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ST. EUGENE

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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
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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: 8:00 a.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 has been moved to outside of the East Entrance of the Parish Life Center due to Covid-19 restrictions on gathering indoors.

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 7:30 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 Hours: Tues & Wed. 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Cathedral Books & Gifts Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30-4:30 & Sun 8:30-1:30, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: 542-0250

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 4, 2021

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY JULY 4

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

MONDAY JULY 5

Parish Office Closed for Independence Day
Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Summer School – 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

TUESDAY JULY 6

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Women of the Word – Brinker Room – 9:30 am
Summer School – 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Latin Mass – Cathedral- 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY JULY 7

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Summer School – 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Adult Faith Formation Class – Brinker Room- 6:00 pm

THURSDAY JULY 8

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Summer School – 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY JULY 9

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Summer School – 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY JULY 10

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

REGISTER NOW FOR RCIF

~ RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR FAMILIES ~

Register now for our classes for RCIF! Classes will meet on Sundays from 10:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. at the school, September through May. On September 12th we will have an orientation and give you the chance to meet and speak with the teacher. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office! Registration closes July 31st. Call the Parish Office for more information: 542-6984, ext. 0.

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of: 6/20/21

Sunday Donations Received:	\$12,314
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Collection Revenue Received for: N/A	
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~ CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS ~

The Special of the Month for July is 25% off all in-stock Great Adventure Bibles. You can also buy the DVD set "Bible Timeline" and the "The Bible Timeline Chart" for 25% off. **Special announcement:** For 8 days in July beginning Monday, July 5th through Tuesday, July 13th the bookstore will be closed for business due to our annual inventory. Our intrepid staff will be counting and cataloging every single item in the store. 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.

PARKING LOT REMINDER

~ RESERVED PARKING SPACES ~

The St. Eugene's Pre-School would like to ask all parishioners to be mindful of the two parking spaces across from the Parish Life Center that are reserved for those who purchased them in a yearly, fund-raising auction for the Pre-School Program. **In purchasing a reserved spot, the families are entitled to unencumbered parking Monday - Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** This is one of the ways that much needed funds are raised for our pre-school, so we would greatly appreciate it if those two slots were not used during the hours and days mentioned above.

REGISTER NOW FOR PSR

~ PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION ~

Register your child now for the Parish School of Religion (PSR) 2021-2022 school year! The Parish School of Religion offers:

- Ongoing, authentic Catholic formation for students 1st grade thru high school
- *In-person* classes at St. Eugene's School on Tuesdays from 3:45 - 5:00pm; September thru May
- Dedicated and enthusiastic teaching by the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa
- A Catholic Apologetics class especially designed for post-Confirmation students

Pick up registration forms in the vestibules & at the parish office or find one online at our parish website (www.steugenes.com). ***Registration closes July 31st.*** Contact Sr. Mary Emmanuel, MSSR with any questions at 707-326-3408 or srmaryemmanuel2@gmail.com

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	July 3
8:00 am	In honor of and in reparation for the offences against the Immaculate Heart of Mary & the Sacred Heart of Jesus and for the living & deceased members of the Russell & Rinaldi Families.
4:30 pm	Meghan McCurry, living
6:30 (Sp)	Fr. Thomas Stuart, living
Sunday	July 4
7:30 am	Dennis & Carol McKay, deceased
9:00 am	Fr. Thomas Stuart, living
10:30 am	People of the Diocese
12:00 pm	People of St. Eugene's
1:30 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:30 pm	Michael Tran, living
6:00 pm	Kathy Keyes, deceased
(Newman Ctr.)	
Monday	July 5
6:45 am	Ed Houlihan, deceased
8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Woody Petero, deceased
Tuesday	July 6
6:45 am	Francis Keyes, deceased
8:00 am	Phil Skikos, living
5:30 pm (EF)	Lisa Tran, living
Wednesday	July 7
6:45 am	Sheelah Flanagan, deceased
8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Henry, deceased
Thursday	July 8
6:45 am	Frank Epperson, Sr., deceased
8:00 am	J. Stanley Russell, Jr., Michael Russell, Sr. & Michael Russell, Jr., deceased
Friday	July 9
6:45 am	Mary Tran, living
8:00 am	Bruna La Mantia, deceased
12:00 (Hospital)	Sharon Anne Wold, living
Saturday	July 10
8:00 am	John D. Rojas, living
4:30 pm	Giampaoli & Tessier Families, living & deceased
6:30 pm (Sp.)	Familia Jimenez & Garcia, living & deceased

~ ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY~

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank is open once again! Our days/hours of operation are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Monday and Friday, we open at 10:00 a.m. On Wednesday we open at 1:00 pm. Please call 707-584-1579 for an appointment.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

~BIBLE STUDY CLASS~

A new Bible Study class, focusing on the history of the Catholic Church as found in Scripture, will begin on Wednesday, July 14th. The course is 20-weeks long and will meet every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Hope Room, (upstairs) in the Parish Life Center at St. Eugene's. The course will focus on the 2,000 year history of the Church from the time of Christ and the Apostles to the present day. Course participation requires purchase of a study guide for \$30.00. To enroll, please contact Steve at (707) 292-0054.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

~KNIGHTS FREE BREAKFAST~

The Knights of Columbus will be having a FREE welcome back Pancake breakfast on Sunday, July 11. Breakfast will be served in the Becker Center from 8:00 am till 12:00 noon. Enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, OJ and coffee!

~GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES~

Golden Opportunities is a St. Eugene's parish social group for seniors 50 and up that meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 11:30 am in the Msgr. Becker Center. The meeting generally lasts about two hours and consists of socializing over lunch and then either a guest speaker, games, or entertainment. Lunch is provided or sometimes a potluck is provided by members. Please join us!

SECOND COLLECTION INFORMATION

~SECOND COLLECTION~

This weekend, July 3 & 4, we are collecting for **Black and Indian Missions**, which for more than 100 years, has helped provide the financial resources necessary for Dioceses to provide priestly and religious services to Native Americans, African Americans, and Eskimo and Aleut communities. We ask for your continued support so that the Catholic mission among these groups might continue. There will be no second collection next weekend.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

~PLEASE PRAY FOR~

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, 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, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Joan Cosgrove, Paulita Castro, Jean L. Alfano, Theresa Pham, Rainey Olson, Michele Otten and Jenny Rogina.

~NEW PAROCHIAL VICAR~

We are happy to announce that our newly ordained priest, Fr. Alan Acevedo has been assigned to the Cathedral as Parochial Vicar. Welcome, Fr. Acevedo!

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

HARDNESS OF HEART

~FROM THE PASTOR~

Our first two readings today speak to us about those who are hard of heart and the thorn that was given to the flesh of St. Paul. Both of these ideas bear further study. Our first reading is from the Book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel is the third of the major prophets. His life was full of suffering and misunderstanding ... primarily because his mission centered on warning and admonishing people to correct their sinful ways. People then, just like now, had grown rebellious, haughty and proud. In speaking the truth to them, it is said that "he himself probably died at the hands of one of the Jewish leaders whom he criticized for idolatry (this is the opinion of that at least is the opinion of St. Athanasius and St. Epiphanius.) Our second reading talks about the thorn in the flesh that was given to St. Paul by an angel of Satan. Many of the greatest saints have speculated as to what this "thorn" was. We will explore this a bit more, too.

~HARDNESS OF HEART~

In Ez 2:2-5 we read, "*Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you.*"

The root cause of all sin, is pride. When people have hardened their hearts, meaning they have closed themselves off to hearing God's Word, or closed their hearts to God's grace, stubborn pride is often the reason. The feeling is, "I know better than God. I will not bend my will to conform to God's truth.

~FOOLISH THINGS BECOME DAILY FARE~

In his article, "The Seven Deadly Sins: Pride," Msgr. Charles Pope states: "The central effect of pride is to push God to the periphery of our moral, spiritual, and temporal existence. God is either shunned directly or becomes increasingly irrelevant to us. Man necessarily moves to the center and, even more egotistically, *I* move to the center. If God exists at all to the prideful person, it is only to gratify his pleasures and confirm his preconceived notions.

Even though culpability may be less than mortal, the harm caused by marginalizing God cannot be overstated. The damage grows both individually and collectively until the most foolish things become daily fare. Further, a culture dominated by

people who "forget" that God sees all and that they will have to render an account to Him will suffer increasingly from tyrannical, vicious, and destructive behaviors. Such a culture is dominated in growing measure by those who exercise little or no restraint on their behavior and who act imperiously – even despotically."

~PRIDE CAN GET VERY DARK~

"**Pride can get very dark** very quickly because it involves a direct turning away from God. In this sense pride is the first and worst of all sins. **So serious is pride that, as a remedy,** God allows us to fall into other sins, especially those of the flesh. Thus, though God does not *cause* acts of fornication, drunkenness, or gluttony in us, He often permits their stubborn presence in order to save us from pride, which is a more serious sin. Sins of the flesh, especially those related to sexuality, often bring great shame, which is related to humility. And though it is strong medicine, God permits it in order to save us from the sin of pride, which is even more deadly. **Today, many assert the right to fashion their own god:** the god within, the god of their own understanding. This is pride writ large and ugly. It is idolatry, somewhat veiled, but idolatry just the same; it is a violation of the First Commandment. Such pride cries out for correction and punishment. Yes, pride is ugly – a deadly disease." For the complete article, please go to: <https://cathstan.org/posts/the-seven-deadly-sins-pride-2>

A THORN IN THE FLESH

~WHAT IS THE THORN?~

In 2 Cor 12:7-10 we read: "... a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan ..." Throughout history, Christians have asked themselves, "What is this thorn?" Let's look at what the early Church Fathers thought. "The earliest Christian tradition interpreted Paul's "thorn in the flesh" and "angel of Satan" as references to a physical malady. For example, we have the early witness of the devout North African layman and lawyer Tertullian (c. 155 – c. 240 AD). In Tertullian's treatise on purity, *De pudicitia*, he refers to 2 Cor 12:7-8, saying: "This exaltation was checked in the Apostle by buffets, if you will; that is, by ear or head ache." Ambrose of Milan (c. 340-97), in his *Two books*

Concerning Repentance, book 1, chapter 14, also identifies Paul's "thorn in the flesh" as a physical ailment: "Scripture testifies that Satan is the author of this bodily suffering," and then he quotes from 2 Cor 12:7.³ Ambrose's contemporary, Basil, bishop of Caesarea (329–79), in his *Asketikon*, his "longer response" to questions regarding the ascetic or monastic life, question 55, says of 2 Cor 12:7–8: "We find yet another cause of illnesses happening to the saints, as in the case of the Apostle. In order that he might not seem to exceed the bounds of human nature and that no one should think that he was possessed of something exceptional in his human nature – which the Lycaonians thought, when they brought him garlands and oxen (cf. Acts 14:12) – illness was his lot continually, in order to make plain his own human nature (cf. 2 Cor 12:7)." Later when Chrysostom served as bishop in Constantinople, he had as one of his principal assistants the Deaconess Olympia. We have a letter which he wrote to her, a letter in which Chrysostom once again refers to Paul's words in Second Corinthians 12, this time saying: "For although he was not subjected to bodily infirmity, yet he was buffeted by trials not less severe, which inflicted much physical pain." And thus Chrysostom insists Paul's words about "a thorn in the flesh" and "an angel of Satan" refer to "the blows, the bonds, the chains, the imprisonments, the being dragged about, and maltreated."

~ST. PETER DAMIAN'S INTERPREATION~

"In the Middle Ages, however, there arose a third interpretation. Peter Damian (1007–72), in his letter 160, section 18, suggests it was not a physical ailment nor enemy's wrath from which Paul suffered, but instead it was a temptation: "Even though the soul of every just man is now making progress toward higher goals, it is still brought down to baser things by temptation, so that surging pride does not cause him to boast of his virtues. Indeed, temptation is the goad that is useful in guarding humility. Hence, the apostle says: 'And so, to keep me from being unduly elated by the magnificence of such revelations, I was given a thorn for my flesh which came as Satan's messenger to bruise me.'"

~ST. THOMAS AQUINAS WEIGHS IN~

Thomas Aquinas (1225–74), however, is even more precise as to the nature of this temptation which Paul suffered, for he interprets "thorn in the flesh"

as a reference to sexual temptations. When he was teaching at the University of Paris, 1252–56, Aquinas not only wrote a commentary on Paul's letters to the Corinthians, but he also addressed 2 Cor 12:7–8 in a sermon. In his *Commentary on II Corinthians*, lecture 3, he identifies Paul's "a sting of my flesh" as a reference to "concupiscence arising from my flesh."² Once again, a few paragraphs later, Aquinas identifies Paul's weakness as "this weakness of concupiscence."¹⁰ Aquinas makes yet another reference to Paul's "thorn in the flesh" in a sermon which he gave on the "the last-but-one Sunday before Lent, 'Sexagesima.'" There he says: "Passions of the soul are called thorns (cf. 2 Cor 12:7) because, as thorns mutilate the body, so the passions of cupidity mutilate the soul."¹¹

~ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS~

"Spanish mystic and Carmelite friar John of the Cross lived from 1542 to 1591. In the years 1582–85 he wrote a treatise on the spiritual life which he entitled *The Dark Night*. There in book 2, chapter 14, without any reference to Aquinas, John says: "An angel of Satan [2 Cor. 12:7], which is the spirit of fornication, is given to some to buffet their senses with strong and abominable temptations, and afflict their spirit with foul thoughts and very vivid images, which sometimes is a pain worse than death for them."

~CORNELIUS A LAPIDE~

"Lapide takes his position with those who see Paul's "thorn in the flesh" as a reference to sexual temptations: It may be asked: "Why, then, does he call this thorn 'the messenger of Satan,' or the minister of Lucifer?" I reply that he means by the messenger of Satan, Satan himself, as the exciting cause of this thorn of concupiscence; or even he calls the thorn sent by Satan, the adversary of his chastity, by the name of Satan. This would be a metonymy, where the cause is put for the effect, the agent for his work. For the devil, by stirring up the humours, by kindling the blood, by inflaming the feelings that subserve generation, by putting foul images before St. Paul's mind, gave life to that concupiscence which had been as it were put to sleep, and mortified by his numerous labours, fastings, and troubles. Thus he stirred up St. Paul to obey the foul motions of lust." For the complete article, go to: prweb.com/2019/01/aquinas-as-biblical-exegete/

MI FE CATOLICA

ORGULLO ANTES DE LA CAIDA

~ DEL PASTOR ~

Nuestras dos primeras lecturas de hoy nos hablan de los duros de corazón y del aguijón que se le dio a la carne de San Pablo. Ambas lecturas merecen un estudio más a fondo. Nuestra primera lectura es del Libro de Ezequiel. Ezequiel es el tercero de los profetas mayores. Su vida estuvo llena de sufrimiento y malentendidos ... principalmente porque su misión se centró en advertir y amonestar a la gente para que corrigiera sus caminos pecaminosos. La gente entonces, al igual que ahora, se había vuelto rebelde, altiva y orgullosa. Al decirles la verdad, se dice que él mismo probablemente murió a manos de uno de los líderes judíos a quien criticó por idolatría (esta es la opinión de que al menos es la opinión de San Atanasio y San Epifanio.) Nuestra segunda lectura habla del aguijón en la carne que un ángel de Satanás le dio a San Pablo. Muchos de los santos más grandes han reflexionado sobre lo que era este "aguijón". También exploraremos esto un poco más.

~ DUREZA DEL CORAZON ~

En Ez 2: 2-5 leemos: "Duros de rostro y obstinados de corazón son aquellos a quienes te envió". La causa fundamental de todo pecado es el orgullo. Cuando las personas han endurecido su corazón, lo que significa que se han cerrado a escuchar la Palabra de Dios, o cerrado su corazón a la gracia de Dios, el orgullo obstinado es a menudo la razón. El sentimiento es: "Yo sé más que Dios. Soy un adulto informado y puedo hacer mi propia verdad. No doblegaré mi voluntad para conformarme a la verdad de Dios.

~ LAS COSAS TONTAS SE CONVIERTEN EN TARIFA DIARIA ~

En su artículo, "Los siete pecados capitales: el orgullo", Mons. Charles Pope afirma: "El efecto central del orgullo es empujar a Dios a la periferia de nuestra existencia moral, espiritual y temporal. Dios es rechazado directamente o se vuelve cada vez más irrelevante para nosotros. El hombre se mueve necesariamente hacia el centro y, aún más egoístamente, yo me muevo hacia el centro. Si Dios existe en absoluto para la persona orgullosa, es solo para gratificar sus placeres y confirmar sus nociones preconcebidas. Aunque la culpabilidad puede ser menos que mortal, el daño causado por marginar a Dios no puede ser exagerado. El daño crece tanto a nivel →

individual como colectivo hasta que las cosas más tontas se convierten en algo cotidiano. Además, una cultura dominada por vengas tarifa diaria. Además, una cultura dominada por personas que "olvidan" que Dios ve todo y que tendrán que rendirle cuentas, sufrirá cada vez más de comportamientos tiránicos, viciosos y destructivos. Esa cultura está dominada en medida creciente por aquellos que ejercen poca o ninguna moderación en su comportamiento y que actúan de manera imperiosa, incluso despoticamente".

~ EL ORGULLO PUEDE SER MUY OSCURO ~

"El orgullo puede oscurecerse muy rápidamente porque implica un alejamiento directo de Dios. En este sentido, el orgullo es el primero y el peor de todos los pecados. Tan grave es el orgullo que, como remedio, Dios permite que caigamos en otros pecados, especialmente los de la carne. Por lo tanto, aunque Dios no causa actos de fornicación, embriaguez o glotonería en nosotros, a menudo permite su presencia obstinada para salvarnos del orgullo, que es un pecado más grave. Los pecados de la carne, especialmente los relacionados con la sexualidad, a menudo traen gran vergüenza, que está relacionada con la humildad. Y aunque es una medicina fuerte, Dios lo permite para salvarnos del pecado del orgullo, que es aún más mortal. Hoy en día, muchos afirman el derecho a crear su propio dios: el dios interior, el dios de su propio entendimiento. Esto es orgullo escrito grande y feo. Es idolatría, algo velada, pero idolatría de todos modos; es una violación del Primer Mandamiento. Tal orgullo clama por corrección y castigo. Sí, el orgullo es feo, una enfermedad mortal ". Para ver el artículo completo, visite: <https://cathstan.org/posts/the-seven-deadly-sins-pride-2>

UNA ESPINA EN LA CARNE

~ ¿QUÉ ES LA ESPINA? ~

En 2 Cor 12: 7-10 leemos: "... me fue dado un aguijón en la carne, un ángel de Satanás..." A lo largo de la historia, los cristianos se han preguntado: "¿Qué es este aguijón?". Veamos lo que pensaban los primeros Padres de la Iglesia. "La tradición cristiana más antigua interpretó el" aguijón en la carne "y el" ángel de Satanás "de Pablo como referencias a una enfermedad física. Por ejemplo, tenemos el primer testimonio del devoto laico y abogado norteafricano Tertuliano (c. 155 - c. 240 d. C.). En el tratado de Tertuliano sobre la pureza, De pudicitia, se refiere a 2 Corintios 12: 7-8, diciendo: "Esta exaltación →

fue detenida en el Apóstol con buffets, por así decirlo; es decir, por dolor de oído o de cabeza ". Ambrosio de Milán (c. 340-97), en sus Dos libros con respecto al Arrepentimiento, el libro 1, capítulo 14, también identifica el "aguijón en la carne" de Pablo como una dolencia física: "La Escritura testifica que Satanás es el autor de este sufrimiento corporal", y luego cita 2 Corintios 12: 7.3, contemporáneo de Ambrosio, Basilio, obispo de Cesarea (329-79), en su Asketikon, su "respuesta más larga" a las preguntas sobre la vida ascética o monástica, pregunta 55, dice de 2 Cor 12: 7-8: "Encontramos otra causa más de enfermedades sucediendo a los santos, como en el caso del Apóstol. Para que parezca que no sobrepasa los límites de la naturaleza humana y que nadie piense que posee algo excepcional en su naturaleza humana, lo que pensaban los licanonios cuando le traían guirnaldas y bueyes (cf. Hch 14: 12) - la enfermedad era su suerte de continuo, para poner de manifiesto su propia naturaleza humana (cf. 2 Co 12, 7) ". Más tarde, cuando Crisóstomo se desempeñó como obispo en Constantinopla, tuvo como una de sus principales asistentes a la diaconisa Olimpia. Tenemos una carta que le escribió a ella, una carta en la que Crisóstomo una vez más se refiere a las palabras de Pablo en 2 Corintios 12, esta vez diciendo: "Porque aunque él no fue sometido a enfermedades corporales, sin embargo fue golpeado por pruebas no menos severas, que infligió mucho dolor físico ". Y así Crisóstomo insiste en que las palabras de Pablo sobre "un aguijón en la carne" y "un ángel de Satanás" se refieren a "los golpes, las ataduras, las cadenas, los encarcelamientos, el ser arrastrado y maltratado. "

~ INTERPREACIÓN DE PETER DAMIAN ~

"En la Edad Media, sin embargo, surgió una tercera interpretación. Peter Damian (1007-72), en su carta 160, sección 18, sugiere que no fue una dolencia física ni la ira del enemigo lo que sufrió Pablo, sino que fue una tentación: "Aunque el alma de todo hombre justo ahora está haciendo el progreso hacia metas más elevadas, todavía se reduce a cosas más bajas por la tentación, de modo que el orgullo que surge no lo lleva a jactarse de sus virtudes. De hecho, la tentación es el aguijón útil para proteger la humildad. Por lo tanto, el apóstol dice: 'Y así, para evitar que me exaltara indebidamente por la magnificencia de tales revelaciones, se me dio una espina para mi carne que vino como mensajero de Satanás para herirme' ".

~ THOMAS AQUINAS ~

Tomás de Aquino (1225-1274), sin embargo, es aún más preciso en cuanto a la naturaleza de esta tentación que sufrió Pablo, pues interpreta "aguijón en la carne"

"Como referencia a las tentaciones sexuales. Cuando enseñaba en la Universidad de París, 1252-1256, Aquino no solo escribió un comentario sobre las cartas de Pablo a los Corintios, sino que también se dirigió a 2 Corintios 12: 7-8 en un sermón. En su Comentario sobre II Corintios, conferencia 3, identifica el "aguijón de mi carne" de Pablo como una referencia a "la concupiscencia que surge de mi carne" .9 Una vez más, unos pocos párrafos después, Aquino identifica la debilidad de Pablo como "esta debilidad de concupiscencia. "10 Tomás de Aquino hace otra referencia al " aguijón en la carne "de Pablo en un sermón que pronunció el " último domingo antes de Cuaresma, 'Sexagesima' ". Allí dice: " Pasiones del alma se llaman espinas (cf. 2 Co 12, 7) porque, como las espinas mutilan el cuerpo, así las pasiones de la codicia mutilan el alma "11.

~ SAN JUAN DE LA CRUZ ~

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