



IMMACULATE HEART OF *M*ARY

Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 13, 2020

St. John of the Cross
December 14



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Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team." With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad."

It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen. **John the Baptist knows his mission is divine.** He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

In this second week of Advent we need to ask ourselves **if we are preparing the way of the Lord.** Do we recognize what this means? In this year of the pandemic many things have changed. At this point there is no new norm. Many will not be able to gather round a table with family for Christmas as we have always done. In the past consumerism has played a major role but this year, that is for most, it is not possible due to unemployment and reduced salaries. As we have heard and should remember Christ is the reason for this season.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Father Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazón de María,

En una casa abierta de la escuela se escuchó a una mujer presentando a su marido a algunos de los otros padres. "Oh, José, me gustaría que conozcas al padre de Juanito. Y aquí, esta es la mamá de María, ya sabes la niña que juega fútbol con nuestra Elena". Con satisfecha resignación Bill se presentó no por su nombre sino: "Soy el padre de Elena".

Es bueno saber quién es uno. Si somos el padre o la madre de alguien, hijo o hija, esposo o esposa, es importante que aceptemos el sentido pleno de nuestras diferentes funciones.

Juan Bautista sabe quién es. Y quién no es. No es el Cristo. No es Elías. Tampoco igual a ningún otro profeta que el pueblo de Dios hubiese visto.

Juan Bautista sabe que su misión es divina. Está más que satisfecho de ser el que anuncia la venida del Reino de Dios. El Cristo está cerca. Enderecen sus caminos.

En esta segunda semana de Adviento debemos preguntarnos **si estamos preparando el camino del Señor.** ¿Reconocemos lo que esto significa? En este año de la pandemia muchas cosas han cambiado. En este momento no hay una nueva norma. Muchos no podrán reunirse en una mesa con la familia en Navidad como siempre lo hemos hecho. En el pasado el consumismo ha jugado un papel importante, pero este año, para la mayoría, no es posible debido al desempleo y a los salarios reducidos. Como hemos oído y debemos recordar, Cristo es la razón de esta temporada.

Inmaculado Corazon de Maria, ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00PM (English)

Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

7:30AM (English) - 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) - 2:00PM (Español)

5:00PM - Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM — Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA

SAT. DEC. 12TH

8:00AM Legion de Maria – Special Intentional
+ Guadalupe Chavez-LaFranchi
7:00PM Our Lady of Guadalupe - Sp. Intentions

SUN. DEC. 13TH

9:00AM + Paulino Oyos
+ John Thomas Healey (Jack)
Julie Halpin
+ Edwin Wallares
Immaculat Heart of Mary
10:45AM Ernestina Marin
+ Emerlinda y Alfredo Gomez
12:30PM + Linda Lee Podwarny
+ Hugo Isola
5:00PM Immaculate Heart of Mary

MON. DEC. 14TH

8:00AM + Gregorio y Ruben Franco
+ John Brosnan

TUE. DEC. 15TH

8:00AM + Ed Ossman
+ Toni Fulscher

WED. DEC. 16TH

8:00AM + Susana Pascasio
+ Roberto Padilla
+ Esbelina Mesina

THU. DEC. 17TH

8:00AM Banuelos de Zesati Family
+ Ronald Honore
+ Maria Cevallos

FRI. DEC. 18TH

8:00AM + Joseph Macaluso
+ John Brosnan
+ Angela Cajias

Funerals for the month of November

Donald Dacumos
Nelly Kerr
Jose Nava



"May they rest in peace...."

Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Ryan McCloud, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Kay Aviani, Mia Eternal, Rosa Velasquez, Giselle Honore, Gina Lilly, Mary Spinelli, Bev Casey, Stanley Etienne, Mary McCann, Jacqueline Reed, Frances Brecht, Sean Bowen, Susan Rossillon, Kathleen Hernandez, Corey Amesquita, Barbara Snider, Gloria Crabaugh, Deacon Ron Horan, Barbara Crandell, Ryan Adler, Anita and Ed Camera, Edu Sunga, Richard Grimes, Kim Wiley, Lois Valley
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday: 187: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab,
6, 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: 188: Zep13:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7,
17-18, 19, 23 Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: 189: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25 Ps 85:9ab,
10-14 Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: 193: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17
Mt 1:1-17

Friday: 194: Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: 195: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-
6b, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

Sunday: 11: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

Lectura

Primera lectura

Is 61: 1-2, 10-11

El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí,
porque me ha ungido
y me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a
los pobres,
a curar a los de corazón quebrantado,
a proclamar el perdón a los cautivos,
la libertad a los prisioneros,
y a pregonar el año de gracia del Señor.
Me alegro en el Señor con toda el alma
y me lleno de júbilo en mi Dios,
porque me revistió con vestiduras de salvación
y me cubrió con un manto de justicia,
como el novio que se pone la corona,
como la novia que se adorna con sus joyas.
Así como la tierra echa sus brotes
y el jardín hace germinar lo sembrado en él,
así el Señor hará brotar la justicia
y la alabanza ante todas las naciones.

Salmo Responsorial

Lc 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

“Se alegra mi espíritu en Dios mi Salvador”

Segunda Lectura

1 Ts 5, 16-24

Hermanos: Vivan siempre alegres, oren sin cesar,
den gracias en toda ocasión, pues esto es lo que
Dios quiere de ustedes en Cristo Jesús. No impidan
la acción del Espíritu Santo, ni desprecien el don de
profecía; pero sométanlo todo a prueba y quédense
con lo bueno. Absténganse de toda clase de mal.
Que el Dios de la paz los santifique a ustedes en
todo y que todo su ser, espíritu, alma y cuerpo, se
conservé irreprochable hasta la llegada de nuestro
Señor Jesucristo. El que los ha llamado es fiel y
cumplirá su promesa.

Evangelio

Jn 1, 6-8, 16-24

Hubo un hombre enviado por Dios, que se llamaba
Juan. Éste vino como testigo, para dar testimonio
de la luz, para que todos creyeran por medio de él.
Él no era la luz, sino testigo de la luz.
Éste es el testimonio que dio Juan el Bautista,
cuando los judíos enviaron desde Jerusalén a
unos sacerdotes y levitas para preguntarle:
“¿Quién eres tú?” Él reconoció y no negó quién
era. Él afirmó: “Yo no soy el Mesías”. De nuevo le
preguntaron: “¿Quién eres, pues? ¿Eres Elías?” Él
les respondió: “No lo soy”. “¿Eres el profeta?”
Respondió: “No”. Le dijeron: “Entonces dínos
quién eres, para poder llevar una respuesta a los
que nos enviaron. ¿Qué dices de ti mismo?” Juan
les contestó: “Yo soy la voz que grita en el
desierto: ‘Enderecen el camino del Señor’, como
anunció el profeta Isaías”.
Los enviados, que pertenecían a la secta de los

fariseos, le preguntaron: “Entonces ¿por qué
bautizas, si no eres el Mesías, ni Elías, ni el
profeta?” Juan les respondió: “Yo bautizo con
agua, pero en medio de ustedes hay uno, al que
ustedes no conocen, alguien que viene detrás de
mí, a quien yo no soy digno de desatarle las
correas de sus sandalias”.

Esto sucedió en Betania, en la otra orilla del
Jordán, donde Juan bautizaba.



Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador
del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de
Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos:
Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios
verdadero, engendrado, no credo, de la misma
naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que
por nosotros, los hombres, y para nuestra salvación
bajó del cielo,

**y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de
María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre;**

y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de
Poncio Pilato, padeció al tercer día, según las
Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la
derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria.
Para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá
fin. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor dador de vida,
que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y
el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y Gloria, y que
hablo por los profetas.

Creo en una iglesia, que es santa, católica y
apóstolica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para
el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de
los muertos y la vida futura del mundo. Amen.

Readings

First Reading

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God.
I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Reponsorial Psalm

Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

"My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you"

Second Reading

1 Thes 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
Do not quench the Spirit.
Do not despise prophetic utterances.
Test everything; retain what is good.
Refrain from every kind of evil.
May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will also accomplish it.

Gospel

Jn 1:6-8, 19-18

A man named John was sent from God.
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.
He was not the light,
but came to testify to the light.
And this is the testimony of John.
When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests
and Levites to him
to ask him, "Who are you?"
He admitted and did not deny it,
but admitted, "I am not the Christ."
So they asked him,
"What are you then? Are you Elijah?"
And he said, "I am not."
"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."
So they said to him,
"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those
who sent us?"
What do you have to say for yourself?"
He said:
"I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert,
'make straight the way of the Lord,'*"
as Isaiah the prophet said."
Some Pharisees were also sent.
They asked him,
"Why then do you baptize
if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"
John answered them, "I baptize with water;
but there is one among you whom you do not
recognize, the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."
This happened in Bethany across the Jordan,
where John was baptizing.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and became man.**

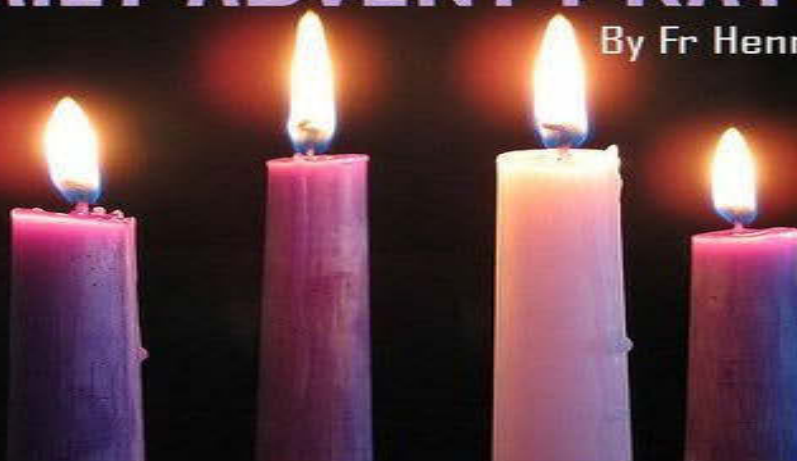
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

DAILY ADVENT PRAYER

By Fr Henri JM Nouwen



Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces
to hear Your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things
look forward to Your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of Your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy
seek the joy of Your presence.
We are Your people,
walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.
To You we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Anastasia 17

Oracion San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel,
defiéndenos en la batalla.
Sé nuestro amparo contra la
perversidad y asechanzas del
demonio. Reprímale Dios,
pedimos suplicantes,
y tú Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial,
con el divino poder de Dios,
arroja al infierno a Satanás
y a todos los espíritus malignos
que andan dispersos
por el mundo
para la perdición de las almas. Amén.



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection
against the wickedness and
snares of the devil.
May God
rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the
Heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 | 1 Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The prophet's words in the Book of Isaiah are bursting with hope: "The Lord ... has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord." As we enter the third week of Advent, these words may resonate more deeply for many of us as we look back on 2020. We know that for many of the world's people, struggle can be an everyday reality; however, after this year marked by pandemic, mourning, racial injustice, and mounting unemployment, the prophet's hope-filled words may hit home more acutely. Regardless of what 2020 has been like for us, Advent is a reminder that we have reason for hope: in Emmanuel, God with us. Let us prepare our hearts and our minds for Christ's coming through prayer, confident that the Lord will fulfill the promises of the prophet.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Light! Here in the Midwest in December we don't see nearly enough of it. Every year I consider purchasing a "happy lamp" and vow to "up" my Vitamin D intake. Perhaps that's why I was taken by the line in today's Gospel describing John the Baptist: "He came ... to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him." As predicted by John the Baptist and the prophet, Christ came to dwell among us, and remains within us through the Eucharist and the working of the Holy Spirit. We, like John the Baptist, can "testify to the light" by sharing Christ's presence through our witness to others.

WITNESS Last week we focused on making God's kindness visible through our words and actions toward the people with whom we live and interact regularly; this week, let our witness focus on testifying to the light in our digital presence and encounters. Make your words be those that foster hope and promise rather than incite division.

**En él estaba la vida, y la vida era la luz de los hombres.
Y la luz brilla en las tinieblas y las tinieblas no la vencieron.
Juan 1: 4-5**

Querida Familia Parroquial:

Les escribimos llenos del amor de Cristo por cada uno de vosotros. De hecho, el año 2020 ha estado lleno de muchos desafíos y pruebas. Nosotros, como familia parroquial, hemos enfrentado esas pruebas con el corazón en la oración y la gracia de los sacramentos.

El Adviento, aunque es un preludio de la temporada navideña, es un tiempo santo que nos invita a la oración, al silencio y a una conversión más profunda. Las lecturas diarias de la misa sirven como un recordatorio para que regresemos a un estado de esperanza y gozosa anticipación. Verdaderamente la venida del niño Jesús nos llena de antelación al resplandor de la temporada navideña. Su promesa para nosotros es como Salvador, Redentor, Protector, Dios Todopoderoso y Príncipe de Paz.

Si tenemos una certeza en este mundo -- es la presencia constante del amor de Cristo que nos urge (2 Corintios 5:14). De hecho, cuando tenemos el amor de Dios, ¡tenemos todas las razones para aferrarnos a la esperanza! Es el mismo Cristo quien nos acompaña, nos fortalece y eleva nuestro corazón. Es su victoria sobre los poderes de las tinieblas y el pecado lo que es en definitiva nuestro viaje de fe y, a través de Él, esa victoria es nuestra.

En nombre del clero y el personal del Inmaculado Corazón de María, le deseamos a usted y a sus seres queridos una Navidad y un Año Nuevo muy bendecidos. Esperamos celebrarlo con usted y su familia. Nuestro horario de misas transmitidas en vivo es el siguiente:

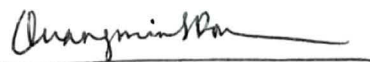
Nochebuena: 3 pm. (Misa infantil), 5 pm. (Inglés), 7 pm. (Español), 9 pm. (Celebración de la misa a medianoche).

Día de Navidad: 9 am. (Inglés), 10:45 am (Español), 12:30 pm. (Inglés), 5 pm. (latín).

Puede visitar el sitio web de nuestra parroquia (www.ihmbrentwood.com) para conocer el horario de la misa y los enlaces de transmisión en vivo. También enviaremos un mensaje de Flock-note unos días antes de Navidad con el horario de la misa. Agradecemos su constante apoyo financiero a nuestra parroquia.

Su presencia, oraciones y generosidad siguen siendo una fuente constante de bendiciones para toda nuestra comunidad parroquial. Continúe orando por nosotros y tenga la seguridad de nuestras oraciones continuas y fieles por cada una de sus familias.

En Cristo,



P. Quang Minh Dong, su amado Pastor.

**In Him was life, and the life was the light of people.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

John 1: 4-5

Dear Parish Family,

We write to you today filled with the love of Christ for each one of you. The year 2020 has indeed been filled with many challenges and trials. We as a parish family have met those trials with the heart of prayer and the grace of the Sacraments.

Advent, although a prelude to the Christmas season, is a holy season that beckons us to prayer, silence and deeper conversion. Daily Mass readings serve as a reminder for us return to a state of hope and joyful anticipation. Truly the coming of the Christ child fills us with anticipation of the brightness of the Christmas season. His promise to us is as Savior, Redeemer, Protector, Mighty God and Prince of Peace.

If we have one certainty in this world – it is the consistent presence of the love of Christ urging us on (2 Cor 5:14). Indeed, when we have the love of God, we have every reason to hold onto hope! It is Christ himself who accompanies us, strengthens us and lifts our hearts. It is His victory over the powers of darkness and sin that is definitive in our journey of faith and through Him, that victory belongs to us.

On behalf of the clergy and staff at Immaculate Heart of Mary, we wish you and your loved ones a most blessed Christmas and New Year. We look forward to celebrating with you and your families. Our schedule of live streamed Masses are as follows:

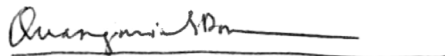
Christmas Eve: 3pm (Children's Mass), 5pm (English), 7pm (Spanish), 9pm (Celebration of the Mass at Midnight).

Christmas Day: 9am (English), 10:45 (Spanish), 12:30pm (English), 5pm (Latin).

You may refer to our parish website (www.ihmbrentwood.com) for the schedule of Mass times and live streaming links. We will be sending a flock-note message a few days before Christmas with the Mass schedule. We also thank you for your continued financial support to our parish.

Your presence, prayers and generosity remain a consistent source of blessings to our entire parish community. Please continue to pray for us and be assured of our ongoing and faithful prayers for each of your families.

In Christ,



Fr. Quang Minh Dong, your beloved Pastor.

Information/Información

St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of December 20, 2020, please bring dry beans. THANK YOU!

Para el fin de semana del 20 de diciembre, 2020, por favor traigan frijoles secos. GRACIAS!!!

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 20, 2020 - Maintenance Fund
December 25, 2020 - Christmas

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

20 de diciembre, 2020 - Fondo del Mantenimiento
25 de diciembre, 2020 - Navidad

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The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA), one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas, is looking for a Treasurer that will help the Court organize its budget and finances. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is dedicated to the principles of "Unity and Charity", and we are in big need to fill the Treasurer's position in order to continue our charity work in an organized fashion. CDA has templates that the Treasurer will simply fill and follow. Also, a Treasurer is a Court officer and like other officers she receives a Robe for this position. If interested please call Marina Khayat, the Court's Regent at 925-997-5927.

Also, if you are a Catholic woman who is 18 years or older and interested to become a member of the Court and join CDA, please contact the Regent. You can also visit the CDA State website: <http://catholicdaughterscalifornia.org/> or the CDA National website: <https://catholicdaughters.org/> to know more about CDA.

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Spirituality of The Lord of the Rings

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Saint John of the Cross' Story

John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: "of the Cross." The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John's life. The Paschal Mystery—through death to life—strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest.

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely—to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God.

Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John's spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique as mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the *Spiritual Canticle*.

But as agony leads to ecstasy, so John had his *Ascent to Mt. Carmel*, as he named it in his prose masterpiece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analyzed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification. Uniquely and strongly John underlines the gospel paradox: The cross leads to resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, abandonment to possession, denial to self to union with God. If you want to save your life, you must lose it. John is truly "of the Cross." He died at 49—a life short, but full.

Reflection

In his life and writings, John of the Cross has a crucial word for us today. We tend to be rich, soft, comfortable. We shrink even from words like *self-denial*, *mortification*, *purification*, *asceticism*, *discipline*. We run from the cross. John's message—like the gospel—is loud and clear: Don't—if you really want to live!

Saint John of the Cross is the Patron Saint of:

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