



PARISH COMMUNITY  
Santa Clara, California

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

*October 20, 2024*

*Vigesimalonoveno Domingo  
en Tiempo Ordinario*



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER WISHES TO  
BE GREAT WILL BE

**YOUR SERVANT.**

MARK 10:43

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## From Monsignor Fran Cilia

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On World Mission Sunday, every parish throughout the world takes up its “missionary” work, sharing the ministry of evangelization: preaching the Word of God to those who have not heard the Gospel of the Lord Jesus. At the same time, we are called to be “home missionaries,” in the new evangelization: sharing the Good News with those who may have fallen away from the faith of their upbringing.

This dual emphasis is at the heart of what we celebrate today. We support the efforts of lay, religious and clergy who go off to far places to share the Gospel with those who have not yet heard it; and at home, by our lives, we ourselves are living invitations as we reflect Christ to our family members and neighbors who – for whatever reason – no longer share communion with the Church. We do this through invitation, rather than coercion, hopefully sharing the joy we know in Christ, even in the dark times that affect our lives.

Jesus’ words in this Sunday’s Gospel (Mark 10:44-45) challenge us: “Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Thank you for your support of World Missions in this weekend’s second collection.



## Anointing of the Sick at Masses Next Weekend

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In the Letter of Saint James, we read this: “Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven (James 5:14-15).”

Based upon the healing ministry of Jesus, the early Church developed a Sacrament of the Sick, now known as the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Unlike the practice of the past, when this Sacrament was known as Extreme Unction, and was usually reserved for those facing imminent death, this Anointing is open to all who are at the age of reason (generally considered to be around 7 or 8 years old) and who have an acute or chronic serious impairment of their health. The Sacrament is also for those who, because of the burden of their years, have grown weak.

If someone has a minor illness, such as a cold, he or she may not be a candidate for this Anointing. If you are in doubt, please ask one of the priests.

The words spoken by the priest who is anointing are a clear indication of the mind of the Church regarding the effects of the Sacrament:

“Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.” [Amen] “May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.” [Amen]



While saying this, each person is anointed with the Oil of the Sick on the forehead and on both hands.

We invite those who could benefit from the Sacrament to be with us at Mass next Saturday evening and Sunday. Those with mobility issues are asked to sit in the front row of the church.

## Thank You!

Thanks to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council who prepared for Father John Dear's visit to Saint Clare this Saturday. We hope all who attended were inspired by Father Dear's commitment and witness to peace that is rooted in justice.

## Not too Late to Register! Faith Formation 2024-2025

### Sacramental Preparation - First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Christian Initiation for Children (older than 7 years) - Baptism and Sacramental Preparation

Faith formation is a lifelong journey that recognizes the unique relationship each of us has with our Creator. We share, learn and experience the freedom in each of us to have a unique and natural conversion of receiving and participating in faith. Children who have celebrated their Sacraments are invited to continue their sessions for a deeper understanding and relationship with Jesus.

Please register your child ages TK (4 years) through 7th Grade either at our website <https://www.stclareparish.org/>, visit our Rectory for a paper copy in English or Spanish or email Sandra for a registration form and one will be sent to you via email. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Quintanilla at (669) 270-2702 or email: [sandra.quintanilla@dsj.org](mailto:sandra.quintanilla@dsj.org)

## Knights of Columbus: Pancake Breakfast

On **Sunday, October 27, 2024**  
after the 7:30AM, 9:00AM, and  
10:30AM masses, join the  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
for a spooky **pancake breakfast!**

Just a little early trick or treat for  
the family!



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## Mass Schedule

**Weekend Masses**  
**Saturday Evening Vigil**  
5:00 p.m. (English)  
*Livestreamed*

**Sunday**  
7:30 a.m. (English)  
9:00 a.m. (Portuguesa)  
10:30 a.m. (English)  
12:00 p.m. (Español)  
*Livestreamed*

*Liturgy of the Word  
for Children during*  
10:30 a.m. Mass (English)

*Liturgia de la Palabra  
para Niños  
durante Misa de*  
12:00 p.m. (Español)

**Weekday Masses**  
Monday-Saturday  
8:00 a.m.  
Holidays - 9:00 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays  
3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.  
*(In the church)*

## Parish Staff

- **Pastor/Párroco**  
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9am - 5pm  
Monday - Thursday

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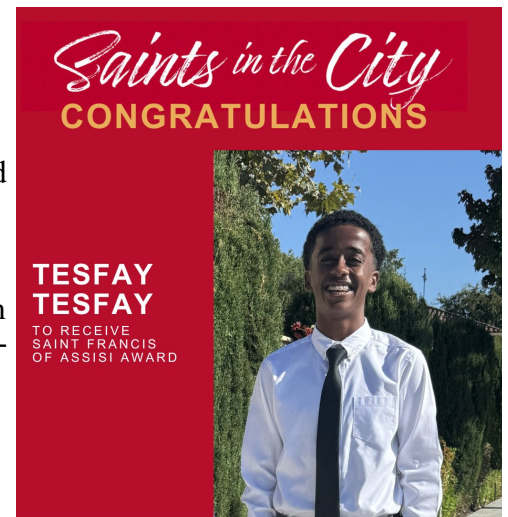
### **Main Office Number**

(408) 248-7786

**Emergencies (for sick & dying):**  
408-248-7786 Follow the prompt,  
then press 9



**Congratulations to Tesfay Tesfay for being nominated for this year's Saints in the City Award!** Saints in the City is an annual award night that recognizes youth from each parish and school community that exemplifies discipleship. Through his dedication to playing cajon with the liturgical choir each Sunday and also his growth in spirituality in the Confirmation Program, Tesfay displays truly how young discipleship can be lived out today. Please congratulate Tesfay on this achievement. He will receive his award from the bishop on November 7th.



**Confirmation Registrations are OPEN for 2025!** If you are a current 8th-12th grade and are ready to take the next step in faith, consider joining our program from January to September 2025. Use the QR code in the flier on the back page or visit our website for more information: [stclareparish.org/ymc](http://stclareparish.org/ymc) Cost to register is \$350 and our last day to register is January 5th.

**Bible study is every week on Tuesday at 8:00pm in the youth center basement.** Check the image for dates.

**Tuesdays at 8:00pm**

- September 17
- September 24
- October 1
- October 8
- October 15
- October 22
- October 29

**Journeying with Jesus through the Gospel**

→ For all youth 8th-12th grade  
→ In Youth Center (Church Basement)

## Youth Ministry News

Get spooky fun with our Youth Ministry Thursdays this **Thursday at 7pm-8:30pm (Oct 24)** in the Church Basement (Youth Center). You can still register on the spot or online for this program (7th-12th grade). Wear a costume and get into the thick of Halloween activities getting to know the Holy Days that are coming up!

## Stewardship Report

**Collection:**  
**October 12th and 13th**

**Goal: \$10,100.00**  
**Actual: \$ 6,797.00**

**Second Collection: Saint Clare School:**  
**\$1,973.00**

**Thank you**



## Parish Mission Statement

*Founded in 1777, Saint Clare Parish is an ethnically diverse Catholic community of faith, united in worship, discipleship and service. In welcoming immigrants, newcomers and strangers, we strive to live the virtues of justice and love, so as to be the face of Christ in the world, becoming in Him a sign of unity and an instrument of God's peace.*

### SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Scan one of the QR codes for direct and safe way to donate.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### Daily Mass Readings



#### Sunday:

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

#### Monday:

Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21

#### Tuesday:

Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38

#### Wednesday:

Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48

#### Thursday:

Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53

#### Friday:

Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59

#### Saturday:

Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

#### Next Sunday:

Jeremiah 3; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

### Mass Intentions

**October 19th-26th, 2024**

Sat	5:00 pm	Sal and Maria Faranda †
Sun	7:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	9:00 am	Constantina Silva † Andre Sardinha † Maria Lucia Cardoso † Ernesto Gonsalves † Manuel and Cristina Jeronimo † Joao and Julia Gonsalves † Margarida Arias † John Bettencourt † Manuel Santos † Padre Tomas Bett. Cardoso † Dora M. De Oliveira † Manuel Simoes † Jose and Vidalia Gaspar Rocha † In Honor of Saint Jude Thadeus In Honor of Pope John Paul II
	10:30 am	Marilu Noseworthy †
	12:00 pm	Ida López– Salud Frank D. Hogan †
Mon	8:00 am	Teodore Rumohr †
Tues	8:00 am	Clare Toledo– Living
Wed	8:00 am	Wes Cunningham †
Thu	8:00 am	Tamara Martin– Living
Fri	8:00 am	Marlene Blandford– Health
Sat	8:00 am	Joan Cabral– Health




**OBSERVATION DAYS**  
NOVEMBER 13 & 15  
9 - 11:AM

**OPEN HOUSE**  
JANUARY 26, 2025  
11:30 - 1:30

**OPEN ENROLLMENT**

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE  
[WWW.MYTADS.COM](http://WWW.MYTADS.COM)

stclare.school 408-246-6797

## Saint Clare School



Saint Clare School prepares students to become ethical and moral servant leaders.

Visit <https://www.stclare.school/admissions-2> to learn more.

If you would like to schedule a tour, please reach out to us at: <https://www.stclare.school/schedule-a-tour>. You may also call Cherell Rizzo, Recruitment, Retention, and Marketing Manager at: 408-246-6797 or email [cherell.rizzo@dsj.org](mailto:cherell.rizzo@dsj.org)

## Faith and Racial Justice: Changing Systems and Structures

*JustFaith Ministries* offers an eight-session program in which we will learn about key obstacles to racial justice that are embedded within our institutions, systems, and structures. Racist systems and structures are inextricably bound with the problem of hunger and malnutrition. This program begins with a Racial Wealth Gap Simulation created by *Bread for the World* and NETWORK, a lobby for Catholic Social Justice, to help communities get to the heart of the problem. As we participate in this simulation, we not only acquaint ourselves with the big ideas, but are introduced to a tool we can bring to our own churches and communities.

### Hosted by St. Clare Parish

725 Washington St, Santa Clara 95050  
Sessions are every other week on a Monday,  
September 9th until December 16th,  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Requested tax deductible donation of  
\$35, \$55, \$75 per person.

Approximate cost for books is \$38,  
available through *JustFaith Ministries*,  
and may be found at book stores, libraries or  
on-line. Scholarships available on request.



Michelle  
Alexander

Three books are used  
during this program.



**If you have questions, or to reserve a space, contact:**

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**Boletim Paroquial Português**  
**20 de Outubro de 2024; Domingo XXIX do Tempo Comum -B Dia**  
**Mundial das Missões**  
**Reflexão Por: João Pereira Arruda**

“O Filho do homem não veio para ser servido, mas para servir e dar a vida pela redenção de todos”. Assim o disse Jesus, e se, no tempo que Jesus andou pelo mundo era assim, como as mentalidades de Tiago e João, no nosso tempo e em toda a parte reina as mentalidades dos Apóstolos e não a mentalidade de Jesus. Nos nossos dias vemos os que trabalham voluntariamente nas mesas directivas das organizações tomarem os lugares de relevância porque fizeram algo que não foi remunerado financeiramente. Quando se faz algo voluntariamente seja para uma pessoa conhecida ou não, seja para uma causa que beneficia um sector duma população ou uma comunidade é para ser oferecida na sua totalidade de contrário, recebendo preferências, ou favores já não é servir. Nem só neste Evangelho de hoje Jesus demonstra-nos a virtude de servir, mas ao longo da sua vida pública Jesus nos dá exemplos muito concretos, muito claros do como se deve servir: No milagre de tornar a água em vinho, Jesus pediu que nada se dissesse sobre o que fez, precisamente para não atrair as atenções sobre Si. Porque Jesus sabia bem que não era tornando água em vinho que a Sua missão na terra seria realizada. Na última ceia, antes de comerem Jesus lavou os pés aos discípulos. Era no tempo um trabalho reservado aos crados, aos escravos, às pessoas de baixo escalão na sociedade daquele tempo. Lavando os pés aos Apóstolos Jesus mostrou-lhes a importância do servir e quando Pedro disse a Jesus; “não consentirei que me laves os pés” Jesus respondeu-lhe: “Se não tos lavar, não terás parte comigo”.. A lógica de Pedro é a mesma que usamos nos nossos dias, não cabe na cabeça de ninguém dizer a um professor, um advogado, um president, etc para lavar os pés duns pescadores, agricultores ou pastores, mas é, na acção de Jesus lavar os pés que está a lógica de Deus e na de Pedro a do mundo. O maior exemplo de serviço que Jesus nos demonstrou foi mostrado na Cruz. Todo o drama da Sua paixão, crucifixão e morte foi feito pela nossa salvação, pela nossa redenção e remissão dos nossos pecados, e neste “servir” está todo o amor que Jesus tem por nós. Por assim ser quando rezemos a pedir algo a Deus, que não o façamos como Tiago e João mas tal e qual Maria, nossa Mãe quando disse” Faça-se em Mim segundo a Vossa vontade”.

**Mês de Outubro:** Todo este mês é dedicado ao rosário. É uma recomendação da nossa Mãe Santíssima quando em Fátima disse aos pequenos pastorinhos que rezassem o terço pela paz do mundo e conversão dos pecadores. Que também o façamos no que nos resta deste mês porque ainda existe a guerra em muitas partes do mundo e á milhões de pecadores que precisam ser convertidos ao Sagrado Coração de Jesus e ao de Maria, nossa Mãe e de Jesus.

**Festa do Natal da Comunidade Paroquial Portuguesa:** Está marcado o Sábado dia 21 de Dezembro para se fazer a festa anual de Natal da nossa comunidade. Tem sido parte relevante desta festa ser dedicada e participada para as crianças. Para o efeito pedia-se aos pais e familiares que sabem de crianças para as animarem e as trazerem para os ensaios para o espectáculo do salão paroquial. Estes neste ano serão feitos nas quintas feiras a partir do dia 14 de Novembro próximo no salão pequeno ás 7:30.. Madalena Dias está encarregada de ensinar ás crianças músicas apropriadas de Natal. Por favor deem os nomes das vossas criança á Claudia Madruga ou á Eduina Correia. Mais detalhes em próximos boletins.

**Segunda Collecta de Hoje para as Missões:** Haverá uma segunda colecta, cujo a recolha de divisas favorecerá as Missões pelo mundo inteiro. Faz-se um apelo á generosidade de todos.

**Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos!!**



PARISH COMMUNITY

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**Organizaciones Parroquiales**

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# National Vocations AWARENESS WEEK



**JOIN US IN PRAYING AND CELEBRATING THIS WEEK**

**Nov. 3, 2024**

Praying for vocations at all the Sunday Masses

**Nov. 4 - 8, 2024**

6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 PM Mass

8:00 PM Talk and Discussion

Reception afterwards

**Nov. 4,  
Monday**

St. Joseph  
Mtn View,  
English and  
Spanish

**Nov. 5,  
Tuesday**

Most Holy  
Trinity,  
English and  
Vietnamese

**Nov. 6,  
Wednesday**

St. Justin,  
English

**Nov. 8,  
Friday**

St. Mary's  
Los Gatos,  
English and  
Spanish

## FAMILY VOCATIONS RETREAT

**Nov. 9, Saturday**

**10AM-3PM** St. Christopher,  
English and Spanish Mass  
and Retreat



Scan QR code  
to register

[www.dsj.org/family-retreat2024/](http://www.dsj.org/family-retreat2024/)



## Conscious Voting

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*The following article is adapted from one that was written prior to the 2020 election, and is used with the permission of the author.*

### **Conscience, Candidates and Discipleship in Voting**

*by Cardinal Robert W. McElroy  
Bishop of San Diego*



*(Continued from last week)*

### **Conscience and Prudence**

For the disciple of Jesus Christ, voting is a sacred action. In the words of The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, it touches “the crossroads where Christian life and conscience come into contact with the real world.”

How, then does the faith-filled voter navigate this crossroad in a way that integrates the tenets of Catholic social teaching, recognizes the role that leadership, character and capacity play in the real world of governing, and preserves a stance of building unity within society?

The answer is prudence. In the words of The Catechism of the Catholic Church, “prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it . . . . It is prudence that immediately guides the judgment of conscience.” In Catholic social teaching, prudence is called “the charioteer of the virtues”; it brings into balance all of the virtues of the Christian moral life to provide a singularly incisive moral perspective for the disciple confronting ethically complex problems. It is at the heart of the workings of conscience.

This is certainly true in voting for candidates for public office. The constellation of substantial moral elements that are relevant to deciding which candidate is most likely to advance the common good during her time in office can only be morally comprehended through the virtue of prudence. There cannot be faith-filled Catholic voting without the virtue of prudence, exercised within the sanctity of well-formed conscience.

In the closing remarks of his address to Congress in 2015, Pope Francis said a nation is great when it defends liberty as Abraham Lincoln did, when it seeks equality as Martin Luther King did, and when it strives for justice for the oppressed as Dorothy Day did. Let us pray that our nation embraces the pathway of such greatness in this election year, and that faith-filled, prudent disciples are leading the way.

*(this concludes the article)*

## De Monseñor Fran Cilia

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En el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, cada parroquia en todo el mundo asume su trabajo “misionero”, compartiendo el ministerio de evangelización: predicar la Palabra de Dios a aquellos que no han escuchado el Evangelio del Señor Jesús. Al mismo tiempo, estamos llamados a ser “misioneros de hogar”, en la nueva evangelización: compartir la Buena Nueva con aquellos que pueden haberse alejado de la fe en la que fueron criados.

Este doble énfasis está en el centro de lo que celebramos hoy. Apoyamos los esfuerzos de laicos, religiosos y clérigos que viajan a lugares lejanos para compartir el Evangelio con quienes aún no lo han escuchado; y en casa, con nuestra vida, nosotros mismos somos invitaciones vivas al reflejar a Cristo a nuestros familiares y vecinos que, por cualquier motivo, ya no comparten la comunión con la Iglesia. Hacemos esto a través de invitación, en lugar de coerción, y con suerte compartimos el gozo que conocemos en Cristo, incluso en los tiempos oscuros que afectan nuestras vidas.

Las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de este domingo (Marcos 10,44-45) nos desafían: “El que quiera ser grande entre vosotros, será vuestro servidor; el que quiera ser el primero entre vosotros, será esclavo de todos. Porque el Hijo del Hombre no vino para ser servido sino para servir y dar su vida en rescate por muchos”.

Gracias por su apoyo a Misiones Mundiales en la segunda colecta de este fin de semana.



### Unción de los enfermos en las misas del próximo fin de semana

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En la Carta de Santiago leemos esto: “¿Está alguno entre vosotros enfermo? Deberán llamar a los ancianos de la iglesia y hacer que oren por ellos, ungiéndolos con aceite en el nombre del Señor. La oración de fe salvará a los enfermos, y el Señor los resucitará, y todo el que haya cometido pecados será perdonado (Santiago 5:14-15).

Basándose en el ministerio de sanación de Jesús, la Iglesia primitiva desarrolló un Sacramento de los Enfermos, ahora conocido como el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos. A diferencia de la práctica del pasado, cuando este Sacramento se conocía como Extremaunción, y generalmente se reservaba para quienes enfrentaban una muerte inminente, esta Unción está abierta a todas las personas que se encuentran en la edad de razón (generalmente se considera que tiene alrededor de 7 u 8 años.) y que tengan un deterioro grave de su salud, agudo o crónico. El Sacramento es también para aquellos que, a causa del peso de los años, se han debilitado.

Si alguien tiene una enfermedad menor, como un resfriado, no puede ser candidato para esta Unción. Si tiene dudas, consulte a uno de los sacerdotes.

Las palabras pronunciadas por el sacerdote que unge son una clara indicación del pensamiento de la Iglesia respecto a los efectos del Sacramento:

“Por esta santa unción y por su bondadosa misericordia, te ayude el Señor con la gracia del Espíritu Santo”. [Amén] “Para que, libre de tus pecados, te conceda la salvación y conforte en tu enfermedad.” [Amén]

Mientras dice esto, cada persona es ungida con el Óleo de los Enfermos en la frente y en ambas manos.



Invitamos a aquellos que podrían beneficiarse del Sacramento a estar con nosotros en la Misa el próximo sábado por la noche y el domingo. A las personas con problemas de movilidad se les pide que se sienten en la primera fila de la iglesia.

**¡Gracias!**

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Gracias a los miembros del Consejo Pastoral Parroquial que prepararon la visita del Padre John Dear a Saint Clare este sábado. Esperamos que todos los que asistieron se sintieran inspirados por el compromiso y el testimonio del Padre Dear de una paz arraigada en la justicia.

## **Vote Conscientemente**

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*El siguiente artículo fue adaptado de uno que fue escrito antes de la elección del 2020, y esta siendo usada con el permiso del autor.*

*(continuación de la semana anterior)*



### **Liderazgo, Competencia y Carácter**

El día de hoy en Estados Unidos un elector es llamado a votar desde un punto de vista de construir puentes y sanar a nuestra nación. Tal votante es llamado a integrar a sus decisiones electorales la mayor cantidad de elementos destacados de la Enseñanza Católica que tocan las cuestiones políticas de nuestros días, entendiendo que estas enseñanzas varían en prioridad, pero están unidas en su orientación al bien común.

Pero votar por candidatos al final de cuentas involucra elegir un candidato para un puesto público, no una postura ni una enseñanza específica de la Iglesia. Y por esta razón, el voto creyente involucra una cuidadosa consideración de la habilidad específica de cada candidato para realmente avanzar hacia el bien común. Al hacer esta evaluación, hay que considerar liderazgo, competencia y carácter.

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La competencia es también una métrica central que los votantes de fe deben considerar. De poco sirve elegir a un santo que haga eco de una Enseñanza Social Católica en cada cuestión si el candidato no es lo suficientemente competente como para realizar sus labores de manera efectiva y por lo tanto enaltecer el bien común. Los votantes creyentes deben evaluar la inteligencia, dominio de política y perspectivas intuitivas que cada candidato trae a la mesa, porque el discipulado de votación busca resultados, no meras aspiraciones.

Finalmente, debido a que nuestra nación se encuentra en un momento de división política y degradación de la vida pública, el carácter representa particularmente un criterio convincente para los creyentes que estarán votando en las elecciones de 2024. En la actualidad, líderes en el gobierno adoptan tácticas y lenguaje corrosivos, fomentando la división en lugar de la unidad. La noción de la verdad misma ha perdido su posición en nuestro debate público. La colegialidad ha sido descartada. Los principios son meras justificaciones para las acciones partidistas, que deben abandonarse cuando esos principios ya no favorecen una ventaja partidista. Hay una falta fundamental de valor político en la tierra.

Al final de cuentas, es el candidato quien está en la boleta electoral, no una cuestión específica. Al elector de fe se le pide hacer un complejo juicio: ¿Qué candidato será el que más probablemente avance en el bien común a través de su puesto en el contexto político particular que le toque enfrentar? Tal decisión abarca los planos de principio y carácter, competencia y liderazgo. Y para el elector de fe, la complejidad de este juicio moral exige una visita a la voz de Dios, la cual permanece dentro de nosotros – nuestra conciencia.

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