

Mase Intencio ns

Saturday	February 15, 2019
5:00 P.M.	+ Daniel Richard Navarro + John Carey
Sunday	February 16, 2019
8:00A.M.	+ Nettie Scott Erwin + Helen M. Scott
9:30 A.M.	Roy and Juanita Ellison – Healing
11:00 A.M.	+ Jose De La Rosa – Familia Trejo
11:30A.M.	Carol Marie Gentry – Healing + Sheila Campbell
Monday	February 17, 2019
8:00 A.M.	+ Jose Beltran, Sr.
Tuesday	February 18, 2019
8:00A.M.	+ John Carey + Rene Magallanes
Wednesday	February 19, 2020
8:00 A.M.	+ Bertha G. Orozco
Thursday	February 20, 2020
8:00 AM	+ Raulene Beltran
Friday	February 21, 2020
8:00 AM	+ Victorio Sianghis, Jr.

A Short route to Chaos

It was the celebration that was particularly galling. On the 46th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision, the governor of New York, Andrew Cuomo, signed into law a protocol that gives practically unrestricted access to abortion, permitting the killing of an unborn child up until the moment of delivery.

In the wake of the ratification, the legislators and their supporters whooped, hollered, and cheered, a display depressingly similar to the jubilation that broke out in Ireland when a referendum legalizing abortion passed last year.

Of course, all of the rhetoric about women's rights and reproductive health and empowerment was trotted out, but who can fail to see what was at stake? If an infant, lying peacefully in a bassinet in his parents' home, were brutally killed and dismembered, the entire country would rightfully be outraged and call for an investigation of the murder. But now the law of New York confirms that that same child, moments before his birth, resting peacefully in his mother's womb, can be, with utter impunity, pulled apart with forceps. And the police won't be summoned; rather, it appears, the killing should be a matter of celebration. An ideology, taken in the negative sense, is a conceptual framework that blinds one to reality. The purpose of any ideational system, obviously, is to shed light, to bring us closer to the truth of things, but an ideology does the reverse, effectively obfuscating reality, distancing us from truth.

All of the buzz terms I mentioned above are ideological markers, smokescreens. Or if I can borrow the terminology of Jordan Peterson, they are the chattering of demons, the distracting hubbub of the father of lies. In a single generation, we have moved from reluctant toleration to unbridled celebration, from struggling Mario to exultant Andrew. And there is a simple reason for this. A privatized religion, one that never incarnates itself in gesture, behavior, and moral commitment, rapidly evanesces. Once-powerful convictions, never concretely expressed, devolve, practically overnight, into pious wishes—and finally disappear altogether.

In Robert Bolt's magnificent play regarding St. Thomas More, *A Man for All Seasons*, we find a telling exchange between Cardinal Wolsey, a hard-bitten, largely amoral politico, and the saintly More. Wolsey laments, "You're a constant regret to me, Thomas. If you could just see facts flat on, without that horrible moral squint, with just a little common sense, you could have been a statesman." To which More responds, "Well ... I believe when statesmen forsake their own private conscience for the sake of their public duties ... they lead their country by a short route to chaos. "Abandoning the convictions of one's conscience in the exercise of one's public duties is precisely equivalent to "I'm personally opposed but unwilling to take concrete action to instantiate my opposition."

Una ruta corta al caos.

Fue la celebración lo que fue particularmente irritante. En el 46 aniversario de la decisión de *Roe Vs. Wade*, el gobernador de Nueva York, Andrew Cuomo, promulgo un protocolo que Brinda acceso prácticamente ilimitado al aborto, permitiendo el asesinato de un feto hasta el momento del parto. A raíz de la ratificación, los legisladores y sus partidarios gritaron, estallaron de júbilo, y vitorearon, eso fue una muestra deprimente similar al júbilo que estallo en Irlanda cuando se celebró un referéndum que legalizo el aborto el año pasado. ¿Por supuesto, toda la retórica sobre los derechos de las mujeres, la salud reproductiva y el empoderamiento fueron expulsados, pero, Quien puede dejar de ver lo que estaba en juego? Si un bebe, acostado pacíficamente en una cuna en la casa de sus padres, fuera brutalmente asesinado y desmembrado, todo el país estaría indignado y pediría una investigación del asesinato. Pero ahora la ley de Nueva York confirma que ese mismo niño, momento antes de su nacimiento, descansando pacíficamente en el útero de su madre, puede, con toda impunidad, ser despedazado con pinzas. Y la policía no será llamada, mas bien parece, que el asesinato debería ser una cuestión de celebración. Una ideología, tomada en sentido negativo, es un marco conceptual que nos ciega a la realidad. El propósito de cualquier Sistema de ideas, obviamente ofusca la realidad, nos aleja de la verdad.

Todos los términos de moda que mencione anteriormente son marcadores ideológicos, cortinas de humo. O si puedo tomar prestada la terminología de Jordán Peterson, son el parloteo de demonios, el alboroto que usa el padre de las mentiras.

En una sola generación, hemos pasado de la tolerancia renuente a la celebración desenfadada, de Mario luchando en contra del Andrew exultante. Y hay una razón simple para esto. Una religión privatizada, que nunca se encarna en gestos, ni en comportamientos ni compromisos morales, se desvanece pues rápidamente. Las convicciones una vez ponderosas, nunca expresadas concretamente, se convierten prácticamente de la noche a la mañana, en deseos piadosos, y finalmente desaparecen por completo. En la magnífica obra de Robert Bolt con respecto a Santo Tomas More, un hombre para todos los tiempos, encontramos un intercambio revelador entre el cardenal Wolsey, un político fuertemente amoral y el santo More. Wolsey se lamenta: "Eres arrepentimiento constante para mi, Thomas. Si pudieras ver lo hechos claramente, sin ese horrible sentido moral, con solo un poco de sentido común, podrías haber sido un hombre de estado." A lo que More responde: "Bueno...creo que cuando los hombres de estado abandonan su propia conciencia privada por el bien de sus deberes públicos...llevan a su país por una corta ruta al caos. "Abandonar las convicciones de la conciencia de uno en el ejercicio de sus deberes públicos es precisamente equivalente a "me opongo personalmente, pero no estoy dispuesto a tomar medidas concretas para instanciar mi posición.

Let us love God, but with the strength of our arms, in the sweat of our brow. — St. Vincent de Paul

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cynthia Smith, Josue Dorantes, Ben Magante, Jr., Gina Parada, Judy Barnes, Randy De La Garza, Robin and Phillip Kolb, Micaela Missy Romero, Patrick Turner,

Brandie DeLaGarza, Charlotte Neefe, Anna Rodriguez, Patty Duro, Chris Murillo, Audrey Chaipos Bow, Elena Enriquez, Jack Jester, Florencio Magallanes, Laura Martinez, Violet Inglett, Rafael Angel, Victor Manuel, Campoy Ochoa, Elena Enriquez, Patty Harding, Dan Martinez, Jonathan Spallone, Dot Roback, Dorothy Blacktooth, Andrew Colquaoun, Aurora Gonzalez, Theresa Allen, Sandy Garcia, Marcos Villalobos, Marilyn Yarger, Mitzi Magante, Elana Reed, Jeanne May, Paul Dinto, Barbara Neral, Deacon Gene Neral, Jason Colquaoun, Sul'a Rico, Jesus Ayala, John David Admire, Emily Mazzetti, and. Also, please remember those who have died: Rene Magallanes Deanna Kolb, Peggy Harding, Robert Harding, Doris Magante, Debbie Maza,

Envelope Intentions: Josie Nordstrom, Tillie King Children of the World, Dawne Family, 9 Necesidades de la Parroquia (Parish needs)

Happy Tenth Anniversary!

A very special blessing from Our Lord upon the tenth anniversary of the Dedication of Saint Bartholomew Chapel! May it continue to be a joy to your families and community.

AROUND THE MISSION – FEBRUARY

Baptism – James Scott and Sativa Salgado

Funeral Mass – Larry Ayala – Mass, Saturday, February 22, 10:00AM, Pala

First Anniversary – Clarence Nejo, Saturday, February 8, 2020, 11:00AM, Blessing of the Headstone, Pala

Richard Linton – 10:00AM, Saturday, February 15, 2020, Mass and Blessing of the Headstone

Howard Diaz – Saturday, February 29, 10:00AM, Pala; Burial and Blessing of the Food

Quinceañera – Chelsi Urioslegui

Weekly Collection

February 9, 2020 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Collection \$4,493.00

Social Outreach \$340.00

Thank you and God Bless! Father John

CCD Corner

Attention all CCD parents: We will be sharing the “Children’s Way of the Cross” Video on Sunday February 23rd in the school cafeteria during regular CCD class time. All CCD parents are invited to attend and join their children in this special prayer experience.

SJDC – Por favor, apagar las luces al terminar cualquier actividad que se tenga.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS

Your participation in our Annual Catholic Appeal accomplishes something very simple yet very powerful: it touches people’s hearts with God’s love through your gift and deepens our collective faith together. By sharing God’s gifts, you are helping our brothers and sisters to truly know and love Jesus Christ, His grace and His mercy. Please give generously. Anything over our targeted amount comes back to the mission for our use. Thank you!

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ash Wednesday is February 26. Ashes will be distributed after the 8:00AM Mass and 5:30PM in the Mission Chapel. Ashes will be distributed in the San Juan Diego Center at 7:00PM. Ashes will be distributed at St. Bartholomew Chapel in Rincon at 7:00 PM with Mass.

Articles on Silence

By Hannah Brockhaus

Pope Francis, said Wednesday, that moments of silence in the Mass should be intentional times of prayer, recollection and communion with God, rather than being viewed as times to just be quiet or not speak. "Silence is not reduced to the absence of words, but (is) the availability to listen to other voices: that of our heart and, above all, the voice of the Holy Spirit," the Pope said. In silence, then, we discover "the importance of listening to our soul and then opening it to the Lord."

www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-the-mass-needs-silence-not--chit-chat-76871

PEOPLE ARE PRAYING AFTER THE MASS. PLEASE GO OUTSIDE THE CHURCH TO TALK.

LA GENTE ESTA ORANDO DESPUES DE LA MISA. POR FAVOR VAYA AFUERA DE LA IGLESIA PARA HABLAR.

Welcome

This Sunday we welcome the Candidates and Catechumens for this year’s catechumenate period. Please pray for our Catechumens as they finish their journey to the Church.

Mission Doctors Association

A retreat will be offered for the 2020 West Coast Retreat, March 27-29, for Doctors, Dentists, nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants concerning short-term mission service. Visit website: www.MissionDoctors.org or call (213) 368-1872 for info.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT

The Augustinians Friars are sponsoring a vocation discernment weekend at St. Augustine Monastery, San Diego, March 20-22 for men between the ages of 18 and 40 who are interested in exploring religious community life. For more info, call Fr. Tom Whelan at vocations@calaugustine.org.