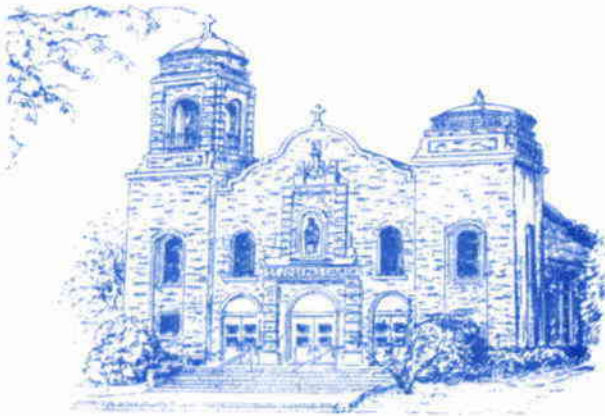


St. Joseph Catholic Church

Diocese of Tyler – Most Rev. Joseph E. Strickland, Bishop
410 N. Alamo Blvd.
Marshall, Texas 75670

Established 1874

Msgr. Zacharias Kunnakkattuthara, Pastor
Rev. Matias Rodriguez, Priest-in-Residence
Magdaleno Aguirre, Felipe Pena,
John Sargent, Santiago Suarez, Deacons



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	12:05 p.m. 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Friday	12:05 p.m. 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Saturday	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

SPECIAL MASSES:

1st Saturday - Mass 10 a.m.

DEVOTIONS

Rosary - 30 minutes before Mass

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
or by appointment

BAPTISM - By Appointment.

Prior instructions required. Call 935-2536.

**MARRIAGE - Please contact the church office
six (6) months in advance.**

Adult Faith Formation:

Sundays 8:45 a.m. -10 a.m. St. Joseph School
9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall
Tuesday's 7:00 p.m.

Religious Education

Pre-K-8th grade: Sunday 8:45 - 10 a.m. – School
Grades 9-12: Wednesday's 7 p.m., Youth House

Anyone inquiring about the Catholic Faith
please call the church office.

Mission Statement: *We are a people called together by God, led by the Spirit and nourished by the word and body of Christ. We become the Living Word and Body of Christ through: liturgical and sacramental worship, love of neighbor, respect for life, peace and justice, evangelization and education.*

Ethics: *If you are a victim ... or if you know a victim ...*

The Diocese of Tyler is committed to provide help to anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the church.

If you know a minor currently being abused, or in danger, immediately report it to your local police or Texas Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS) Promoter of Justice – Rev. Gavin Vaverek, JCL 903-566-2159 confidential line

Email: promoter@dioceseoftyler.org

OFFICE HOURS

8 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Church Office & Rectory

903-935-2536

FAX:

903-938-1591

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saintjosephmarshall@yahoo.com

Church Website: stjosephmarshall.org

Facility Scheduling contact the church office.

Staff

Office Administrator

Melanie Hughes

Director of Faith Formation

Charlotte Smith

Liturgy

Nancy Vines

Organist

Elaine McMurry

Maintenance Supervisor

Dcn. Santiago Suarez

Maintenance

Tony Garcia



Third Sunday of Advent/\Tercer Domingo de Adviento December/December 17, 2017

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Vivan siempre alegres, oren sin cesar. — 1 Tesalonicenses 5:16

Mass Intentions

Sat/Sab	12/16	5:00 PM	+Jane Scrivener (M/M Bill Whitis)
		7:00 PM	Priest's Intentions
Sun/Dom	12/17	7:30 AM	For All Parishioners
		10:30 AM	+Royce Plemmons (Mary Lou Plemmons)
		12:30 PM	+Elvira Diosdado (Legion of Mary)
Mon/Lun	12/18	5:30 PM	-Dr. Carl Turner (Legion of Mary)
Tues/Mart	12/19	5:30 PM	-Kathy Farruya (Kathryn Wilborn & Stephanie Myers)
		7:00 PM	+Poor Souls in Purgatory (M/M Bernhard Becker)
Wed/Mier	12/20	5:30 PM	+Stephen Schuler (M/M Jerry Lomax)
Thur/Juev	12/21	12:05 PM	-Mary Duncan (Sharon Carson)
		7:00 PM	Julie & Bernhard Becker Families in Purgatory
Fri/Vier	12/22	12:05 PM	-William Hughes (Legion of Mary)
		7:00 PM	Bernhard & Julie Becker & Families
Sat/Sab	12/23	5:00 PM	+Bob Martin (Sharon Carson)
		7:00 PM	+Poor Souls in Purgatory (M/M Bernhard Becker)
Sun/Dom	12/24	7:30 AM	+Nell Armstrong (Carl Sperier)
		10:30 AM	For All Parishioners
		12:30 PM	Priest's Intentions

St. Peter Canisius

Church is open daily from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Pray For Our Sick/ Oremos por Nuestros Enfermos – Jean Sepulvado, Linda Payne Hill, Michael Payne, William Hughes, Jorge Olvera, Ray Busby, Harold Hale, Alvin Ayers, Bobby Kimbrell, Donald Manning, Dr. Carl Turner, Jacqueline Raggio, Nina Bates, Gus Olesch, Carita McClatchey, Stephanie Busby, Crecenciana Avellanea Torres, Karen Franklin, Carolyn Pondant, Dorene Rodgers, George Zerucha, James McGregor, Margie Blanz, Beth McCann, Jody McInnis, Pastor Suarez, Fed Williams, Teresa Hernandez, Elena Suarez, Polly O'Bannon, Alice Gardiner, Forrest Stevens, Roberto Alejandro, Renee Wilkerson, Rochelle Frances, Mike Nelson, Betty Black, Charley Ray Furrh, Steve Nanny, Jessica Ward, Maggie Barns, Garret Burton, Tiodolpho Guzman, Lola Duncan, Norris Johnson, Nathan Baltz, Frank Gardiner, Pauline O'Hagan, A.D. Jordan, Jax Ford, Maddison Burt, Judie Newton, Alline McCarty, Rhonda Morris, Gwendolyn O'Neal, and all the sick.

If you know of someone in the hospital please notify the church office. / Si usted sabe de alguien en el hospital, por favor notifique a la oficina de la Iglesia.

****PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Renee Watson Looser, niece of Mary Heater, and all the faithful departed. / Por favor oren por el descanso eterno de todos los fieles difuntos.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND – Mary Y. Alexander, Frank Bailey, Sarah Grubbs, Patricia Jackson, Dorothy Simmons, Agnes Verhalen, Cuisin Reyes, Mary Jo White, Lourdes San Diego, Bob Bahus, Rosa Lee Johnson, Jane Harris, Pet Hooker, Willie Whitaker, Marilyn Dillehay, and Edward Blazek.

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CONTACT INFO

**Msgr. Zach 903-724-0865
Fr. Matias Rodriguez 903-522-1184**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY/ Por favor oren por aquellos que están EN EL

SERVICIO MILITAR: Kendall Benton, Juan Carlos Acuna, Aubrey Sperier Arenavas, Bo Dylan Jordan, Brent Westbrook, Heath Zeigler, Desire Robertson, Dominick Pondant, Matthew Kopecky, Gabriel Cantu, Perry Staten, Mary Alder, Alvin Ayers, John Quick, III, Kyrié Lay Redd, James Trachier, Joseph Trachier, Charles R. Heimerding, and Salvador Sanchez, Jr

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon/Lun:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tues/Mart:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wed/Mier:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thurs/Juev:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Fri/Vier:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sat/Sab:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sun/Dom:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE
ADMINISTRACION Y FINANZAS

December/Diciembre 10, 2017 - \$5,497.66
Children's/ Colección de los Niños - \$125.50
Christmas Flowers \$330.00
Retirement Fund for Religious \$1,274.60
Christmas Dinner \$990.00
On-line Giving \$1,605.00

Thank you for your generosity. – Msgr. Zach

2nd Collections – Dec. 17 – Building Fund/ Por el Foudo de Construcción
Dec 24 & 25 – Seminarists/ Por los Seminaristas

LITURGY

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – Dec. 23 & 24

5:00 p.m. – Communion Ministers: Melanie & Faye;
Acolyte: Ziegler.; **Lector:** Shannon; **Video:** Bret ;
Greeters: Pamela/David

7:30 a.m. – Communion Ministers: Karen N. & Beth.;
Acolyte: Ken ; **Lector:** Jackie

10:30 a.m. – Communion Ministers: Karen & Ed .;
Acolyte: Elliott ; **Lector:** Diane; **Greeters:** Mario & Greg

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Every Thursday from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel.

La adoración eucarística - Todos los jueves de 8 a.m. a 7 p.m. en la capilla de adoración.

Adoración Eucarística - Vamos a tener Adoración cada **Primer Viernes de 7:30 p.m. a 6 a.m.** Por favor Pasen una hora con el Señor.

Eucharistic Adoration - every first Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. Please spend an hour with the Lord.

MASS TIME CHANGE – The 6 p.m. Mass for Week day Mass for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday is changed to **5:30 p.m.**

MISA en Inglés - El cambio de la hora 6 p.m. de la Misa por semana los lunes, martes y miércoles se cambia a 5:30 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION CHILDREN & YOUTH - *There will be NO classes December 24 & 31, 2017 –Classes resume January 7, 2018.*

Domíngo de formación en la fe de niños y jóvenes - no habrá clases de Diciembre 24 & 31, 2017 –reanudación las clases el 7 de enero de 2018.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN –Sunday mornings, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m., at St. Joseph School, 2307 S. Garrett St., for children Age 3 yrs. – 8th grade

Formación en la FE PARA NIÑOS - Domingo, 8:30 a.m. a 10 a.m. en la Escuela San José, 2307 S. Garrett St, Para niños de 3 años. - 8º grado

Did you know that our children's Faith Formation is available for children with special needs. Contact Charlotte Smith for more information. 903-935-2536.

¿Sabías que nuestra formación en la fe para niños está disponible para niños con necesidades especiales? Póngase en contacto con Charlotte Smith para más información. 903-935-2536

Sunday Morning Adult – Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., in the Parish Hall in English.

Domingo por la mañana para Adultos, los domingos a las 9 de la mañana, en la escuela, en español.

Sacramental Prep – NO Sacramental Prep for the month of December. Next Sacramental Prep will be January 21, 2018.

Preparación sacramental – NO habrá preparación sacramental durante el mes de diciembre. Siguiente Preparación sacramental será el 21 de enero de 2018.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS - *Saturday, January 20, at 10 a.m., here at St. Joseph.* All those with special needs and their families are invited to attend this special Mass. There will be a reception immediately after mass in the parish hall. Please call the Charlotte Smith at 903-935-2536 to RSVP to assure enough food.

Necesidades especiales EN MISA - *Sábado, 20 de enero, a las 10.00 horas.* Todas las personas con necesidades especiales y sus familias están invitados a asistir a esta Misa Especial. Habrá una recepción inmediatamente después de la misa en el salón parroquial. Por favor llame al 903-935-2536 Smith en Charlotte a RSVP para asegurar suficientes alimentos.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – RCIA – English - Meets in the classroom behind the auxiliary rectory from 7:00 – 8:15 PM every Thursday until Easter. Spanish – will meets every Tuesday, from 7:30.- 8:15 p.m., in the Nursery.

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos - RCIA Español - se reunirán todos los martes, de 7:30 p.m. a 9 p.m., en el salon que está debajo de la rectoría. -Inglés - nos reuniremos en el aula detrás de la rectoría auxiliar de 7:00 - 8:15 PM cada jueves hasta Semana Santa.

FAITH FORMATION – *continued*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – “PREPARING FOR ADVENT, CYCLE-B” – With Fr. Mitch Pacwa, Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m, in Parish Hall.

Formación en la fe para adultos - "Preparación para el Adviento, ciclo-B" - con Fr. Mitch Pacwa, comenzando el Martes, 5th de diciembre a las 7:00 p.m, en el Salón Parroquial.

CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES - en español se llevarán a cabo *cada Primer y Tercer Sábado de cada mes de 10 a.m.-12 p.m., en el Salón Parroquial*

Baptismal classes - in Spanish every first and third Saturday of each month, 10 am to 12pm, in the Parish Hall.

CLASES DE QUINCEANERA – *Primer Miércoles de cada mes en el Salón Parroquial a las 7 p.m./ Quinceañera classes - First Wednesday of each month in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m.*

No Youth Group – Wednesday, December 27 & Thursday, December 28.

Ningún grupo juvenil - Miércoles, 27 de diciembre y el jueves 28 de diciembre.

WORKS OF MERCY

SOUP KITCHEN – Hot meals served Tuesdays 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. **3rd Tuesday: Pastoral Council**

Cada Martes se sirve comida caliente a partir de las 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. en el Salón Parroquial. **3rd Martes – Pastoral Council**

FOOD BANK – Food Bank items needed: **Peanut Butter, canned tuna, canned vegetables.** Remember the words from Scripture, “*When did we see you hungry Lord....*”

Banco de Alimentos - Productos necesarios: mantequilla de maní, latas de atún, latas de vegetales. Recuerde las palabras de la Escritura: "Cuándo te vimos hambriento Señor...."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!! Mardi Gras 2018 -25th Anniversary - February 10, 2018.

MARDI GRAS –If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Sargent at 903-742-9122.

Mardi Gras El 10 de febrero de 2018, será nuestro 25° aniversario. Si le gustaría ayudar, por favor comuníquese con Kathy Sargent en 903-742-9122

December Celebrations

Birthdays

Dec.	17	Tracy Roden
	18	Juan Torres, Ava Ritter
	21	Mary Heater
	28	Brian Darden, Sandi Darden
	29	Sherry Crowell
	30	Billy Redden
	31	Regina Davis

Anniversaries

Dec. 22 **Msgr. Zach, 42nd Anniversary to the Priesthood**

Please contact the church office if you would like your birthday or anniversary publicized in the bulletin.

Póngase en contacto con la oficina de la Iglesia si quieres que tu cumpleaños o aniversario sea publicado en el boletín.

Congratulations- to Msgr Zach – December 22 – 42nd Anniversary to the Priesthood.

Felicitaciones- a monseñor Zach - 22 de diciembre - 42^a aniversario de sacerdocio.



St. Joseph Santa's – Many thanks to everyone who help with the St. Joseph Santa's. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. With your generosity we were able to help a family with 4 children. May God bless all of you.

San José Santa's - Muchas gracias a todos los que nos ayudan con el San José Santa's. Su generosidad es muy apreciada. Con su generosidad pudimos ayudar a una familia con 4 niños. Que Dios bendiga a todos ustedes.

COMMUNITY WIDE CHRISTMAS DINNER – *Monday, December 25*, at St. Joseph Parish Hall. We will be delivering meals to shut-ins. Last year the cost for the meal was \$2,200.00. Any monetary contributions to help defray the cost of the meal will be greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets for volunteers can be found on the Baptismal font.

Toda la comunidad CENA DE NAVIDAD - Lunes, 25 de diciembre, en el Salón Parroquial de San José. Estaremos entregando comidas a los necesitados. El año pasado, el costo de la comida fue de \$2,200.00.. Cualquier contribuciones monetarias para ayudar a sufragar el costo de la comida será muy apreciada. Las hojas de inscripción para los voluntarios pueden encontrarse en la fuente bautismal.

ATTENTION HIGH SHOOOL SENIORS – Right to Life of East Texas is offering four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to further their career plans with college, trade school, military or other endeavors. Applications may be picked up at the church office or on-line at www.righttolifeofeasttexas.org Application must be postmarked by **January 26, 2018.**

Atención Jóvenes Bachilleres - Derecho a la vida de Texas está ofreciendo 4 becas de \$1,000 para graduarse de la secundaria que planean seguir sus planes de carrera en la universidad, escuela de comercio, militares u otras actividades. Las solicitudes se podrán recoger en la oficina de la iglesia o en línea, en aplicación www.righttolifeofcastexas.org deben ser recibidas para el 26 de enero de 2018.

Holiday Happenings

December

16-24 7 p.m. Los Posadas – in the Church after Mass.

17 3rd Sunday of Advent

KC Blood Dr., 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

18 7 p.m. Knights of Columbus – Social and Parish

Christmas Party at the KC Hall. Santa will be there. Please bring a covered dish and a toy.

20 Sr. Citizen Lunch – Christmas Gathering at noon, Parish Hall.

25-26 OFFICE CLOSED

24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. – Mass

10:30 a.m. - Mass

12:30 pm – Mass(Spanish)

Christmas Eve – December 24

Mass Times

4:30 p.m. – Christmas Carols

5 p.m. – Family Mass – English. There will be a

Children's Christmas Pageant that will take the place of the homily.

8 p.m. – Spanish

11:30 p.m. – Christmas Carols

12 a.m. Midnight Mass - English

Christmas Day - December 25

Mass Times

10:30 a.m. - English

12:30 p.m. – Spanish

12 – 2 p.m. – Community Wide Christmas

Dinner – we will be serving and delivering dinners to approximately 600 people in the community.

31 Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph

31 New Year's Eve **OFFICE CLOSED**

5:00 p.m. Mass followed by the Celebration Dinner in the Parish Hall honoring those who celebrated birthdays and anniversaries during the month of December. Please bring a covered dish.

January 1 New Year's Day - Holy day of obligation

10:30 a.m. Mass

12:30 p.m. – Spanish

Church Office Closed

St. Joseph to host the final day of Fatima Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace on Monday, Dec. 18, from 8AM – 6PM. At 5PM, the statue custodian will give a talk on Fatima before the 5:30PM Mass. It will be an extraordinary occasion of healing, hope and grace. Please join us that day for prayer and veneration throughout the day, hear the story of Fatima and venerate this beautiful statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. The presence of this special Statue (sculpted according to the description of Sister Lucia, the Fatima seer) is a great gift to our community. Learn more about the tour and the statue at www.fatimatourforpeace.com. Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, a Public Association of the Faithful under the Vatican.

San José para acoger el día final de Fátima Centenaria en gira en Estados Unidos para la Paz el lunes 18 de diciembre, desde las 8am - 6PM. A las 5PM, de la estatua custodio dará una charla sobre Fátima antes de las 5:30PM Misa. Será una ocasión extraordinaria de la curación, de la esperanza y de la gracia. Por favor únase a nosotros ese día de oración y veneración a lo largo de todo el día, escuchar la historia de Fátima y venerar a esta hermosa estatua que salieron de Fátima en 1947 para llevar las gracias de Fátima a todos los que podría no ser capaz de realizar una peregrinación a Fátima, Portugal. La presencia de esta estatua esculpida (según la descripción de Sor Lucía, la vidente de Fátima) es un gran regalo para nuestra comunidad. Obtenga más información sobre la gira y la estatua en www.fatimatourforpeace.com. Patrocinado por el Apostolado Mundial de Fátima, EE.UU., una asociación pública de fieles en el Vaticano.

Youth Retreat – January 12 – 14, 2018, at Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 N. Jefferson Ave., Mount Pleasant, TX For a ages 13-17 and 18-30 years old. Free entrance. Guest speakers: José Alvarez, Dcn. Frank Moreno. Special Presence of Most Rev. Bishop Joseph E. Strickland. Schedule: Friday: 6-9 p.m. (Family Welcome) Saturday: 8:30 a.m.- 6 p.m. (Youth only) Sunday: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Youth) Closing bi-lingual Mass at 3 p.m. with the Bishop For more information call Josué 903-466-2045 or St. Michael Catholic church 903-572-5227

Retiro Juvenil - 12 de enero - 14 de 2018, en Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 N. Jefferson Ave., Mount Pleasant, TX para las edades de 13-17 y 18-30 años de edad. Entrada gratuita. Los oradores invitados: José Alvarez, DCN. Frank Moreno. Especial presencia del Obispo Mons. Joseph E. Strickland. Horario: Viernes: 6-9 p.m. (Familiar) Sábado: 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Juventud) Domingo: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Juventud) Cierre bi-lingual Misa a las 15.00 horas con el Obispo Josué para más información, llame al 903-466-2045 o la Iglesia Católica San Miguel 903-572-5227

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

There are both positive and negative aspects to the idea of mediation. Mediation can help two bitterly opposed sides begin to communicate, whether it be in a marriage, a damaged friendship or in international relations. Mediators can operate in the school playground, to pass on the message that A wants to out with B. One of the titles of the Pope is "Pontiff," from the Latin *Pontifex*, or bridge builder. This refers both to the pope's spiritual intermediary role, and his ancient function of looking after the fabric of Rome. To be a bridge builder is usually seen as a positive function.

However, there can also be a downside. Intermediaries get blamed by both sides when things go wrong; if things go right they get none of the credit. In business, it is often seen as advantageous to "cut out the middle man." In Advent, however, we celebrate John the Baptist as a mediator. John is in some ways the most famous middle man in history.

In sacred history the role of the intermediary is generally positive. Abraham and Moses are shown as interceding on behalf of the people. The prophets classically act as middle men, delivering God's message to the people, and speaking on behalf of the people to God. In Exodus, God institutes the Aaronic priesthood to act as a permanent body of intermediaries, and the liturgy itself is a way of mediating God's holiness. These two great roles, the prophetic and the priestly, are brought together in John the Baptist. He behaves as one of the classical prophets. That is why he is asked if he is Elijah, or the "Prophet." But is also one of the last generations of the Aaronic priesthood, his father being Zechariah, a priest, and priesthood being hereditary. So John is a complex figure with a complex message.

One of the reasons his message is complex is because he is announcing someone who is both intermediary, and who is also the other party. Christ is both fully human, so he can be our intermediary, and is fully divine, the one who receives the intercession.

It is by contemplating these two aspects of Christ's identity that we get to know who he is. As St. Thomas Aquinas puts it, "it is through the sacred humanity of Jesus that we come to his divinity." So Christ is himself the ultimate intermediary, who joins in himself the two parties in the relationship. He is the unique high priest who offers us to God; and as God, the one who also receives what he offers.

Through the sacraments, Jesus continues his intermediary role in physical, tangible ways. Through our own baptism, we share in the intercessory priesthood of Christ, so that we can mediate God's compassion and healing to the world. We ourselves become intermediaries, not through our own merits, but by being raised up to share in the ultimate mediation of Jesus.

Your friend in Jesus,
Msgr. Zach

Desde el escritorio del Pastor

Queridos amigos,

Hay aspectos positivos y negativos a la idea de la mediación. La mediación puede ayudar a dos lados opuestos amargamente comienzan a comunicarse, ya sea en un matrimonio, una amistad o dañados en las relaciones internacionales. Los mediadores pueden operar en el patio escolar, para transmitir el mensaje de que quiere con B. uno de los títulos del Papa es "pontífice", del latín *Pontifex*, o constructor de puentes. Esto se refiere tanto a la función de intermediario espiritual del Papa, y su antigua función de cuidar el tejido de Roma. Ser un constructor de puentes es generalmente visto como una función positiva.

Sin embargo, también puede ser un inconveniente. Los intermediarios culpando por ambas partes cuando las cosas van mal; si las cosas van derecho no consiguen ninguno de los créditos. En los negocios, a menudo es visto como ventajosa para "cortar el hombre medio." Sin embargo, en Adviento celebramos a Juan el Bautista como un mediador. Es en cierto modo el hombre medio más famoso de la historia.

En la historia sagrada el papel del intermediario es en general positiva. Abraham y Moisés se muestran como interceder en nombre del pueblo. Los profetas clásicamente actúan como intermediarios, entrega el mensaje de Dios a la gente, y hablando en nombre del pueblo de Dios. En Éxodo, Dios instituye el sacerdocio Aarónico a actuar como órgano permanente de intermediarios y la liturgia es en sí misma una forma de mediar la santidad de Dios. Estos dos grandes papeles, el profético y sacerdotal, se reúnen en Juan el Bautista. Él se comporta como uno de los profetas clásicos. Es por eso que se le preguntó si él es Elías, o el "profeta." Pero también es una de las últimas generaciones del sacerdocio Aarónico, siendo su padre Zacarías, un sacerdote y sacerdocio hereditario. Así, Juan es una compleja figura con un mensaje complejo.

Uno de los motivos por los que su mensaje es complejo, es porque él está anunciando a alguien que es tanto intermediario, y que también es la otra parte. Cristo si ambos plenamente humana, así que él puede ser nuestro intermediario, y es totalmente divino, quien recibe la intercesión.

Es por contemplar estos dos aspectos de la identidad de Cristo que podemos llegar a saber quién es él. Como santo Tomás de Aquino dice, "es a través de la Humanidad Santísima de Jesús, que hemos venido a su divinidad." Por lo tanto, Cristo mismo es el último intermediario que une en sí las dos partes en la relación. Él es el único y sumo sacerdote que nos ofrece a Dios; y como Dios, el que también recibe lo que él ofrece.

A través de los Sacramentos, Jesús sigue su papel de intermediario en lo físico y tangible. A través de nuestro propio bautismo, compartimos su intercesión el sacerdocio de Cristo, de modo que podamos mediar compasión y curación de Dios para el mundo. Queremos convertirnos en intermediarios, no a través de nuestros propios méritos, sino por ser levantados para compartir en la última mediación de Jesús.

Su amigo en Jesús,
Mons. Zach

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