



28th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27

WELCOME TO SAINT JOHN

Saint 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, and the sacraments. Members, inspired by the Holy Spirit through faith formation and spiritual renewal, witness to the Gospel in lives of justice and charity, build up families and children through education, hospitality and fellowship, and serve those in need with compassion.

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Masks are recommended & encouraged inside the church buildings.
Per Lawrence/Douglas County Health Department. This is subject to change.

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Office Hours.....**PLEASE WEAR A MASK**
Monday-Friday8:30 am - 4:00 pm
After 2:30 pm please call staff members' direct extension.
Thank you.

Weekend Masses

Saturday.....8:00 am, 4:30 pm
Sunday7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,
.....1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am; Friday 12:10 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside the north church entrance)
Wednesday 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Saturday3:00 pm- 4:00 pm
Other by appointment

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am
Friday: 12:10 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,
1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday: 11:00 am – Noon
Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm
Or by appointment

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Please contact the parish office for a registration form at **785-843-0109** or complete the online registration on the parish website: sjevangelist.com

WELCOME!



HEARING AID USERS



St. John is excited to announce the installment of a hearing loop that will especially help parishioners with telecoil equipped hearing aids.

Digital hearing aids have significantly improved in the last decade, but they do not restore hearing to normal. Difficulties often remain when in challenging listening

situations. Hearing loops help hearing aid users and others overcome this problem by broadcasting sound directly to the hearing aid without background noise or reverberation.

What is a hearing loop and how does it work?

Hearing Loops allow people who wear hearing aids to directly receive the sound from the PA system in their own hearing aids without having to pick up a separate listening device.

Do you use hearing aids?

If you wear hearing instruments you will need to find out if your hearing aids have the wireless receiver called a T-coil or Telecoil in order to hear better with the hearing loops in our facilities. The T-coil program is accessed by pushing a button on a hearing aid. This T-coil program has to be activated by your audiologist.

ST. JOHN FALL FLING

Let us welcome you back to school and back to activities at St. John's!

Date: Sunday, October 10

Time: 4:00-8:00 pm

Prices: Hot dogs and chips - FREE.

Sodas and water - \$1.

Beer will cost \$2.

The taco truck will have their own pricing.

Bring the entire family! Bring your friends! Stay as long as you want to chat, laugh, eat and enjoy the beautiful fall weather!

There will be a taco truck, hot dogs, soda, beer, chips and snow cones! And games for the kids! We hope to see you there!

Sponsored by the St. John's Social Life Committee! Watch for more fun activities from us!

THE LEAVEN ONLINE

Thanks to those who want to read The Leaven online <http://theleaven.org>. That is a \$21/subscription savings for St. John. If you would like to cancel, please email: pguadian@sjevangelist.com or call Patty at **785-843-0109**.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

If you would like to make a room reservation please email Reid Bissen at: coordinator@sjevangelist.com or call **785-843-0109**.

DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT (DEVELOPMENT & STEWARDSHIP)

St. John Church and School in Lawrence seeks a full-time Director of Advancement (Development & Stewardship). The Director will develop and ad-minister development plans to ensure the long-term viability of the Church and School. The Director will oversee all advancement activities necessary by building relationships with a broad range of parishioners, parents, alumni, volun-teers and community members. Candidates with three to five years of fundraising experience and bilingual (English and Spanish) are preferred. Please see full job description and requirements at:

www.sjevangelist.com. This position is eligible for an Archdiocesan benefits package. Position will be open until filled.

Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. John Cousins at: frjohn@sjevangelist.com or mail to 1229 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ST. JOHN SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL SHADOW DAY

Experience life as an Eagle!

4th-7th graders

Friday, October 22nd

Lunch Provided

Drop-off 8:15am

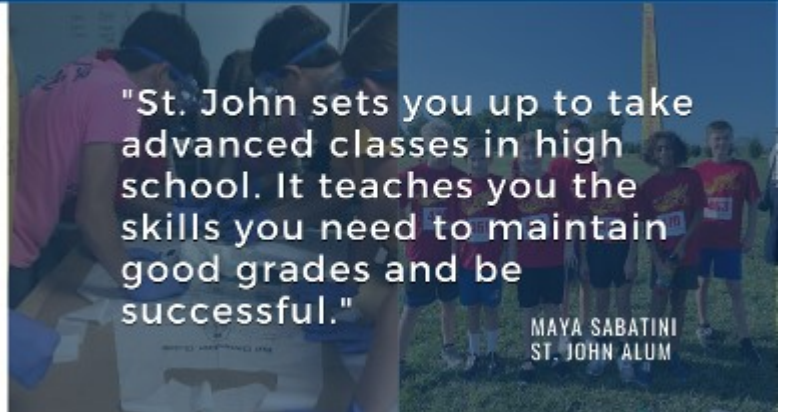
St. John Church Basement

Pick-up 2:30pm

St. John Church Basement

Open house, Q&A for parents

REGISTER ONLINE AT WHYSTJOHN.COM



"St. John sets you up to take advanced classes in high school. It teaches you the skills you need to maintain good grades and be successful."

MAYA SABATINI
ST. JOHN ALUM

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE

BOOKENDS BEFORE/ AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Our Before and After School Care program is looking for staff members for our morning and afternoon shifts. Staff members will be responsible for the supervision of students. Staff members will need to be willing to help with homework, engage the students in fun activities, and provide consistent supervision. Before school hours are from 7:00 - 8:05 am and After school hours will be from 3:30-6:00 pm. We are looking for college students who might have flexible hours or someone who might want a part-time job and would love to have the opportunity to work with kids. If you are interested, please send your email: creffett@sjeagles.com.

SCHOOL MISSION

Faith-Knowledge-Service-Growth

All St. John Catholic School students will be challenged to grow in their faith and knowledge, learn to show respect and compassion for themselves and others, and live their beliefs through service in their community and the world.



St. John Catholic School
*Benefit
Auction*

11 NOVEMBER **13** THIRTEENTH **'21** YEAR 2021

ANNUAL ST. JOHN AUCTION

The Annual St. John Auction has been scheduled for **November 13**. We are currently in the process of gathering items to be auctioned. If you or someone you know would like to donate an item, please visit: sjevangelist.com/school/auction, call **785-842-3445**, or email: auction@sjeagles.com

FOCUS ON THE WORD

St. John High School Youth Group

Join us for our first youth group gathering at the Parish Fall Fling!

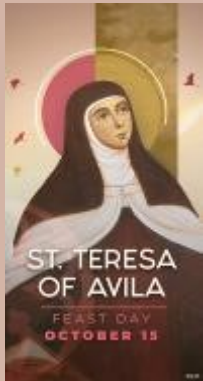
Sunday, October 10th
St. John School Bosco Room
6:15p - 7:30p

Snacks, beverages, and pumpkin carving! Please bring your own pumpkin



Allison Loecker
Director of HS Youth Group

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA | FEAST DAY OCTOBER 15



St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41

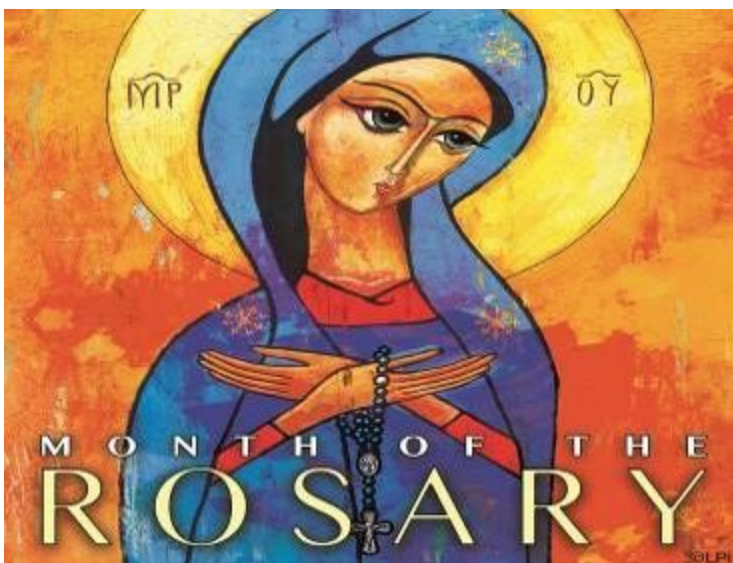
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45





St. Joseph,
defender of life,
pray for us!



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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 Center to request someone for the "Prayer List."

Thank you on behalf of the families of those individuals for whom we pray.

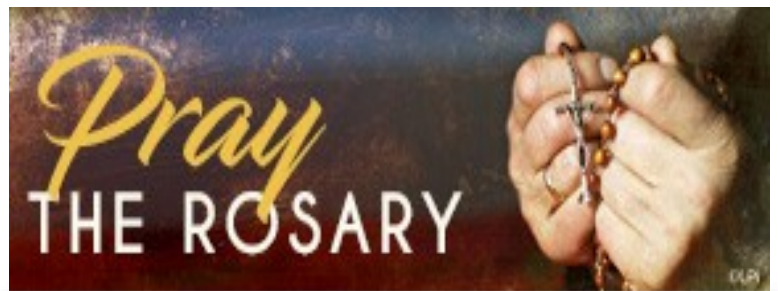
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 Christian Heady
 Luke Henry
 Patsy Heptig
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 IN MEMORIAM
 TOM GORGES
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OCTOBER 11 – OCTOBER 17

Mon.: 7:30 am.....For Thanksgiving
Tues.: 7:30 am.....David Rettenmaiert
Wed.: 7:30 am.....S.F.
Thurs.: 7:30 amAnnette Braaten & Family
Fri.: 7:30 am.....Peace In the World
 12:10 pmEnd To The Pandemic
Sat.: 8:00 am Teachers & Students
 4:30 pmVernon HadIt
Sun.: 7:00 amDeceased members of Brock Family†
 9:00amRosemary Werth†
 11:00amParishioners of St. John
 1:00 pm (Sp.).....Hector CabraIt
 5:00 pmSouls In Purgatory

EVERYDAY REFLECTIONS

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Why Marry in a Church?

Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a

church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place. ©LPi

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By The Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee

Over the years, we've shared information with you concerning the importance of climate care and sustainability. We've given you some practical information, but we're ramping that up over the next several weeks. We'll start with concrete ways to live a more sustainable lifestyle. Then we'll get you some information about where sustainable products can be located/purchased, as many of them have not yet made their way into the mainstream marketplace, as they are newer and smaller companies, and methods of their manufacturing are constantly growing and changing. We hope you will find this information useful.

So what does eco-friendly mean?

Eco-friendly literally means friendly to the earth or simply not harmful to the environment. The term is most commonly used to refer to products and practices that help in conserving resources like water and energy as well as preventing air, water and land pollution.

To engage in [eco-friendly practices](#) start by being more conscious of how you use such resources.

It doesn't matter what your reason for being more eco-conscious is. Whether it's to help the environment, to save money, or just see how easy it is, every effort you make towards an eco-friendly life will definitely help save the world. Here are 105 ways on how to be more environmentally friendly. These tricks will help you make helpful changes in different areas of your life.

Live With Less Plastic

1. Replace cling wrap with eco-friendly Beeswax wraps

Kick start your eco-friendly lifestyle by ditching plastic. Get rid of your plastic wrap and replace it with the eco-friendly beeswax alternative. Beeswax wrap is actually more breathable than plastic and is biodegradable.

2. Replace disposable cutlery with a wood set

[Americans use over 100 million pieces of disposable cutlery](#) every day! Cut down on the statistics by carrying your own silverware from home. Wooden cutlery is especially easy to carry around.

3. Switch to an eco-friendly toothbrush

Consider replacing your plastic toothbrushes with bamboo brushes. These are more eco-friendly. You can even go further and use zero-waste toothpaste!

4. Use biodegradable trash bags

Plastic bags are among the top things that pollute the planet the most. If we could all switch to biodegradable bags we'd be doing the world a huge favor. Biodegradable trash bags are 100% compostable and are BPI certified.

5. Avoid using bottles for shampoo, conditioner, and lotion

Over 80 billion plastic bottles are disposed of around the world every year just from shampoo and conditioner! Consider using reusable bottles to refill your shampoo, conditioner, and lotion. From www.ecofriendlyhabits.com

JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters – an interfaith network working for justice

If you haven't had the chance to attend a listening session with the St. John's Justice Ministry team, there's still a few opportunities this fall. Listening sessions are still available:

Tuesday, October 12 @ 7:00 pm (virtual)

Sunday, October 17 @ 3:00 pm (in person)

If you'd like to attend one of these, please let us know by emailing Sarah Balzer at: sarah@justicemattersinkansas.org, or talk to Susan Tabor.



CUENTO NÚMERO 4

Una supertorre que nos volvió chatos y sordos (Genesis 11, 1-9)

Había una vez, en Okeijo, pequeño pueblecito del Japón, dos jóvenes: Oshiro Neika y Tainko Yamata. Eran floricultores. Talentosos. Enamorados del perfume. Pero un día, se aburrieron de ese ambiente que llamaban “burgués y achanchado” (por supuesto que en japonés...), y se fueron los dos a la Universidad Tecnológica de Osaka. Allí se recibieron de ingenieros, y fueron peritos en resistencia de materiales y tensión del acero. Sus “computers” eran avanzadas. Los cálculos salían, unos tras otros, como ráfagas de cifras enloquecedoras. Extraño idioma para quienes no estuvieran dentro de ese verdadero sistema mental. Las flores estaban muy lejanas. El dialogo con los amigos había sido reemplazado por lo que los chips realizaban, conectados con Internet y con cuanto programa pudiera brindarles nuevos datos. Habían olvidado la brisa fresca de las noches de primavera, porque, en las oficinas, si afuera hacia frio, adentro reinaba el calor, y en los días tórridos, el aire acondicionado era en verdad frio. ¡Cuán lejos estaba la mentalidad pueblerina de Okeijo!

En la gran empresa constructora que integraban, Kurawa & Tojo Inc., se creaban múltiples proyectos. Uno de ellos, que entusiasmaba a Oshiro y a Tainko, era el de una supertorre, tan alta que dejaría atrás al viejo Empire State, de New York City, y a las afiladas estructuras de Chicago y Singapur. Esto tendría que ser “único”. ¿Y para qué? Para unir a quienes las habitaran, trabajando en ellas, en un gran hormiguero humano, donde todo sería comunión y eficiencia. ¡Llegaría hasta el cielo! O, por lo menos, sería lo más cercano al cielo que el hombre hubiera imaginado o conocido.

La obra comenzó. A los cinco años de trabajo diurno y nocturno, la torre se inauguró. Se pronunciaron discursos sobre las tareas que desarrollarían allí más de doscientos mil hombres y mujeres. Se alabaron a los autores y ejecutores del proyecto. Nada quedaba fuera del alcance de la mente del hombre y de su voluntad de subir, cada día, más alto. Los ascensores eran, si no supersónicos, por lo menos velocísimos. En un suspiro, uno estaba en el piso 500. ¡Qué maravilla! Todo el mundo hablaba de esta obra, magna obra, macro trabajó, supertorre.

Los padres de Oshiro y Tainko, floricultores como habían sido los ahora ingenieros, miraban y callaban. El edificio era limpiísimo. Pero allí no había aroma de naranjos en flor, ni de crisantemos, ni de jazmines, ni de los mil olores que fluían de un jardín en la campiña, sino solo cientos de extractores de aire. Desde las altas oficinas no se podía ver la calle, pues todo eran líneas. No se veían los hombres, sino minúsculos puntos que se desplazaban. No se oían voces ni gritos: apenas un sordo e intangible murmullo.

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MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **785-304-5509**.

CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir por nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

Cada primer sábado del mes de **6:00 a 9:00 de la noche**, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

RECICLAGE

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parróquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR

Hermano, a veces te sientes triste o con necesidad de Dios, ven yo te puedo acompañar a orar, nos podemos ver en la Iglesia o en la oficina. Estoy para ayudarte. Oro por todos, bendiciones María Mota.

Preparación al matrimonio por la Iglesia Católica, solo para parejas que viven juntos y tienen niños.

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmación y primera comunión.

CATECISMO EN ESPAÑOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto. Por favor para mas información llamar a María Mota.

CONFESIONES

Sábado de 3:00 pm a 4:00 pm y Miércoles de 11:00 am a 12:00 pm Habrá confesiones en español para quien lo necesite, y pueda recibir este sacramento.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 10 DE OCTUBRE

Domingo: Sab 7, 7-11/Sal 89, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17 [14]/Heb 4, 12-13/Mc 10, 17-30 o 10, 17-27

Lunes: Rom 1, 1-7/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4 [2]/Lc 11, 29-32

Martes: Rom 1, 16-25/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5 [2]/Lc 11, 37-41

Miércoles: Rom 2, 1-11/Sal 61, 2-3. 6-7. 9 [13]/Lc 11, 42-46

Jueves: Rom 3, 21-30/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [7]/Lc 11, 47-54

Viernes: Rom 4, 1-8/Sal 31, 1b-2. 5. 11 [cfr. 7]/Lc 12, 1-7

Sábado: Rom 4, 13. 16-18/Sal 104, 6-7. 8-9. 42-43 [8]/Lc 12, 8-12

Domingo siguiente: Is 53, 10-11/Sal 32, 4-5. 18-19. 20. 22 [22]/Heb 4, 14-16/Mc 10, 35-45 o 10, 42-45

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No se veían rostros alegres ni tristes, ni lágrimas, ni risas, ni chicos con globos rojos en sus manitas gordas. No se distinguían los parques del pavimento, ni el verde del gris. Todo era lejano. Todo era igual. Se perdió la diversidad, pero la igualdad se tornó en confusión.

¡Que monstruo horrible en el que cada miembro era igual al de al lado!

Un día, el sistema eléctrico se volvió loco. Las computadoras gritaban la una a la otra, en imágenes desbocadas que no respondían a programa alguno. Los ascensores se detuvieron. Los teléfonos silenciaron a locutores con tubos mudos en sus manos. Nada respondía a nadie. Las ventanas de gruesos cristales no se podían abrir. El aire estaba enrarecido. Las voces se convirtieron en gemidos. Hombres y mujeres gritaban ¡Socorro!, pero nadie comprendía esa palabra. Hombres y mujeres lloraban, pero nadie sabía que era una lagrima, pues las lágrimas existían solo en Okeijo. Intentaron comunicarse entre sí en inglés, "idioma universal", pero se respondían en francés. Al final, solo señas era lo que sus manos hacían, ante el lenguaje extraño de labios extraños.

En las casas vecinas, no tan altas ni tan seguras ni tan orgullosas, se vivía normalmente, se hablaba, se gritaba... La gente se entendía o no, pero todos hablaban en japones, salvo algún extranjero que callaba en inglés.

Al día siguiente, cuando la policía, los bomberos y las fuerzas de seguridad civil entraron en el edificio, asombrados porque nadie salía de él, se encontraron con miles de hombres y mujeres que hablan entre ellos, con los ojos desorbitados, en lenguas hasta ahora nunca escuchadas.

En un rincón de una lujosa oficina, Oshiro y Tianko miraban, absortos, por una ventana. Su vista estaba dirigida a lo alto. Con gran esfuerzo se logró descifrar una frase: -No estamos en el cielo y hemos dejado la tierra.

No dijeron nada más y lloraron...

No tengan demasiado interés en vivir en pisos altos: ¡Dan vértigo! En cambio, en la planta baja estamos seguros y no hay problemas de ascensor. Otra cosita: si un día se te traba la lengua y no te entiendes, serénate un poco, descansa un rato y repiensa tu lenguaje. Es posible que tus palabras hayan querido abarcar demasiadas cosas, y tengas que reducir tus ambiciones y los objetos de tus definiciones.

-Héctor Muñoz

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

MY HOUSE WORKSHOP FOR MEN

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MARCH FOR LIFE

2022 YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

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