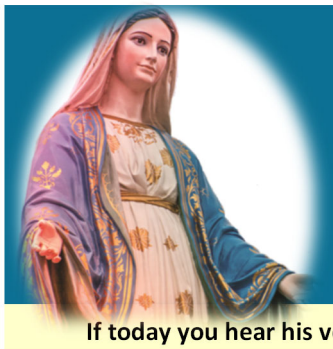

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If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Ps. 90

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Mass Schedule

English Masses:
Sunday - 10:00am

Horarios de Misa

Misas en Español:
Lunes a Viernes– 7:00am y 6:30pm

Sábado - 7:00am y 7:00pm
Domingo - 6:00am, 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, & 8:00pm

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Confessions/Confesiones:
Saturday/Sábado: 5:00pm
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Office Hours/ Horario de Oficina

Monday to Friday/ Lunes a Viernes
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Saturday/Sábado & Sunday/Domingo:
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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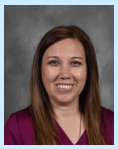

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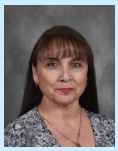

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Did you know?

July 30-31

Underage drinking can cause brain damage

Underage drinking can certainly get your teen into a lot of trouble — loss of driving privileges, fines, and even criminal charges. But underage drinking can also cause significant brain damage. An adolescent's brain does not fully develop until the age of 25. Early alcohol use can affect that development, causing memory problems and potential dependency on alcohol later in life. For more information to share with your teenagers, read the VIRTUS® article, "Underage drinking isn't just illegal, it damages the brain" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

¿Sabía usted?

Julio 30-31

El consumo de alcohol por menores puede causar daño cerebral

El consumo de alcohol por menores de edad sin duda puede causar muchos problemas a su hijo adolescente: pérdida de los privilegios de conducir, multas e incluso cargos penales. Pero el consumo de alcohol por menores de edad también puede causar un daño cerebral significativo. El cerebro de un adolescente no se desarrolla por completo hasta los 25 años. El consumo temprano de alcohol puede afectar ese desarrollo, causando problemas de memoria y una posible dependencia del alcohol más adelante en la vida. Para obtener más información para compartir con sus hijos adolescentes, lea el artículo de VIRTUS® en inglés, "Underage drinking isn't just illegal, it damages the brain" (El consumo de alcohol por menores de edad no solo es ilegal, sino que también daña el cerebro) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
Tuesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard
Thursday: St. John Vianney
Friday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; First Friday
Saturday: The Transfiguration of the Lord; First Saturday

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jer 28:1-17; Sal 119 (118):29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
Martes: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Sal 102 (101):16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 o Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Miércoles: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Jueves: Jer 31:31-34; Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Viernes: Nah 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Sábado: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pe 1:16-19; Lc 9:28b-36
Domingo: Sab 18:6-9; Sal 33 (32):1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lc 12:32-48 [35-40]

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: San Alfonso María de Ligorio
Martes: San Eusebio de Vercelli; San Pedro Juliano Eymard
Jueves: San Juan María Vianney
Viernes: Dedicación de la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor en Roma; Primer viernes
Sábado: La Transfiguración del Señor; Primer sábado

CONFIRMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION be taking **REGISTRATIONS** beginning July through August. Monday-Thursday from 4-6pm in the Youth Ministry office. Be sure to bring Baptism and First Communion certificates along with a $100 deposit.

CONFIRMATION YOUTH PROGRAM is **looking for English Catechists**. If you are interested please call the Confirmation office.

Summer BIBLE STUDIES will be on Thursdays 6:30-8:00pm in the youth ministry office. All High School students are invited.

For more information please call the
Youth Ministry office at (818) 899-0278, ext. 7

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Las **INSCRIPCIONES de CONFIRMACIÓN** seran de julio a agosto. Lunes a jueves de 4 a 6 pm en la oficina de Confirmación. Asegúrese de traer certificados de Bautismo y Primera Comunión junto con un depósito de $100.

El PROGRAMA DE CONFIRMACIÓN DE JÓVENES está **buscando catequistas en inglés.** Si está interesado, llame a la oficina de Confirmación.

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LIFETEEN is our High School Ministry that meets on certain Fridays from 6:30-8:00pm.
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El Ministerio Juvenil está inscribiendo en nuestros Programas Juveniles de **EDGE** y **LIFETEEN**. No hay costo para asistir a estos programas. **EDGE** es nuestro Ministerio para jovenes que estan en la Escuela Intermedia que se reúne los martes de 6:30-8:00pm.
LIFETEEN es nuestro Ministerio para jovenes que estan en la Escuela Secundaria.Se reúne
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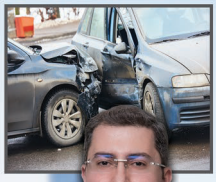

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Reflexión de nuestro párroco:

MEDITEMOS CON JESUS

VIVE LOS VALORES DEL CIELO

Los cristianos somos llamados a procurar los valores del cielo más que cualquier valor de este mundo pasajero. *Busca primero el Reino de Dios,…* Mt 6,33. *Somos ciudadanos del Cielo. Estamos en el mundo, pero no somos del mundo.*

Si han resucitado con Cristo, ***busquen los valores de arriba, no los de la tierra…*** *Pues han muerto y su vida está escondida con Cristo en Dios. (Colosenses 3,3)*

Somos resucitados con Cristo desde el bautismo, por ello ya **no podemos mandarnos solos, le pertenecemos a El**. Romanos 14,8ss:

Pues si vivimos, para el Señor vivimos; y si morimos, para el Señor morimos. *Así pues, sea que vivamos, o que muramos,* ***del Señor somos****. Porque Cristo para esto murió y resucitó, y volvió a vivir, para ser Señor así de los muertos como de los que viven… Porque todos compareceremos ante el tribunal de Cristo.*

No somos dueños de nada, ni siquiera de nosotros mismos, somos de Dios. Debemos ser buenos administradores de los talentos que Dios nos ha dado a cada uno para multiplicarlos, poniéndolos al servicio de los demás. Solo así podremos entrar al gozo del Señor (cf. Mateo 25,14ss.).

No se trata pues de acumular valores de este mundo terrenal, ni materiales, ni títulos, honores o riquezas o placeres, reconocimientos, aplausos,… eso **no es lo que da sentido, realización y felicidad a la vida**, esto es nada comparado con lo que a Dios quiere para nosotros, vida en abundancia, plena y eterna. Y esta **se recibe confiando en El, con fe verdadera, haciendo su voluntad,** haciéndole caso; solo esto nos hace sus íntimos, su padre, madre, hermano, amigo. **Solo esto es valor verdadero**, lo que nos da el gran premio de la vida eterna, sin la cual ¿de qué nos serviría ganar el mundo entero si perdemos la vida? Esta es, pues, **la única cosa necesaria** que le menciona a Marta y María, ante la cual vale la pena dejar cualquier otra cosa por importante que sea.

Todo valor terrenal es temporal y pasajero, y es nada comparado con lo que Dios nos quiere dar en su Reino eterno, por el que deberíamos afanarnos mucho más que por todo lo de este mundo. Lucas 12,19ss.

"Entonces yo conmigo hablaré: Alma mía, tienes aquí muchas cosas guardadas para muchos años; descansa, come, bebe, pásalo bien.» Pero Dios le dijo: "¡Pobre loco! Esta misma noche te reclaman tu alma. ¿Quién se quedará con lo que has preparado?"Esto vale para toda persona que amontona para sí misma, en vez de acumular ***en lo valioso ante Dios. "HAZNOS SABIOS SENOR PARA RECIBIR TUS DONES.***

Reflection from our pastor:

LET US MEDITATE WITH JESUS

LIVE THE VALUES OF HEAVEN

We Christians are called to seek the values of heaven more than any value of this passing world. *Seek first the Kingdom of God,…* Mt 6:33. *We are citizens of Heaven. We are in the world, but we are not of the world.*

If you have risen with Christ, seek ***the values of above, not those of the earth…*** *For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Colossians 3:3)*

We are resurrected with Christ from Baptism; for this reason **we can no longer send ourselves alone, we belong to Him.** Romans 14:8ss:

For if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. *So, whether we live or die,* ***we belong to the Lord****. Because Christ died and rose again for this, and came back to life, to be Lord of the dead as well as of those who live… Because we will all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.*

We do not own anything, not even ourselves; we belong to God. We must be good stewards of the talents that God has given each of us to multiply them, putting them at the service of others. Only in this way can we enter in the joy of the Lord (cf. Matthew 25:14ff.).

It is not about accumulating values of this earthly world, neither materials, nor titles, honors or riches or pleasures, recognitions, applause,... **that is not what gives meaning, fulfillment and happiness to life**, this is nothing compared to what that God wants for us, life in abundance, full and eternal. And this is received **trusting in Him, with true faith, doing his will**, paying attention to him; only this makes us intimate with him, as father, mother, brother, friend. **Only this is true value, which** gives us the great prize of eternal life, without which what would be the use of winning the whole world if we lose our life? This is, then, **the only necessary thing** that he mentions to Martha and Mary, which it is worth leaving anything else important as it may be.

All earthly value is temporary and fleeting and is nothing compared to what God wants to give us in his eternal Kingdom, for which we should strive much more than for everything in this world. Luke 12,19ff.

"Then I will speak with myself: My soul, you have many things stored here for many years; rest, eat, drink, have a good time." But God told him: "You fool! This very night they claim your soul. Who will keep what you have prepared?" This applies to every person who accumulates for himself, instead of accumulating in what is valuable before God." ***MAKE US WISE LORD TO RECEIVE YOUR GIFTS.***