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LITURGY
Saturday Vigil
4:30 pm - English

Sunday Masses
8:30 am & 10:30am - English
12:15 pm- Spanish

Monday-Saturday Mass
8:30 am - English

Wednesday -
Liturgy of the Word
8:30am - English

Rosary
Monday - Saturday
8:00 am, Church

Holy Day Masses
8:30am English
7:00pm Spanish

Eucharistic Adoration
Fridays 9:00 - 9:30 am

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
All classes on Sundays
(In church hall)

First Communion
Grades 2-8
(in English)
9:20 am - 10:20 am
(in Spanish)
11:00am - 12:00pm

Confirmation
9:00 - 10:30am

Baptism Class
(English & Spanish)
3rd Wednesday of each month; register in the
office one week prior.

RECTOR OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
8:30am-12:30pm
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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM
Arrangements to be made at least one month in advance.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday, 3:30pm-4:30pm or by appointment.

WEDDING
Appointments should be made at least six months in advance. Church dates should be confirmed with a priest before making other arrangements.

FUNERAL
Should be arranged by family with the Parish office and the mortuary.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call for home or hospital visit.

Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services
Holy Angels / St. Joseph Cemetery
San Pablo–510-223-1265
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Unite with Thousands for LIFE
Saturday, January 25

To change the perceptions of a society that thinks abortion is an answer. Abortion does violence to women and to their children, both physically and emotionally. We deserve better than abortion. Abortion harms women and men; it divides families and society. Women—and all people—deserve better than abortion.

Life is the best and only good choice!

IN OBSERVANCE OF M.L.K. DAY
THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, January 20th.
Have a blessed and safe Holiday.

POR EL DIA FESTIVO DE M.L.K.
ESTARA CERADA LA OFICINA
LUNES, 20 de Octubre.
Que tengan un feliz dia de descanso.

CALLED TO BE HOLY
With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God’s relationship with Israel and John the Baptist’s relationship with Jesus. Israel’s relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God’s “salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God’s will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are “called to be holy” (1 Corinthians 1:2).

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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Weekly Offering
Weekly Goal: $5,000  Monthly Goal: $20,000

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January 19, 2020
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s first reading reveals the Lord’s supersized heart. “It is too little,” according to God, to protect and guide only the tribes of Jacob. The enormity of God’s love cannot limit itself to one nation; divine love overflows, spilling liberally over all people everywhere. Isaiah, prophet of the long-suffering Israelites, might have been surprised to hear that the salvation of his people is not enough for God. But God always wants more than what we want, God’s passion outstrips all of our deepest desires. We are merely creatures. Compared to the hugeness of our Creator’s designs, we will always want too little, have too little, know too little, love too little. This littleness frustrates us throughout life. But exactly when we admit our littleness, we make room for Christ.

NEVER TOO LATE

John the Baptist models for us the grace of littleness. Twice in today’s Gospel reading, John admits, “I did not know.” Even though John has ordered his entire life toward the goal of preparing the world for the Messiah, he does not, on his own, recognize Christ when he sees him. The Gospel insists John “did not know” Jesus; in his humility, John relies entirely on God for direction. John waits and waits—baptizing, praying, preaching—until, finally, the Holy Spirit reveals the Messiah.

John had waited his whole life for this confirmation from the Spirit. God’s chosen people, the Israelites, had waited much, much longer. Surely many wondered if God would ever send the Messiah as promised. But God is never late. In our littleness, we cannot see the arc of all human history with God’s clarity and love. Each of us aches deeply for some good thing: a cure, a resolution, a rest, a fair break. When we are made to wait for what seems obviously beneficial, we sometimes wonder if God is really as all-powerful and all-loving as people say. Today’s readings invite us to trust.

January 18 & 19, 2020

Intention Requested by
Sat 4:30 Judith Charles
Sun 6:00 Juan Manuel Ramirez Gonzalez Family
10:30 St. Ambrose Community
12:15 Maria Leonor de Rivas †
Mon 8:30 Griselda Araiza A. Perez
Tues 8:30 Juan Manuel Ramirez Gonzalez Family
Wed 8:30 Liturgy of the Word
Arelí Alvarez Gonzalez Family
Thurs 8:30 Cassandra A. Perez
Fri 8:30 Juan Manuel Ramirez Gonzalez Family
Sat 8:30 Bishop Michael Barber

19 de enero de 2020
Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La primera lectura de hoy muestra el corazón súper grande del Señor. “Es demasiado poco”, de acuerdo a Dios, proteger y guiar sólo a las tribus de Jacob. La magnitud del amor de Dios no puede limitarse a sí mismo para una nación; el amor divino se desborda, derramándose generosamente en todas las personas en todas partes. El profeta súper santo de los israelitas, podría haberse sorprendido de escuchar que la salvación de su pueblo no era suficiente para Dios. Pero Dios siempre quiere más de lo que nosotros queremos. La pasión de Dios supera todos nuestros deseos más profundos. Somos simplemente criaturas. Comparado con la inmensidad de los designios de nuestro Creador, siempre queremos demasiado poco, tenemos demasiado poco, sabemos demasiado poco, amamos demasiado poco. Esta escasez nos frustra a lo largo de la vida. Pero exactamente cuando admitimos nuestra escasez, hacemos espacio para Cristo.

NUNCA ES TARDE

Juan el Bautista modela para nosotros la gracia de la pequeña. En el Evangelio de hoy, dos veces Juan admite “no lo conozco”. Aunque Juan había ordenado toda su vida hacia la metá de preparar el mundo para el Mesías, él no, por su cuenta, reconoce a Cristo cuando lo ve. El Evangelio insiste Juan, “no conoce” a Jesús; con humildad, Juan confía plenamente en Dios por consejo. Juan espera y espera bautizando, oranando, predicando, hasta que finalmente, el Espíritu Santo le revela al Mesías.

Juan había esperado toda su vida por esta confirmación del Espíritu. El pueblo elegido de Dios, los israelitas habían esperado demasiado, mucho más. Seguramente muchos se preguntaban si Dios llegaría a enviar al Mesías como lo había prometido. Pero a Dios nunca se le hace tarde. En nuestra pequeña, no podemos ver el arco de la historia humana con claridad y amor de Dios. Cada uno de nosotros ansía profundamente por algunas cosas buenas: una sanación, una decisión, un apoyo, un justo descanso. Cuando se nos hace esperar por lo que parece un beneficio obvio, algunas veces preguntamos si Dios es en realidad todopoderoso y lleno de amor, como la gente dice. Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a confiar.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 49:3-5; 6; Sal 40: (39):2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Today’s Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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