



May 7, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter

*The St. John's Earth Care Committee invites you to reflect on the *Canticle of Creation* by St. Francis of Assisi:*

**O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God,
to you belong praise, glory,
honor and all blessing.
Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation
and especially for our Brother Sun,
who brings us the day and the light;
he is strong and shines magnificently.
O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.
Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon,
and for the stars
which you have set shining and lovely
in the heavens.
Be praised, my Lord,
for our Brothers Wind and Air
and every kind of weather
by which you, Lord,
uphold life in all your creatures.
Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water,
who is very useful to us,
and humble and precious and pure.
Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire,
through whom you give us light in the darkness:
he is bright and lively and strong.
Be praised, my Lord,
for Sister Earth, our Mother,
who nourishes us and sustains us,
bringing forth
fruits and vegetables of many kinds
and flowers of many colors.
Be praised, my Lord,
for those who forgive for love of you;
and for those
who bear sickness and weakness
in peace and patience
- you will grant them a crown.
Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death,
whom we must all face.
I praise and bless you, Lord,
and I give thanks to you,
and I will serve you in all humility.**

We learn about God and the ways of God through prayerful reflection of two books: the book of scripture and the book of creation, or nature. We look to St. Francis as an example of someone who prayed in nature. We, too, can pray in nature, and if we do, it's possible for us to discover more about God and ourselves. Like St. Francis, we see the beauty in nature as a reflection of God's beauty. We see God's goodness in all creation, and we find that God is a loving God who so loves his creation.

Seized by God's beauty, St. Francis' response is to praise and thank God for the gift of creation. St. John's Earth Care Committee (ECC) encourages everyone to get out into God's creation this spring to garden, hike, fish, bicycle, play a game, take a walk, or just sit outside. While in creation, take a few moments to reflect on the beauty that you feel, see, hear, smell, and taste; then, praise God and thank God for the gift of creation. "He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change: Praise him" (Gerard Manley Hopkins, 1877).

Seeing that creation is filled with beauty and goodness, we find God's presence in it. When we see God in creation, we are more likely to value and care for it. Answering the call to care for all of God's creation, the Earth Care Committee has been working since 2014 to eliminate the use of Styrofoam plates, bowls, and cups and to encourage recycling at all parish events. You may have noticed that at Lenten Fish Fries, school functions, and most funeral dinners this has been achieved by engaging volunteers to wash reusable dishes. The ECC is currently working with the Fiesta Committee to make the switch to biodegradable plates, cups, and carryout containers for this year's Mexican Fiesta. Making this switch will keep about 5,500 Styrofoam dishes out of our landfills!

St. Francis ends his song by thanking God for the gift of creation. Grateful for this gift, St. Francis vows to serve the Lord in all humility. Making changes to manage our waste responsibly is a good way to serve our Lord in thanksgiving.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN

St. John the Evangelist, a Catholic Capuchin Franciscan Parish, welcomes all who are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and proclaims His Gospel through prayer, worship, His Word, the sacraments, and each other.

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 Sunday..... 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

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Sunday..... 2:00pm

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 Wednesday 11:00am-12:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm
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 (and by appointment)

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 6:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. in the Padre Pio Chapel.

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



BREAD TO OFFER

BUILDING PROGRESS

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.



Last Sunday we had our in-pew appeal toward a matching gift of \$30,000 for the building campaign. Congratulations to all of you for exceeding that gift! As of Tuesday, May 2nd, your contributions to that appeal stand at \$50,000!

A question was raised as to why in the appeal last weekend I said that our hope for that appeal was to reach \$2.7 million in pledges, when our overall campaign goal is \$3.3 million. The latter amount is still the overall campaign goal. However, we have not yet reached that goal. Before last weekend's appeal, we were at \$2.62 million in pledges, which is still quite a way from the \$3.3 million needed to do the gym, the parish offices, and the performing arts center. Getting to \$2.7 million in pledges and gifts this past weekend allows us to do the gym and the parish offices (convent and the Simon Parish Center). Getting to our ultimate goal of \$3.3 million will allow us also to make the necessary changes to transform the existing gym into the St. John School Performing Arts Center. The performing arts center has been a part of the capital campaign all along, but was listed as number three in order of priority in the parishioner interviews conducted by the Steier Group two years ago, with the gym and then the parish offices listed first and second respectively.

You have seen the progress in the preparation for construction of the gym. A rough timeline is to begin to erect the precast walls on June 6th, with the last one to be erected on June 15th. The following week, the interior walls will be installed. Excavation and concrete work was to have begun in between the convent and the parish office by this past Friday. The target date for the completion of the Simon Parish Center is September 12th. The date of completion of the gym is targeted for October 14th. There is much excitement in the school, the parish office, and among parishioners regarding this project!

On Thursday, May 11th, I will undergo rotator cuff surgery and will be out of commission for a couple of weeks.

- Fr. Jeff

HONORING OUR LADY OF FATIMA



On Monday, May 8, St. John Parish is privileged to host the Our Lady of Fatima pilgrimage statue. The statue has been blessed by Pope Paul VI and is travelling the United States in commemoration of the 100 years since the six apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, Portugal. Various groups in our parish have signed up to pray before the statue of Our Lady and the Blessed Sacrament, which will be exposed beginning at 8:00am, after the morning Mass.

Also at that time the custodian of the statue of Our Lady will give a brief presentation regarding the significance of its pilgrimage. We invite all parishioners, family and friends to come and pray with us. The statue will arrive at St. John at 6:30am and remain until 6:00pm, ending with benediction and reposition of the Holy Eucharist.

Rosaries and prayers will be led in the church throughout the day. Stop in when you can, stay as long as you wish. For more information, visit the website: wafusa.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11, Social and dinner, provided by the Knights, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Location is the basement of St. John Church. Our council meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. Anybody interested in becoming a Knight should contact Grand Knight Darin Denning at **(785) 760-0788**.

On the first Friday of each month, the Knights host a rosary in St. John Church starting at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend!



PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Come receive the sacrament of reconciliation in the Padre Pio chapel during any of the following times:

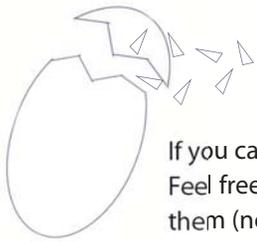
Wednesday: 11:00am-12:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm

Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm

Or by appointment. Call (785) 843-0109 to schedule, or email:

frjeff@saint-johns.net frbarnabas@saint-johns.net

EGGS NEEDED FOR FIESTA!



Mark your calendar! This year the St. John Fiesta will be **June 23 & 24**. Please consider saving your egg shells for confetti eggs.

If you can help, it is very much appreciated. Feel free to go a step further by decorating them (no sequins or anything hard on shell covering).

Leave on the back porch of the Parish center (shelf marked Fiesta). Thanks to all who have helped with this project in the past. It is a big money maker! If you have any questions call Irene, (785) 979-3671.

CALLING ALL BISHOP WARD ALUMS

Former Teacher Margaret Fay Is Turning 100

Come and wish former teacher, Margaret Fay (Janet Gripka's Aunt) a happy birthday. Margaret was a teacher at Bishop Ward for 35 years. She turns 100 on May 12. On Saturday, May 13, we will help Margaret celebrate by having a birthday Open House at Church of the Nativity, 3800 W. 119th Street, Leawood, in the Parish Hall from Noon – 2 p.m. We would love to have many of her former students on hand to wish her a happy birthday.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS



The Church Beautification team will be selling flowers on Mother's Day, May 14th weekend, after all Masses. Proceeds from the plant sale will go towards the fund to replace the steps at the Kentucky street entrance to the church! For more information, call 785-331-0421.

Thank you!

MINISTERS May 13-14

LECTORS

Saturday

4:30pm L1: R Entwistle; L2: A Sellet

Sunday

7:00am L1: T Dowd Kelne; L2: C Zebas

8:30am L1: K Kohnke; L2: L Sheppard

11:00am L1: C Ehrlich; L2: M Head

5:00pm L1: MJ Hobbs; L2: J Cairns

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday

4:30pm P Price, A Mattes

Sunday

7:00am Volunteers

8:30am T Kempf, S Liu

11:00am J Green, M Green

5:00pm B Diers, R Diers

CANTORS

Saturday

4:30pm Larry Koster

Sunday

7:00am Mary Steichen

8:30am Angela Zysk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday

4:30pm J McGraw, L Reimond, MA Roesner, L Seidl,

..... D Weigel, L Arnold

Sunday

7:00am M Heath, B Menke, B Osborne

8:30am E Grob-Creasey, S Galarza Liu, D Hoss, J Huss,

..... M Ice, S Jahn, C Johnson

11:00am B Bermudez, C Bial, D Bradley, A Brill,

..... C Buchheister, B DeWitt, J Evers

5:00pm M LeGresley, C Malone, A McCabe,

..... S Murray, J Weeks, Volunteer

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MAY CROWNING OF MARY

Sunday, May 14, 11:00am Mass

We will have a May Crowning of Mary during the 11am Mass on May 14. If you would like your child to participate please contact Samantha Romero at sromero@saint-johns.net or by phone at 785-843-0109. Everyone is welcome after Mass in the church basement for cookies and fellowship!

PUBLIC ROSARY CRUSADE IN LAWRENCE

Please join us in a Public Rosary Rally on **Saturday, May 13th, at 12:00 noon** at the corners of Clinton Parkway and Iowa Street. This Rosary Rally, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of 5,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day for conversion, repentance and prayer to ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please contact Mary Davin by phone at 785-691-9250 for more information.

LIVING IN LOVE MARRIAGE RETREAT

Married Couples: St. John will host the Living in Love Marriage Retreat on June 10-11. This weekend retreat is open to all married couples! Invite your friends! Living in Love is an exciting day and a half parish based retreat workshop designed to energize the romance and renew the joy of being in love. The cost is \$70 per couple.

To register please visit www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the **913-647-0345** for information.

MARRIAGE MINUTE

It is still the Easter Season, and therefore, the season of Mercy! Have you ever thought, "How do the Works of Mercy apply to family life?" God's beautiful plan allows for the Works of Mercy to be practiced daily in family life.

Corporal Works of mercy:

Give drink to the thirsty; ever give your child a cold lemonade on a hot day? Feed the hungry; ever prepare dinner for the family? Visit the imprisoned; ever visit your child while he is in time-out? Visit the sick; ever visit your sick child at 3am to make sure they are ok? Shelter the homeless; ever make a mortgage payment to provide the house you live in? Clothe the naked; ever give a baby a new diaper and onesie? Bury the dead; ever make sure a loved one receives proper burial?

For more ways to joyfully practice the works of mercy, visit:

www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Bishops of the United States have approved a special collection to take place in parishes across the nation on Mother's Day 2017. Your generous support will help complete a beautiful mosaic that will adorn the Trinity Dome, the crowning jewel of America's Catholic Church in Washington, D.C., The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Envelopes will be provided for your gift. Thank you for your generous contribution. For more information visit:

www.trinitydome.org

ST. ISIDORE FEAST DAY

Christ's Peace House of Prayer, located at 22131 Meagher Rd. in Easton, KS, is celebrating St Isidore's feast day for the farming communities of the Archdiocese on Monday, May 15th. There will be Mass at noon, followed by a meal together with time for visiting each other and Christ's Peace. Please let us know the names of your families, farms and businesses so we can pray for them during the Mass.

Bring a small bag of dirt from your places so they can be blessed at Mass for you to take home with you. If you plan on coming, please R.S.V.P by May 9th at info@christspeace.com or call 913-773-8255 so that we can prepare enough food to feed everyone who is here.

SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP FOR GIRLS

Young women entering sixth, seventh and eighth grades are invited to an energizing Summer Leadership Camp on the beautiful campus of the University of Saint Mary, Leavenworth, Kan., June 19 through 21. Hosted by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth and the Benedictines. Featuring opportunities to share fun, faith and community.

Registration fee of \$125 covers lodging, meals, special activities and a t-shirt for each participant; partial scholarships available. Contact Sister Vicki Lichtenauer at vickil@scls.org or 816-718-2660 for more information. Or visit www.scls.org for brochure with registration form.

HOLY ROSARY RALLY

Please join us for the May Holy Rosary Rally in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima—which will be held on Sunday May 14th (Mother's Day) from 3 pm to 4:15 pm at the Church of the Ascension 9510 W 127th St. Overland Park, KS 66213. May marks the 100th anniversary of the first of Our Blessed Mother's six apparitions to the 3 young children in Fatima, Portugal in May 1917. www.rosaryrallieskc.org

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Simon Parish Center to request someone for the "Prayer List" and be sure to update the Parish Center monthly regarding their condition or the name will be removed.

Frank Acinger, brother of Bernadette West
Nicole Allensworth
Grace Austin
Gayla Barnes
Samantha Bell
Remi Brown
Stan Brown, brother of Mary Frances Riner
Chris Crandon
Matthew Decker
Linda Erp, mother of Emily Vigne
Mary Felton
Coleman File
Cyril Foote, Sr.
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Kenneth Gilbert
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Buddy Hadl
Betty Hanna
Jenny Hernandez
Jessie Hernandez
Dianne Hofmann
Kevin Hoover
Bob Holek
Lottie Keating, daughter of Joe & Laura Keating
Diana Matthews
Barb Marden
Francine Mesa
Barb Nabower, sister of Patty Lyon
Theophilus Obiefule
Allan Otter, brother of Norb Otter
Julie Patterson, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter
Kathy Rennells
CB Riling
Joel Rivera
Mark Salaman
Natalie Salisbury
Julia Scott, friend of Monica Cordova
Mary Kay Seidl
Nikki Shrode
Gerald Simon
Frank Stagg, father of Susan Williams
Delores Tharpe, cousin of Jackie Monroe
Chuck Umscheid
Angelica Villa
Cindy Vasquez, sister of Gina Hodges
Dick Volmer, uncle of Jane Arnold
Greg Walker, brother of Ted Walker
Christy Walters, friend of Bev Mater
Tasha Williams
John Woods

Please join our St. John prayer chain to lend your voices and thoughts for those in need. For more information contact Lois Mersmann at:

lmersmann@saint-johns.net

MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 8—14

Monday: 7:30amMaureen Osborn†
Tuesday: 7:30amJaunita Bailey†
Wednesday: 7:30amDorothy Anderson†
Thursday: 7:30am Birgitta Jand & Family
Friday: 7:30am Edna Zillnert
Saturday: 8:00am Nathan Davist
4:30pm Fred & Teresa Zillnert
Sunday: 7:00am St. John Parish
8:30am Judy Hill†
11:00am Jimmy Smith†
2:00pm (Sp.) Laura Sanchez†
5:00pm Ruth Thesing†

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

Besiege Heaven with Prayer: Storm Heaven with the Rosary

Join us each Wednesday at 5:30 pm at the church for one hour. We have the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other prayers. "When two or more are joined together, Our Lord is there with us."

ATTENTION WOMEN SINGERS

Threshold Choir is a national women's organization with a local chapter of women from several faiths here in Lawrence. We provide ease and comfort through singing to those on the threshold of living and dying. We seek to provide a calm, focused presence with gentle voices to various local senior homes and hospices. To join our simple practice sessions, contact Jean Drumm at **(785) 841-6067**.

WOMEN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION GROUP

Women's Prayer and Reflection Group meets at 6:30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month to be prayerfully inspired by biblical women and the third Tuesday of the month to be inspired by women saints. Join us any time, no preparation necessary. We meet in the St John School Library. For more information, please contact Beth Fox **785-840-5561** or Cheryl Hicklin **785-691-5607**.

ST. MONICA'S PRAYER GROUP

This prayer group meets every Monday at 12:00 noon in the Padre Pio Chapel to pray for our children and grandchildren. In addition to the prayers to St. Monica, we pray the rosary and other prayers for special intentions. Everyone is welcome!

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017
Information below reflects donations received
July 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017.

Budgeted weekly amount	\$27,403.84
Average weekly amount.....	\$28,065.96
Budgeted YTD	\$1,205,768.96
Actual YTD.....	\$1,234,902.44
Net OVERAGE in Giving.....	\$29,133.48

Visit sjevangelist.com/giving or contact Cris Denning at cdenning@saint-johns.net or (785) 843-0109 for help creating or managing your online giving account!

STAMP OUT HUNGER

For 19,000 individuals in Douglas County, having food regularly isn't a guarantee. YOU can help us and National Association of Letter Carriers chapter 401 and the National Association of Rural Carriers stamp out hunger.

Helping is easy. Mail carriers will drop a bag directly to your house around the beginning of the week. Simply fill that bag with non-perishable food items and leave it by your mailbox the morning of May 13 for your mail carrier to pick up.



STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

HIS HANDS MINISTRY

His Hands, St. John's ministry to those who are elderly and those who live with disability in our parish, is trying to find someone a ride to Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass. The person lives on John Doy Court, in the vicinity of Peterson Road.

If you can help in this way, please contact Susan Tabor, the His Hands service coordinator, at (785) 865-9949 or souljourner@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you!

ST. JOHN RUMMAGE HOUSE

The Saint John Rummage House is run by volunteers from the Saint John Community and is in need of new volunteers to help keep the ministry thriving. Volunteers work both during store hours and behind the scenes when the store is closed. Sorting crews work Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings.

If you are interested in helping the parish with this ministry, email Linda Brey at lbrey525@gmail.com for more info.

FAITH FORMATION

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

St. John is offering an exciting opportunity for couples to have a date night and time to renew/refresh their marriage. The Marriage Course continues on May 18, and it's not too late to join in! You can come early 6:30-7:00 p.m, and eat a catered dinner or come at 7 p.m, and eat while you listen to engaging videos and spend time talking with your spouse.

See www.sjevangelist.com for more information.

ST. JOHN CAFÉ

Join us for our last St. John Café of the school year this Sunday from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. in the St. Bosco Room, in the lower level of St. John School. St. John Café is an opportunity to have time in fellowship with your fellow parishioners in a relaxed environment with good coffee, pastries, and engaging conversation on the Catholic faith moderated by one of the parish priests.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Adult Baptized Catholics who were not Confirmed are encouraged to join the Adult Confirmation Class. Classes will meet on the following Wednesdays: May 17, May 24 and May 31 from 7:00—8:15 p.m. in the Church Basement.

Confirmation will take place Sunday, June 4, 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish in Shawnee. Archbishop Naumann will confer the sacrament on those throughout the Archdiocese who have made their preparations for Confirmation in their own parishes.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL



St. John Carnival: Friday, May 12

St. John School PTO Carnival is **Friday, May 12, from 5:30-7:30pm**. Admission bracelets are \$20. They may be billed to school accounts. We need about 70 volunteers to make this a success for our children. We need people to help with set up, games, and especially clean up. Each family is asked to donate two 2-liter bottles of pop or juice for the Pop Toss and ONE baked good for the Cake Walk.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer (and didn't receive the "Volunteer Spot" email sent earlier this week), please contact Gillian Allen, Carnival Chair: 785-760-3957, allen.gillianmp@gmail.com.

Field Day: Monday, May 22

Due to construction, this year's Field Day will be limited to the afternoon of **Monday, May 22, from 1:20-3:15pm** for grades kindergarten through seventh grade. Mr. Kennedy needs parent volunteers to help with Field Day. Volunteers are needed from 12:45-3:30pm. Please email Mr. Kennedy if you can help: kennedy@saint-johns.net.

Schedule Your Visit:

Visit online at sjevangelist.com/school, call (785) 843-9511 or email Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal, at newton@saint-johns.net for more information and to schedule a tour for you and your student!

ST. JOHN YOUTH

SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATION CLOSING SOON!



Summer trip applications available now!

Visit sjevangelist.com/youth to register now for Steubenville South in Alexandria, Louisiana (June 23-27) and Prayer and Action in Osage City (July 9-14). If you're in a small group, turn your application into your group leader — if not, text/call Kaylee for more info: 316-644-5493



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SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL ACTION

Pope Francis's TED Talk, April 2017

(Vatican Radio, en.radiovaticana.va) Pope Francis has broken new ground in the way he communicates his message when the first-ever papal TED Talk went on line. TED is a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading ideas in the form of short talks. What began in 1984 as a conference covering Technology, Entertainment and Design (TED), today provides talks from a wide range of different speakers – except popes. Until today.

"I very much like this title – 'The Future You'", began Pope Francis, "because, while looking at tomorrow, it invites us to open a dialogue today, to look at the future through a 'you'...The future is made of you's...because life flows through our relations with others".

Speaking in his typically personal and informal style, the Pope reminded us of how "everything is connected" and of how "life is about interactions". "None of us is an autonomous and independent 'I'", he said. "We can only build the future by standing together, including everyone".

His second message regarded "educating people to a true solidarity" in order to overcome the "culture of waste" that puts products at the center of techno-economic systems, instead of people. "The other has a face", he said. "The 'you' is...a person to take care of".

The Pope illustrated his point by quoting Mother Teresa and the parable of the Good Samaritan, before going on to talk about Hope – which he described as "a humble, hidden seed of life that, with time, will develop into a large tree". "A single individual is enough for hope to exist", he said. "And that individual can be you".

Pope Francis' third and final message was dedicated to what he called "the revolution of tenderness". Tenderness means "being on the same level as the other", he said. It is not weakness, but strength: "the path of solidarity...of humility". And through humility, even power becomes a service and a force for good.

The Pope concluded by affirming that the future of humankind is not in the hands of politicians or big companies but, most of all, in the hands of those people "who recognize the other as a 'you' and themselves as part of an 'us'". Because: "We all need each other".

Visit the St. John website to see a full video of Pope Francis's TED Talk, to download an English translation of the talk, or to listen to the English audio version: www.sjevangelist.com (scroll to the 'News & Events' section).

JUSTICE MATTERS

AN INTERFAITH NETWORK WORKING FOR JUSTICE IN LAWRENCE AND DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

Pope Francis called for a regional meeting in Modesto, California which took place in February of this year. At the end of the meeting the 700 delegated sent a response to the Pope and the Bishops' Conference. The following is the rest of the introduction to the Message from Modesto.

We experience the pain inflicted on people by racial discrimination and economic oppression. The lack of good jobs, affordable housing and clean water and air is literally killing people. Racism is stripping Black, Latino, Asian, Muslim, Native people of their humanity and fueling police abuse and mass-incarceration, and fueling a crisis of homelessness and displacement. Raids and Trump Administration Executive Orders are scapegoating immigrants and ripping families apart.

We understand that a small elite is growing wealthy and powerful off the suffering of our families. Racism and White Supremacy are America's original sins. They continue to justify a system of unregulated capitalism that idolizes wealth accumulation over human needs. Yet too often our faith communities and religious leaders fail to heed the mandate to denounce greed and stand with the poor and vulnerable. The issues we are facing are intertwined and require all of our voices and actions.

Next week, or very soon, I'll begin to share the rest of the long document in installments. You can find many of the talks from the meeting by searching online for World Meeting of Popular Movements. One of the most powerful presentations was by Bishop McElroy of San Diego.

—Pat Lechtenberg

For those who want to take part in community meetings at the school board and city commission to promote Justice Matters' proposed solutions on various issues check out the website www.justicemattersinkansas.org and click on upcoming events. I'm happy to talk to anyone interested in knowing more about Justice Matters plek10berg@aol.com



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4º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Este 4º Domingo de Pascua celebramos el domingo llamado del Buen Pastor. Este año el Evangelio tiene un particular interés en la imagen de Jesús no como pastor sino como puerta. Esta imagen llama la atención directamente del Resucitado mostrándose como única puerta de entrada. La apertura de la puerta nos muestra la misericordia del Pastor. Por lo tanto debemos de escuchar su voz y seguirlo. "Les aseguro que yo soy la puerta de las ovejas. Todos los que han venido antes que yo, son ladrones y bandidos; pero mis ovejas no los han escuchado. Yo soy la puerta; quien entre por mí se salvará, podrá entrar y salir y encontrará pastos" (Jn 10, 7-9).

Aquí el reto es saber qué tipo de voces se escuchan diariamente. Existen voces que nos mienten, que nos seducen, que nos engañan y nos llevan por mal camino. Otras voces en cambio, nos dan esperanza, nos alientan y nos hablan con la verdad. Las voces primeras roban a quienes las escuchan su tiempo, su realidad, su virtud y sus metas. Las voces posteriores son las que nos guían a una vida plena. Éstas son las voces de personas que han escuchado ellas mismas la voz del Buen Pastor y fielmente le siguen y van hacia donde él les guía haciendo su voluntad. ¿Qué clase de voces escuchamos? ¿Cuáles escuchan nuestros niños y jóvenes? Es bueno que al menos sepamos distinguir las voces que nos rodean. La voz de Jesús está llamándonos por medio de muchas personas que nos invitan a ser mejores. La voz de los pobres alrededor del mundo nos invita a ser generosos. Como ejemplo tenemos a Santa Teresa de Calcuta, ella decía, "Si no puedes dar de comer a muchos pobres que lo necesitan, da por lo menos a uno".

4º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

El Cuarto Domingo de Pascua es el domingo dedicado al Buen Pastor. En los tres ciclos litúrgicos (A-B-C), leemos fragmentos del capítulo 10 del Evangelio de Juan dedicado a esta imagen de Jesús. Observemos que hay tres verbos clave en los textos: Conocer, amar y dar la vida por las ovejas. En la mentalidad bíblica, los dos primeros son casi sinónimos. El tercero es la consecuencia extrema de los otros dos: morir por la oveja amada. El buen pastor en griego significa el pastor bello. Cristo es el Buen Pastor y nos ama a todos. Él no distingue raza, color, pobre o rico. Jesús es igual para todos. Nos conoce, busca y conduce a fuentes de aguas tranquilas. Además tiene otras ovejas y desea reunir a todas hasta formar un solo rebaño.

¿Quién es nuestro pastor en la sociedad de hoy? ¿Quién es el que va delante y al que nosotros seguimos? Para ayudarnos es bueno recordar que el pasado Viernes Santo, al escuchar el Evangelio de la pasión y muerte de Jesús, supimos quién era nuestro Pastor. ¡Solamente él ha dado la vida por cada uno de nosotros! ¿Cuál es nuestra responsabilidad ahora? Hagamos un examen de conciencia y veamos de qué forma pastoreamos a las personas que tenemos a nuestro cargo: hijos, hijas, padres, amigos, compañeros de trabajo. ¿Les conocemos? ¿Sabemos sus necesidades? La tarea no es fácil. Es cuestión de conocer, amar y dar la vida por los que están en necesidad. Somos pastores y pastoras y vale la pena que estos sentimientos sean movidos por el amor de esta Pascua que Dios nos está permitiendo vivir.



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