

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Collection Status Report – 725 registered families

The Week ending, June 14, 2009

Sunday Offering 142 envelopes	4,779.01
Children's Offering 3 envelopes	2.25
Sunday Offering loose cash	1,308.21
Auto Draft	6,089.47
Total	15,030.47

Change Jar 813.84

Thank you to all who sent in supplies, who volunteered and thank you to all the children who came to Vacation Bible School it was a wonderful success. Thank you to all who headed up the VBS committee it was great to hear the children's laughter, to hear them praying together and to see the interaction of the teen volunteers with our children. **THANK YOU!**

Bulletin Deadlines are 12noon:

Sunday, July 5th is due Monday, June 29th.

Sunday, July 12th is due Tuesday, July 7th.

Please keep all of our servicemen and servicewomen in your daily prayers.

LT Michael P. Bernard, Jr., USN, Louis Cragg,
US Navy, Jaron White,
Jared E. Yankech, 1st Lt. USAF,
Laurence Kuhn, MD US Navy,
Todd MacDonald 1st class Petty Officer,
US Navy, Ted MacDonald Sgt. US Marines,
Richard Beard A.F. National Guard, Cmdr.
Austin Timm Montana National Guard,
Corp. Justin David Schoonover.

The Apple Pie Bake –Off at Atria Merrywood:

all are invited on Thursday, July 2nd to a pie bake-off for the residents of Merrywood.
Call 704-523-4949 for details.

June 28, 2009,



Dear Parishioners,

As you know, a small group of us from St. Ann's is leaving on Monday, June 29th, for a mission trip to Kampala, Uganda. We will be working with the Missionaries of the Poor while we are there, and we will return to Charlotte on Wednesday, July 15th. Please pray for us while we are away. Pray that we may travel safely and without incident, and that we may bring Christ's love and joy to all whom we serve. Thank you, as well, for your generosity to the Uganda Mission. So many of you have dropped off cash and checks to the office for us to take over to the brothers serving there, and I know the Missionaries of the Poor are so grateful for your generosity.

While I am away there will be several different priests filling in for me. For those of you who come to the Latin Mass on Wednesday nights, I was able to find a priest who can offer that Mass on Wednesday, 1 July and 8 July. However, we will not have our usual first Saturday Latin Mass, nor will the Mass on Wednesday, 15 July be in Latin. Furthermore, as part of the missionary cooperative that the diocese requires us to participate in, we will be having a missionary priest here for the Masses on July 4th & 5th. Please extend a warm welcome to all of our guest priests while I am away.

I will look forward to seeing you all on my return in mid-July! Please be assured of my prayers and best wishes while I am away.

Sincerely in Christ,

A black rectangular box containing a white handwritten signature that reads "Fr. Reid".

Fr. Reid

Please find the latest status of our Church Transformation below:

- **Stained Glass Window: We have only 3 windows left.** If you are interested, please contact Father Reid.
- **Building Update:** We are “Dried In”! With the walls in place and protective coverings over the windows and doors, the interior is not dry and the interior work can begin moving forward on a schedule that is not dependent on the weather. Everywhere you see the yellow board on the exterior will next be covered with stucco colored to match and complement the existing brick with the exception of the columns that you see on the sides. Those columns will be all brick that matches the existing brick. On the interior, the next steps are to finish the metal framing and finalize the electrical, heating and cooling, audio and plumbing systems. With that done, the dry-wall will start going in and the interior will start to rapidly come into view. As for the schedule, the 22 days of rain we’ve had this spring has taken its toll. We now anticipate a mid to late August completion date.

Come celebrate our “Drying-In” Milestone by taking a tour TODAY. We will open the church for tours today, June 28th from 9:00am – 10:00am between the 8:00am 10:30am Masses. We will have coffee and donuts in our Narthex-to-be...(gathering space).. Several committee members will be onsite to answer questions.

Building Update Capital Campaign Committee

Clay Presley, Capital Campaign, Chairman 704-907-7914 claywork@aol.com

Tom Mathis, Building Committee Chairman 704-541-0858 tmathis3@carolina.rr.com

Cheryl Sutton, Prayer Team 704-375-5482 Rsutton4@carolina.rr.com

Through the intercession of St. Ann we humbly place our plans for the building of a new church before our Lord: seeking unity within our diversity, the increase of faith within our fears, the blessing of wisdom in our deliberations, and the mind of God in our decisions.

Immigrant Window Update. In memory of all of our immigrants that dedicated their lives serving and working in this country. For those who have pledged, thank you for your financial contribution! If you have not participated yet, please consider your financial support to honor our immigrants, ancestors, friends, and/or loved ones that have given their lives serving in this country, frequently working in the most life threatening of physically demanding jobs, helping to build this great country. Might the Lord open the gates of heaven for them! Mark your checks on the memo line “immigrant window” and send to the church office. Call Esteban Cardoso at 704-733-7532 for details. (15,057.06 June 21, 2009).



Volunteers are the back bone of the parishes. Without their dedicated service, parishes could not exist. Be a volunteer! Help when you can!

Father Reid's homilies are on the website:

www.stannsparish.org

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be Sunday, September 13th at 9:00am. Please call the church office to sign up for this class.

Masses

Sunday, June 28, 2009

8:00am Mass +Andrew Csordas
Father of Abbey Lejk
by Abbey and Rick Lejk
10:30am Mass Intentions of Carol Kuhn
by Abi and Dale Purvis
12:30pm Intentions of our parish family

Monday, June 29, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Neil Storer
by Abi and Dale Purvis

Tuesday, June 30, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Jack Hurley
birthday Intentions
by Marie Gildae

Wednesday, July 1, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Traditional Latin Mass
Intentions of Sean Printz
by Abi and Dale Purvis

Thursday, July 2, 2009

7:00am Mass ++Kyle Minkin
by Derek Gray

Friday, July 3, 2009

8:30am Mass +Gene Garlock
by Derek Gray

Saturday, July 4, 2009

3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass +Dorothy Intile Herberg
by Ginny Heckmueller
Father Ryan with Cross International will be celebrating all the Masses this weekend

Sunday, July 5, 2009

Please welcome Father Ryan from the Cross International
2nd collection for our Capital Needs and On Going Improvements
Food Collection
8:00am Mass +In thanksgiving for prayers for recovery
by Don Millard
10:30am Mass ++Domenic Iannacone
by Elena and family
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

Monday, July 6, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of the Michael Doman family
by Virginia Doman

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Dorothy Storer

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Traditional Latin Mass
Intentions of Charlie Nesto
by Abi and Dale Purvis

Thursday, July 9, 2009

7:00am Mass +Paul Lentz
by Anne Lentz

Friday, July 10, 2009

8:30am Mass Intentions of Maria Reinhardt
by the family

Saturday, July 11, 2009

3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass +Gayle Hanft
by Karen Devore and family

Altar Flowers this weekend (June 28th are dedicated in memory for Andrew Csordas father of Abbey Lejk.

For information about donating Altar flowers please call the church office.

The Allen Center Schedule

Sunday, June 28th

9:0am Bible Study

Monday June 30th

6:00pm AA/NA

6:00pm Dance Group

Tuesday, June 31st

9:00am Ceramics

Wednesday, July 1st

5:00pm Holy Hour

6:00pm Traditional Latin Mass

6:00pm meeting

Thursday, July 2nd

7:00pm Bingo

Friday, July 3rd

Holy Name of Mary

Saturday, July 4th

9:30am Ceramics

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, July 5th

Food Collection

Capital Needs and On Going Improvement

Cross International

Monday, July 6th

6:00pm AA/NA

6:00pm Dance Group

7:00pm Women's Society

Tuesday, July 7th

9:00am Ceramics

Wednesday, July 8th

5:00pm Holy Hour

7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thursday, July 9th

7:00pm Bingo

Greeters/Ushers are needed for our Masses; please call the church office if you would like to help.

St. Ann's Youth Group
(Middle and High Students)

Calling all parents and chaperons! Our Youth Group needs you to help this summer on Sundays and for next year to help with our Youth Group. Call the church office if you want to help with our youth. Our youth Group needs YOU!

Dr. George Raad and the Metrolina Medical Research would like to invite you to participate as a volunteer in one of the Clinical Research Studies; High Cholesterol, Hypertension, Diabetes, Depression, Migraine headaches, Arthritis of the knee, Epilepsy, Crohn's Disease and others. Call 704-527-6672 or 704-940-1842 (Spanish). www.pmg-research.com/metrolina



A big "THANK YOU" to all the women who completed the survey and returned it to either the church office or to the box in the church lobby and a request for you ladies that have not completed the survey to please do so ASAP. We want to plan for the activities for the fall and into 2010 and your suggestions are most valuable. If there is something you would like to participate in or even lead please let us know. Thank you again and will have the results soon!

The St. Ann's Women's Society and the Circle of Hope are collecting food for the pantry of the Presbyterian Children's Hospital. **They are in need of individually wrapped snacks for the children and their families such as chips, crackers and cookies.** There is a box in the vestibule for you to drop off the snacks! **Thank you for your help with these children this year!**



St. Ann's Women's Society. Mission: Catholic women providing a light to our parish and surrounding community by service, prayer and fellowship. *"lighting up the community one hand at a time."* All women of our parish community are welcome. Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7pm For information email stannwomen@gmail.com or call Chris Brunhuber at 704-540-9252.

Tuesday and Saturday 9:00am for **Ceramics**. Call Bob at 704-523-1182. All are invited!

World Rosary, Monday, June 29th at 7:30pm. Please call Ann Layman for details 704-525-3519. All are invited to attend.

Want to know more about Pro-Life issues from abortion to understanding stem cell science all in the context of our Catholic Faith? Then please help yourself to a FREE copy of Celebrate Life magazine. You can find them on the table in the hallway outside of the church. Read it and then pass it on to a friend!

Pilgrimage to the holy Land with Father Timothy Reid – November 2009

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime spiritual pilgrimage to Israel this November with Fr. Reid. This pilgrimage will take you to see all of the important places that our Lord knew during His life on earth. The trip highlights include: Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Bethlehem, and all that Jerusalem has to offer. The 11-day pilgrimage leaves from Charlotte on November 9th and returns November 19th. The trip cost is \$3199, which includes round-trip airfare from Charlotte, first class accommodations breakfast and dinner daily, taxes and tips. Brochures can be found on the table in the hallway. For more information or to register call George's International Tours 800-566-7499.

Eagle Scout Project: Bobby Kawecki, a Boy Scout with Troop 80 and a life long member of St. Ann's is starting work on his Eagle Scout Project. He will do his Eagle Scout Project at Jackson Park Ministries near the Airport. Bobby will replace the JPM sign, put in a new flower bed around the sign and install spot lights to light the sign and the flag poles. If you would like to make a donation to this Eagle Scout Project, please contact Bobby Kawecki at 13442 Cassington Court, 28273. Checks can be made out to Bobby Kawecki and please mark "Eagle Scout Project" on the memo line. Please note that all donations to Eagle Scout Projects are Tax Deductible. Thank You.

Calling all parishioners, neighbors and friends: Mark your calendars now for our Feast Day! The Feast of St. Ann is July 26th. We would like to celebrate with a **Picnic and Tailgate Party** after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, July 25th. There will be more information coming but we would like to see every **"Zip Code"** within our parish represented. This could be a great time before the new church is dedicated and the Annual Carnival. So plan now to be there! Watch the bulletin and start making plans! Saturday, July 25th after the 4:30pm Mass.



St. Ann's School News

Visit the website at

www.stannscatholicschool.com

Wednesday, August 19th will be the first day of School!!

Summer Camp: TOTUS TUUS, a diocesan summer program the uses college students and seminarians to excite children and teenagers about the Catholic faith, is being held at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick July 5th – 11th. For grade school children (grades 1-6) the program runs Monday-Friday 9:00am -2:30pm. The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games and recess. For junior and senior high school youth, the program runs Sunday-Thursday from 7:30pm-9:30pm. The cost for the week is just \$25/child with a family maximum of \$75. Registration forms are available at the parish office or call Debra Lemmon at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick at dlemmon@stpatricks.org or 704-334-2283.

Please check *the Lighthouse Catholic Media* kiosk in the back of the church. We have a whole new selection of CD's to take home. There is a suggested donation of just \$3.00 per CD and 50 cents per pamphlet.

If you are a **High School student who is interested becoming a Jr. Lector**, call Joan Edwards 704-752-7253. joanedwards@earthlink.net.

Join us to pray the Rosary to stop abortions at the Hebron Abortion Clinic off South Blvd. Every Saturday at 9:45am.

Please pray for: (in our parish): Joan Knechtle, Ryan Nguyen, Mimi Gibson, Katie Sloan, Gerry Buening, Gladys Cavallone, Dan DeHority, Gerald Dugan, Jane Grist, Bill Hall, John Halmans, Esther Lapham, Richard P. Morency, Kate Mulkey, Helen Norton, Bill Prall, Jo Prall, Dolly Ballaro, Odette Ramsey, Alice Roth, Nellie Lopez, Don Millard, Catherine Silverthorne, Patrick Yaeger, Cecilia Gaffney, Louis Pagan, Geraldine Hossenlopp, Mary Murphy, Ana Troppoli, and Jeff Edmond.

(and among our relatives and friends:

Janet Foss (mother of Bonnie Wheeler), Jack Broxterman, Leon Wiltsey (father of Lorelle Grant), Shannon McNelis, Maryanne Dale, Pat McLaughlin (friend of Cathy Yankech), Joseph Yankech (brother-in-law of Cathy Yankech), John J. Eichorn, and Phillip D. Scruggs (friends of Charles Williams), Luke Wenzl (nephew of Pat and Jim Rebol), Deanna Case (mother of Brenda Eckmair), Patty Hunter, (daughters of Margaret Hunter and sisters of Karen Ponischil), Pat Bryant (sister of Kathy Karr).

Please pray for our friends who are incarcerated: Tony Abernathy, Kevin Wilbur, Kyle Arango, Aaron Estes, Kirk Silvia, and Aimee Porter.

O'Donoghue Classmates plan a Reunion; Graduating classes 1950-1954 are invited to a Reunion on September 11th, 12th and 13th of this year. For details contact Mary Ann Frantz at 704-523-1466, Jeri Gertzman at 704-846-0894, Jerry Berry at 704-544-8386, Mary Manion at 704-544-7076 or Francis Dunn at 731-664-3018.

Catholic Book Store! Located inside the Ace Hardware Store in the Cheshire Place Shopping Center at 3716 WT Harris Blvd. Call Allen Bond at 704-562-5001 he is the store manager. Get some books for some great summer reading!

Please do not leave anything in your cars the police have told us there seem to be alto of car theft and car break-ins in the area. Please stay alert!!



Faith Formation Schedule:

Faith Formation: sign –ups will take place on Sunday, September 13th at 9:00am. This is also the first day of class. Please come with your child and his or her baptismal certificate.

Children’s Liturgy for children ages 4-8 will meet again this fall. Watch for more details.

First Communion pictures are in the church office. Please come and pick up your child’s First communion picture.

Confirmation Pictures are also in the Church office please pick up your child’s Confirmation picture.

Coaches Needed: Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School is currently looking for volunteer coaches for 2009 Fall season to coach Football or Cross Country. Applicants must be eligible to volunteer under Diocese policy including clear a background check and attend a Protecting God’s Children 2-hour workshop prior to coaching. Interested persons should contact Kevin Parks at kparks@htcms.net or 704-527-7822x128.

The Respect Life Office of the Charlotte diocese has three upcoming Rachel’s Vineyard retreats for post-abortion healing. Visit the web-site: rachelsvineyard.org. Call Maggi Fitzpatrick Nadol Respect Life, Director Diocese of Charlotte 704-370-3229 or email: mnadol@charlottediocese.org.

“Fr. HoLung & Friends” of Missionaries of the Poor will be performing a musical of Isaiah in Charlotte at the Halton Theatre. The performances are August 1st at 2:00pm and 7:00pm and August 2nd at 3:00pm. All proceeds will benefit Holy Innocents Center for Pregnant women in Jamaica. Come and experience this award winning production. Adults \$30.00 and Students/Seniors are \$20.00. For more information and to buy tickets call the Halton theatre at 704-330-6534 or MOP 704-999-6354 the Website is www.missionariesofthepoor.org.

St. Gerard’s Club: Mission is to pray for women who are pregnant or seeking to become pregnant. To provide free meals (cooked by parish volunteers) for women who have recently given birth. If you wish to receive meal when you give birth or if you are available to cook meals occasionally throughout the year please contact Katherine Lauer at 704-447-7322 or katherinelauer@gmail.com
Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before the throne of God, pray for us.

Help Wanted: During these difficult economic times, some members of our parish have lost their jobs. Others are facing an uncertain future. You may be able to help! If you or anyone you know is looking to hire, please contact those within our church family first. Contact the church office for names and numbers of those currently searching for employment. Please be sure to contact the church office if you would like your information to be included on the list as well.

Volleyball Camps at Charlotte Catholic High School: 5th through 7th graders camp is July 13th –July 16th. 8th through 9th graders camp is July 13th – July 17th at a different site. The camps are run by Tim Leary the Coach at Charlotte Catholic High School and Bettie Berry the Coach at Myers Park High School. Call 704-301-7572 for details on both camps.



A Carnival Is Coming . . .

Wanted: Organizational Volunteers

Stage the greatest show for kids- kids of all ages-that St. Ann's has ever known. Come, get to know your parishioners in a marvelously fun way. Consider bringing your talents and working alongside and experiences marketer, decorator, scheduler, cook, caterer, carpenter, etc. and become a co-chair. Learn the ropes and help enhance system s already in development over the last 13 years.

A Carnival Is Coming To St. Ann's

Saturday, September 19th

Ted Peters, Carnival Marketing Coordinator, H: 704-523-9233



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NEW LIFE

Most parents will say that the arrival of their first child was the beginning of a new life for them. They will say that the life of parenting involves lots of sacrifices, but the rewards are worth far more than the cost. And there is no one they would rather sacrifice for than their darling “little one.”

This week all three scripture readings illustrate the rewards that God offers to those who are born into the new life of Christ in baptism. Paul tells us that all who die to sin in baptism shall live with Christ “in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). In this new life, sacrifices are freely and joyfully chosen, and they bring eternal rewards. The story of Elisha and the soon-to-be-widowed woman exemplifies the rewards of freely given sacrifice. She meets Elisha’s needs not out of self-interest, but because she recognizes that Elisha is holy. Her sacrifice is rewarded with new life in her womb, a son to care for her in her old age.

Jesus’ words to us reinforce this message: “Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it . . . and whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones” (Matthew 10:39, 42) will be rewarded. Willing sacrifice for others is at the heart of living out our baptism, but then, so is newness of life.

THE LITTLE ONES

This week and next Matthew refers to “little ones.” Who are the little ones in these scriptures today? The woman cares for Elisha in his time of need. Elisha cares for the woman in her time of need. The “little ones” are anyone in need, in whom we are to see the face of Christ himself. Who are the little ones in your community? How are you called to reach out to them and care for their needs? What willing sacrifice will you have to make? What will be the reward?

Today’s Readings: 2 Kings 4:8–11, 14–16a; Psalm 89:2–3, 16–19; Romans 6:3–4, 8–11; Matthew 10:37–42
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Petition to Help Pregnant Women Choose Life: Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Jugis need your help in convincing our state legislators to allow the Choose Life license plate to be made available in NC. Helping is as simple as a few flicks on your internet. An online petition has been created by the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship and can be found at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/ncchooselife/> No contribution is necessary and petition names will not be used for any other purpose. Important: if you prefer not to receive further notifications from this petition website, please be sure to remove the green check from the box that appears above the “Sign Petition” box. If you do not wish to make a contribution to the petitions website simply leave the website after you click the “Sign Petition” box. Please consider signing the petition and let your friends know about the petition as well. Without your help, the Choose Life license plate will never be passed by our legislature.

His Excellency, Bishop Peter Jugis, will celebrate a mass for U.S. Military personnel on Sunday, July 5, 2009 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Charlotte. The Mass and Rosary (which will be recited at 2:30pm) will be offered for all military personnel who have died and for those who are serving now in our armed services. All military personnel are invited and encouraged to come in uniform. Photos of those who have died or who are now serving in the military will be on display in the Cathedral. To include your loved one, please mail a color photocopy or black and white photocopy of them with their name and military rank on the back of the photo to Mrs. Nancy Weber, Office of the Bishop 1123 South Church Street Charlotte, NC 28203 to be received no later than July 1, 2009. (Photocopies of the pictures will not be returned.)

St. Thomas Aquinas, Charlotte is seeking a Director of Religious Education for our Grad School Faith Formation Program. Candidate must have a Degree in Religious Education or related area and have experience in parish work. Please send your resume and references to St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Attn Personnel 1400 Suther Road Charlotte, NC 28213.



Decimotercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

VIDA NUEVA

Muchos padres dicen que la llegada de su primer hijo marcó el comienzo de una nueva vida para ellos. Dicen que ser padres incluye muchos sacrificios, pero las recompensas superan lo que los sacrificios cuestan. Y no hay nadie más por quien se sacrificarán que por su querido “pequeño”.

Las tres lecturas de la Sagrada Escritura de esta semana ilustran las recompensas que Dios ofrece a aquellos que nacen a la vida nueva de Cristo por el Bautismo. Pablo nos dice que todos los que mueren al pecado por el Bautismo vivirán con Cristo “una vida nueva” (Romanos 6:4). En esta vida nueva los sacrificios se eligen libre y alegremente, y éstos nos traen recompensas eternas. La historia de Eliseo y la mujer que está por convertirse en viuda ejemplifica las recompensas del sacrificio ofrecido libremente. Ella cubre las necesidades de Eliseo, no por interés propio, sino porque sabe que Eliseo es santo. Su sacrificio se recompensa con una vida nueva en su vientre, con un hijo que la cuidará en su vejez.

Las palabras que nos dice Jesús refuerzan este mensaje: “El que pierda [su vida] por mí, la salvará . . .” y “quien diere, aunque no sea más que un vaso de agua fría a uno de estos pequeños . . .” (Mateo 10:39, 42) será recompensado. Realizar sacrificios por los demás es esencial para vivir nuestro bautismo en una vida nueva.

LOS PEQUEÑOS

Esta semana y la próxima, san Mateo menciona a los “pequeños”. ¿Quiénes son los pequeños en estas lecturas de hoy? La mujer se preocupa por Eliseo y su necesidad. Eliseo se preocupa por la mujer y su necesidad. Los “pequeños” son cualquier persona necesitada, en quienes debemos ver el rostro del mismo Cristo. ¿Quiénes son los pequeños en tu comunidad? ¿Cómo se te pide que te esfuerces y te preocupes por sus necesidades? ¿Qué sacrificio tendrás que hacer de buena voluntad? ¿Cuál será la recompensa? *Lecturas de hoy: 2 Reyes 4:8–11, 14–16a; Salmo 89:2–3, 16–19; Romanos 6:3–4, 8–11; Mateo 10:37–42*

Servicio Bilingüe: Domingos a las 12:30pm.

La tana Del Inmigrante Contribuciones Recibidas Hasta La Fecha (Dinero en efectivo/ofrecimientos: 15,057.06) Nuestra meta es de : \$25,000.) En memoria de los inmigrantes, que han dedicado sus vidas sirviendo y trabajando en este pais. Para quienes han participado gracias por su contribucion fianciera. Si no ha participado todavia, por favor considere el hacer una contribucion economica para horar nuestros inmigranres, ancestros, amigos y/o seres queridos que han muerto sirviendo este pais grandioso! Que Dios los tenga ensu seno! Por favor, entregue su donacion u ofrecimiento enla oficina de la iglesia. Para mayor informacion, puedi comunicarse con Esteben Caroso 704—733-7532.

Su iglesia y la comunidad ofrece muchas oportunidades para usar su tiempo y talento al servicio de Dios. Si tiene interes en server en la misa como monaguillo, ministro de la Eucaristia, lector, etc. favor de llamar a Robin Davis 704-806-2434.

AYÚDAME, SEÑOR

Hoy escuchamos lecturas que nos acercan al misterio de sufrimiento y muerte. En los últimos años hemos sido testigos de la devastación de vidas y propiedades a manos de tsunamis y huracanes. Muchos elevaron su lamento a Dios y preguntaron: “¿Por qué?” Esta es una expresión sincera de ira hacia un Dios que creemos da la vida. Cuando perdemos a un ser querido, puede que nos preguntemos por qué la presencia de Cristo no es suficiente para hacer que esa persona resucite, incluso de entre los muertos, como la pequeña niña del pasaje del Evangelio de hoy. Entonces alzamos la voz y preguntamos: “¿Por qué?” En momentos como estos, debemos acudir a la oración del salmista: “¡Escucha Señor y ten piedad de mí; Señor, socórreme”. Recemos para que nuestro luto algún día se convierta en danza.

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Al verdadero amor no se le conoce por lo que exige, sino por lo que ofrece.

—Jacinto Benavente

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Muchos hispanos que vivimos en Estados Unidos somos personas bilingües. Podemos leer la palabra de Dios en inglés o español. Por ejemplo, el texto de Juan 21:15-19, en el que Jesús le pregunta a Pedro si lo ama. El texto en inglés nos dice que Jesús le pregunta tres veces: Peter, do you love me? Pedro le responde: Lord, you know that I love you, mientras que en español le dice: “Señor, tú sabes que te quiero”.

La diferencia es casi imperceptible, pero importante. El texto original fue escrito en griego y usaba dos palabras que significan amor, ágape (amor que se sacrifica) y fileo (amor fraterno). En inglés, Jesús y Pedro usan la misma palabra, love, mientras en español Jesús dos veces pregunta por “amor”, y Pedro responde con “querer”. La tercera vez, Jesús se acopla a Pedro y sólo pregunta en torno al “querer”, reconociendo que en ese momento, Pedro no puede darle más que eso. Jesús le asegura que algún día Pedro sería capaz del amor ágape entregando su vida por Él. Jesús se acopla a nosotros pidiendo lo que le podemos dar y ayudándonos a crecer hasta que podamos darle toda nuestra vida.

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EL CAMBIO

El revolucionario es el que quiere cambiarlo todo menos a sí mismo. El cristiano es el que quiere cambiarlo todo empezando por sí mismo.

—Vittorio Messori

