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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 aı | nd 8:00 a.m. |
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| Saturday: | 8:00a.1 | 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 N | lass: | 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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – JANUARY 12, 2020

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY JANUARY 12

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

MONDAY JANUARY 13

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am Rosary for Life – Chapel - 9:00 am

TUESDAY JANUARY 14

Liturgy of the Word Services – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am Women of the Word – PLC (Hope Rm) – 9:30 am Liturgy of the Word Service – Cathedral- 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15

Liturgy of the Word Services – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am Legion of Mary – PLC – 5:30 pm

THURSDAY JANUARY 16

Liturgy of the Word Services – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am Chant Schola – PLC – 5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Bible Study – PLC – 6:00 pm

FRIDAY JANUARY 17

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am Bible Study – PLC – 9:30 am – 11:30 am

SATURDAY JANUARY 18

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

SECOND COLLECTION

~HOMELESS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND~

This weekend, our second collection is St. Eugene's annual appeal for the Homeless – specifically for Catholic Charities Family Support Center. St. Eugene's sponsors a room at the Center and your generous donations to this collection support families and individuals housed in "our" room. Your donations help purchase beds, linens and upkeep of the room, as well as help fund programs that provide education and assistance to those housed in the room. More than 80% of families who graduate Family Support Center move into homes of their own. We appreciate your generosity to this important cause. Next weekend, January 18 & 19, our second collection is for our Tuition Assistance Program.

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

| For the Weeks of: 12/22/19 | | |
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| Sunday Donations Received: | \$ 12,989 | |
| Collection Revenue Received for: Christmas | \$ 20,661 | |

~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

During the month of January, we have 2 sales! The book "Soul of the Apostolate" is 25% off. According to the publisher "Author Dom Chartraud demonstrates that the very foundation of all apostolic work must be the Interior Life. When one is involved in works of spiritual or corporal charity, his work can only be efficacious when he anchors his Interior Life to Christ. Without Christ we can do nothing." Also, our Advent/Christmas clearance sale is on! 25% off all Advent and Christmas items, during the first 2 weeks in January only. Stop in and see us! 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.

~2019 CHARITABLE DONATION LIST~

St. Eugene's greatly appreciates your donations to the Sunday collections. A year-end list of donations suitable for tax purposes are provided to parishioners who use offertory envelopes, credit cards or online banking direct pay for Sunday collections. **NOTE**: Tax statements are sent to envelope users **upon request only**. If you wish to receive a tax statement, email <u>office@steugenes.com</u> or call 542-6984 ext. 13. <u>Be</u> <u>sure to include your envelope number.</u>

~LOST AND FOUND~

Have you lost something while attending church recently? There are several "found" items in the lost & found basket in the main vestibule of the church. If you have lost something, please check the basket. All unclaimed items will be donated to the Cathedral Thrift Shop by the end of January.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

~ICF SCHOLARSHIPS~

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) will be awarding scholarships to high school graduates. If the candidate is Catholic, has a GPA of at least 3.2 and any Italian ancestry, s/he is eligible to apply! See your high school counselor for an application or contact Robert Acquistapace at 545-7376 before Jan. 31, 2020.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

| Saturday | January 11 |
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| 8:00 am | In Thanksgiving |
| 4:30 pm | Meghan McCurry, living |
| 6:30 pm | Tuan Nguyen Family, living |
| Sunday | January 12 |
| 7:30 am | Frank Reilly & Family, living & deceased |
| 9:00 am | ICF Members, living & deceased |
| 10:30 am | People of St. Eugene's |
| 12:00 pm | People of St. Eugene's |
| 1:30 pm | Russell & Maryann Sherman, deceased |
| 5:30 pm | Alicia Rivera & the Alvarez & Valay Fam- ilies, living & deceased |
| 6:00 pm (SSU Newman Center) | For the healing and support of all victims and survivors of clergy abuse. |
| Monday | January 13 |
| 6:45 am | All Souls in Purgatory |
| 8:00 am | Loretta Nisperos, living |
| Tuesday | January 14 |
| 6:45 am | Liturgy of the Word |
| 8:00 am | Liturgy of the Word |
| 5:30 pm (EF) | Liturgy of the Word |
| Wednesday | January 15 |
| 6:45 am | Liturgy of the Word |
| 8:00 am | Liturgy of the Word |
| Thursday | January 16 |
| 6:45 am | Liturgy of the Word |
| 8:00 am | Liturgy of the Word |
| Friday | January 17 |
| 6:45 am | Elevteria M. Marapao, living |
| 8:00 am | Caroline Owens, living |
| 12:00 pm Hosp. | Susan Cannon, deceased |
| Saturday | January 18 |
| 8:00 am | McShane & Stronge Families, living & deceased |
| 4:30 pm | Oralia Martinez Guzman de Salinas, de- ceased |
| 6:30 pm (Sp) | All Souls in Purgatory |

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 Brad Lifto.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~PRIEST WORKSHOP~

Please pray for our priests and all the priests of the diocese as they attend a workshop from January 13-16. Why should the faithful pray for priests?' Because of all the faithful, priests have been chosen to serve a unique and especially exalted role in the Mystical Body. They are to perpetuate the sacrifice of Calvary in the Mass, make present the living Christ on earth in our day and, in the power given them by Christ, they are to absolve the contrite of their sins. Yet all the while, they remain human, and therefore in need of divine assistance in the form of actual grace. **Instead of our daily Masses from January 14-16 (Tues. – Thurs.) we will have Liturgy of the Word services. Masses will resume on Friday morning, January 17.**

~WALK FOR LIFE~

The Knights of Columbus is organizing a bus trip to the 2020 "Walk for Life" in San Francisco on Saturday, January 25th. The Bus will leave St. Eugene's at 8:00am and drop us off at St. Mary's Cathedral for 9:30am Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone. After Mass we will walk to the SF Civic Center for the rally. There are restaurants along the way. The Rally begins at 12:30pm, followed by 'The Walk for Life"' down Market Street at 1:30pm. We will board our bus at the end of 'The Walk' around 3:30pm and we will arrive back at St. Eugene's before 5pm. Bus Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office and will be sold on a first come/first served basis. The cost is \$25.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

~CATHOLIC BOOKS SALE~

Find some great Catholic **used** books at low prices and support wonderful causes at the same time. Fifty percent of proceeds collected will go toward St. Eugene Homeschool Academy and fifty percent toward purchasing coats for needy families this winter. Our Homeschool team and the Troops of St. George invite you to check out their table on January 12 (near or in the Parish Life Center after the 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, and 12:00 Masses). Sponsored by the St. Eugene's Homeschool Group and Troops of St. George.

IN MEMORIAM

†DELIA ORSULA CASTELLI†

Please remember Delia Castelli and her family and friends in your prayers and Masses. She passed away on 12-22-19. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her." *May she rest in peace*.

~CATHEDRAL UNDECORATING~

This Tuesday, January 14, we will "un-decorate" the church. If you were part of the crew that helped decorate and would like to help with the taking down of the decorations, please be at the church at 8:45 am. We hope to be finished by 11:00 am. Parishioners are welcome to take any and all discarded poinsettias home!

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

~FROM THE PASTOR~

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Let us explore a bit more about this Sacrament in regard to what it is and what it does. First, let's read a selection from St. Thomas Aquinas. Then some words of wisdom from our great saints. Enjoy!

THOMAS AQUINAS ON: BAPTISM

~BAPTISM AS A SACRAMENT~

Baptism received the power of conferring grace when Christ was baptized. This was the institution of baptism as a sacrament. But the obligation of receiving this sacrament was officially imposed on mankind by our Lord after his Passion and Resurrection. The word baptism means a *washing*. Now, a washing may be done by immersion in water, by the pouring of water, and even by the sprinkling of water. Therefore, immersion is not requisite for baptism.

~THE EFFECTS~

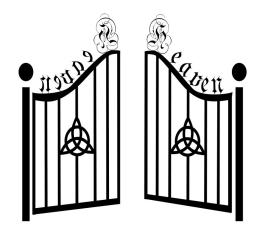
Baptism cannot be repeated. If a man is spiritually born by baptism, he cannot be born again spiritually. Baptism imprints on the soul of the person baptized an indelible character which, being once impressed, cannot be impressed again. And baptism always takes away original sin. Once original sin is taken away, it does not recur or return to the soul. Baptism takes away all sin, original and actual. St. Paul says (Rom. 6:3): "All we who are baptized in Christ Jesus are baptized in his death"; and (Rom. 6:11), "So do you also reckon that you are dead to sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus Our Lord." By baptism, therefore, a man dies to sin, and begins to live in the newness of grace. Thus, every sin is taken away by baptism. Baptism not only takes away all sin, but cancels completely the debt of punishment due to sin. By baptism a person is incorporated in Christ suffering and dying. Now, the Passion is satisfaction for all possible sins of all possible men. Hence, he who is baptized, and so incorporated into this perfect and plenary power of satisfaction, is freed from all debt of punishment due to his sins.

A MEMBER OF CHRIST~

Baptism takes away all sin and all punishment due to sin, and it confers grace and virtues on the person baptized. For baptism makes one a member of Christ; from Christ, the Head, grace and virtues flow through the members. In baptism, a person is: (a) incorporated in Christ; (b) enlightened by Christ with knowledge of truth; (c) made fruitful of good works by Christ's infused grace. Infants, by being incorporated with Christ through baptism, receive grace and virtues, even though their immaturity prevents the conscious exercise of acts that flow from grace and virtues.

~OPENS THE GATE~

Baptism, by removing guilt and the debt of punishment, takes away the obstacles that would block a person from heaven. Hence, we say that baptism "opens the gate of the heavenly kingdom" to the person baptized. The essential effect of baptism (that is, the birth of a human being into spiritual life), is the same in everyone who is baptized. In adults, there is a varying degree of "newness" of life, according to the devotion and disposition they bring to the receiving of the sacrament of baptism. The effect of baptism may be blocked, even though the sacrament is validly received, by what St. Augustine calls insincerity. A man may be insincere, with respect to baptism, in four ways: (a) when he does not believe; has not the faith; (b) when he has scorn for the sacrament; (c) when he receives baptism according to an unapproved rite; (d) when he has no devotion.



~ON INSINCERITY~

A person who is *insincere*, in any of these four ways, is validly baptized, and the sacramental character is impressed or imprinted on his soul. But he blocks out the grace and the virtues which the sacrament bestows. When such a one repents, and sincerely receives the sacrament of penance, his baptism will then produce its normal effects in him.

~CIRUMCISION AND THE OLD LAW~

The rite of circumcision in the Old Law was a preparation for baptism, and a figure of baptism. For it was a proclamation of faith by which one was aggregated to the body of the faithful. Circumcision was instituted in the person of Abraham who was the first to receive the promise of the birth of Christ as of his seed or line (Gen. 22:18), and was the first to segregate himself from unbelievers.

~ORIGINAL SIN~

All men are implicated in Adam's sin, as St. Paul affirms: "By one man's disobedience many (that is, all men) were made sinners": "sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned."²⁸⁹ The Apostle contrasts the universality of sin and death with the universality of salvation in Christ. "Then as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one man's act of righteousness leads to acquittal and life for all men.

To see the complete text go to: http:// www.catholictheology.info/summa-theologica/summa-

CATHOLIC Q&A

~ON BAPTISM~

My Baptist friend says that infant baptism is wrong, since only adults can accept Christ as Savior. How can I respond to this?

As Fundamentalists see it, baptism is not a sacrament (in the true sense of the word), but an ordinance. It does not in any way convey the grace it symbolizes; rather, it is merely a public manifestation of the person's conversion. Since only an adult or older child can be converted, baptism is inappropriate for infants or for children who have not yet reached the age of reason (generally considered to be age seven). They are reluctant to admit that the Bible nowhere says baptism is to be restricted to adults, but when pressed, they will. In the New Testament we read that Lydia was converted by Paul's preaching and that "She was baptized, with her household" (Acts 16:15). The Philippian jailer whom Paul and Silas had converted to the faith was baptized that night along with his household. We are told that "the same hour of the night . . . he was baptized, with all his family" (Acts 16:33). And in his greetings to the Corinthians, Paul recalled that, "I did baptize also the household of Stephanas" (1 Cor. 1:16). In all these cases, whole households or families were baptized. This means more than just the spouse; the children too were included. Granted, we do not know the exact age of the children; they may have been past the age of reason, rather than infants. Then again, they could have been babes in arms. More probably, there were both younger and older children. The present Catholic attitude accords perfectly with early Christian practices. Origen, for instance, wrote in the third century that "according to the usage of the Church, baptism is given even to infants" (Homilies on Leviticus, 8:3:11 [A.D. 244]). The Council of Carthage, in 253, condemned the opinion that baptism should be withheld from infants until the eighth day after birth. Later, Augustine taught, "The custom of Mother Church in baptizing infants is certainly not to be scorned nor is it to be believed that its tradition is anything except apostolic" (Literal Interpretation of Genesis 10:23:39 [A.D. 408]). To read more of this answer go to: http://www.catholic.com/tracts/infant-baptism

~THE SAINTS SPEAK~

The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism. *St. Ambrose of Milan*

Every baptized person should consider that it is in the womb of the Church where he is transformed from a child of Adam to a child of God. - *St. Vincent Ferrer*

Baptism is not the work of man but of Christ, and this sacrament is so holy that it would not be defiled, even if the minister were a murderer. - *St. Isidore, Doctor of the Church*

If, therefore, there is any grace in the water, it is not from the nature of water but from the Spirit's presence there. - *St. Basil the Great, Doctor of the Church*

CATEDRAL DE ST. EUGENE'S — 12 de Enero 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 para 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)

~ CAMINATA POR LA VIDA ~

Los Caballeros de Colón están organizando un viaje en autobús al "Walk for Life" o caminata por la vida del 2019 en San Francisco que se llevara acabo el Sábado 25 de Enero.

El autobús saldrá de St. Eugene's a las 8:00 am y nos dejará en la Catedral de St. Mary's para la Santa Misa de 9:30 am celebrada por el Arzobispo Cordileone.

Después de la Santa Misa caminaremos hacia el Centro Cívico de San Francisco para el rally. Hay restaurantes en el camino por si necesitas comer o puedes llevar tu propia comida y comer antes de que comience el rally. El rally comienza a las 12:30 pm, seguido de 'The Walk' o caminata por la vida por Market Street a la 1:30 pm.

Abordaremos nuestro autobús al final de 'The Walk' alrededor de las 3:30 pm y regresaremos a St. Eugene's antes de las 5pm.

Los boletos de autobús se pueden comprar en la oficina parroquial y se venderán por orden de llegada. El costo es de \$ 25.

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 -Grupo de Oración Carismática Familias Unidas en el Espíritu Santo, en el salón del Brinker a las 7:00pm. -Armada Blanca 7:00pm. Sábado -Confesiones de 3:00pm a 4:30pm Santo Rosario 6:00pm. Santa Misa 6:30pm. Confocionos dospuós do Miso PLANIFICACION FAMILIAR

Quieres Mejorar tu matrimonio!

Curso de Planificación Natural de la Familia Para Parejas Casadas o Comprometidas Parish Life Center en la Catedral de St. Eugene, 2323 Montgomery Drive Santa Rosa, CA 95405 Sábados en 2020: 8 de Febrero, 7 de Marzo, 18 de Abril 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Hay cuidado para niños y bocadillo Para registrar, llama a Maria Sanchez al: 542-6984 x0

Hemos invitado a unos instructors de Alameda a venir para darnos la oportunidad de tener clases in español. Es un gran oportunidad para crecimiento

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 6 de Febrero 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 moral católica es decir que practique la Fe)

Nuestra Señora Madre de Dios

La Solemnidad de Santa María Madre de Dios es la primer Fiesta Mariana que apareció en la Iglesia Occidental, su celebración se comenzó a dar en Roma hacia el siglo VI, probablemente junto con la dedicación del templo "Santa María Antigua" en el Foro Romano, una de las primeras iglesias marianas de Roma. La Solemnidad de Santa María Madre de Dios se celebra el 1 de enero cada año. La antigüedad de la celebración mariana se constata en las pinturas con el nombre de "María, Madre de Dios" (*Theotókos*) que han sido encontradas en las Catacumbas o antiquísimos subterráneos que están cavados debajo de la ciudad de Roma, donde se reunían los primeros cristianos para celebrar la Misa en tiempos de las persecuciones. Más adelante, el rito romano celebraba el 1 de enero la octava de Navidad, conmemorando la circuncisión del Niño Jesús. Tras desaparecer la antigua fiesta mariana, en 1931, el Papa Pío XI, con ocasión del XV centenario del concilio de Éfeso (431), instituyó la Fiesta Mariana para el 11 de octubre, en recuerdo de este Concilio, en el que se proclamó solemnemente a Santa María como verdadera Madre de Cristo, que es verdadero Hijo de Dios; pero en la última reforma del calendario, luego del Concilio Vaticano II, se trasladó la fiesta al 1 de enero, con la máxima categoría litúrgica, de solemnidad, y con título de Santa María, Madre de Dios.

De esta manera, esta Fiesta Mariana encuentra un marco litúrgico más adecuado en el tiempo de la Navidad del Señor; y al mismo tiempo, todos los católicos empezamos el año pidiendo la protección de la Santísima Virgen María.

El Concilio de Éfeso

En el año de 431, el hereje Nestorio se atrevió a decir que María no era Madre de Dios, afirmando: "¿Entonces Dios tiene una madre? Pues entonces no condenemos la mitología griega, que les atribuye una madre a los dioses". Ante ello, se reunieron los 200 obispos del mundo en Éfeso, la ciudad donde la Santísima Virgen pasó sus últimos años, e iluminados por el Espíritu Santo declararon: "La Virgen María sí es Madre de Dios porque su Hijo, Cristo, es Dios". Y acompañados por todo el gentío de la ciudad que los rodeaba portando antorchas encendidas, hicieron una gran procesión cantando: "Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros pecadores ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén". Asimismo, San Cirilo de Alejandría resaltó: "Se dirá: ¿la Virgen es madre de la divinidad? A eso respondemos: el Verbo viviente, subsistente, fue engendrado por la misma substancia de Dios Padre, existe desde toda la eternidad... Pero en el tiempo él se hizo carne, por eso se puede decir que nació de mujer".

Madre del Niño Dios

"He aquí la sierva del Señor, hágase en mí según tu palabra" Es desde ese fiat, hágase que Santa María respondió firme y amorosamente al Plan de Dios; gracias a su entrega generosa Dios mismo se pudo encarnar para traernos la Reconciliación, que nos libra de las heridas del pecado.

La doncella de Nazareth, la llena de gracia, al asumir en su vientre al Niño Jesús, la Segunda Persona de la Trinidad, se convierte en la Madre de Dios, dando todo de sí para su Hijo; vemos pues que todo en ella apunta a su Hijo Jesús.

Es por ello, que María es modelo r ción. En nuestra Madre Santa María enco ñor Jesús, ayudándonos a conformarnos c Cristo quien vive en mí".



que busca día a día alcanzar su santificagura que nos introduce en la vida del Secomo el Apóstol "vivo yo más no yo, es