CATHOLIC CHURCH IGLESIA CATOLICA DE SANTIAGO APOSTOL

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C A L E N D A R

August Registration for Sacraments September 12. Parish Picnic September 19, Religious Education, Sacraments Prep start

RCIA

If you are adult, not baptized or baptized other than Catholic baptism, and

thinking about joining the Catholic Church, the RCIA is a venue to know the Catholic Church more and eventually get initiated or fully accepted in the Catholic faith. The instruction/ formation approximately runs for a year (10 months). While formation starts in September, anyone who is interested to join can come any time and start the process. Typically initiation happens at the Easter Vigil. Easter Vigil is the eve of Easter Sunday.

If you or a friend or family member is interested, let us know. Call us at 503-829-2080. Come and see.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord! Ps 34



Parish Mission and Vision

We are a Christian community from varied roots, united by God, guided by St. James the Greater, worshiping, evangelizing and helping each other toward holiness.

We form our young, adults, and families to develop Christian values, that all may serve the church and community through faith.

> Somos una comunidad Cristiana de raíces variadas, unidas por Dios, guiada por Santiago el mayor, adorando, evangelizándo

y guiando mutuamente. Formamos a nuestros jóvenes, adultos y familias para desarrollar valores cristianos, que todos pueden server a la Iglesia y a nuestra comunidad.

Collection Update for August 8-15, 2021

Maintenance Fund \$

\$ 7 205.00 **General Collections Estimated Wkly Exp** \$ 4019.00 \$ 0

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Thank you very much for your usual support to our parish! Please continue to help us in the best way possible that you can to support our parish's needs. Online giving is the best way to help us.



IGLESIA CATOLICA

Mass Schedule

DE SANTIAGO APOSTOL

XXI SUNDAY ORDINARY

XXI TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Mass Intentions

Roy Baurer+ Fred Baurer+

23

Irene Burch, Onie

Betty Coiteux Hanset 27



ST.JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH





August 22, 2021

Fr. Cit's Column The days are evil. I have a bad day! A friend told me. The day started with a heavy feeling he thought something was not right. He was right.

Just exact to the rush of that morning, as soon as he pulled in, parked his motorbike, ran to the office to start his busy day than no sooner he heard a loud thud! It was too late to see his motorbike lay flat on the concrete. His 8-month old motorbike was bruised. His spirit was dampened.

Don't we all have bad days? And they literally ruin our whole day. That does not mean though that the whole day was bad. But one or two mishaps of any day totally ruin all the day. That exactly the case for Chocoy who had his motorbike bruised because the rush demanded him to lose focus, forgot to set his motorbike to rest on its stand, falling on the concrete, crashing and sustaining bruises. Only one accident made all his day, and the next days bad. He has not recovered yet.

That same fit applies to the evils in the world. In the midst of the usual things we see and experience are evil things. They range from a simple disrespect to somebody to the immoral disrespect to creation and life. They are intertwined with the good, but they cannot be out of sight as they are evidently conspicuous in the light of day and in the dark of night. A lot of them hide in the guise of the good.

Well enough, the evil has to do its trick so it can smoothly operate and bring more souls to the eternal fire.

Our eyes have to be opened to these evils. Moreover, our conscience must be trained to evaluate the moral and distinguish them from the immoral. We must not get accustomed to the evils that happen around us making us passive and naïve on them.

What St. Paul instructed us about Christian living is to be strong and authoritative witnesses of Christian living and defenders of faith in Jesus.-30-

Los días son malos. ¡Tengo un mal día! Me lo dijo un amigo. El día comenzó con una pesada sensación de que pensaba que había algo que no estaba bien. Tenía razón. Exactamente a las prisas de esa mañana, tan pronto como se detuvo, estacionó su moto, corrió a la oficina para comenzar su ajetreado día que tan pronto escuchó un fuerte ruido! Ya era demasiado tarde para ver su moto yacía sobre el hormigón. Su moto de 8 meses estaba magullada. Su espíritu

¿No tenemos todos días malos? Y literalmente arruinan todo nuestro día. Sin embargo, eso no significa que todo el día haya sido malo. Pero uno o dos percances de cualquier día arruinan totalmente todo el día. Ese fue exactamente el caso de Chocoy que tenía su moto magullada porque las prisas le exigían perder el foco, se olvidó de poner su moto a descansar en su soporte, cayendo sobre el hormigón, chocando y sufriendo contusiones. Sólo un accidente hizo que todo su día, y los días siguientes fuera malo. Aún no se ha recuperado.

Ese mismo ajuste se aplica a los males del mundo. En medio de lo habitual las cosas que vemos y experimentamos son cosas malas. Van desde una simple falta de respeto a alguien hasta la falta de respeto inmoral a la creación y la vida. Están entrelazados con lo bueno, pero no pueden estar fuera de la vista, ya que son evidentemente visibles a la luz del día y en la oscuridad de la noche. Muchos de ellos se esconden bajo la apariencia de lo bueno. Bueno, el mal tiene que hacer su truco para que pueda funcionar sin problemas y traer más

Hay que abrir los ojos a estos males. Además, nuestra conciencia debe ser entrenada para evaluar lo moral y distinguirlo de lo inmoral. No debemos acostumbrarnos a que los males que suceden a nuestro alrededor nos hagan pasivos e ingenuos con ellos.

Lo que San Pablo nos instruyó acerca de la vida cristiana es ser testigos fuertes y autorizados de la vida cristiana y defensores de la fe en Jesús.-30-

Wanted: English speaking catechists

The opening of the new formation year is coming (September) and we are praying we can have children who speak English attend our classes. To make it possible, we ask you to help us. Be not afraid. If you have not done this before, we Will assure you that you can be trained. You can train while guiding our children. For info. please call Miguel 503.829. 2880 or Fr. Cit 503.829.2080.





Consider parents holding their first newborn son or daughter. While there is no instruction manual for all the possible circumstances they may encounter, their guiding framework is the loving, parental relationship with their child. With his encyclical *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis invites us to understand more deeply our relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation, and to live accordingly. "Everything is connected," he reminds us (LS 91).

God uses creation to bring us into loving relationship with himself, most notably through the sacraments. We experience this most powerfully in the Eucharist, the true body and blood of Christ, received under the appearance of bread and wine, where "all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation" (LS 236). God invites us to embrace creation on this deeper level through our worship of himself (LS 235). Our relationship with Christ—strengthened by receiving him worthily in Holy Communion—helps us understand our relationships with one another and with creation.

Pope Francis warns against placing ourselves "at the center," thinking we don't need God and lacking concern for other creatures (LS 122, 68-69). But he also rejects the view that "the presence of human beings on the planet should be reduced and all forms

of intervention prohibited" (LS, 60). The Holy Father affirms, instead, that human beings possess "a particular dignity above other creatures" and share a distinct responsibility for the world entrusted to us (LS 119, 242). When any of our relationships are out of balance—with God, one another, or the rest of creation—all our relationships suffer.

We see evidence of this imbalance on a large scale today. Building upon the teaching of his predecessors, the Holy Father discusses in great detail the disrepair apparent in creation. Our distorted relationship with God has infected our relationship with the earth, evidenced by pollution, lack of clean water, toxic waste, and immense material waste. For example, "approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and 'whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor'" (LS 50).

What the Holy Father often calls a "culture of waste" or a "throwaway culture" even goes so far as to see and treat human life as disposable. The elderly are marginalized, and the lives of persons with disabilities are deemed less worth living (LS 123). The fundamental truth that "the inalienable worth of a human being transcends his or her degree of development" is forgotten—leading to the destruction of unwanted babies in the womb and experimentation on embryonic children in the lab (LS 136, 123).

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Sometimes, even efforts to alleviate the suffering of certain populations lead to offenses against human life. Pope Francis warns, for example, against international pressure which makes the promotion of contraception, abortion, and other harmful practices a condition for economic aid.

At times, efforts seeking to protect the environment and other creatures disregard or even attack the particular dignity of human beings. Although we are called to care for creation, the Holy Father makes clear that this approach is not only inconsistent, it "compromises the very meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment" (LS 91). Quoting Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Charity in Truth*, Pope Francis explains further:

Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties? "If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away" (LS 120).

Pope Francis isn't endorsing a secular environmentalism—he has a broader idea in mind—one that echoes the sentiments of another predecessor, Pope St. John Paul II. In his 1990 World Day of Peace message, the great saint reminded us that "no peaceful society can afford to neglect either respect for life or the fact that there is an integrity to creation" (emphasis original, 7). He later addressed

Catholics directly, reminding us of our "serious obligation to care for all of creation" (16).

If we are filled with the love of God, a culture of encounter and solidarity will begin to bloom. Pope Francis stresses, "We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness, which is capable of being fully present to someone without thinking of what comes next" (LS 226). With this attitude of heart, we neither treat other humans as disposable, nor neglect to care for God's creation at any level. Through a conversion of heart, repairing our relationships with God, one another, and all of creation, we can combat the many pollutants that poison our hearts and our world.

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Parish Family Picnic September 12, 2021 Mass and then food and festivities. This is fun time for children, youth and adults. Mark your calendars. If you have things

you want to give

away, we accept

them and we will give them away as

door prizes during the picnic.
Thanks.

Wanted: Pianist/Choir director 503-829-2080

Wanted: Children/Youth Coordinator 503-829-2080