

SIXTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

MAY 17, 2020



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Jesus said, “If you love me
you will keep my commandments.”

John 14:15

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
A CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY - PALATINE, IL

Parish Information

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am
1:30pm (Polish)

Weekdays 8:00am Mass (Including Sat.)
All Liturgical Services are canceled until further notice.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 8:30am—9:30am

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome! Stop by the Parish Office to register and learn more about our Parish.

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class preferably before the baby is born to avoid babysitting concerns. Baptisms are celebrated on most Sundays following the 11:15am Mass. Call the Parish Office for more information. *Upcoming Baptism Prep Class: CANCELED TEMPORARILY*

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for the celebration of marriage should be made at least six (6) months prior to your planned wedding date. Call Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Process is for adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith but wish to become Catholic or who were baptized Catholics but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more info. Brochures available in the Gathering Area kiosk.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEROP...
Ministers of Communion contact
Canceled until further notice.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Call the Parish Office to add your name to the sick list. Due to patient privacy (HIPAA Law,) only the ailing person, or in case of their incapacitation, the person delegated for the medical care, can add their name to the sick list.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Call the Parish Office to add a name of someone serving in the military, so our faith community can pray for their safety and service.

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Bulletin deadlines: Articles for the bulletin are due on Fridays—9 days before publication date.



If you need a hearing device, please ask an usher.



Dear Friends,

Today's readings present the possibility of a filial relationship with God. Filial refers to intimacy and trust that can exist between parent and child. A story from Peru illustrates filial trust in God:

It happened that a missionary priest was visiting his extensive parish, high in the mountains. The best way to reach certain parts of the parish was by horseback. Once, toward sunset, the priest got disoriented and could not find the way back to his base camp. Rather than risk exposure at such an altitude, he decided to give his horse free rein and hope to find shelter. After a couple of hours of wandering, he saw a welcome sight. In the distance a lamp burned in a hut. This was unusual because the native people went to bed shortly after dark in order to get up at an early hour. When the priest got near the hut, a man ran out, "Father, father" he exclaimed, "I knew you would come." Surprised, the priest asked how he knew that. The man said, "My mother has been praying all day that a priest would come. She is dying." The priest went inside, heard the woman's confession, then gave her holy anointing and Communion. The woman softly spoke these final words, "Dear Lord heard me. Dear God, my dear God, has heard me."

In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus tells us that if someone keeps Jesus' word, "the Father will love him." He then describes an intimacy, impossible for us to imagine. He tells us that he and the Father will dwell within us - by the power of the Holy Spirit. This intimacy has a high price. You know that one of the most painful things in this life is the physical separation from someone we love. Some of us have experienced that in relation to our mom - or some other much-loved person. Jesus tells us today the reason for separation - so that we might have an even more intimate union. The disciples were devastated by the death of Jesus, but then came the great miracle of the Resurrection. Now, Jesus explains that he must once again go from their sight. He does it for a reason: so that he can send the Advocate. That word means the one who stands up for us, like an attorney or a lawyer. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit to make possible an intimate union with the Trinity - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Like that faith-filled woman from Peru we can say, My Dear God, my dear Father, has heard me.



Image by Fr. Kris Janczak

When will we reopen our church?

There is more and more conflicting information out there regarding reopening our churches. We don't know exactly when this will happen or how it will happen. I really hope that it will happen soon. (I write this bulletin article a week ahead of time, so today we might have more information regarding this issue). But some of you send me e-mails asking when would St. Thomas reopen or that I should go ahead and do it on my own. Just so you know, I understand your eagerness to go to church and receive the Holy Eucharist again, and I miss seeing you too. But I can't just go and open the church regardless of the guidelines that come from the Archdiocese of Chicago. St. Thomas parish is not a separate island disconnected from our Catholic Church and it can't simply operate on its own. Each priest at the day of his ordination promises obedience to his bishop and his successors, and whether we agree or disagree with our bishop and his decisions, we can't operate on our own because then we fall away from our church and we start making our own church. We can only pray for our bishop, that he would make a wise decision and will let us know how we can move forward. It is difficult for me and for all of you, but I can't imagine how difficult it must be for our Cardinal. Let us pray for each other.

Fr. Kris

Emeritus Fr. Ray

FROM EMERITUS R.A.Y.

Greetings and peace from Garden Apartment 1138!

As some of you may remember, last August my spine surgery corrected a severe spinal cord impingement. I am able to function – thank God and your many prayers!

Next on RY's check list was to get a new knee (bone on bone is not good). The original date was February 25th, re-scheduled for March 31st, once again postponed to May 12th—No go! Next on Dr. Kuesis' schedule is June 9th - wait and see!

I tend to work at being patient. Often it wears thin! I am somewhat disappointed, but not disheartened. Prayer, people, keep me alive. Many more people have greater issues to face!!

Life at our home is good – Pastor Kris brings me the morning paper from outside after a long walk patrolling the neighborhood with his faithful friends, Mozart and Luna. We all get along fairly well, I think?

You continue to be in my prayers, Masses, and heart!
Peace and Easter Joy,
Emeritus R.A.Y. (Ray.Yadron@sbcglobal.net)



Photo by Fr. Kris Janczak

TIPS ON FIGHTING DEPRESSION

Here is an article Fr. Ray saved from a Pastor's newsletter many years ago that he thought may help those feeling depressed or in despair during this quarantine.

Depression is nothing new to people. Over 2,500 years ago, the Bible recorded this lament of Job: "I give up; I am tired of living. Leave me alone. My life makes no sense." (Job 7:16) Depression was various degrees. Depression at its worst makes you feel like there is no hope, no future. Your every thought is of constant gloom, discouragement and emotional pain. Everything looks bleak. It seems God doesn't care. Jesus doesn't love you, and no single human being on this earth can help. Even your dog doesn't like you. What to do?

- First, recognize that depression isn't God's way of zapping you. Like pimples or a sprained ankle, depression happens for many reasons. But there is always hope. Always. Part of the promise of Christ's coming is that in the world of darkness and depres-

- sion, Jesus' healing light is still shining.
- Next, don't be afraid. Like Jacob (Gen 32:22-32), you may have to wrestle with depression until you find its blessing. Even depression can hold a hidden gift. Find it.
- Find someone you can trust and ask them to listen. A friend, a counselor, pastor, teacher or doctor will listen.
- Prayer helps. Tell God everything; ask God all your questions. Try reading the beginning of Psalms: 13, 22, 77, 88 and 130. What you will discover is that long ago, the people of God sang the blues. Then they found hope. Tons of Scripture contain message of hope and comfort. Try Jn 11, Ps 23, Rom 8:18-39, Phil 4:4-9, Eph 2:10.
- Exercise your sense of humor. Practice laughing. Do something fun. Do 21 giggle push-ups. Do something whimsical. Sing "Jesus Loves Me" in your worst voice.
- Help somebody else. One of the best blues busters is to simply, honestly help other people.

- Don't put yourself down. Be kind to yourself.
- Let your heart dance. Listen to music that speaks creatively to your sadness. Not all music will help.
- Listen to, read and watch the stories of others who made it through depression and hard times. (Abraham Lincoln, for instance.)
- Jump! Hop! Skip! Moving around can be good for the spirits. Pets can help. Sing in the shower. Look for beauty. Cry a little. Take a walk. Practice making funny faces. Count your blessings. Forgive someone.
- Go slow. Don't rush. As you journey through the pain of depression, remember that the love and compassion of Jesus shines through many people. Find them and learn from them.

Remember these words: "The Lord is near to those who are discouraged; And saves those who have lost all hope." (Ps 34:18)

The Joyful Noiseletter, May-June 1988

STV OUTREACH UPDATES

Thanks to your continued contributions each month to our Sharing / Pink envelope collections, we were able to provide help to those in need recently.

- ◆ On Thursday, May 7, we hosted another gift card distribution for families that visit our food pantry on a regular basis. Since our pantry is closed currently, the food gift cards supplemented the food these families would have received from our pantry this month. 32 very grateful families were helped in this manner.
- ◆ A full pallet of water (2016 bottles) was delivered to St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly from St. Thomas of Villanova's Ministry of Care (Outreach Ministry) on Tuesday, May 12. The Illinois Department of Health recently imposed new guidelines for elderly homes which require bottled water for residents, instead of serving water from a pitcher. That left St. Joseph's Home in desperate need of bottled water for their 200 residents. The Little Sisters were very grateful to receive the water from us.

Both of these outreach efforts were possible because of your generous donations. It was your contributions that allowed us to come to the aid of those most vulnerable during this uncertain time. THANK YOU!

Note: Contributions to the Sharing/Pink envelope collection or any other donations to the Ministry of Care/Outreach Ministry remain separate from the general Parish finance accounts.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 Religious Education Year at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish.



ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
Religious Education Community

CLASS TIMES FOR 2020—2021

- ◆ Grades K—8th: Sunday 9:15-10:45 am
- ◆ Grades 7 & 8: Sunday 5:00 - 6:30 pm
- ◆ Grade 8 (only 1 class available): Monday 4:00 - 5:30 pm

— NEW THIS YEAR —

REGISTER & PAY ONLINE AT:

WWW.STOVREC.ORG/REGISTRATION

Email is the best way to contact me or Lisa while our offices are closed. We will get back to you in a timely manner to answer your questions or provide you with additional information about our Religious Education program for this upcoming year. We look forward to hearing from you.

stvrec@yahoo.com

Owen Walsh, Director of Religious Education

PARISH CALENDAR

All activities have been canceled or postponed until further notice.

Please visit our website:

WWW.STOV.ORG

for more up-to-date information and spiritual resources during our closure.



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To our Parish Family: Please look on the last pages of our bulletin for our advertisers and support them with your patronage, which they surely need in these difficult times.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Laudato Si Week | May 16-24, 2020

This year marks the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*. In celebration, he invites us to join Catholics around the world in committing to action that increases our response to "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." Visit www.LaudatoSiWeek.org for resources, action items and to see how Catholics around the world are making an impact.

Prayer to Care for our Common Home

Father of all,
Creator and ruler of the universe,
You entrusted your world to us as a gift.
Help us to care for it and all people,
that we may live in right relationship--
with You,
with ourselves,
with one another,
and with creation.

Christ our Lord,
both divine and human,
You lived among us and died for our sins.
Help us to imitate your love for the human family
by recognizing that we are all connected—
to our brothers and sisters around the world,
to those in poverty impacted by environmental devastation,
and to future generations.

Holy Spirit,
giver of wisdom and love,
You breathe life in us and guide us.
Help us to live according to your vision,
stirring to action the hearts of all—
individuals and families,
communities of faith,
and civil and political leaders.

Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the cry of
the earth, so that we may together care for our common home.

Amen.



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PRO-LIFE NEWS

Abortion clinics remain OPEN!

Despite the closing of all "non-essential" businesses, the governor has allowed these clinics to continue to kill children, harm women and men, and use up valuable medical supplies.

Here's what you can do:

Contact Governor Pritzker and politely request he close these clinics so supplies can go to **save** lives not **take** lives: 217-782-6830.

- Go here for a script: protestpp.com/howto/

Support Pregnancy Resource Centers. These safe-havens for pregnant women are open by appointment because the clinics are open. Many have had to cancel banquets, baby bottle campaigns, and Mothers Day flower sales (stay-tuned for an option that we may still have!). They are in much need of funds.

Here are the ones near the Palatine area:

- TLC, Palatine: TLCpregnancyservices.com/
- Avenue Women's, Wood Dale: AvenueWomensCenter.com/
- The Women's Center, Des Plaines: www.getwc.org/

Facing an unplanned pregnancy? You are NOT alone!

Text: HELPLINE to 313131 www.OptionLine.org



Visit hopeafterabortion.com if you or someone you know has been affected by an abortion.

888-456-HOPE for help after abortion.

LOCAL FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

- ♦ **Palatine Opportunity Center/Community Resource Center Food Pantry:** Accepting food donations from 10am—Noon every Thursday at 1585 N. Rand Road in Palatine (on the side doors facing Walmart - south side of building). All staples are needed. 847-776-9500
- ♦ **Palatine Food Pantry:** Immediate needs - Coffee, Condiments, Snacks, Breakfast items, Peanut Butter, Jelly and size 5 and 6 diapers. Drop-off at 721 S. Quentin Rd, Palatine. Call ahead for hours: 847-358-6700.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Televised or live-streamed, online Mass viewing is an opportunity for you to remain connected to the Sacrifice of the Mass during this difficult time. Here are some resources for you:

- ♦ **Radiotv.archchicago.org**—Find many forms to listen and watch relevant Catholic prayer including Sunday Mass from Holy Name Cathedral. Radio, TV, YouTube and more are all available from this Archdiocesan link.
- ♦ **Mercy Home**—<https://www.mercyhome.org/sunday-mass/>, which is televised across Chicagoland and available online.
- ♦ **EWTV** – ewtn.com is the Global Catholic Network station. Along with daily Mass, the site provides many other resources for daily prayer and reflection.
- ♦ **Relevant Radio** – Daily Mass at noon broadcasted live on WKBM (930AM) & WNTD (950 AM), on the Relevant Radio® app, at relevantradio.com, and on the Father Rocky Facebook page. (Rebroadcast each evening at 7:30pm.)
- ♦ **Marytown** – Libertyville - Chapel Live Stream with Mass on Sunday at 9:00am and Mon-Sat at 12:00 PM - kolbeshrine.org
- ♦ **Word On Fire**—Offering daily Mass at www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Closure Information

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Due to Governor JB Pritzker's extension of the mandatory stay-at-home order through May 30, our guidelines will remain in place, as do the protocols for ministering and serving one another and the people of God.

- **Ongoing suspension of ALL public liturgies, which includes all Masses AND Communion services.**
- Our Church and Parish Office must be closed until the order is lifted by the governor.
 - ⇒ No one will be at the Parish Office to answer the phone. The message on our phone system will give instructions on how to reach a priest in case of an emergency or how to access our voicemail system. We are monitoring voicemails remotely and will forward messages to the appropriate priest or staff member.
- All weddings and baptisms must be postponed and can be re-scheduled only once the order is lifted. There are no exceptions to this, regardless of the size of the group.
- Funerals and wakes must be postponed until the order is lifted.
- Fr. Marcin, Fr. Ray and I will continue to celebrate private Masses daily for your Mass intentions and for the intentions of all of our parishioners. There are a number of parishes and churches that are live-streaming or recording their private Masses. Please see our website or page 7 for those options.



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Have **YOU** signed up for
STV Flocknote emails?

Sign-up online at: **STOV.flocknote.com**

Want to stay informed on the latest news from your St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Family? Sign up for Flocknotes, and you'll receive Staff reflections, plus other helpful updates during our church closure. It's one way for us to feel connect until we can be together again in church. Please sign up today!



For questions or more information about Flocknote, email suzie@stov.org.

Frequently Asked Questions during the COVID-19 Closure

- ◆ **PROTECTIVE FENCES:** To protect our property and follow the shelter-in-place guidelines, fences have been placed around the church and school entrances and exits. No unauthorized activity is allowed on our premises until Governor Pritzker's orders have been lifted and our facilities are reopened.
- ◆ **MAY MISSALETTES:** Both May missalettes and Chicago Catholic newspapers are available for you in a bin under the church's circle drive for curbside pickup.
- ◆ **2nd COLLECTION CHANGES:** The Catholic Charities 2nd Collection scheduled for May 10, 2020 has been rescheduled to August 30, 2020.
- ◆ **2020-2021 PARISH CALENDAR REQUESTS:** Instructions for submitting calendar requests for the July 2020—June 2021 year have been emailed to Ministry and group leaders. Although we will be processing the requests as usual, all events are subject to change due to this unpredictable time.
- ◆ **WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS:**
 - **PREFERRED METHOD:** We are grateful for ALL donations to our Parish. To answer those who have asked, GiveCentral is the preferred method for contributions to our Church, as it allows for minimal contact for you and the parish, postal and bank staff. (See page 11 for directions on how to use GiveCentral)
 - **NO DROP BOX:** We do not have a drop box for contributions at Church. We do not want anyone on Church grounds until we re-open, please.
- ◆ **VBS - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Our 2020 VBS program has been *cancelled*.
- ◆ **RICE BOWLS:** Please hold on to your Rice Bowls until our Church re-opens.
- ◆ **FOOD PANTRY:** We are NOT accepting food pantry donations at this time. (See page 7 for other food donation options.)
- ◆ **2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** All requests for your 2019 contribution statements left on either our voicemail (847-358-6999) or email (soshea@stov.org) will be met in a timely manner.
- ◆ **NO CONFESSIONS OVER THE PHONE:** Confessions over the phone have never been permissible, per the Archdiocese. Visit the www.archchicago.org for more information regarding confession.
- ◆ **FIRST COMMUNION:** We do not have a new date for the postponed First Communion celebration, yet. We must wait for the Archdiocese of Chicago to allow liturgies again, before we can schedule this event.

We will continue to update our website's COVID-19 FAQ page, as questions arise from you.

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15
Average
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Technology

10
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2019 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$21,400.00
May 3	\$ 20,111.00	\$ 3,461.00	\$ 23,572.00	\$ 2,172.00
May 10	\$ 12,600.35	\$ 8,231.00	\$ 20,831.35	(\$ 568.65)
May 17				
May 24				
May 31				

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 963,000.00
YTD Actual	\$ 915,548.10
Over / (Under)	(\$ 47,451.90)

THANK YOU!

April 2020 Sharing / Pink Envelope Collection: \$ 2,625.00



ON-LINE GIVING

GiveCentral online giving is a convenient way for St. Thomas of Villanova to receive your Sunday Sacrificial Giving (SSG) support, as well as other giving opportunities. It is a secure online system with payment options from direct debit (ACH) to all major credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

You can donate to these funds:

- Sunday Giving
- Sharing / Ministry of Care
- "To Teach Who Christ Is"

How to sign up:

1. Go to www.givecentral.org
2. Click "FIND YOUR CHARITY"
3. Type St. Thomas of Villanova in the search box and click on our picture when it appears.
4. Choose a fund to which you would like to donate, entering the frequency, date range and dollar amount, then click "ADD TO MY GIFT BASKET."
5. You may click "CHECKOUT" at any time, or add more donations, if you wish.
6. Click "CONTINUE," then "COMPLETE PROFILE" to register.
7. Complete the registration form, then click "REGISTER AND CONFIRM GIFT."
8. You're registered! You will receive a confirmation email from GiveCentral.

THANK YOU!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING DURING CHURCH CLOSURE

PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR CHURCH!

Our weekend collections are vital to provide the income which pays our Parish Family's operational expenses and the salaries of our STV staff. We definitely need and appreciate your sacrificial offerings, especially during this time that we cannot come together for weekend Mass. Here are three ways to still contribute your weekend offerings:

1. Sign up online using GiveCentral. Information and directions on how-to sign up are provided on this page. 
2. Use the Archdiocese of Chicago Universal Offertory Program online. Visit our website: www.stov.org and click on the GIVING PAGE to find this link. If you do choose to donate through this universal program, please be sure to select "St. Thomas of Villanova" to credit your gift.
3. Mail your sacrificial offering envelope directly to our Parish Office:
St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Family
1201 E Anderson Dr Palatine, IL 60074

THANK YOU!

STV SCHOOL LOTTERY - APRIL WINNERS

- ◆ \$25 Karen Regan—Sold by Colin Regan
- ◆ \$25 Larry Reed—Sold thru the bulletin
- ◆ \$50 Ramona Reschak—Sold after Mass
- ◆ \$50 Mike Damico—Sold by Adelina Damico
- ◆ \$100 Steve LeFew—Sold by Reese LeFew
- ◆ \$200 Carolina —Sold by Cicily John



Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 18

8:00am ☩ Loretta White

Tuesday, May 19

8:00am ☩ Lillian Gersey

Wednesday, May 20

8:00am All Who Are Sick

Thursday, May 21

8:00am ☩ Danny Watson

☩ Ray & Irene McNamee

Friday, May 22

8:00am All Medical Personnel

Saturday, May 23

8:00am STV School 8th Grade Graduates

Sunday, May 24

9:30am ☩ Ken Doruff

☩ Bob Maruska

11:15am ☩ Marie Kay

1:30pm Mass—POLISH

DAILY READINGS

Mon: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tue: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Jn 16:5-11

Wed: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1;
Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thu: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Fri: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7;
Jn 16:20-23

Sat: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;
Jn 16:23b-28

Sun: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1
Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

FOR OUR SICK

MaryAnn Acton
Barbara Amato
Lisa Antonelli
Baby Aubrey
Richard Barnes
Alex Bingham
Carmen Cline
Jason Dean
Mary Depies
Jeanne Formanski
Parker Forseth
Steve Fortunski
Bill Gerl
Phil Gerould
Tommy Glaser
Grace Gorska
Judy Gott

Edward Grygowski
David Hicks
Barbara Kerlin
Mary King
Roswitha Kist
Mary Alice Kobler
Susan Kordell
Frank Koss
James LaCapra
Louis LaCapra
Gene Lazich
Mary Margaret Lazich
Robert C. Lee
John Lenz
Harold Lewis
Alan Loden
Ron Magnuson

Alexa Rae Mang
Elayne Maruska
Baby Benjamin Mauro
Jason Mayschak
Brunilda Melendez
Joanne Moser
Paul Moser
Jeff Moskala
Lana Murley
Baby David Paprocki
Amie Parisi
Larry Peterson
Emily Piscitelli
Jean Pope
Brad Rohrsen
Rosalyn Rubino
Dick Samojla

Jane Samojla
Shirley Serena
Virgilio Sotto
Kristina Sromek
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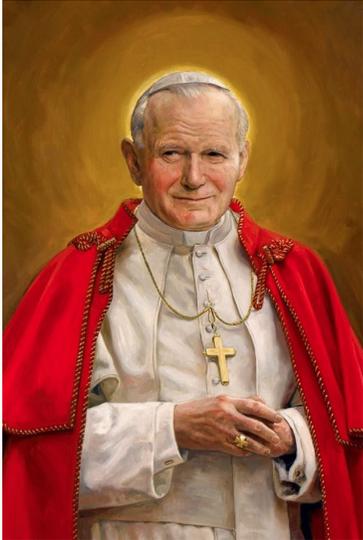
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VI NIEDZIELA WIELKANOCNA – Nowy Wspomożyciel

W wierności Jezusowi i Jego przykazaniom nie musimy liczyć jedynie na własne siły, które tak szybko nas zawodzą. Jezus wraz z Ojcem udzielają nam Ducha Wspomożyciela, by zawsze był przy nas obecny i wspierał nas w dążeniu do świętości, która jest powołaniem każdego ochrzczonego. Duch Wspomożyciel jest w nas od dnia chrztu świętego, wewnątrz nas poucza nas i prowadzi do Boga. On także przebywa wśród nas, pomiędzy nami, szczególnie doświadczamy tego od chwili bierzmowania. Mocą tego sakramentu Duch Święty czyni nas świadkami otrzymanej łaski i miłości.

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Czasy, w jakich żyjemy i związane z nimi wyzwania to okres zagubienia. Tylu ludzi sprawia wrażenie, że są zdezorientowani, niepewni, pozbawieni nadziei, stan ducha wielu chrześcijan jest podobny. Liczne niepokojące oznaki pojawiły się na początku trzeciego tysiąclecia na horyzoncie kontynentu europejskiego, który 'choć jest pełen znaków i świadectw wiary, a jego społeczność niewątpliwie żyje w większej wolności i jest bardziej zjednoczona, odczuwa skutki spustoszenia, jakiego dawna i najnowsza historia dokonała w najgłębszych tkankach jej ludów, często rodząc rozczarowanie.

Praktyczny agnostycyzm i obojętność religijna, wywołują u wielu wrażenie, że żyją bez duchowego zaplecza, niczym spadkobiercy, którzy roztrwonili dziedzictwo pozostawione im przez historię.

Uważa się człowieka za 'absolutne centrum rzeczywistości, każąc mu w ten sposób wbrew naturze rzeczy zająć miejsce Boga, zapominając o tym, że to nie człowiek czyni Boga, ale Bóg czyni człowieka'.

Oczywiście aktualnie nie brak cennych symboli chrześcijańskiej obecności, ale wraz z powolnym, stopniowo wkraczającym zeświecczeniem, powstaje niebezpieczeństwo, że staną się one jedynie pamiętkami przeszłości. Wielu ludzi nie potrafi już łączyć ewangelicznego przesłania z codziennym doświadczeniem;

W wielu sferach publicznych łatwiej jest deklamować się jako agnostycy, niż jako wierzący; odnosi się wrażenie, że niewiara jest czymś naturalnym, podczas gdy wiara wymaga uwierzytelnienia społecznego, które nie jest ani oczywiste, ani przewidywalne.

Niech cały Kościół kultury zachodniej przyjmie jako skierowane do niego nakaz i zachętę Chrystusa: opamiętaj się, nawróć się, 'stań się czujny i umocnij resztę, która miała umrzeć' (Ap 3, 2).

Mimo iż czasem, jak w ewangelicznej scenie uciszenia burzy mogłoby się wydawać, że Chrystus śpi i pozostawił swą łódź na pastwę mocy wzbudzonych fal, od Kościoła w Europie wymaga się, by zachowywał pewność, że Pan - poprzez dar swego Ducha - jest zawsze obecny i działa w nim i w historii ludzkości. On kontynuuje swą misję w czasie, ustanawiając Kościół jako nurt nowego życia i znak nadziei dla ludzkości.

Kościół w Europie i na świecie, czeka cię zadanie 'nowej ewangelizacji'! Umiej odnaleźć entuzjazm głoszenia. Posłuchaj jako skierowanego do ciebie dzisiaj, na początku trzeciego tysiąclecia, błagania, które zabrzmiało już na progu pierwszego tysiąclecia, kiedy Pawłowi ukazał się w widzeniu pewien Macedończyk i prosił go: 'Przepraw się do Macedonii i pomóż nam!' (Dz 16, 9). Choć nie wyrażone czy nawet tłumione, to właśnie jest najgłębsze i najprawdziwsze wołanie, jakie płynie z serc dzisiejszych Europejczyków, spragnionych nadziei, która nie zawodzi. Tobie ta nadzieja została ofiarowana w darze, byś ją z radością przekazywał w każdym czasie i pod każdą szerokością geograficzną.

Niech zatem głoszenie Jezusa, które jest Ewangelią nadziei, będzie twą chlubą i racją twego istnienia. Z odnowionym zapałem żyj dalej tym samym duchem misyjnym, który przez dwadzieścia wieków, począwszy od przepowiadania apostołów Piotra i Pawła, ożywił tak licznych świętych, autentycznych ewangelizatorów kontynentu europejskiego

Niepokojąca obojętność religijna tak wielu, znaczna liczba tych, którzy także na naszym kontynencie nie znają jeszcze Jezusa Chrystusa i Jego Kościoła, i nie zostali dotąd ochrzczeni, a także sekularyzacja szerokich rzesz chrześcijan - wszystko to nie gasi bynajmniej nadziei, ale sprawia, że staje się pokorniejsza i bardziej skłonna do zawierzenia jedynie Bogu. To z Jego miłosierdzia otrzymujemy łaskę i zadanie nawrócenia.

'Czy Syn Człowieczy, gdy przyjdzie, znajdzie wiarę na ziemi?' (Łk 18, 8). Czy znajdzie ją na ziemiach naszej Europy o dawnej tradycji chrześcijańskiej?

Jest to pytanie otwarte, które jasno wskazuje na głębię i dramatyzm jednego z najpoważniejszych wyzwań, które nasze Kościoły muszą podjąć. Można powiedzieć, że wyzwanie to polega często nie tyle na tym, by ochrzcić nowych nawróconych, ile na tym, by doprowadzić ochrzczonych do nawrócenia do Chrystusa i do Jego Ewangelii.

Dlatego do ciebie, Kościele, który żyjesz w Europie, kieruję nagłą apel: 'bądź Kościołem, który się modli, chwali Boga, uznaje Jego absolutny prymat, wywyższa Go z pełną radości wiarą.' Odkryj na nowo poczucie 'tajemnicy': przeżywaj ją z pokorną wdzięcznością; dawaj jej świadectwo z nieodpartą i udzielającą się innym radością. Świętuj Chrystusowe zbawienie: przyjmij je jako dar, który czyni cię Jego sakramentem; niech twoje życie stanie się prawdziwą «rozumną służbą Bożą», miłą Bogu.

Powracając do Chrystusa, narody będą mogły odnaleźć tę jedyną nadzieję, która nadaje pełny sens życiu. Również dzisiaj mogą Go spotkać, bo Jezus jest obecny, żyje i działa w swoim Kościele: On jest w Kościele, a Kościół jest w Nim. W Kościele, mocą daru Ducha Świętego, nieustannie trwa Jego zbawcze dzieło. Oczyma wiary potrafimy dostrzec tajemnicze działanie Jezusa w różnorodnych znakach, jakie nam pozostawił. Przede wszystkim jest obecny w Piśmie Świętym, które w każdej swej części o Nim mówi.

Niemniej w sposób prawdziwie szczególny i jedyny w swoim rodzaju jest On obecny pod postaciami eucharystycznymi. W Eucharystii bowiem 'zawarte są prawdziwie, rzeczywście i substancjalnie Ciało i Krew wraz z duszą i Bóstwem Pana naszego Jezusa Chrystusa, a więc cały Chrystus'

Eucharystia, najwyższy dar Chrystusa dla Kościoła, uobecnia w sposób sakramentalny ofiarę złożoną przez Chrystusa dla naszego zbawienia: 'w Najświętszej Eucharystii zawiera się bowiem całe dobro duchowe Kościoła, to znaczy sam Chrystus, nasza Pascha. Z tego 'źródła i zarazem szczytu całego życia chrześcijańskiego' Kościół pielgrzymujący czerpie wszelką nadzieję. Eucharystia bowiem daje impuls i pozwala nam z żywą nadzieją spełniać nasze codzienne zadania i obowiązki. Wszyscy jesteśmy wezwani, by wyznawać wiarę w Eucharystię, 'zadatek przyszłej chwały', w przekonaniu, że komunie z Chrystusem, którą przeżywamy jako pielgrzymi w doczesności, daje nam przedsmak ostatecznego spotkania w dniu, w którym 'będziemy do Niego podobni, bo ujrzemy Go Takim, jakim jest'.

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