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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

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: (707)542-3635 or Maria Vega (Spanish) at: (707)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 am-4:30pm & Sun 8:30am-1:30pm, Closed Mon/Tues -
Phone: (707)542-0250

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 19, 2023

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY MARCH 19

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

MONDAY MARCH 20

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

TUESDAY MARCH 21

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 MARCH 22

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

THURSDAY MARCH 23

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

FRIDAY MARCH 24

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Stations of the Cross – Cathedral – 2:00 & 6:00 pm;
Spanish – 7:30 pm
Meager Meal – Parish Life Center – 6:30 pm

SATURDAY MARCH 25

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

SECOND COLLECTION INFORMATION

~ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM ~

This weekend, March 18 & 19, our Second Collection will be for our Religious Education Program. There will be no Second Collection next weekend, March 25 & 26. As always, thank you for your generosity!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

~PRE-SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST~

Help support the youngest learners of St. Eugene's at the Pre-School Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday March 26th from 8am-Noon in the Monsignor Becker Center. Tickets are \$15 per person at the door. Pancakes cooked by owner/Head Chef of the Bird restaurant.

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of 03/05/23

Sunday Donations Received:	\$15,736.
Second Collection: <i>Tuition Assistance Program</i>	\$4,000.

~ CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS ~

Our Special of the Month for March are our Over-Stock items comprised of brand new items which were ordered in larger quantities than usual. Our Over-Stock table will have all items marked at 25% off, so take advantage of great deals for the upcoming Communion, Confirmation and RCIA gifts you'll be buying. In addition to our over-stock items, we have a great array of books, cards and gifts. Please stop by and see what we have to offer! (Please note, we have a great Spanish language section, too!) 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

~REGISTRATION HAS STARTED~

St. Eugene's Cathedral School has started its registration process for the 2023-24 school year. We are proud of our students and our school. We offer an excellent academic education with a challenging curriculum integrated with gospel values. We strive to develop the total child - spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally and physically. We also encourage the development of leadership and an enthusiasm for Christian community service among our students. We are accepting applications for all grades. Come by the school office to pick up an application or call 545-7252, and we'll send an application to you. You can also go to: www.steugenesch.org - "Admissions". If you would like to take a closer look at our campus, we offer a tour every month!

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

~EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS~

Easter flower envelopes will be on the vestibule tables at both entrances of the church next weekend (for those of you not receiving envelope packets or Easter mailings.) Please legibly fill out the names of loved ones and return your envelopes in the collection plate by the weekend of March 25 & 26 to be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. You can also drop them off at the Parish Office. Deadline to turn them in is noon, Monday, March 27. Names received after this deadline will be listed in subsequent bulletins.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 18
8:00 am	Felipa de Jesus Monterroso, deceased
4:30 pm	Nancy Azevedo, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Eligio Valencia, deceased
Sunday	March 19
7:30 am	People of St. Eugene's
9:00 am	McShane & Stronge Families, living & deceased
10:30 am	Maureen & Paul, Naivalurua, living
12:00 pm	Deirdre & Martin Brian McCormick, deceased
1:30 pm (EF)	Sandi & Ernie Lanford, living
5:30 pm	Martha Anquiano, deceased
6:00pm Newman Ctr.	Kelly McGuire, living
Monday	March 20
6:45 am	Rod Thoits, deceased
8:00 am	Phil Skikos, living
Tuesday	March 21
6:45 am	Eileen Carol, living
8:00 am	Maria & Manuel Carrera, living
5:30 pm (EF)	Norma Orozco, living
Wednesday	March 22
6:45 am	Brandon Knight, living
8:00 am	Andrew Ramirez, deceased
9:20 am (School)	German Jimenez, living
Thursday	March 23
6:45 am	John Paul Tran, living
8:00 am	Fr. Alan Acevedo, living
Friday	March 24
6:45 am	Dionisio Fantone, deceased
8:00 am	George Skikos, deceased
12:00 pm (Hosp)	Mary Tran, living
Saturday	March 25
8:00 am	Respect Life
4:30 pm	Jack Bjornstrom, deceased
6:30 (Sp)	Aurelia Barajas, deceased

~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 Bolland, Stephen Warner, Aida Catapang, Bob Goldman, Pat Dav-enport, Paulita Castro, Jean L. Alfano, Theresa Pham, Rainey Olson, Michele Otten, Pauline Goslovich, Mary Gonzales, Nick Sidjakov, Sandi Picconi, Margaret Keifer, Joan Cosgrove, Denise Ealy, Becky Harber, Ernest Lanford, Daniel Bruce Moore, Megan Ingrassia and Art Haake.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~MASS OF THE CHRISM~

The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the Diocesan and Religious priests of the Diocese, invites you to participate in the **Mass of the Chrism** here at St. Eugene's Cathedral on **Thursday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m.** This Mass is celebrated once a year and during the Mass, the Bishop blesses the oil of the Sick and the oil of Chrism. This Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the ministerial priesthood that the Bishop has received and it also signifies the unity the priests, who share in the same ministerial priesthood, have with the Bishop. During this Mass, the Diocesan and Religious priests renew their commitment of priestly service.

~FRIDAY "MEAGER MEALS"~

Each Friday during Lent, various parish groups will be providing a meager meal of soup, bread and water at 6:30 pm in the Parish Life Center so that those leaving Stations of the Cross can gather together afterwards (and those coming to the 7: 30 pm Spanish Stations, too!) A different group will host the meal each Friday. The fourth Friday of Lent, our hosts will be our Latin Mass Community.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

~YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP~

Are you seeking Catholic Young Adult fellowship and ways to enrich your prayer life? Join Santa Rosa's "Carlo and Chiara Catholic Young Adults" who meet for prayer, community, faith formation, food, hikes, and more! Email castfireontheearth@gmail.com and join their email newsletter. Also follow them on Group-Me/ Facebook/ Instagram @ CarloandChiaraYA . For a complete list of all SF Bay Area Catholic Young Adult activities email - thegrapevinesf@gmail.com and join their email newsletter. If you are a teenager, teens this summer are once again coming from all across Northern California to our Eureka Homeless Mission Outreach July 16 - 21st and our Leadership Training July 6th - 8th. For more info and to register via email, contact Stephen Morris dsryouth@srdioocese.org.

~RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE~

The Respect Life Committee is working with students from Cardinal Newman High School who are doing a service project whereby they are collecting **diapers and baby wipes** in the hopes of gifting them to the Bridges Pregnancy Clinic located in Santa Rosa. We will have a large box set up in the main vestibule for the next several weeks for your donations. Thank you and may God bless you for your generous Lenten almsgiving in helping families in need!

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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

~FROM THE PASTOR~

"We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

There is a not so subtle theme that runs through our second reading and our Gospel passage: the theme of light and dark. For example, in St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, he says: "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord." He ends the passage with, "'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.'" To me, this last passage actually evokes an image of the General Resurrection which we will also take a look at today. In St. John's Gospel reading, Jesus is quoted as saying, "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." So, let's begin by reading a reflection on the meaning of darkness and light, followed by a reflection of what it means to be "pleasing to the Lord" as St. Paul said in his Epistle, and then, a look at what our glorified body will be like if we are pleasing to the Lord on the Last Day.

THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

~LIGHT AND DARKNESS~

What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:3-5

"What a great image for meditation: "...the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." This line completes the unique approach taken by John's Gospel to introduce Jesus, the Eternal "Word" Who existed from the beginning and through Whom all things came to be. Though there is much to meditate on in the first five lines of John's Gospel, let's consider that ending line about light and darkness. Within the material world, there is much we can learn about our Divine Lord from the physical phenomenon of light and darkness. If we briefly consider light and darkness from the perspective of physics, we know that the two are not two opposing forces fighting with each other. Rather, darkness is simply the absence of light. Where there is no light, there is darkness. Similarly, heat

and cold are the same way. Cold is nothing other than the absence of heat. Introduce heat and the cold disappears. These basic laws of the physical world also teach us about the spiritual world. Darkness, or evil, is not some powerful force fighting against God; rather, it's the absence of God. Satan and his demons do not try to impose a dark power of evil on us; rather, they seek to extinguish the presence of God in our lives by getting us to reject God through our choices, thus leaving us in spiritual darkness."

~THE BATTLE IS EASILY WON~

"This is a very significant spiritual truth to understand, because where there is spiritual Light, the Light of God's grace, the darkness of evil is dispelled. This is clearly seen in the line "and the darkness has not overcome it." Overcoming the evil one is as easy as inviting the Light of Christ into our lives and not allowing fear or sin to turn us from the Light. Reflect, today, upon the very real spiritual battle that takes place each and every day within your soul. But reflect upon it in the truth of this Gospel passage. The battle is easily won. Invite Christ the Light, and His Divine Presence will quickly and easily replace any darkness within."

Lord, Jesus, You are the Light Who dispels all darkness. You are the Eternal Word Who answers every question in life. I invite You into my life this day so that Your Divine Presence may fill me, consume me and lead me down the path toward eternal joys. Jesus, I trust in You.
<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2022/12/30/light-dispels-darkness-2/>

PLEASING GOD

~IN THE WORLD, NOT OF THE WORLD~

[In our desire to be pleasing to God we pray the following Petition:] "Lord, help me to please you in what I think, say and do "...[How do we do this? **First, by being in the world but not OF the World**]. "We profess in the Creed that Jesus Christ came down from heaven "for us and our salvation." This truth colors everything about the Savior. He comes into the world without being of the world. His doctrine appeals to our highest and most noble aspirations. His way, his lifestyle, clashes with the way and lifestyle of the children of this world and

therefore is never without resistance. In my innermost thoughts, in my words and deeds, am I striving to belong to "what is above"?

~**LOVINGLY TELL THE TRUTH**~

"Lovingly Telling the Truth: When we truly love someone, we tell that someone the truth about the things that really matter, even when the truth could be perceived as inconvenient, painful or demanding. God the Son has loved us from all eternity. His love compels him to tell us the truth about the Father, which is a message of infinite mercy and love. His love compels him to tell us the truth about our relationship with that merciful Father: how it should be filled with gratitude and loving obedience and devoid of anything that could separate us from him. In order to belong to Jesus and to what is above, I must strive to open my heart and mind to his truth, especially in those areas of my life where he is asking for change and conversion."

~**SEEKING TO PLEASE THE LORD**~

"Seeking to Please the Beloved: Love transforms our intentions and desires. When we love someone, we want to please that person in everything. Jesus loves the Father, and therefore he does what is pleasing to him, even though the Father's will leads Jesus to embrace suffering, rejection, and death. He endures this agony so as to bring us the gift of resurrection and eternal life. If I love Christ, then I necessarily wish to do what is pleasing to him. And what pleases Christ? My faith, hope and love; My obedience and my humility; So also my selfless service to him in those who are materially, morally or spiritually needful of my attention and support." By: Father Steven Reilly, LC. For complete article, go to: <https://catholic.net/op/articles/4478/cat/1186/a-life-pleasing-to-god.html>



THE GLORY OF THE RISEN BODY

~**OUR BODIES WILL SHINE**~

"Although, at the end of our present life, this body of ours will return to the earth from which it came, it will by the power of God, be brought back on the last day to be reunited with the soul. Man's nature is a composite of body and soul, and there will be a certain incompleteness in his existence, even in his

heavenly beatitude, until that ultimate reunion takes place. Yet it will be the state of his soul that will be responsible for the glory and splendor of his risen body; for the beauty and glory of the soul overflows into the body . . . shines through the body. For that reason, while we are obligated to take proper care of our body, it is the life of divine grace in the soul that should be our primary concern. Proper care of the body will at times require denying the body what it seeks; for due to an unbalance in our nature because of original sin, the body at times desires in excess what is good, or even seeks (as Adam did) forbidden fruit which can destroy the life of the soul. Proper care of the body, and pampering it are two very different things."

~**A REWARD TO THE JUST**~

"How much time and effort and money are spent in seeking to improve the attractiveness of the human body, an attractiveness that lasts only a comparatively short time. At the same time, how little concerned are many about attaining an attractiveness, a beauty and splendor that will cost no money, and that will last for all eternity. Since the glorified body is a reward to the just, the beauty and splendor of their bodies will bear some proportion to their merit. Every mature human person, then, has the means available of attaining that true and eternal beauty, the leading of a truly Christian life." By Father Paul A. Duffner, O.P <http://www.rosary-center.org/ll43n1.htm>

~**SAINTLY QUOTE**~

"The books of conscience are opened, and the judgment begins." At the sound of that trumpet the souls of the blessed shall descend from heaven to be united to the bodies with which they served God on earth; and the unhappy souls of the damned shall come up from hell to take possession again of those bodies with which they have offended God. . . the damned shall appear deformed and black, like so many firebrands of hell; but *The just shall shine as the sun.* Oh, how great shall then be the happiness of those who have mortified their bodies by works of penance! We may estimate their felicity from the words addressed by St. Peter of Alcantara, after death, to St Teresa: "O happy penance which merited for me such glory," After their resurrection they shall be summoned by the angels to appear in the valley of Josaphat.' - St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori <https://www.saintsquotes.net/Selection%20-%20General%20Judgement.html>

MI FE CATOLICA

CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

~DEL PASTOR~

"Tenemos que hacer las obras del que me envió mientras es de día. Se acerca la noche, cuando nadie podrá trabajar.

Mientras estoy en el mundo, soy la luz del mundo".

Hay un tema no tan sutil que recorre nuestra segunda lectura y nuestro pasaje del Evangelio: el tema de la luz y la oscuridad. Por ejemplo, en la Epístola de San Pablo a los Efesios, dice: "Antes erais tinieblas, pero ahora sois luz en el Señor". Termina el pasaje con: "Despierta, dormilón, y levántate de entre los muertos, y Cristo te alumbrará". Para mí, este último pasaje evoca en realidad una imagen de la Resurrección General, que también analizaremos hoy. En la lectura del Evangelio de San Juan, se cita a Jesús diciendo: "Mientras estoy en el mundo, soy la luz del mundo". Así pues, empecemos leyendo una reflexión sobre el significado de la oscuridad y la luz, seguida de una reflexión sobre lo que significa ser "agradable al Señor", como dice San Pablo en su Epístola, y luego, una mirada a cómo será nuestro cuerpo glorificado si somos agradables al Señor en el Último Día.

LA LUZ BRILLA EN LA OBSCURIDAD

~LUZ Y TINIEBLAS~

Lo que se hizo realidad por medio de él fue la vida, y esta vida fue la luz del género humano; la luz brilla en las tinieblas, y las tinieblas no la han vencido. Juan 1:3-5

"Qué gran imagen para la meditación: "...la luz brilla en las tinieblas, y las tinieblas no la han vencido". Esta línea completa el enfoque único adoptado por el Evangelio de Juan para presentar a Jesús, el "Verbo" Eterno que existía desde el principio y por medio del cual surgieron todas las cosas. Aunque hay mucho que meditar en las cinco primeras líneas del Evangelio de Juan, consideremos la línea final sobre la luz y las tinieblas. En el mundo material, podemos aprender mucho sobre nuestro Señor Divino a partir del fenómeno físico de la luz y la oscuridad. Si consideramos brevemente la luz y las tinieblas desde la perspectiva de la física, sabremos que no se trata de dos fuerzas opuestas que luchan entre sí. Más bien, la oscuridad es simplemente la ausencia de luz. Donde no hay luz, hay oscuridad. Del mismo modo, el calor y el frío son iguales. →

El frío no es otra cosa que la ausencia de calor. Introduce calor y el frío desaparece. Estas leyes básicas del mundo físico también nos enseñan sobre el mundo espiritual. La oscuridad, o el mal, no es una fuerza poderosa que lucha contra Dios, sino la ausencia de Dios. Satanás y sus demonios no tratan de imponernos un oscuro poder del mal; más bien, buscan extinguir la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas consiguiendo que rechacemos a Dios a través de nuestras elecciones, dejándonos así en la oscuridad espiritual."

~LA BATALLA SE GANA FÁCILMENTE~

"Esta es una verdad espiritual muy significativa de entender, porque donde hay Luz espiritual, la Luz de la gracia de Dios, se disipa la oscuridad del mal. Esto se ve claramente en la línea "y las tinieblas no la han vencido". Vencer al maligno es tan fácil como invitar a la Luz de Cristo a nuestras vidas y no permitir que el miedo o el pecado nos aparten de la Luz. Reflexiona hoy sobre la verdadera batalla espiritual que tiene lugar cada día en tu alma. Pero reflexiona en la verdad de este pasaje del Evangelio. La batalla se gana fácilmente. Invita a Cristo la Luz, y Su Divina Presencia reemplazará rápida y fácilmente cualquier oscuridad interior".

Señor, Jesús, Tú eres la Luz que disipa todas las tinieblas. Tú eres la Palabra Eterna que responde a todas las preguntas de la vida. Te invito a entrar en mi vida este día para que Tu Divina Presencia me llene, me consuma y me lleve por el camino hacia las alegrías eternas. Jesús, confío en Ti. <https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2022/12/30/light-dispels-darkness-2/>

AGRADAR A DIOS

~EN EL MUNDO, NO DEL MUNDO~

[En nuestro deseo de ser agradables a Dios rezamos la siguiente Petición:] "Señor, ayúdame a agradarte en lo que pienso, digo y hago "...[¿Cómo lo hacemos? Primero, estando en el mundo pero no DEL Mundo]. "Profesamos en el Credo que Jesucristo bajó del cielo "por nosotros y por nuestra salvación". Esta verdad lo tiñe todo sobre el Salvador. Él viene al mundo sin ser del mundo. Su doctrina apela a nuestras más altas y nobles aspiraciones. Su camino, su estilo de vida, choca con el camino y el estilo de vida de los hijos de este mundo y por tanto, nunca está exenta de resistencia. →

En mis pensamientos más íntimos, en mis palabras y actos, ¿me esfuerzo por pertenecer a "lo que está en el cielo"?

~DECIR AMOROSAMENTE LA VERDAD~

"Decir amorosamente la verdad": Cuando amamos de verdad a alguien, le decimos la verdad sobre las cosas que realmente importan, incluso cuando la verdad pueda percibirse como inconveniente, dolorosa o exigente. Dios Hijo nos ama desde toda la eternidad. Su amor le obliga a decirnos la verdad sobre el Padre, que es un mensaje de misericordia y amor infinitos. Su amor le obliga a decirnos la verdad sobre nuestra relación con ese Padre misericordioso: cómo debe estar llena de gratitud y obediencia amorosa y desprovista de todo lo que pueda separarnos de Él. Para pertenecer a Jesús y a lo del cielo, debo esforzarme por abrir mi corazón y mi mente a su verdad, especialmente en aquellas áreas de mi vida en las que Él me pide cambio y conversión."

~BUSCANDO AGRADAR AL SEÑOR~

"Buscar agradar al Amado: **El amor transforma nuestras intenciones y deseos.** Cuando amamos a alguien, queremos agradecer a esa persona en todo. Jesús ama al Padre, y por eso hace lo que le agrada, aunque la voluntad del Padre lleve a Jesús a abrazar el sufrimiento, el rechazo y la muerte. Él soporta esta agonía para traernos el don de la resurrección y la vida eterna. Si amo a Cristo, necesariamente quiero hacer lo que le agrada. ¿Y qué es lo que agrada a Cristo? Mi fe, mi esperanza y mi amor; mi obediencia y mi humildad; así como mi servicio desinteresado a Él en aquellos que material, moral o espiritualmente necesitan de mi atención y apoyo". Steven Reilly, LC.



GLORIA DEL CUERPO RESUCITADO

~NUESTROS CUERPOS RESPLANDECERÁN~

"Aunque, al final de nuestra vida presente, este cuerpo nuestro regresará a la tierra de donde vino, por el poder de Dios, será traído de vuelta en el último día para reunirse con el alma. La naturaleza del hombre es un compuesto de cuerpo y alma, y habrá una cierta incompletud en su existencia, incluso en su →

beatitud celestial, hasta que se produzca la reunión definitiva. Sin embargo, será el estado de su alma el responsable de la gloria y el esplendor de su cuerpo resucitado; porque la belleza y la gloria del alma desbordan en el cuerpo... brillan a través del cuerpo. Por eso, aunque estamos obligados a cuidar adecuadamente nuestro cuerpo, es la vida de la gracia divina en el alma lo que debe ser nuestra principal preocupación. El cuidado apropiado del cuerpo requiere a veces negarle al cuerpo lo que busca; porque debido a un desequilibrio en nuestra naturaleza a causa del pecado original, el cuerpo a veces desea en exceso lo que es bueno, o incluso busca (como hizo Adán) el fruto prohibido que puede destruir la vida del alma. Cuidar el cuerpo y mimarlo son dos cosas muy distintas".

~UNA RECOMPENSA PARA EL JUSTO~

"Cuánto tiempo, esfuerzo y dinero se gastan en tratar de mejorar el atractivo del cuerpo humano, un atractivo que dura sólo un tiempo comparativamente corto. Al mismo tiempo, cuán poco se preocupan muchos por alcanzar un atractivo, una belleza y un esplendor que no costarán dinero y que durarán toda la eternidad. Puesto que el cuerpo glorificado es una recompensa para los justos, la belleza y el esplendor de sus cuerpos guardarán cierta proporción con sus méritos. Toda persona humana madura, pues, tiene a su disposición los medios para alcanzar esa belleza verdadera y eterna, la que conduce a una vida verdaderamente cristiana." Por el Padre Paul A. Duffner, O.P <http://www.rosary-center.org/1143n1.htm>

~CITA SANTA~

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