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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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – MAY 21, 2023

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY MAY 21

Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon,
1:30 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm
Coffee Social – PLC – 8:00 am – 12:00 noon
Vespers & Benediction – Cathedral – 4:00 pm

MONDAY MAY 22

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

TUESDAY MAY 23

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 MAY 24

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

THURSDAY MAY 25

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

FRIDAY MAY 26

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

SATURDAY MAY 27

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

~PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION~

Register your child now for the Parish School of Religion (PSR) 2023-2024 school year! The Parish School of Religion partners with the Cathedral of St. Eugene families to bring the youth of the parish to Christ through authentic catechesis in the Beauty, Goodness, and Truth of the Catholic Faith. We offer: Ongoing Catholic formation for students 1st grade through high school; preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confession, 1st Communion & Confirmation; dedicated teaching by the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa & lay catechists.

Where: St. Eugene's School **When:** Tuesdays from 3:45 - 5:00pm; September through May. Pick up registration forms in the vestibules, at the parish office, or register online at our parish website (www.steugenes.com). ***Last day to register is Monday, July 31st.*** Contact Sr. Mary Emmanuel, MSSR with any questions at 707-326-3408 or srmariyemmanuel2@gmail.com

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of: 5/07/23

Sunday Donations Received:	\$14,010.
Second Collection: <i>Tuition Assistance Program</i>	\$2,411.

~ CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS ~

May is the month of Mary, so our Special is 25% off all statues, pictures, and books of the Blessed Mother. (Sorry, no rosaries are included in this special of the month!) Stop in our store and get great deals! Important notice: We are looking for a few volunteers with retail experience, who are customer-service oriented, self-starters (but willing to take direction) and able to work a minimum of 4 hours/week on Thursdays and Fridays. Interested? Stop in the bookstore and talk with our Manager, Mary or Assistant Manager, Nancy. 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: 707-542-0250.*

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 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". For those who would like to tour the school, please come to the school office at 9:00 am on May 12th.

~VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS~

As we have done in years past, we are hoping to once again have a Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the Parish children which would run for one week in late July. To accomplish this, we will need volunteers to help us with Bible Classes & various Bible centered games and crafts. Adults and teens welcome to help! Call Anna for more info at: (707) 539-5185. More updates, soon!

~CATHEDRAL ROOF UPDATE ~

Beginning on May 22, the new roof will be installed. **As of this day, the small parking lot by the Adoration Chapel will be closed until the work is complete, so please park in the main lot.** Crews will not be working during daily morning masses or on weekends, but the closure above will remain in effect until work is finished.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 20
8:00 am	Fabiano Monterroso, living
4:30 pm	Patrick Grace, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Francisco Paniagua & Eleno Aguilera Castro, deceased
Sunday	May 21
7:30 am	Katherine Silveira, deceased
9:00 am	People of St. Eugene's
10:30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:00 pm	Deirdre & Martin Brian McCormick, deceased
1:30 pm (EF)	Abaca-Ortiz Family, living & deceased
5:30 pm	Stanley Wynn Hayes, deceased
6:00pm Newman Ctr.	Jensen & Gerber Families, living & deceased
Monday	May 22
6:45 am	Legion of Mary Members, living & deceased
8:00 am	Lisa Tran, living
Tuesday	May 23
6:45 am	Graciela Alvarez, deceased
8:00 am	Nita Ricotta, deceased
5:30 pm (EF)	Mary Tran, living
Wednesday	May 24
6:45 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:00 am	George Skikos, deceased
9:20 am (Sch)	Ramona Gomez Arroyo, deceased
Thursday	May 25
6:45 am	Patrick Figari, deceased
8:00 am	Bill Ruhl, deceased
Friday	May 26
6:45 am	Angel Stamoulis, living
8:00 am	Richard Silveira, deceased
12:00 pm (Hosp)	Peter Tran, living
Saturday	May 27
8:00 am	Reilly Family, living & deceased
4:30 pm	Thomas Patrick, deceased
6:30 (Sp)	Familia Avila Ocana, living

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

~NFP CLASSES~

The next series of Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes will begin Saturday, **May 27, 2023 from 1-3pm**. All engaged and married couples are invited. To register, go to: <http://www.ccli.org>. Questions? Call Annette at (707)542-3635.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~VESPERS & BENEDICTION~

Please join us this Sunday, May 21, at 4:00 pm, in the Cathedral, for Vespers & Benediction. Light refreshments will be offered in the Parish Life Center afterward. For more details go to: www.soldiersofchrist.info and click the "Vespers and Benediction" link.

~UPCOMING ORDINATION~

On Friday, June 9, at 6:00 pm, Bishop Robert F. Vasa will ordain Seminarians Christopher Girolo and Mauricio Rodriguez to the Transitional Diaconate at the Cathedral. Men who are to be ordained priests are ordained deacons prior to priesthood. These men are referred to as "transitional" deacons, because they are in the process of transition to the priesthood. All are invited to attend Holy Mass for this joyous occasion followed by light refreshments in the Parish Life Center.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

~ST. BONA OF PISA PILGRIMAGE~

On May 25th, join the St. Bona of Pisa pilgrimage after the 8:00am Mass at St. Eugene's and walk 11 miles to St. Sebastian's (eta 2:30p). We pause for prayer, history lessons, and reflection as we honor the Patron of Pilgrimage. For more information, contact Stephen Morris via email dsryouth@srdiocese.org

~CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION~

Celebrate Corpus Christi, June 8th, starting with 5:00pm Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church. After Mass, follow the Eucharistic Procession through Santa Rosa to St. Eugene's Cathedral. No registration needed. For more info or to volunteer, please contact Stephen Morris at: dsryouth@srdiocese.org

SECOND COLLECTION

~NO SECOND COLLECTION~

This weekend, May 20 & 21 there will be no Second Collection. Next weekend, May 27 & 28, the Second Collection will be for our Tuition Assistance Program.

~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 submission deadline is Thursday @ 3:00pm for the Sunday after next bulletin. *We reserve the right to edit or omit items.*

*Happy Belated Mother's Day to all of our Mothers!
We honor these mothers, living & deceased.*

<i>Anna Aviles</i>	<i>Nemensia Aviles</i>	<i>Ana Rosa Aviles</i>	<i>Annie McShane</i>	<i>Estelle Buckley</i>
<i>Josphine Kelly</i>	<i>Graciela Vigil</i>	<i>Lucille Mullaney</i>	<i>Anne Brown</i>	<i>Kathryn Stewart</i>
<i>Marta Anguiano</i>	<i>Rebecca Worsham</i>	<i>Sarah Schonfeld</i>	<i>Becky Harber</i>	<i>Elizabeth Gill</i>
<i>Socoro Avila</i>	<i>Teresa Pham</i>	<i>Maria Nguyen</i>	<i>Lorraine Dolan</i>	<i>Nancy Weimer</i>
<i>Adriana de Aguilar</i>	<i>Juana de la Cruz Garcia</i>	<i>Catalina Miranda</i>	<i>Felicitas Bahena</i>	<i>JosephineWise</i>
<i>Ader Wise</i>	<i>Bougarville Toloï</i>	<i>Unaisi Bibi</i>	<i>Ernesto Manuyag</i>	<i>Irene Catenacci</i>
<i>Annette Ferrari</i>	<i>JuneCurleni</i>	<i>Ethel Casey</i>	<i>Esther Saubert</i>	<i>Maria McCall</i>

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

~FROM THE PASTOR~

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. "...by the Ascension, Christ 1) completes his atoning work, 2) allows the saints to enter heaven and 3) anticipates his second coming. For us, this means peace with God, an ultimate refuge from the evils and vicissitudes of this life, and confidence that Our Lord is Lord over all. In a year of uncertainty, chaos and violence, the Ascension of Christ can shape our hope that we do not belong to this world but even now, by his grace, we "sit with him in the heavenly places" (Eph 2:6)."* As Our Lord ascended to heaven, He promised us that **He will return on the Last Day**. Therefore, I'd like to concentrate today on the return of the Lord at the end of time. There are often many errors taught by Protestants on this topic, so I'd like to share with you an article regarding the Catholic view of the End Times. Also, in addition to this, I'd like to devote some space to Padre Pio, who was born 136 years ago this Thursday (May 25, 1887). Let us learn a bit more about some of the miracles that he performed, for we live in a day and age that often doesn't believe in the existence of such things. Enjoy!

*<https://www.catholicerald.com/article/columns/what-is-the-significance-of-the-ascension/>

THE END TIMES

~END OF THE WORLD~

"I can understand the appeal of books on the end times: we live in a very difficult world. In times of trouble it's natural to look for the end of world, and,

among the more fantastically inclined, to try to make prophecy in Scripture line up with current events. Yet, we don't live in more difficult times than our ancestors. I imagine even with the current war on terror, life was much more terrible and hellish in previous periods. In earlier times, a mother and child both surviving childbirth was cause for great rejoicing. And if a person lived through the wars, famines, and plagues, he was an old man at 40. I don't want to downplay the pains and tragedies of the third millennium AD, but I want us to keep it all in perspective with regard to end times speculation. Many people predicting the imminent end of the world often (not always purposefully) exploit and increase people's fears during difficult times."

~FUTURIST INTERPRETATION~

"Although it comes as a shock to some, the Bible does not interpret itself, and Revelation is one of the most difficult to interpret because it is (intentionally so) the most cryptic. Due to the prevalence of end-times speculation, most people assume that Revelation must be interpreted as if everything will happen in the future. Disagreement of interpretation, in this view, differs only in regard to *how* it will happen in the future, but it is always assumed the events will occur in the future. However, when rigidly applied, this view makes the book of Revelation relevant only for the last generation about whom it supposedly refers. How could a book have meaning for the early Christians if its contents referred to nuclear weapons, etc? This interpretation of Revelation, is known as the "futurist" position ... Not until the 19th century, did "futurism" as a doctrine

explode in popularity. Most of the earliest Christians, including St. Paul, seemed to expect the return of Jesus in their lifetime."

~INTERPRETING REVELATION~

"Yet, this did not happen, and as the first generation of Christians started to die, the theology of the imminent return of Christ was modified slightly. Although still expecting the eventual return of Christ, early Christians became less willing to say exactly when it would come. Consequently, some early Christians interpreted Revelation as referring completely to an event in the future. The majority, however, regarded Revelation as either mostly referring to events during the apostolic period (sometimes called "partial preterism") or primarily as an ideal way of expressing God's victory over evil (sometimes called "idealism"). Above all, Revelation was meant as a book of hope, not a resource for endless speculation. Also, most early Fathers tied Christ's apocalyptic sayings (esp. Matthew 24) to the destruction of the Temple in AD 70. And, I might add, the early church Fathers knew nothing of the "rapture." In fact, we can date the belief in the rapture to the early-mid 1800s (well past even the Reformation), a period of millenarian fanaticism that gave birth to many fringe groups."

~WE BELIEVE~

"The Catechism notes (#680, #681, #682): Christ the Lord already reigns through the Church, but all the things of this world are not yet subjected to him. The triumph of Christ's kingdom will not come about without one last assault by the powers of evil. And On Judgment Day at the end of the world, Christ will come in glory to achieve the definitive triumph of good over evil which, like the wheat and the tares, have grown up together in the course of history. And When he comes at the end of time to judge the living and the dead, the glorious Christ will reveal the secret disposition of hearts and will render to each man according to his works, and according to his acceptance or refusal of grace. So, those are the basic summaries of what Catholics believe. There is nothing about the rapture, who the Antichrist will be, a particular date, or anything else. We know that Christ is Lord and King now, not at a future date. We know that he has vanquished the evil one and destroyed death now, not in a future time. We do, of course, still await the final triumph of Christ's kingdom when he will come again in glory and all the things of the world will be fully

subject to him." "What Do Catholics Believe About the End Times? And a Plea for Sanity By. Jonathan Bennett. For complete article go to: For complete article, go to: <http://www.ancient-future.net/endtimes.html>

~PADRE PIO~

Known around the globe as simply "Padre Pio," Saint Pio of Pietrelcina has been called one of the "most active" saints in the Church, and continues to work miracles for those who pray through his intercession. Throughout his life, Padre Pio was known as a mystic who experienced the stigmata for 50 years. Many miracles and wonders have been attributed to him, including reports of healing, soul-reading, levitation and even bi-location. One occurrence tells of us a time when Padre Pio was speaking with several people. In order to have a little relief from the hot weather, they were under a shady tree outside. A large number of birds suddenly started to chirp and make noise from the nearby trees. The birds had composed a symphony. Padre Pio became annoyed with the symphony so, looking at the birds he said: "Keep silent!" At which point, the birds, the crickets and the cicadas fell silent. The people who were in the garden were greatly astonished! In fact, Padre Pio had spoken to the birds much like Saint Francis! Padre Pio also had the gift of bi-location, which is the case in the next miracle: "Signora Concetta Bellarmini of S. Vito Lanciano declares that she was suddenly stricken with a blood infection followed by bronchial pneumonia with a very high fever. She was reduced to such a state that the doctors despaired of ever saving her. The flesh had become yellow from the infection which had spread throughout her body. A relative urged her to direct her prayers to Padre Pio. She prayed to him whom she has never seen, when suddenly in full daylight a stigmatized monk appeared to her and smiling blessed her without touching her as he stood in the middle of the room. The woman asked him if his appearance signified the grace for the conversion of her children, or else the grace for her physical cure. Then Padre answered, "*On Sunday morning you will be cured,*" then he vanished from the room, leaving an odor of perfume which the servant girl also smelled. After this visit her flesh turned normal color, the fever ceased and on Sunday morning her health was completely restored. She went with her brother to San Giovanni Rotondo to see if Padre Pio was the one who appeared to her. When she arrived at the Monastery and saw Padre Pio in the church she turned to her brother and said, "*There he is, he is the one!*" <https://www.miraclesofthesaints.com/>

CATEDRAL DE ST. EUGENE'S — 21 de Mayo del 2023
Ascensión del Señor

LA ASCENSION DE JESUS

~DEL PÁRROCO~

Este domingo celebramos la solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor. Cuarenta días después de su Resurrección, Nuestro Señor ascendió al cielo y nos ha prometido que volverá en el Último Día. Echemos un vistazo a la visión católica del Fin de los Tiempos. También, en nuestra Primera Lectura de la semana pasada (Hechos 8:5-8, 14-17) leemos acerca de la respuesta de los demonios cuando escucharon a Felipe predicando acerca de Cristo: *Porque espíritus inmundos, clamando a gran voz, salían de muchos endemoniados, y muchos paralíticos o lisiados quedaban curados. Hubo gran alegría en aquella ciudad.* Conozcamos un poco más sobre las curaciones milagrosas realizadas por San Padre Pío y sus muchas batallas contra el demonio.

LOS TIEMPOS FINALES

~El Fin del Mundo~

"Puedo entender el atractivo de los libros sobre el fin de los tiempos: vivimos en un mundo muy difícil. En tiempos difíciles es natural buscar el fin del mundo y, entre los más fantasiosos, intentar que las profecías de las Escrituras coincidan con los acontecimientos actuales. Sin embargo, no vivimos en tiempos más difíciles que nuestros antepasados. Imagino que incluso con la actual guerra contra el terror, la vida era mucho más terrible e infernal en épocas anteriores. En épocas anteriores, que una madre y su hijo sobrevivieran al parto era motivo de gran regocijo. Y si una persona sobrevivía a las guerras, las hambrunas y las plagas, era un anciano a los 40 años. No quiero restar importancia a los dolores y tragedias del tercer milenio D.C., pero quiero que mantengamos todo en perspectiva con respecto a la especulación sobre el fin de los tiempos. Muchas personas que predicen el inminente fin del mundo a menudo (no siempre a propósito) explotan y aumentan los temores de la gente en tiempos difíciles."

~Interpretación Futurista~

"Aunque resulte chocante para algunos, la Biblia no se interpreta a sí misma, y el Apocalipsis es una de las más difíciles de interpretar porque es (intencionadamente) la más críptica. Debido a la prevalencia de la especulación sobre el fin de los

tiempos, la mayoría de la gente asume que el Apocalipsis debe interpretarse como si todo fuera a suceder en el futuro. El desacuerdo de interpretación, en este punto de vista, difiere sólo en lo que respecta a cómo sucederá en el futuro, pero siempre se asume que los acontecimientos ocurrirán en el futuro. Sin embargo, cuando se aplica rígidamente, este punto de vista hace que el libro de Apocalipsis sólo sea relevante para la última generación a la que supuestamente se refiere. ¿Cómo podría un libro tener significado para los primeros cristianos si su contenido se refiere a las armas nucleares y a Saddam Hussein? Esta interpretación del Apocalipsis, conocida como la postura "futurista", ha tenido algunos defensores a lo largo de la historia de la Iglesia, pero lo creamos o no, ha sido la interpretación minoritaria. No fue hasta el siglo XIX cuando el "futurismo" como doctrina se hizo popular. La mayoría de los primeros cristianos, incluido San Pablo, parecían esperar el regreso de Jesús en vida."

~Interpretando la Revelación~

"Sin embargo, esto no sucedió, y a medida que la primera generación de cristianos empezó a morir, la teología del regreso inminente de Cristo se modificó ligeramente. Aunque seguían esperando el eventual regreso de Cristo, los primeros cristianos se mostraron menos dispuestos a decir exactamente cuándo llegaría. En consecuencia, algunos de los primeros cristianos interpretaron el Apocalipsis como una referencia completa a un acontecimiento futuro. La mayoría, sin embargo, consideraba que el Apocalipsis se refería sobre todo a acontecimientos del periodo apostólico (lo que a veces se denomina "preterismo parcial") o que era principalmente una forma ideal de expresar la victoria de Dios sobre el mal (lo que a veces se denomina "idealismo"). Por encima de todo, el Apocalipsis fue concebido como un libro de esperanza, no como un recurso para la especulación sin fin. Además, la mayoría de los primeros Padres relacionaron los dichos apocalípticos de Cristo (especialmente Mateo 24) con la destrucción del Templo en el año 70 d.C.. Y, debo añadir, los primeros Padres de la Iglesia no sabían nada del "rpto". De hecho, podemos datar la creencia en el "rpto" a principios-mediados de 1800 (mucho más allá incluso de la Reforma), un período de fanatismo milenarista que dio origen a muchos grupos marginales."

~NOSOTROS CREEMOS~

"El Catecismo señala (#680, #681, #682): Cristo Señor reina ya por medio de la Iglesia, pero todas las cosas de este mundo no le están todavía sometidas. El triunfo del reino de Cristo no se producirá sin un último asalto de los poderes del mal. Y el día del Juicio Final, al final del mundo, Cristo vendrá en gloria para lograr el triunfo definitivo del bien sobre el mal que, como el trigo y la cizaña, han crecido juntos en el curso de la historia. Y cuando venga al final de los tiempos para juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos, Cristo glorioso revelará la disposición secreta de los corazones y dará a cada uno según sus obras y según haya aceptado o rechazado la gracia. Así pues, esos son los resúmenes básicos de lo que creen los católicos. No hay nada sobre el rapto, quién será el Anticristo, una fecha en particular, o cualquier otra cosa. Sabemos que Cristo es Señor y Rey ahora, no en una fecha futura. Sabemos que ha vencido al maligno y destruido la muerte ahora, no en un tiempo futuro. Por supuesto, seguimos esperando el triunfo final del reino de Cristo, cuando vendrá de nuevo en gloria y todas las cosas del mundo estarán plenamente sometidas a él."

¿Siguen Occurriendo Los Milagros?

~Padre Pío~

Conocido en todo el mundo simplemente como "Padre Pío", San Pío de Pietrelcina ha sido calificado como uno de los santos "más activos" de la Iglesia, y sigue obrando milagros para quienes rezan por su intercesión. A lo largo de su vida, el Padre Pío fue conocido como un místico que experimentó los estigmas durante 50 años. Se le atribuyen muchos milagros y prodigios, como curaciones, lectura de almas, levitación e incluso bilocación. Un suceso nos habla de un momento en que el Padre Pío estaba hablando con varias personas. Para aliviarse un poco del calor, se encontraban bajo la sombra de un árbol. De repente, un gran número de pájaros empezaron a piar y a hacer ruido desde los árboles cercanos. Los pájaros habían compuesto una sinfonía. Al Padre Pío le molestó la sinfonía, así que, mirando a los pájaros, les dijo: "¡Silencio!" En ese momento, los pájaros, los grillos y las cigarras se callaron. La gente que estaba en el jardín se quedó muy sorprendida. En efecto, el Padre Pío había hablado a los pájaros como San Francisco. El Padre Pío también tenía el don de la bilocación, como ocurre en el siguiente milagro: "La señora Concetta Bellarmini, de San Vito Lanciano, declara que de repente le sobrevino una infección de la sangre seguida de una →

bronconeumonía con fiebre muy alta. Su estado era tal que los médicos desesperaban de poder salvarla. La carne se había vuelto amarilla por la infección que se había extendido por todo su cuerpo. Un pariente le recomendó que dirigiera sus oraciones al Padre Pío. Ella le rezó a quien nunca había visto, cuando de repente, a plena luz del día, se le apareció un monje estigmatizado que la bendijo sonriendo sin tocarla mientras permanecía de pie en medio de la habitación. La mujer le preguntó si su aparición significaba la gracia para la conversión de sus hijos, o bien la gracia para su curación física. El Padre le respondió: "El domingo por la mañana estarás curada", y luego desapareció de la habitación, dejando un olor a perfume que la sirvienta también sintió. Después de esta visita, su carne adquirió un color normal, la fiebre cesó y el domingo por la mañana su salud estaba completamente restablecida. Fue con su hermano a San Giovanni Rotondo para ver si el Padre Pío era el que se le había aparecido. Cuando llegó al monasterio y vio al padre Pío en la iglesia, se volvió hacia su hermano y le dijo: "¡Ahí está, es él!".

~ESCUELA PARROQUIAL DE RELIGIÓN~

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