufren por causa de Cristo tienen todos los motivos para regocijarse por la recompensa que les espera en el más allá.

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