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## PASTORAL STAFF

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#### **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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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 School: www.steugenesch.org

#### **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 6 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 539-2772.

**Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament** is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass.

#### **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 is open Tues & Wed 9:30 – 2:30 Cathedral Books & Gifts Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30-4:30 & Sun 8:30–1:30, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: 542-0250

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 22, 2020

# PARISH CALENDAR

#### **SUNDAY MARCH 22**

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

#### MONDAY MARCH 23

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

#### **TUESDAY MARCH 24**

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am Latin Mass – Cathedral- 5:30 pm

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 25

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

#### **THURSDAY MARCH 26**

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

#### FRIDAY MARCH 27

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am Stations of the Cross – Cathedral 2:00pm & 6pm; 7:00pm (Spanish)

#### **SATURDAY MARCH 28**

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

# SCHOOL NEWS

#### ~SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN~

St. Eugene's Cathedral School is accepting applications for grade K – 8<sup>th</sup> for the 2020-2021 school year. We offer an excellent academic education with a challenging curriculum integrated with gospel values. For further information, please visit our website <u>www.steugenesch.org</u> or call the school office at 545-7252 to arrange a tour. St. Eugene's Preschool is accepting applications for three, four and five year olds. We offer an age appropriate balance of teacher directed and child initiated learning in a nurturing environment. For further information, please call Sharry Caesare, our preschool director, at 528-9133.

#### ~PARISH OFFICE ACCESS~

For all of us to remain safe during this time of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Parish Office is closed to walk-in traffic for the foreseeable future. If you need assistance or are in need of a priest, please call us at 542-6984, ext. 10. We continue to pray for the safety of all our parishioners.

#### Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

# For the Weeks of: 3/01/20Sunday Donations Received:\$ 12,733Collection Revenue Received for:<br/>Central & Eastern Europe\$ 2,853School Tuition Assistance\$ 3,036

#### ~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

The Gift Shop/Bookstore will be closed until April 1. Please check back with us at that time, as the closure may have to be extended depending on how current events unfold. For the month of April, all in-stock veils will be 25% off! We have a variety of veils from Spain, France, and the USA. According to "Veils by Lily: Wear a beautiful veil because God deserves the best. Beauty is from God! Just because it's beautiful doesn't mean it has to be expensive. Please stop in and see us when we re-open. 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.

#### ~ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY~

Your "fifth Sunday" donation to the Second Collection next weekend, March 28 & 29, for St. Vincent de Paul, gives them the ability to help those in need. SVDP clients can get food from our storage area once a month. SVDP gets the majority of food from the Food Bank at reduced prices; however, they often do not have everything needed, so they also buy from other sources. Whole chickens, toilet paper, pancake mix, soap and toothpaste are common purchases. The sleeping bag supply sold out this winter! SVDP clients vary in their income, from some to none. They are always

# **UPDATE YOUR RECORDS**

#### ~UPDATE YOUR RECORDS ~

Have you changed your address? Phone number? Email address? Have 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 at: <u>maria@steugenes.com</u>, or call her at 542-6984, ext. 10.

#### ~EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS~

Easter Flower Memorial envelopes are on the vestibule tables at both entrances of the church . Please legibly fill out the names of loved ones and return your envelopes to the collection plate or drop them off through the mail slot at the Parish Office by noon, **Tuesday, March 31**. Names received by the deadline will appear in the Easter bulletin. Names received after the deadline will be listed in subsequent bulletins.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	March 21
8:00 am	Eileen Carol, living
4:30 pm	Van Le Nguyen, deceased
6:30 pm	All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	March 22
7:30 am	Martha Keyes, deceased
9:00 am	George Schirle, deceased
10:30 am	People of St. Eugene's
12:00 pm	Deirdre McCormick, deceased
1:30 pm	Lisa Jak Gunning, living
5:30 pm	Rosario Jeri, living
Monday	March 23
6:45 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:00 am	Marcelo C. Marapao, deceased
Tuesday	March 24
6:45 am	Lisa Russell, living
8:00 am	George Skikos, deceased
5:30 pm (EF)	Lisa Tran, living
Wednesday	March 25
6:45 am	Manuel H. Ordonez, deceased
8:00 am	Respect for Life
9:20 am	Emily Bayardo, deceased
Thursday	March 26
6:45 am	People of St. Eugene's
8:00 am	Jack Bjornstrom, deceased
Friday	March 27
6:45 am	All Souls in Purgatory
8:00 am	Stephanie Buettner, deceased
12:00 pm (Hosp.)	Maria Hong Tran, deceased
Saturday	March 28
8:00 am	O/B Ngoai, deceased
4:30 pm	Meghan McCurry, living
6:30 pm (Sp)	Julio Cesar Peraza, deceased

# IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

#### ~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, Luigi Fabiano, Leo Del Santo, Daniel Velasquez, 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, Hike Kazarian, John Bugbee, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Joan Cosgrove, Paulita Castro and Tiffany Hutchinson.

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

# SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

#### ~COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS~

We are in the midst of a global pandemic which is causingday-to-day changes in our everyday lives and in the world. As we learn more about this virus, new restrictions and quarantines may be enacted. Please know that we are doing everything possible to keep everyone safe during this difficult time. Our bulletin is submitted to the publisher and printed about one week in advance of the weekend that you pick it up at church. This means that what you read here might not be current. Please pay close attention to Federal and State Authorities and their directives. As of now, anyone 65 years or older is asked to self-quarantine and those younger are asked to stay at home as much as possible.

#### ~MASS OF THE CHRISM~

Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the Diocesan and Religious priests of the Diocese, announces that the Mass of the Chrism will be held here at St. Eugene's Cathedral on Thursday, April 2, 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. **We will update you next weekend with any changes that may occur due to Coronavirus safety concerns.** 

#### ~SILENT LAY RETREAT~

Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, Order of Canons Regular of the Holy Cross, of Opus Sanctorum Angelorum, will be preaching a Silent Lay Retreat, along with Fr. John Bruhl, ORC. The retreat will be from June 4–7 at St. Clare's Retreat Center in Soquel, CA. It will run from Thursday evening to Sunday after lunch. Many of you may remember Fr. Wolfgang from his Mission given last year on the Holy Angels. Please join him for three days of lectures, Holy Mass, Adoration, spiritual direction and much more. Lecture topics include: Spiritual Combat; St. Michael the Archangel defend us in Battle; Lectio Divina; The Angels in Family Life and more. Cost for a single room is \$375 and \$310 for double occupancy. This includes 3 overnights, and 8 meals. Voluntary donations are also gratefully accepted. For registration info, go to: contact@opusangelorum.org. To reserve a spot, call 330-969-9900. For more information, contact Nicole Miranda at: jmjnmiranda@gmail.com

# SOCIAL ACTIVITY

#### ~ICF FUNDRAISER - CANCELLED~

The St. Eugene Branch of the Italian Catholic Federation is sad to announce that its "Festa de Pasqua," scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 18th, has been cancelled due to concerns about the Coronavirus. The ICF thanks all of you for your patience and understanding regarding this matter.

# **LIGHT & DARKNESS**

#### ~FROM THE PASTOR~

In our second reading today, we read: "Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." In our first selection below, we will read more about **Jesus, our Lamp**, and the **Church**, **our lampstand**. Also, in our Gospel reading from St. John, we see that Jesus smeared mud on the eyes of the blind man. How is this related to the Sacraments? We will explore this more! Also, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, many of us are feeling anxious and fearful. Please draw solace from the words of our great saints and from Holy Scripture on the next page.

# THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

#### ~JESUS OUR LAMP~

"The lamp that is set on the lamp-stand is the true light from the Father, the light that enlightens every man coming into the world, namely our Lord Jesus Christ. By becoming one of us and assuming our human nature he became and was called the lamp. This means that he is by nature the wisdom and word of God, the Father, which is faithfully and loyally preached in God's Church and which is raised up as a shining and resplendent light among the nations by a life of virtue led in accordance with the commandments, giving light to all who are in the house (by that I mean in this world). So the divine Word says somewhere: Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Clearly he is calling himself a lamp, for while he was God by nature he became a man according to God's plan of salvation."

#### ~HE DELIVERS US FROM DARKNESS~

"I think that in his wisdom the great David understood this when he called the Lord a lamp: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. For that is the sort of Saviour my Lord and God is, delivering men from the darkness of ignorance and sin, which is also why scripture calls him a lamp. Like a lamp he has dispelled the gloom of ignorance and the darkness of sin, and in this way he alone has become the path to salvation for all Father all those who are resolved to follow him, who is the way of righteousness, by keeping the divine commandments. The Holy Church he calls the lampstand, for through its preaching the word of God shines out on it and enlightens all that live in this world, as in a house, with the brightness of truth, filling the minds of all men with the knowledge of God.

#### ~THE CHURCH IS OUR LAMPSTAND~

The word will not suffer being kept under a bushel: it needs to be set on that great and beautiful lampstand that is the Church. For if the word is restricted by the letter of the law, like a light hidden under a bushel, it deprives all men of eternal light. It offers no spiritual vision to men striving to free themselves from the senses. For they recognize that these are misleading, capable only of error and able to grasp only what is of their own nature, that is to say subject to decay. But once the word is placed on the lamp-stand, that is the Church, where God receives true worship in spirit, then it will give light to all men."

#### ~DIVINE TEACHING~

"If the letter is not understood according to the spirit, then it can only be grasped with the senses, which means that what it has to say is restricted and the force of what is written is not allowed to sink into the mind. Therefore, let us not put the lamp (that is the enlightening word of knowledge) which we have lit by spiritual contemplation and action under a bushel. Let us not be guilty of restricting the incomprehensible force of wisdom by the letter. Let us put it on the lamp-stand (by that I mean the Church), where on the heights of true contemplation it may hold out the light of divine teaching to all Source: The Liturgy of the Hours - Office of Readmen." ings From the discourses addressed to Thalassius by Saint Maximus the Confessor

# THE SACRAMENTS

#### ~THE BLIND MAN~

"What a privilege for the blind man to have met Jesus and be healed by him. What a privilege for him to have Jesus touch his eyes and bring him sight. Yet, who would think that a paste of clay applied to one's eyes and then washing in the Pool of Siloam would restore the blind man's sight. (John 9:6-7) But Jesus worked through clay and water. Jesus used ordinary elements around us in nature to convey his healing power. Jesus gave the gift of sight by using matter. The blind man could feel the paste of clay on his eyes, he could feel Jesus touching his eyes, he could hear Jesus, he could feel the water washing off the clay. He could not see Jesus, but Jesus came to him through touch and hearing. In the first reading, God works in a similar way. Samuel, under instructions from God, anointed David with oil and when he did so the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. (1 Sam 16:12-13) In the first reading and Gospel, God's power and healing were conveyed through elements of nature applied to the body, were conveyed through matter."

#### ~A VISIBLE SIGN~

"When Jesus comes to us how does he come? Every time we receive the sacraments Jesus comes to us and there is a visible sign of Jesus coming to us invisibly through his sacrament. Just as the Holy Spirit came mightily upon David when he was anointed with oil by Samuel, and just as Jesus used the matter of clay and water for the healing of the blind man, Jesus comes to us in each sacrament when matter is used together with prayer and we call the prayer the "form." So the matter and form of every sacrament is the visible sign of Jesus coming to us invisibly but powerfully in the sacrament." Homily by Fr. Tommy Lane, Jesus Touches You When You Receive the Sacraments. For the complete homily, go to: http:// www.frtommylane.com/homilies/year\_a/lent4-2.htm

#### **WORDS OF WISDOM**

#### ~IN TIMES OF FEAR~

During this time of such great anxiety, the one thing that we should all do, is turn to God. He wants to give us comfort and solace. Below are selections from several of our great saints as well as from Holy Scripture.

#### ~ST. AUGUSTINE~

"Watch, O Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And all for love's sake."

#### ~ST. FRANCIS DE SALES~

"Anxiety is a temptation in itself and also the source from and by which other temptations come. Therefore, above all else, calm and compose your mind. Gently and quietly pursue your aim."

#### ~HOLY SCRIPTURE~

"Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." – Matthew 6:34

Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you." – 1 Peter 5:7

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." Psalm 56:3

#### ~SPIRITUAL COMMUNION~

If you are unable to attend Mass because of measures taken by your diocese to halt the spread of the coronavirus or are otherwise homebound, consider making an act of Spiritual Communion. Saints down through the ages have recommended this simple practice. "If we are deprived of Sacramental Communion, let us replace it, as far as we can, by spiritual communion, which we can make every moment; for we ought to have always a burning desire to receive the good God," said St. Jean-Marie Vianney. When we cannot go to the church, let us turn towards the tabernacle; no wall cannot separate us from the good God." St. Thomas Aquinas described Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him."

#### My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

# CATEDRAL DE ST. EUGENE'S - 22 de Marzo del 2020

# ORACION A SAN MIGUEL ARCANGEL

SAN MIGUEL ARCÁNGEL, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y asechanzas del demonio. Reprímele Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tu príncipe de la milicia celestial arroja al infierno con el divino poder a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo poro la perdición de

las almas. Amen.



# Nota:

Por recomendación de nuestro Obispo R. Vasa aprender de memoria esta oración y hacerla después de que termina la Santa Misa. (claro que usted puede rezarla lo mas seguido posible)

# CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES

Preparación Pre-Bautismal en Español, Para Padres y Padrinos. Cada Primer Jueves de cada mes en el Salón Parroquial (PLC) La próxima será: el 2 de Abrill a las 7:00pm.

# NO NIÑOS.

Antes de hacer preparativos tienen que hablar a la oficina mínimo 2 meses antes de la Ceremonia.

Si los padrinos son una pareja (matrimonio) necesitamos copia del certificado de Matrimonio a la Iglesia. (La Iglesia nos pide a una persona para que sea el padrino o madrina, no precisamente una pareja, siempre y cuando esta tenga la n que la Fe)



# CALENDARIO PARROQUIAL

Lunes -Legión de María: Nuestra Señora del Carmen Presídium PLC 5:00pm. Legión de María: Nuestra Señora de Fátima Presídium en el PLC 7:00pm. Cursillos: Ultreya PLC 7:00pm. Martes -Grupo de Oración Shalom en el salón del Brinker a las 7:00pm. Viernes -Armada Blanca 7:00pm. <u>Viacrucis</u> 7:00pm. En la Catedral Sábado -Confesiones de 3:00pm a 4:30pm Santo Rosario 6:00pm. Santa Misa 6:30pm. Confesiones des



TIENDA DE ARTICULOS RELIGIOSOS

~ TIENDA DE LIBROS Y REGALOS EN LA CATEDRAL ~

¡Durante la Cuaresma!

La Cuaresma es un tiempo de oración, reflexión y sacrificio para todos los católicos. Para apoyar su vida de oración en esta temporada de Cuaresma, todos nuestros libros devocionales (de oración) tienen un 25% de descuento durante el mes de marzo. La Cuaresma debe considerarse una oportunidad para realinearnos con Dios y buscar una relación renovada con Él. ¡Detente a vernos! ¡También tenemos muchos más recursos para la Cuaresma!

# ¡Por favor, visítenos!

El horario de la tienda es: Miércoles a Sábado de 8:30 a.m. a 4:30 p.m. y Domingos de 8:30 a.m. a 1:30 p.m.

Pregunte por ayuda en Español tenemos voluntarios que pueden contestar todas sus preguntas. Si hay algo que necesita y no lo tenemos, nosotros podemos ordenarlo por usted.

# Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Leamos con atención uno de los tratados de San Agustín, Obispo, sobre el evangelio de San Juan. El Señor dice: Yo soy la luz del mundo; el que me sigue no camina en tinieblas, sino que tendrá la luz de la vida. Esta breve sentencia contiene un mandato y una promesa. Cumplamos, pues, lo que nos manda, y así tendremos derecho a esperar lo que nos promete. No sea que nos diga el día del juicio: «¿Ya hiciste lo que te mandaba, pues que esperas alcanzar lo que prometí?» «¿Qué es lo que mandaste, Señor, Dios nuestro?» Te dice: «Que me siguieras.» Has pedido un consejo de vida. ¿Y de qué vida sino de aquella acerca de la cual está escrito: En ti está la fuente viva? Por consiguiente, ahora que es tiempo, sigamos al Señor; deshagámonos de las amarras que nos impiden seguirlo. Pero nadie es capaz de soltar estas amarras sin la ayuda de aquel de quien dice el salmo: Rompiste mis cadenas. Y como dice también otro salmo: El Señor liberta a los cautivos, el Señor endereza a los que ya se doblan. Y nosotros, una vez libertados y enderezados, podemos seguir aquella luz de la que afirma: Yo soy la luz del mundo; el que me sigue no camina en tinieblas, sino que tendrá la luz de la vida. Porque el Señor abre los ojos al ciego. Nuestros ojos, hermanos, son ahora iluminados por el colirio de la fe. Para iluminar al ciego de nacimiento, primero le untó los ojos con tierra mezclada con saliva. También nosotros somos ciegos desde nuestro nacimiento de Adán, y tenemos necesidad de que él nos ilumine. Mezcló saliva con tierra. La Palabra se hizo carne y puso su morada entre nosotros. Mezcló saliva con tierra; por eso estaba escrito: La verdad brota de la tierra; y él mismo dijo: Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Disfrutaremos de la posesión de la verdad cuando lo veamos cara a cara, ya que también esto se nos ha prometido. Pues, ¿cómo nos atreveríamos a esperar lo que Dios no se hubiera dignado prometernos o darnos? Veremos cara a cara, como dice el Apóstol: Al presente conozco imperfectamente, como en un espejo y borrosamente; entonces lo veremos cara a cara. Y el apóstol Juan dice en su carta: Queridos hermanos, ahora somos hijos de Dios y aún no se ha manifestado lo que seremos. Sabemos que, cuando se manifieste, seremos semejantes a él, porque lo veremos tal cual es. Se trata, en verdad, de una gran promesa; si lo amas, síguelo. «Lo amo -me respondes-, mas, ¿por dónde he de seguirlo?» Si el Señor, tu Dios, te hubiese dicho: «Yo soy la verdad y la vida», tú, deseoso de esta verdad y de esta vida, tendrías razón de decirte a ti mismo: «Gran cosa es la verdad, gran cosa es la vida; ¡si hubiese un camino para llegar a ellas!» ¿Preguntas cuál es el camino? Fíjate que el Señor dice en primer lugar: Yo soy el camino. Antes de decirte a donde, te indica por donde: Yo soy -dice- el camino. ¿El camino hacia dónde? La verdad y la vida. Primero dice por donde has de ir, luego a donde has de ir. Yo soy el camino, yo soy la verdad, yo soy la vida. Permaneciendo junto al Padre, es verdad y vida; haciéndose hombre, se hizo camino. No se te dice: «Esfuérzate en hallar el camino, para que puedas llegar a la verdad y a la vida»; no, ciertamente. ¡Levántate, perezoso! El camino en persona vino a ti, te despertó del sueño, si es que ha llegado a despertarte; levántate, pues, y camina. Quizá te esfuerzas en caminar y no puedes, porque te duelen los pies. ¿Por qué te duelen? ¿No será porque, movidos por la avaricia, han recorrido lugares escabrosos? Pero aquel que es la Palabra de Dios curó también a los cojos. «Resulta -dirás- que tengo sanos los pies, pero no acierto a ver el camino.» Piensa entonces que también abrió los ojos al ciego.