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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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – APRIL 2, 2023

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY APRIL 2

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 pm

MONDAY APRIL 3

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

TUESDAY APRIL 4

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 APRIL 5

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

THURSDAY APRIL 6

Parish Office Closed for HOLY THURSDAY
Morning Prayer (Lauds) - Cathedral – 8:00 am
Mass of the Lord's Supper – Cathedral – 7:00 pm;
Spanish Mass – Becker Ctr. – 7:30 pm
Night Prayer (Compline) – Cathedral – 11:30 pm
Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

FRIDAY APRIL 7

****Day of Fast and Abstinence****

Parish Office closed for GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer (Lauds) - Cathedral – 8:00 am
Good Friday Devotions – Cathedral – 12:30 pm ;
Via Crucis (Spanish) - Becker Ctr. – 1:00 pm;
3:00 pm Service (Latin-1962 Missal)
7:00 pm Service (English/Bishop Vasa);
7:30 pm Service (Spanish) - Becker Center

SATURDAY APRIL 8

****Day of Fast and Abstinence until sundown****

Tenebrae-Cathedral-6:00 am

Morning Prayer (Lauds) - Cathedral – 8:00 am

No Confessions scheduled

No 4:30 or 6:30 pm Masses on this day

Easter Vigil Mass w/Bishop Vasa – Cathedral – 8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9

Masses: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am w/Bishop Vasa, 12:00 pm, 1:30 pm (Latin). **There will be no ENGLISH Mass at 5:30 pm; Spanish Mass: 5:30 pm.**

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of 03/19/23

Sunday Donations Received:	\$12,750.
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Second Collection: <i>Religious Education</i>	\$2,639.
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~ CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

April is the month of the Holy Spirit. Dig into God's Word! Let your children know that as a Christian, God has a unique plan for their lives Beginning this Saturday, April 1, all children's items (books, stickers, coloring books) are 25% off! Now is the best time to teach your children and grandchildren about being Catholic, what it means to listen to the Holy Spirit, and how God loves all children, born and unborn. Help your children (or grandchildren) grow in their faith and save 25% at the same time! **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:** Open as normal on Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Good Friday: open from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM. **CLOSED ON HOLY SATURDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY.** 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.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

~ KNIGHTS FUNDRAISER~

The Knights of Columbus will be having a "Bratts and Burger" BBQ on Sunday, April 16. Food will be served from 10am to noon outside the PLC. All donations collected will be given towards the new Cathedral Roof Fund.

SECOND COLLECTION

~ NO SECOND COLLECTION~

There will be no Second Collection this weekend, April 1 & 2. However, **we will be taking up a collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land.** Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection. Thank you for your generosity!

~ PARISH PENANCE SERVICE~

Please come to the Cathedral this Wednesday, April 5, at 7:00 pm, for individual Confessions to be heard. If you have not yet done so, this would be your last opportunity to complete an important part of your Easter duty. **Please note that we will not have Confession time scheduled on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 1
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	Charles Forkner, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Gonzalez & Gutierrez Families and all descendants, living & deceased
Sunday	April 2
7:30 am	Clarita Fantone, deceased
9:00 am	People of St. Eugene's
10:30 am	People of the Diocese
12:00 pm	Deirdre McCormick, deceased
1:30 pm (EF)	Julian Villarreal Navarro, deceased
5:30 pm	April Harrington, living
6:00pm Newman Ctr.	Valerie, Will & Patrick T. McGuire, living
Monday	April 3
6:45 am	Fr. Alan Acevedo, living
8:00 am	Julian Villarreal Navarro, deceased
Tuesday	April 4
6:45 am	Christopher, Preetha & Anthony Conley, living
8:00 am	Jesus Garibay, Jr., living
5:30 pm (EF)	Lisa Tran, living
Wednesday	April 5
6:45 am	John J. Haberkorn & Family, deceased
8:00 am	Leo Pimentel, deceased
9:20 am (Sch)	Jamie King, living
Thursday	April 6
6:45 am	N/A (No morning Mass on this day.)
8:00 am	N/A (No Mass) Morning Prayer Only
7:00 pm	Bishop's Intention
7:30 pm (Sp. Becker)	Priest's Intention
Friday	April 7
6:45 am	N/A (No morning Mass on this day.)
8:00 am	N/A (No Mass) – Morning Prayer
3:00 pm	Traditional Latin Liturgy
7:00 pm	English Liturgy with Bishop Vasa
7:30 pm	Spanish Liturgy in Becker Center
Saturday	April 8
6:00 am	TENEBRAE
8:00 am	N/A No Mass – Morning Prayer
8:00 pm (Easter Vigil)	Bishop's Intention

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES~

You may have noticed that Good Friday has several scheduled liturgies. Please read the following so that you may choose the one you would like to attend.

12:30 pm – Good Friday Devotions: Dn. Russ Bowden will preside. The devotions are as follows: Stations of the Cross, The Seven Last Words and Recitation of Day 1 of the Divine Mercy Novena.

1:00 pm (Spanish) – Via Crucis in the Msgr. Becker Center.

3:00 pm Good Friday Service (Latin/Extraordinary Form): Fr. Jeffrey Keyes will preside over this Traditional Good Friday Service as per the 1962 Missal.

7:00 pm Good Friday Service (English/Ordinary Form): Bishop Vasa will preside. "The Passion of the Lord" - we begin with the Liturgy of the Word, followed by the Adoration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion.

7:30 p.m. Liturgia en Español - Msgr. Becker Center.

~ROSARY PROCESSION~

Join us for a 30-minute candlelight Rosary Procession around the St. Eugene Church/School campus. We will meet at the Fatima Grotto at 6:00 pm on Good Friday, April 7th. This procession is referred to as "Walking Mary Home," for by doing this walk, we are honoring the pain and sorrow that Our Lady felt as she left her Son's tomb and began the long walk home.

~TENEBRAE~

Join us on **Holy Saturday Morning at 6:00 a.m.** in the Cathedral for Tenebrae. Tenebrae, Latin for 'darkness', is an ancient prayer of the Church offered in the darkness of early morning. The meaning of the ceremony helps us understand that the glory of the Son of God was obscured and, so to say, eclipsed, by the ignominies He endured during His Passion.

~ADORATION CHAPEL~

The Adoration Chapel will be closed from 6:00 pm on Holy Thursday until 7:00 am Easter Sunday.

~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, Denise Ealy, Becky Harber, Ernest Lanford, Daniel Bruce Moore, Megan Ingrassia and Art Haake.

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

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

HOLY WEEK

~FROM THE PASTOR~

Today is Palm Sunday, a day of triumph for the Lord but just a few short days away from a complete turnabout whereby the crowd would be screaming for Jesus's blood. Thus, I would like to look at two topics today that are less than a week away: the Last Supper and the Agony in the Garden, as seen by Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich. Let's look at an excerpt from the book, *The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*, and meditate on the picture that is painted of the Last Supper and the Passion. (The Church holds that private revelations such as these, are never binding on Catholics and do not add to the Deposit of Faith.)

THE LAST SUPPER & PASSION

~THE LAST SUPPER~

"Jesus and his disciples ate the Paschal Lamb in the supper-room. Three lambs were immolated for them in the Temple, but there was a fourth lamb which was immolated in the supper-room, and was the one eaten by Jesus with his Apostles. Judas was not aware of this circumstance, because being engaged in plotting his betrayal of our Lord, he only returned a few moments before the repast, and after the immolation of the lamb had taken place. Most touching was the scene of the immolation of the lamb to be eaten by Jesus and his Apostles; it took place in the vestibule of the supper-room. The Apostles and disciples were present, singing the 118th Psalm. Jesus spoke of a new period then beginning, and said that the sacrifice of Moses and the figure of the Paschal Lamb were about to receive their accomplishment, but that on this very account, the lamb was to be immolated in the same manner as formerly in Egypt, and that they were really about to go forth from the house of bondage."

~THE PRIESTHOOD~

"Jesus gave his Apostles some private instructions; he told them how they were to preserve the Blessed Sacrament in memory of him, even to the end of the world; he taught them the necessary forms for

Forms for making use of and communicating it, and in what manner they were, by degrees, to teach and publish this mystery; finally he told them when they were to receive what remained of the consecrated Elements when to give some to the Blessed Virgin, and how to consecrate, themselves, after he should have sent them the Divine Comforter. He then spoke concerning the priesthood, the sacred unction, and the preparation of the Chrism and Holy Oils.* He had there three boxes, two of which contained a mixture of oil and balm. He taught them how to make this mixture, what parts of the body were to be anointed with them, and upon what occasions."

~GETHSEMENE~

"It was about nine o'clock when Jesus reached Gethsemani with his disciples. The moon had risen, and already gave light in the sky, although the earth was still dark. Jesus was most sorrowful, and told his Apostles that danger was at hand. The disciples felt uneasy, and he told eight of those who were following him, to remain in the Garden of Gethsemani whilst he went on to pray. He took with him Peter, James, and John, and going on a little further, entered into the Garden of Olives. No words can describe the sorrow which then oppressed his soul, for the time of trial was near. John asked him how it was that he, who had hitherto always consoled them, could now be so dejected? *'My soul is sorrowful even unto death,'* was his reply. And he beheld sufferings and temptations surrounding him on all sides, and drawing nearer and nearer, under the forms of frightful figures borne on clouds. Then it was that he said to the three Apostles: *'Stay you here and watch with me. Pray, lest ye enter into temptation.'* Jesus went a few steps to the left, down a hill, and concealed himself beneath a rock, in a grotto about six feet deep, while the Apostles remained in a species of hollow above. The earth sank gradually the further you entered this grotto.



~SORROW & ANGUISH~

“His sorrow and anguish of soul continued to increase, and he was trembling all over when he entered the grotto to pray, like a way-worn traveler hurriedly seeking shelter from a sudden storm, but the awful visions pursued him even there, and became more and more clear and distinct. Alas! this small cavern appeared to contain the awful picture of all the sins which had been or were to be committed from the fall of Adam to the end of the world, and of the punishment which they deserved. It was here, on Mount Olivet, that Adam and Eve took refuge when driven out of Paradise to wander homeless on earth, and they had wept and bewailed themselves in this very grotto.”

~ALL THE SINS OF THE WORLD~

“He fell on his face, overwhelmed with unspeakable sorrow, and all the sins of the world displayed themselves before him, under countless forms and in all their real deformity. He took them all upon himself, and in his prayer offered his own adorable Person to the justice of his Heavenly Father, in payment for so awful a debt. But Satan, who was enthroned amid all these horrors, and even filled with diabolical joy at the sight of them, let loose his fury against Jesus, and displayed before the eyes of his soul increasingly awful visions, at the same time addressing his adorable humanity in words such as these: ‘Takest thou even this sin upon thyself? Art thou willing to bear its penalty? Art thou prepared to satisfy for all these sins?’

~PROCESSION OF ANGELS~

“And now a long ray of light, like a luminous path in the air, descended from Heaven; it was a procession of angels who came up to Jesus and strengthened and reinvigorated him. The remainder of the grotto was filled with frightful visions of our crimes; Jesus took them all upon himself, but that adorable Heart, which was so filled with the most perfect love for God and man, was flooded with anguish, and overwhelmed beneath the weight of so many abominable crimes. When this huge mass of iniquities, like the waves of a fathomless ocean, had passed over his soul, Satan brought forward innumerable temptations, as he had formerly done in the desert, even daring to adduce various accusations against him. ‘And takest thou all these things upon thyself,’ he exclaimed, ‘thou who art not unspotted thyself?’ “

Then he laid to the charge of our Lord, with infernal impudence, a host of imaginary crimes. He reproached him with the faults of his disciples, the scandals which they had caused, and the disturbances which he had occasioned in the world by giving up ancient customs. No Pharisee, however wily and severe, could have surpassed Satan on this occasion; he reproached Jesus with having been the cause of the massacre of the Innocents, as well as of the sufferings of his parents in Egypt, with not having saved John the Baptist from death, with having brought disunion into families, protected men of despicable character, refused to cure various sick persons, injured the inhabitants of Gergesa by permitting men possessed by the devil to overturn their vats,* and demons to make swine cast themselves into the sea; with having deserted his family, and squandered the property of others; in one word Satan, in the hopes of causing Jesus to waver, suggested to him every thought by which he would have tempted at the hour of death an ordinary mortal who might have performed all these actions without a superhuman intention; for it was hidden from him that Jesus was the Son of God, and he tempted him only as the most just of men.

~DIVINE CONSOLATION~

“All this was more an inward perception than a vision under distinct forms, and it appeared to me that the Divine Will of our Lord withdrew in some sort into the Eternal Father, in order to permit all those sufferings which his human will besought his Father to spare him, to weigh upon his humanity alone. I saw this at the time when the angels, filled with compassion, were desiring to console Jesus, who, in fact, was slightly relieved at that moment. Then all disappeared, and the angels retired from our Lord.”

~SEEING THE FUTURE~

“The scandals of all ages, down to the present day and even to the end of the world—every species of error, deception, mad fanaticism, obstinacy, and malice—were displayed before his eyes, and he beheld, as it were floating before him, all the apostates, heresiarchs, and pretended reformers, who deceive men by an appearance of sanctity. The corrupters and the corrupted of all ages outraged and tormented him for not having been crucified after their fashion, or for not having suffered precisely as they settled or imagined he should have done.” Excerpted from: http://www.jesus-passion.com/THE_PASSION.htm#CHAPTER%20I

MI FE CATOLICA

SEMANA SANTA

~DEL PASTOR~

Hoy es Domingo de Ramos, un día de triunfo para el Señor, pero a pocos días de un giro completo en el que la multitud gritaría pidiendo la sangre de Jesús. Por eso, hoy quiero detenerme en dos temas que están a menos de una semana: la Última Cena y la Agonía en el Huerto, vistas por la Beata Ana Catalina Emmerich. Veamos un fragmento del libro La dolorosa Pasión de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, y meditemos sobre el cuadro que se pinta de la Última Cena y de la Pasión. (La Iglesia sostiene que revelaciones privadas como éstas, nunca son vinculantes para los católicos y no añaden nada al Depósito de la Fe).

LA ÚLTIMA CENA Y LA PASIÓN

~LA ÚLTIMA CENA~

"Jesús y sus discípulos comieron el Cordero Pascual en la sala de la cena. Tres corderos fueron inmolados para ellos en el Templo, pero había un cuarto cordero que fue inmolado en la sala de la cena, y fue el que comió Jesús con sus Apóstoles. Judas no se dio cuenta de esta circunstancia, porque, ocupado en tramar su traición a Nuestro Señor, sólo regresó unos momentos antes del banquete y después de que se hubiera inmolado el cordero. Muy conmovedora fue la escena de la inmolación del cordero que iban a comer Jesús y sus Apóstoles; tuvo lugar en el vestíbulo de la sala de la cena. Los Apóstoles y los discípulos estaban presentes, cantando el Salmo 118. Jesús habló de un nuevo período que comenzaba entonces, y dijo que el sacrificio de Moisés y la figura del Cordero Pascual estaban a punto de recibir su cumplimiento, pero que por esta misma razón, el cordero debía ser inmolado de la misma manera que antes en Egipto, y que ellos estaban realmente a punto de salir de la casa de servidumbre."

~EL SACERDOCIO~

"Jesús dio a sus Apóstoles algunas instrucciones privadas; les dijo cómo debían conservar el Santísimo Sacramento en memoria suya, hasta el fin del mundo; les enseñó las formas necesarias para utilizarlo y comunicarlo,

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Por último, les dijo cuándo debían recibir lo que quedaba de los Elementos consagrados, cuándo debían dar algo a la Santísima Virgen, y cómo consagrarse ellos mismos, después de que les hubiera enviado el Divino Consolador. Luego habló del sacerdocio, de la sagrada unción y de la preparación del Crisma y de los Santos Óleos.* Tenía allí tres cajas, dos de las cuales contenían una mezcla de aceite y bálsamo. Les enseñó cómo hacer esta mezcla, qué partes del cuerpo debían ungiarse con ellos y en qué ocasiones."

~GETSEMANÍ~

"Eran cerca de las nueve cuando Jesús llegó a Getsemaní con sus discípulos. La luna había salido, y ya daba luz en el cielo, aunque la tierra estaba todavía oscura. Jesús estaba muy afligido, y dijo a sus Apóstoles que se acercaba el peligro. Los discípulos se sintieron inquietos, y él dijo a ocho de los que le seguían que se quedaran en el huerto de Getsemaní mientras él iba a orar. Tomó consigo a Pedro, Santiago y Juan, y yendo un poco más lejos, entró en el Huerto de los Olivos. No hay palabras para describir el dolor que entonces oprimía su alma, pues se acercaba la hora de la prueba. Juan le preguntó cómo era que él, que hasta entonces siempre los había consolado, podía ahora estar tan abatido? '*Mi alma está triste hasta la muerte*', fue su respuesta. Y vio que los sufrimientos y las tentaciones lo rodeaban por todas partes, y se acercaban cada vez más, bajo la forma de espantosas figuras llevadas sobre las nubes. Entonces dijo a los tres Apóstoles: '*Quédense aquí y velar conmigo. Orar, para que no entren en tentación*'. Jesús se dirigió unos pasos hacia la izquierda, bajando una colina, y se ocultó bajo una roca, en una gruta de unos seis pies de profundidad, mientras los Apóstoles permanecían en una especie de hueco en la parte de arriba. La tierra se hundía gradualmente cuanto más se entraba en esta gruta.



~TRISTEZA Y ANGUSTIA~

"El dolor y la angustia de su alma no cesaban de aumentar, y cuando entró en la gruta para orar, temblaba por todo el cuerpo, como un viajero cansado que se apresura a buscar refugio de una tormenta repentina, pero las terribles visiones le perseguían incluso allí, y se hacían cada vez más claras y nítidas. Esta pequeña caverna parecía contener la horrible imagen de todos los pecados que se habían cometido o se cometerían desde la caída de Adán hasta el fin del mundo, y del castigo que merecían. Fue aquí, en el Monte de los Olivos, donde Adán y Eva se refugiaron cuando fueron expulsados del Paraíso para vagar sin hogar por la tierra, y habían llorado y se habían lamentado en esta misma gruta".

~TODOS LOS PECADOS DEL MUNDO~

"Cayó sobre su rostro, abrumado por un dolor indecible, y todos los pecados del mundo se desplegaron ante él, bajo innumerables formas y en toda su deformidad real. Los tomó todos sobre sí, y en su oración ofreció su propia Persona adorable a la justicia de su Padre Celestial, en pago de tan horrible deuda. Pero Satanás, que estaba entronizado en medio de todos estos horrores, e incluso lleno de diabólico gozo a la vista de ellos, desató su furia contra Jesús, y desplegó ante los ojos de su alma visiones cada vez más espantosas, dirigiéndose al mismo tiempo a su adorable humanidad con palabras como éstas: '¿Aceptas este pecado? ¿Estás dispuesto a soportar su castigo? ¿Estás dispuesto a satisfacer por todos estos pecados?'

~PROCESIÓN DE LOS ÁNGELES~

"Y ahora un largo rayo de luz, como un sendero luminoso en el aire, descendió del Cielo; era una procesión de ángeles que se acercaron a Jesús y lo fortalecieron y revigorizaron. El resto de la gruta se llenó de espantosas visiones de nuestros crímenes; Jesús los cargó todos sobre sí, pero aquel Corazón adorable, tan lleno del más perfecto amor a Dios y a los hombres, estaba inundado de angustia y abrumado bajo el peso de tantos crímenes abominables. Cuando esta enorme masa de iniquidades, como las olas de un océano insondable, hubo pasado sobre su alma, Satanás presentó innumerables tentaciones, como había hecho antes en el desierto, atreviéndose incluso a aducir varias acusaciones contra él. Y exclamó: "¿Y tú, que no te has manchado a ti mismo, tomas todas estas cosas sobre ti? " Luego acusó a nuestro Señor, con una insolencia infernal, →

de una serie de crímenes imaginarios. Le reprochó las faltas de sus discípulos, los escándalos que habían provocado y los desórdenes que había causado en el mundo al abandonar las antiguas costumbres. Ningún fariseo, por astuto y severo que fuera, habría podido superar a Satanás en esta ocasión; reprochó a Jesús haber sido la causa de la matanza de los Inocentes, así como de los sufrimientos de sus padres en Egipto, no haber salvado de la muerte a Juan el Bautista, haber traído la desunión a las familias, protegido a hombres de carácter despreciable, haberse negado a curar a varios enfermos, haber perjudicado a los habitantes de Gergesa permitiendo que hombres poseídos por el demonio volcaran sus tinajas,* y que los demonios hicieran que los cerdos se arrojaran al mar; con haber abandonado a su familia y dilapidado los bienes ajenos; en una palabra, Satanás, con la esperanza de hacer vacilar a Jesús, le sugirió todos los pensamientos con los que habría tentado a la hora de la muerte a un mortal ordinario que hubiera podido realizar todas estas acciones sin una intención sobrehumana; pues le estaba oculto que Jesús era el Hijo de Dios, y sólo lo tentó como al más justo de los hombres.

~CONSUELO DIVINO~

"Todo esto fue más una percepción interior que una visión bajo formas distintas, y me pareció que la Divina Voluntad de nuestro Señor se retiró en cierto modo al Padre Eterno, para permitir que todos aquellos sufrimientos que su voluntad humana supplicaba a su Padre que le ahorrara, pesaran sólo sobre su humanidad. Vi esto en el momento en que los ángeles, llenos de compasión, deseaban consolar a Jesús, que, de hecho, se sintió ligeramente aliviado en ese momento. Entonces todo desapareció, y los ángeles se retiraron de nuestro Señor".

~VIENDO EL FUTURO~

"Los escándalos de todas las épocas, hasta el día de hoy e incluso hasta el fin del mundo -todas las especies de error, engaño, loco fanatismo, obstinación y malicia- se desplegaron ante sus ojos, y contempló, como flotando ante él, a todos los apóstatas, herejes y pretendidos reformadores, que engañan a los hombres con una apariencia de santidad. Los corruptores y los corrompidos de todas las épocas lo ultrajaban y atormentaban por no haber sido crucificado a su manera, o por no haber sufrido precisamente como ellos establecían o imaginaban que debía haber sufrido."

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