



PARISH COMMUNITY
Santa Clara, California

*Twenty Seventh Sunday of
Ordinary Time*

October 6, 2024

*Vigésimoséptimo Domingo
de Tiempo Ordinario*



MAY THE LORD
BLESS US.

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From Monsignor Fran Cilia

In the gospel reading this Sunday, Jesus calls His followers to a higher standard, stricter than the law, as presented by Moses. In regards to marriage, the Lord states that it was because of the “hardness” of their hearts that Moses made exceptions to the rule of fidelity. But the ideal remained the same.

In our lives, do we compromise our values because living them is difficult? Most of us do, even if only in little things, but these add up and, in the end, we may not be who we would want to be.

Let us strive to be faithful and true in great matters and in small ones.

Next Sunday 10:30 English/Family Mass – in the Tent

The 10:30 English Mass next Sunday will be in the tent, to allow our Portuguese community to celebrate *the Festa* in honor of Our Lady of Fatima in the church at the same hour. Please remember that traffic may be a bit confusing when you come to Mass next Sunday.

Quarterly Collection for Saint Clare School



Next weekend, we will take up our quarterly collection to benefit our Parish School. Your support is most appreciated as we carry on the work that began here in 1856, in providing tuition assistance for families who need it. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

We recently received our second rebate from this year’s Annual Diocesan Appeal. To date, our rebates total \$65,285. With additional payments on 47 pledges, we still have the potential for an additional \$13,125, for a total of \$78,410.05. This is after fulfilling our diocesan goal of \$98,700. Thank you to all of the 271 families and households who participated in this year’s Appeal.



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

The Serra Club News

The Serra Club invites you to pray for and support our Diocesan seminarians. You can also support them with cards and letters. Let's lift them up in prayer and offer our support as they continue their journey towards priesthood.

- Deacon Thanh Ho – 4th Year Theology
- Thien Bui – Pastoral Year
- Quizzer Besinio – Pastoral Year
- Khoa Bui – Pastoral Year
- Michael Silva – 2nd Year Philosophy/ Discipleship
- Joseph Nguyen – Propaedeutic Year
- Lorenzo Caruso – Discerner

Letters or cards to our seminarians at Mundelein Seminary can be addressed to: [Name of Seminarian] Mundelein Seminary 1000 E Maple Ave, Bldg. 300P Mundelein, IL 60060

The Diocese of San Jose Vocation's office even has a calendar for praying for the seminarians and other religious in our Diocese, and you are invited to add them to your daily intentions when you pray.

Conscious Voting

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

How are we, as members of the Catholic community in the United States, called to confront this challenging electoral moment in our country's history, and transform it into an opportunity to bring the vision of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the social teaching of the Church into the core of our national life?

Pope Francis answers this question by proposing starkly that our political lives must be seen as an essential element of our personal call to holiness. This certainly means that our political actions must reflect and flow from our Catholic faith. But Francis is demanding much more. He proposes that we can only fulfill our vocation as faithful citizens who love our nation if we come to see in the very toxicity and divisiveness of this current moment a call for deeper conversion to Jesus Christ. It is not enough for us to ignore the corrosive elements of political life in the United States, nor even to navigate our role as citizens and voters without succumbing to the tribalism that bisects our society. We are called in our lives as citizens to be missionaries of dialogue and civility in a political culture that values neither. And that requires deep spiritual reflection, courage and judgment. It demands a Christ-like dedication to seeking the truth no matter where it may lie, and defining our politics and voting in the light of the Gospel.

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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)

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Emergencies (for sick & dying):

408-248-7786 Follow the prompt,
then press 9

Saint Clare School



Saint Clare School's 5th grade students very recently received the Bible they will carry with them for the remainder of their years at Saint Clare School and, I pray, into their high school years and beyond. The blessing and presentation of the Bibles is a long standing school tradition. Msgr. Fran blessed the Bibles. Ms. Sabina, the students' teacher, then called each student up to receive from Monsignor a copy of *Break Through, The Bible for Young Catholics*, published by Saint Mary's Press.

This edition serves as a form of teaching Bible. It is filled with historical information; a Salvation History timeline; Live It, Pray It, and Catholic Connections information; illustrations; and information about each book. Students learn who wrote each book, why it was written, how it fits into the Bible as a whole, how the book is organized, and the important themes contained therein. Above all, it pulls our students into God's Word in a way that helps them understand what they are reading, the context of each book, including what was going on in the world at the time.

We thank Monsignor Fran and Father Victor for supporting all our students as they learn about and live our faith. Please include our students in your prayers as they continue on their journey of spiritual development.

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

Stewardship Report

Collection:
September 28th and 29th

Goal: \$10,100.00
Actual: \$ 8,911.50

Second Collection: Saint Vincent de Paul
\$5,117.00

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:

Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday:

Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday:

Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4

Thursday:

Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Luke 11:5-13

Friday:

Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday:

Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28

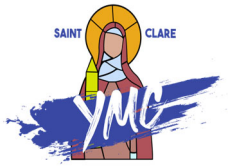
Next Sunday:

Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-2

Mass Intentions

October 5th– 6th, 2024

Sat	5:00 pm	Maruja de Botero †
Sun	7:30 am	Mary Park– Living
	9:00 am	Constantina Silva † Andre Sardinha † Maria Lucia Cardoso † Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo † Margarida Arias † John Bettencourt † Manuel Santos † Dora M. De Oliveira † Manuel A. Mendonsa † Jose and Vidlaia Gaspar Rocha † Manuel Sardinha † John and Goretti Vierra– Living In Honor of Saint Francis Assisi
	10:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	12:00 pm	Komaljeet Kaur - Salud Ida López– Salud Urbano Amaya † Miguel Ochoa † Ernesto Jasso– Flores †
Mon	8:00 am	Diane Marionni– Living
Tues	8:00 am	Romeo Hernandez– Living
Wed	8:00 am	Carolina Rumohr Ellis– Birthday
Thu	8:00 am	Aurora Abragan †
Fri	8:00 am	Pilar Delfino † Special Intention– Birthday
Sat	8:00 am	Erlinda Bello Alabanza †



Above: Our 35 newly confirmed after 5pm Mass with Bishop Oscar Cantú, Monsignor Fran Cilia, Father Victor Trinidad and our Youth Minister Ryan Bao.

Congratulations to our 35 newly confirmed this last Saturday. Please find an album of **unedited photos** at the following link: bit.ly/confirmationphotos

Ready to take the next step in your faith? **Become a youth leader to...** build a faith community, serve our parish, lead confirmation, develop leadership skills, and continue your spiritual formation. (psst... you can get community service hours). Applications are due by October 6th and you must be confirmed to apply. Use the QR Code!

WANT TO JOIN OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM?

FOR ALL YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS ALREADY CONFIRMED



READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?!

- Continuing spiritual formation
- Learn leadership skills
- Form a community
- Serve your parish community



BECOME A LEADER BY:

1. Completing the Leadership Application
2. Go to upcoming meetings and training



APPLY BY OCT 6th

Register quickly for our **NEW Youth Ministry Thursdays** using the **QR Code**. Our first night is upcoming on **October 10th from 7pm-8:30pm for all 7th-12th graders**. You can both register and make a payment on arrival on our first night. Kick Off into Space with glow in the dark and space themed games making new friends along the way. Hope to see you there!

OCT - DEC | 8TH-12TH GRADERS

YOUTH MINISTRY THURSDAYS

7:00-8:30PM ON SELECT THURSDAYS

\$40 PER YOUTH FOR ALL SESSIONS

OCT 10	KICK-OFF INTO SPACE
OCT 24	HALLOWAYS DAY OF HALLOWEEN
NOV 7	MINUTE TO WIN IT
NOV 21	IN THANKSGIVING
DEC 5	TBD
DEC 19	CRAZY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

REGISTER HERE
DEADLINE IS OCT 6TH

NEED 20 REGISTRANTS TO START THIS MINISTRY

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

Confirmation Registrations for all 8th-12th graders (2024-2025 school year) will open this October for our 2025 program. Stay tuned!

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)

Boletim Paroquial Português
6 de Outubro de 2024 – Domingo XXVII do Tempo Comum – B e do
Respeito pela Vida
Reflexão Por: João Pereira Arruda

“ *Se nos amamos uns aos outros, Deus permanece em nós e o seu amor em nós é perfeito*”. Será este versículo cantado depois da Segunda Leitura e antes do Evangelho. no Aleluia! É esta frase totalmente que serve de temática para nós realizarmos que no amor está Deus e Deus está em todos que O amam no irmão. No Evangelho de hoje Jesus disse aos Apóstolos que tentaram impedir as criancinhas de se aproximarem de Jesus para não O perturbar. “ Deixai vir a Mim as criancinhas, não as estorveis; dos que são como elas é o reino dos Céus. Em verdade vos digo; Quem não acolher o reino de Deus como uma criança , não entrará nele”. Também se nota na Liturgia da Palavra deste Domingo, leituras com mensagens que são usadas nas missas de casamentos tais como: “Não separe o homem o que Deus uniu ...ou Por isso o homem deixará pai e mãe, para se unir á sua esposa, e os dois serão uma só carne” No Evangelho é o próprio Jesus que diz aos fariseus que procuravam armar um cilada a Jesus que disse “ Foi pela vossa dureza de vosso coração que Moisés deixou essa lei de divórcio mas Deus disse no princípio que não separe o homem o que Deus uniu no Céu. Tudo isso está no Livro de Genesis e no princípio da criação do mundo. S. Paulo nos diz na sua carta aos Hebreus; “ Aquele que santifica e os que são santificados procedem todos de um só. Por isso não se envergonha de lhes chamar irmãos. Na base das leituras deste Domingo está o **Respeito pela Vida!** Inserida nas liturgias deste Domingo a Igreja dedica este Domingo para que os católicos se consciencializem e darem mais atenção ao quinto Mandamento da Lei de Deus. Que não caiamos na tentação de indentificar o respeito pela vida só em tomar posição de ser contra o aborto mas também aqueles que são violentamente mortos por almas sofisticadas e estas são facilitadas escandalosamente por políticos com posições poderosas no governo em nome do Second Ammendement. Tudo o que acaba com a vida de um ser humano é matar e desse modo é um incomprimento do Quinto Mandamente da Lei de Deus. A igreja especificamente não diz por quem votar mas convida-nos a que olhemos cuidadosamente os portofólios de quem vamos votar. Neste Domingo se a igreja nos convida a tomarmos uma posição de ter respeito pela vida é ao mesmo tempo um convite a sermos contra a morte porque somos chamados a amar a Deus nos irmão e quem ama não mata.

Festa de Nossa Senhora de Fátima: No próximo fim de semana a Irmandade de Nossa Senhora de Fátima de Santa Clara levará a efeito a festa anual da sua padroeira a Senhora de Fátima. O programa religioso dessa festa consiste de reza do terço a partir de hoje até sexta feira dia 11 Às 7 horas da noite na capela da SES. No Sábado dia 12 tem um serviço litúrgico no Salão da SES seguido de reza do terço e procissão de velas. No Domingo Missa solene ás 10:30 com a respectiva procissão de ida e volta da SES para a Igreja de Saint Clare’s. Toda a Comunidade é convidada a participar nesta festa que honra a Nossa Mãe que em 1917 apareceu em Fátima aos pastorinhos: Lúcia, Jacinta e Francisco.

Noite de Candidatos: The Portuguese American Forum de Santa Clara; Com a colaboração das organizações Luso-Americanas desta cidade , promove mis uma “Noite de Candidatos” no salão da SES, na quarta-feira dia 17 de Outubro pelas 6:30 horas da tarde. Este evento terá a presença dos candidatos concorrentes ás posições da Câmara Municipal, Chefe da Polícia e Districto Escolar. Venha conhecer e ouvir os candidatos, demonstrar-lhes que somos numerosos e que estamos interessados numa boa gestão da cidade: O voto é o meio mais participativo que se tem para se ter um governo melhor; Vote!

Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para Todos!!!



PARISH COMMUNITY

Parish Organizations
Organizaciones Parroquiales

Parish Pastoral Council

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This conversion to the Gospel demands that we conduct ourselves in these days not primarily as Republicans or Democrats, Harris supporters or Trump supporters, but as Americans who place national unity, substantive justice and the dignity of the human person ahead of any partisan category or aim. We must understand that the current party structures of the United States bifurcate Catholic social teaching, with each party embracing some core elements of Catholic teaching while rejecting many others. Thus the faithful Catholic voter is automatically homeless in our political world, never feeling at peace with the specific constellations that her party has chosen to accept, and certainly never feeling at peace with the partisan tribalism in both Democratic and Republican cultures that deforms our politics and our nation. For every voter, political choice is a mixture of satisfaction and regret. For the faith-filled Catholic voter, these themes are greatly magnified.

But given that we live in a real world that confronts us with limited choices in this political season, how should a Catholic voter discern the candidates that will most powerfully advance the dignity of the human person and the common good? This discernment must begin with an evaluation of the principles of Catholic social teaching applied to the current historical moment.

Salient Issues of Catholic Social Teaching

The comprehensiveness of Catholic social teaching points toward an understanding of justice, life and peace that refuses to be confined to narrow boxes or relegated to partisan categories. Taking a profoundly moral and spiritual perspective, it asks the question: How should humanity move in transforming the world to reflect more fully the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

As the election cycle comes to a conclusion, at least 10 salient goals emerge from the Gospel and the long tradition of Catholic faith:

- The promotion of a culture and legal structures that protect the life of unborn children.
- The reversal of the climate change that threatens the future of humanity and particularly devastates the poor and the marginalized.
- Policies that safeguard the rights of immigrants and refugees in a moment of great intolerance.
- Laws that protect the aged, the ill, and the disabled from the lure and the scourge of euthanasia and assisted suicide.
- Quality health care for all Americans.
- Vigorous opposition to racism in every form, both through cultural transformation and legal structures.
- The provision of work and the protection of workers' rights across America.
- Systematic efforts to fight poverty and egregious inequalities of wealth.
- Policies that promote marriage and family, which are so essential for society.
- The protection of religious liberty.

At this moment in our history, three of these issues constitute particularly strong claims upon the Catholic conscience. The killing of more than 750,000 unborn children each year demands legal protection for these most vulnerable among us. The impact of climate change threatens humanity itself if changes in global policies are not undertaken in the coming years. And the growing culture of exclusion in our nation, built upon racism, anti-immigrant sentiment, religious prejudice and social division, is crippling our very ability to function effectively as a society and nation.

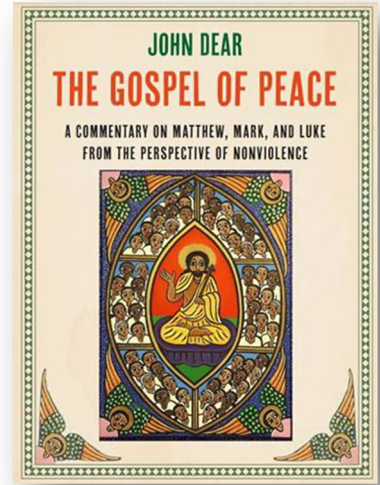
The challenge to faith-filled voters in conscience is to weigh these issues and evaluate them as Christ would in advancing the common good at this moment in our national history.

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A Morning with JOHN DEAR on his new book: “THE GOSPEL OF PEACE”

Peacemaker, author, and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, Father John Dear, will be with us to talk about and sign copies of his new book, his life’s work: *The Gospel of Peace: A Commentary on Matthew, Mark, and Luke from the Perspective of Nonviolence*. It is the first ever commentary on the Synoptic Gospels from the perspective of active nonviolence in the tradition of Gandhi and Dr. King. In this original work, Fr. John walks us through



every line of the three synoptic Gospels pointing our Jesus’ practice and teachings on nonviolence, peace, and universal love—and how Jesus invites us to follow him. Join us for an insightful and challenging presentation!

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2024

Time: Refreshments and book signing: 10:00-10:30am in the parish hall

Presentation: 10:30-12:00 noon in the church (also livestreamed)

Refreshments and book signing: 12:00 noon in the parish hall

Contact: Kay Tierney, wordsbykay@comcast.net

Location: Saint Clare Church

941 Lexington Street, Santa Clara CA 95050

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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Donna O’Connell at wocdoc@sbcglobal.net or (408) 658-2992

De Monseñor Fran Cilia

En la lectura del evangelio de este domingo, Jesús llama a sus seguidores a un estándar más alto, más estricto que la ley, tal como la presentó Moisés. Con respecto al matrimonio, el Señor afirma que fue debido a la “dureza” de sus corazones que Moisés hizo excepciones a la regla de la fidelidad. Pero el ideal siguió siendo el mismo.

En nuestras vidas, ¿comprometemos nuestros valores porque vivirlos es difícil? La mayoría de nosotros lo hacemos, aunque sea en cosas pequeñas, pero estas se suman y, al final, puede que no seamos quienes quisiéramos ser.

Esforcémonos por ser fieles y verdaderos en los asuntos grandes y en los pequeños.

El próximo domingo a las 10:30 Misa en inglés/familia – en la carpa

La misa en inglés de las 10:30 del próximo domingo será en la carpa, para permitir que nuestra comunidad portuguesa celebre la *Festa* en honor a Nuestra Señora de Fátima en la iglesia a la misma hora. Recuerde que el tráfico puede ser un poco confuso cuando venga a la misa el próximo domingo.

Colecta trimestral para nuestra escuela Saint Clare



El próximo fin de semana, realizaremos nuestra colecta trimestral para beneficiar a nuestra escuela parroquial. Su apoyo es muy apreciado mientras continuamos el trabajo que comenzó aquí en 1856, al brindar asistencia para la matrícula a las familias que la necesitan. Gracias, de antemano, por su generosidad.

Actualización de la Campaña Diocesana Anual

Recientemente recibimos nuestro segundo reembolso de la Campaña Diocesana Anual de este año. Hasta la fecha, nuestros reembolsos suman \$65,285. Con pagos adicionales en 47 promesas, aún tenemos el potencial de \$13,125 adicionales, para un total de \$78,410.05. Esto es después de cumplir con nuestra meta diocesana de \$98,700. Gracias a todas las 271 familias y hogares que participaron en la Campaña de este año.



Todavía hay tiempo para Inscribirse! Formación en la Fe 2024-2025

Preparación Sacramental - Primera Reconciliación y Primera Eucaristía Iniciación Cristiana para Niños (mayores de 7 años) - Bautismo y Preparación Sacramental

La formación en la fe es un viaje de toda la vida que reconoce la relación única que cada uno de nosotros tiene con nuestro Creador. Compartimos, aprendemos y experimentamos la libertad en cada uno de nosotros para tener una conversión única y natural de recibir y participar en la fe. Los niños que han celebrado sus sacramentos están invitados a continuar sus sesiones para una comprensión y una relación más profunda con Jesús.

Por favor, registre a su hijo desde TK (4 años) hasta el 7º grado en nuestro sitio web <https://www.stclareparish.org/>, visite nuestra Rectoría para obtener una copia impresa en inglés o español o envíe un correo electrónico a Sandra para obtener un formulario de inscripción y se le enviará uno por correo electrónico. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Sandra Quintanilla al (669) 270-2702 o envíe un correo electrónico a: sandra.quintanilla@dsj.org

Ministerio de Adolescentes



Felicitaciones a nuestros 35 recién confirmados este último sábado. Encuentre un álbum de fotos sin editar en el siguiente enlace:

bit.ly/confirmationphotos

Regístrese rápidamente para nuestros NUEVOS jueves de Ministerio Juvenil utilizando el código QR de la pagina 6. Nuestra primera noche será el **10 de octubre de 7 p. m. a 8:30 p. m. para todos los estudiantes de 7.º a 12.º grado**. Podrás tanto registrarte como realizar un pago a la llegada de nuestra primera noche. Comienza al espacio con juegos que brillan en la oscuridad y con temas espaciales y haz nuevos amigos en el camino. Espero verte allí!

El estudio bíblico es todos los martes de la semana a una NUEVA hora, a las 8:00 p. m., en el sótano del centro juvenil. Consulta la imagen para ver las fechas.

Las inscripciones de confirmación para todos los estudiantes de 8.º a 12.º grado (año escolar 2024-2025) se abrirán en octubre para nuestro programa 2025. ¡Manténganse al tanto!

Votando Conscientemente



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.

¿Cómo es que nosotros, miembros de la comunidad católica en los Estados Unidos, estamos llamados a afrontar este desafiante momento electoral en la historia de nuestro país, y transformarlo a una oportunidad para traer la visión del Evangelio de Jesucristo y la enseñanza social de la Iglesia al núcleo de nuestra vida nacional?

El Papa Francisco responde a esta pregunta proponiendo claramente que nuestras vidas políticas deben ser vistas como un elemento indispensable de nuestro llamado personal a la santidad. Esto ciertamente significa que nuestras acciones políticas deben ser un reflejo de nuestra fe católica. Pero Francisco está pidiendo mucho más que eso. Propone que solamente podemos cumplir con nuestra vocación de ciudadanos fieles, amantes de nuestra nación, si podemos ver en medio de la toxicidad y la división del momento actual un llamado a una mayor conversión hacia Jesucristo. No es suficiente con que ignoremos los elementos corrosivos de la vida política en los Estados Unidos, ni siquiera navegar en nuestro papel como ciudadanos y electores sin sucumbir al tribalismo que divide en dos a nuestra sociedad. Estamos siendo llamados en nuestra vida como ciudadanos a ser misioneros del diálogo y la civilidad en una cultura política que no valora ninguna de las dos. Y eso requiere una profunda reflexión espiritual, valor y juicio. Exige una dedicación cristiana a la búsqueda de la verdad sin importar donde se encuentre, definir nuestras políticas y votar a la luz del Evangelio.

Esta conversión al Evangelio exige que nos conduzcamos en estos días no tanto como Republicanos o Demócratas, partidarios de Harris o partidarios de Trump, sino como estadounidenses que anteponen la unidad nacional, la justicia sustantiva y la dignidad de la persona humana por delante de cualquier categoría partidista u objetivo. Debemos comprender que la estructura actual de los partidos en Estados Unidos aleja de la Enseñanza Católica Social; cada partido adoptando algunos de los elementos centrales de la enseñanza católica pero rechazando otros. Por lo que el elector católico queda automáticamente sin hogar en nuestro mundo político, sin poder sentirse en paz con las constelaciones específicas que su partido ha elegido aceptar, y definitivamente sin encontrar paz con el tribalismo de partidos tanto en la cultura Demócrata como la Republicana que deforman nuestra política y nuestra nación. Para cada elector, la elección política es una mezcla de satisfacción y arrepentimiento. Para el votante católico creyente estos temas se magnifican ampliamente.

Pero dado que vivimos en un mundo real que nos enfrenta con opciones limitadas en este tiempo político, ¿cómo debe un votante católico discernir a los candidatos que más poderosamente promoverán la dignidad de la persona humana y el bien común? Este discernimiento debe comenzar con una evaluación de los principios de la Enseñanza Católica aplicados al histórico momento actual.

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