



PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

Trigésimo Tercero Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario



“WELL DONE, MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.”
— MT 25:21

“TE FELICITO, SIERVO BUENO Y FIEL”. — MT 25, 21

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PARISH COMMUNITY

Parish Mission Statement

*Founded in 1777,
Saint Clare Parish is an ethnically diverse Catholic community of faith, united in worship, discipleship and service. In welcoming immigrants, newcomers and strangers, we strive to live the virtues of justice and love, so as to be the face of Christ in the world, becoming in Him a sign of unity and an instrument of God's peace.*

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening Vigil
(Livestreamed)
5:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday
7:30 a.m. (English)
9:00 a.m. (Portuguesa)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Español)
Livestreamed

*Liturgy of the Word
for Children*
During 10:30 a.m. Mass
(English)

*Liturgia de la Palabra
para Niños*
Durante Misa de 12:00pm
(Español)

Weekday Masses
Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Holidays - 9:00 am

Confessions
(In the church)
Saturdays 3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.

From Monsignor Fran Cilia

Like last week's gospel reading, today's passage encourages in us faithfulness in the way we live. In the "Parable of the Talents," each of the three servants was entrusted with something of value, "according to his ability." The size of the gift did not matter; what the servants did with the money did.

The question for each of us is whether we invest our gifts or hide them – burying them in a hole, putting them under the proverbial mattress, where they are of no use to anyone.

In the second reading from Saint Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, we hear that we are children of the light and day, not of the night or darkness. As such, we do not fear the Lord's coming, for we have been faithful servants, using the gifts entrusted to us for the good of others.

As we approach the end of this liturgical year, we look forward to the Lord's coming at the end of time and the end of our lives, even as we will continue to do so in the Season of Advent. We rejoice in the assurance that Christ who has died and is risen will also come again. As children of the light, we have nothing to fear.

Thanksgiving Day Mass and Holiday



On Thanksgiving Day this Thursday, our Parish Mass will be at 10:00.

We invite you to bring non-perishable goods for the work of our Saint Vincent de Paul Society. This will be part of our Offertory Procession at that Mass. There will also be a collection to benefit this same work.

Finally, near the end of the Mass, we will bless the bread that you will serve at your Thanksgiving meal, if you bring it to the church.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible at this Mass and wish all a very happy Thanksgiving Day.

Also, On Friday, morning Mass will be at 9:00 and the Parish Office will be close from 12 noon on Wednesday, November 22, through Friday, November 24. We thank you all for your understanding and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Pastoral Council News



At the Pastoral Council meeting this past Tuesday, November 16, the councilors selected Cyndi Banaag as the Chairperson. We are grateful for her willingness to serve in this role of leadership in service to our parish. The Council is still discerning who will be chosen as Vice Chair from those who expressed willingness to serve in this capacity. *Congratulations, Cyndi!*

We also thank and congratulate Cecilia Altamirano for accepting the position of secretary.

During the meeting, there was discussion of our parish website, specifically related to how it can be improved as a tool of communication. We will share more information in upcoming weeks.

CCHD Collection Today

Thank you for your generosity toward our annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), which aims at fighting poverty here and around the United States.

2024 Parish Calendars

Parish calendars are now available in the vestibule for you to take home. Another set of calendars are due to arrive within a few weeks.

2024 Sunday Missals

Saint Joseph Sunday Missal is available for sale for \$5 per copy. Should our supply run low, we will be able to order additional copies.

Creation Care Tips

With Thanksgiving this week, your thoughts might be turning to the holiday season. Take the opportunity to begin a conversation with friends and family about gift-giving expectations this year. What might you do differently to cut down on the unsustainable practice of buying and consuming so much for a holiday that marks the birth of a poor child in Bethlehem? Check out AdventConspiracy.org for great ideas you can broach at the Thanksgiving table this year.

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Weekly Justice Challenge

The Sunday gospel focuses on the gifts which God gives to each one of us. We are called to use our talents and gifts, not hide or neglect them. And God always wants us to share what He has given to us with the most vulnerable. Your challenge this week is to share one of your special talents with someone in need. If you have the gift of speaking, perhaps you could make a call to your legislators, asking them to support bills which ensure food security for all. If you have a gift for music, consider visiting a homeless shelter or nursing home and brightening residents' day with song. If you are talented in sports, call a family shelter and offer to organize a game for the children. If finances are your field of expertise, offer your services to a service organization which is doing fund-raising. Share your God-given gifts with others so your light can shine for all to see!

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“After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’”

— Mt 25:19-20

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then press 9

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Youth Ministry


Confirmation Registrations are now OPEN! If you are an **8th-12th grader** and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, you can check out our website to begin the registration process. This year's registration will last until December with our program beginning in January. During Confirmation, candidates will participate in sessions, small groups, and an overnight retreat. Go to stclareparish.org/ymc or use the QR code in the flyer. For more Information, contact Ryan.Bao@dsj.org.

Contribute to our **Christmas Giving Tree** to help families in need that are not able to purchase their own Christmas gifts. Pick up an ornament from the tree in the church and bring back that wrapped gift with the ornament attached **before December 10th**. Thank you for your generosity!

Join us **on November 21st (7:30pm)** as we **continue our trek through the Gospel**. All youth are welcome! Follow the signs for our youth center in the church basement. No Bible is needed but if you have one, bring it. Don't forget to bring a friend with you.

This week, our youth center will be open on **Tuesday (11/21) from 6pm-8:30pm**. Play some board games and ping pong or just hang out/do homework.

If you have any furniture that you are willing to donate to the youth center, please contact Ryan (Ryan.Bao@dsj.org).




Tuesdays at 7:30pm

~~October 17~~
~~October 24~~
~~November 7~~
November 21
December 5
December 19


Journeying with Jesus through the Gospel

→ For all youth 8th-12th grade
→ In Youth Center (Church Basement)



GIVING TREE

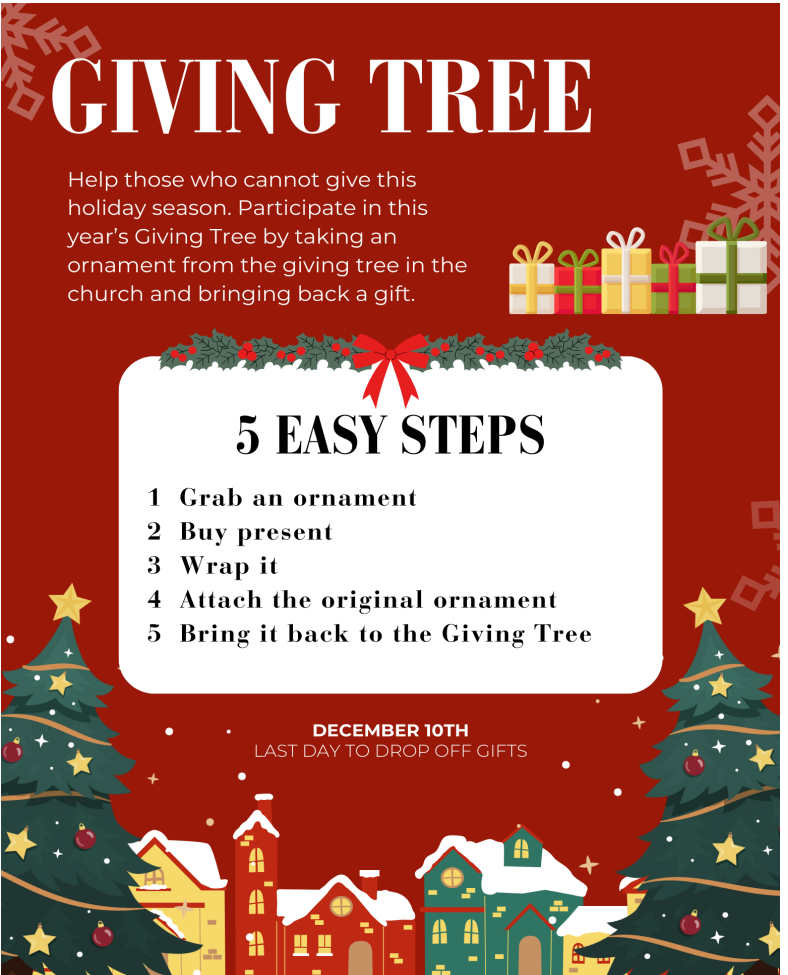
Help those who cannot give this holiday season. Participate in this year's Giving Tree by taking an ornament from the giving tree in the church and bringing back a gift.



5 EASY STEPS


- 1 Grab an ornament
- 2 Buy present
- 3 Wrap it
- 4 Attach the original ornament
- 5 Bring it back to the Giving Tree

DECEMBER 10TH
LAST DAY TO DROP OFF GIFTS




SOFT OPENING

Youth Center OPEN!



Tuesday from 6pm-8:30pm
Thursday from 6pm-8:30pm



DYR

DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE
ZEPHYR POINT | SOUTH LAKE TAHOE
JUNE 10-14, 2024

DSJ.ORG/YYA



REGISTER NOW!

GO TO  stclareparish.org/ymc

HOW TO GET STARTED!

- READ THE CONFIRMATION PACKET
- CHOOSE A PREFERENCE FOR A SMALL GROUP DAY
- CHOOSE A POTENTIAL SPONSOR
- REGISTER USING THE QR CODE
- PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE OF \$350.00
- SUBMIT BAPTISM AND 1ST COMMUNION CERTIFICATE
- HEAD TO THE ORIENTATION JAN 8

WHAT IS FORMATION?

- **RETREATS** - OVERNIGHT MARCH 1-3 AND DAY SEPT 8
- **SESSIONS** - SUNDAYS AT 1:30PM
- **SMALL GROUPS** - CHOSEN WEEKDAY AT 7PM ONCE A MONTH
- **CONFIRMATION** - SEPT 28



CONFIRMATION!

JAN-SEPT 2024



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$350

- RETREAT LODGING, MEALS, SITE, T-SHIRT, TRANSPORTATION
- SESSION MATERIALS AND FOOD



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Mass Intentions
November 18 - 25, 2023

Sat	5:00 pm	Saint Clare Parishioners
Sun	7:30 am	For All Souls
	9:00 am	Ernesto Gonsalves † Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo † Rosalinda Da Silva † Jose Mendonça † Maria C. Madruga † Constantina Silva † Arlete Vieira Neto † Zulmira Goulart Lourenco † Andre Sardinha † Maria Lucia Cardoso † Rafael Leanos † Vidalia Gaspar Rocha †
	10:30 am	Bill Kelly †
	12:00 pm	Ramon Valderrama † Rosario Molano de Valderrama † Laura Macias † Maria Andrade † Phillip G. Esquivel - Special Int. Sophia I. Esquivel - Special Int. Alicia Suárez - Health Ida López - Health
Mon	8:00 am	Maria & Felipe Madruga † Manuel & Aldine Simas †
Tues	8:00 am	Maria Adelina & Jose Furtado Pereira Sr. †
Wed	8:00 am	Nester Moreno †
Thu	8:00 am	In Thanksgiving for all of God's Blessings
Fri	9:00 am	Marie Dunn †
Sat	8:00 am	Thomas Ryan †

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

A direct and safe way to our online giving page.



**Thank you for your
 generosity!**

Stewardship Report

**Sunday Collection:
 November 11th & 12th**

**Goal: \$9,000.00
 Actual: \$ 9,124.50**

Thank you!

Daily Readings

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30 or

25:14-15, 19-21

Monday

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63

Psalms 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158

Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday

2 Maccabees 6:18-31

Psalms 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31

Psalms 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b & 15

Luke 19:11-28

Thursday

1 Maccabees 2:15-29

Psalms 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15

Luke 19:41-44

Friday

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59

1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd

Luke 19:45-48

Saturday

1 Maccabees 6:1-13

Psalms 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 & 19

Luke 20:27-40

Next Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-4





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

When we think of gifts, we may picture a child eagerly ripping into wrapping paper on a birthday or at Christmas. Oh, the anticipation and the joy seen through a child's eyes! In contemplating today's Scriptures, it occurs to me that the gifts God has given to us should fill us with the same joy and sense of gratitude as that child. Although there are many facets to the parable of the talents which Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel, what stands out to me comes at the very beginning: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them." No small thing to be entrusted with the master's possessions! In the same way, God *entrusts* us with his gifts – they are all we have and all we are. And, like the master in the parable, God expects us to use our gifts and talents to build his kingdom here on earth – to multiply his goodness in the world.

WITNESS The imagery of the "wicked, lazy" servant being punished, coupled with St. Paul's words that the Lord will come "like a thief at night," impart urgency to the task before us. In order to be prepared to give God an accounting of how we are using his gifts, let us start growing them today. Offer forgiveness, love someone whom it is hard to love, show mercy; in other words, be a blessing to others and see how that goodness multiplies.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Does the parable seem a bit harsh at the end? After all, the last servant didn't squander the money he was given, he simply gave it back in the same form in which it was given to him. But let's think about our generous God and the gifts and talents he has given us. God expects us to *use* these gifts, not hide them under a bushel. If we are lazy with and inattentive to our God-given gifts, they will shrink and fade away. We will be squandering our invitation to full participation in the kingdom of God. Obviously, each of God's children has unique gifts, just as the servants in the parable received different numbers of talents *according to their ability*. With this in mind, let us consider how we can share our singular gifts and help others do the same. No gift or talent is too small, and God has given us everything we need to use each gift wisely. Empowered by God's love and grace, let us use our blessings for his glory.

FREE
Thanksgiving Dinner



For anyone in our community who is in need of a hot meal and a warm, friendly environment for the Thanksgiving Holiday

JOIN US FOR OUR 16TH ANNUAL EVENT!
All Families Welcome; Adults & Children

Thursday, November 23, 2023
12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.
St. Clare Parish Hall
(Corner of Lexington & Lafayette Streets)

Dinner includes: Salad, Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Punch & Water

Sponsored by the Marsalli Family Foundation (501c3 45-3613675)
With the generous support of the St. Clare Parish Community
For General Information, E-Mail turkeydnr@gmail.com

**Cena de
Acción de Gracias
Gratuito**



Para cualquier persona en nuestra comunidad que necesite una comida caliente y un ambiente calido y amigable para las vacaciones de Accion de Gracias

Unase a Nosotros Para Nuestro 16TH Evento Anual!
Todas las familias son bienvenidas; Adultos y niños

Jueves, Noviembre 23, 2023
12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.
Salon Parroquial de Santa Clara
(Esquina de las calles Lexington y Lafayette)

La cena incluye: ensalada, pavo, relleno, pure de papas, verduras, panecillos y mantequilla, postre, café, ponche y agua.

Patrocinado por la Marsalli Family Foundation (501c3 45-3613675)
Con el generoso apoyo de la comunidad parroquial de St. Clare



PARISH COMMUNITY

Parish Organizations *Organizaciones Parroquiales*

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Boletim Paroquial Português

19 de Novembro de 2023; Domingo XXXIII do Tempo Comum – A
Reflexão por: João Pereira Arruda

No próximo Domingo celebraremos a festa de Jesus Cristo; Rei do Universo. É o final do Ano Litúrgico do ciclo A para depois entrarmos no Novo Ano litúrgico do ciclo B no Primeiro Domingo do advento. Neste último Domingo, as leituras continuam a advertir-nos para estarmos preparados para prestar-mos contas ao Senhor dos dons por Ele doados e á nossa responsabilidade de os gerir-mos. É da nossa responsabilidade fazer decisões para que esses dons cresçam e sejam doados aos irmãos para o bem comum da família, comunidade, paróquia, para as necessidades em lugares donde vivem irmãos na precaridade de viverem carentes dos bens essenciais para viverem um vida de qualidade. Não se sabe quando, nem tampouco nos compete saber, a hora e o dia, mas sabemos que esse dia virá e é da nossa responsabilidade estarmos preparados para dar resposta ao Senhor do como gerimos e distribuímos os dons qe Ele de graça nos doou para de graça serem depois doados. O método modelo de doarmos os nossos dons está: **“ Aquilo que fizeres a um dos mais pequenos (ou nesessitados) é a Mim que o fazeis.”** E de braços abertos o Pai nos acolhe num lugar em que Ele houvera preparado para com Ele viver em feicidade eterna. Todos nós podemos compreender o que acontece áqueles que enterram os dons e não os usam como o Senhor quer que sejam usados. Enterrar dons é dar lugar á preguiça, é deixar-se ir pela avareza de querer tudo p’ra si, é deixar-se invadir por uma atitude : Os outros que poupem como eu! Ter a atitude de mais vale enterrar do que investir nos outros tal qual o nosso Pai investiu em ós é causar estragos áquilo que nos veio de graça por Deus’ e’ neste caso há consequências a pagar. Distribuir dons está na atitude de se doar a si próprio para o bem comum de todos. Chama-se isso servir a Deus nos irmãos. Assim fazem os leigos portugueses que servem o Senhor na comunidade Portuguesa nesta paróquia de Santa Clara. Por vezes, quando tudo corre bem, sem erros, que até os membros da nossa comunidade notam a vontade generosa que o leigo põe no serviço que o seu ministério exige. Mas o Senhor Deus que está no Céu, Jesus Cristo que está no meio de nós e o seu Espírito Santo que nos dá os dons, não se Lhe escapa nada, Na entrega generosa de servir o verdadeiro leigo sabe que a sua entrega no servir é para **“Maior Glória de Deus”**

Dia de Acção de Graças – Thanksgiving: Na próxima *Quinta – Feira* dia 23 deste mês, a *Sociedade Americana* celebra o feriado Nacional do *Dia de Acao de Graças*. Como *Católicos* cabe-nos celebrar; além dos comes e bebes; vir á única missa neste dia celebrada em inglês, português e espanhol. Neste dia haverá barris disponíveis para colher comidas e vestuáriopara depois serem distribuidas ás obras de caridade de são Vicente de Paulo.

Convívio Natalício da Comunidade Portuguesa: Este ano o *Convívio de Natal* está marcado para o *Sábado* dia 16 de *Dezembro* próximo. Esta semana não houve os ensaios com as crianças para o espectáculo do *Natal*, mas estes continuarão a serem feitos no salão paroquial todas as *Quintas feiras* ás 7 horas da noite. Por favor continuem a trazer as crianças para os ensaios. O jantar para esse dia é tipo *pot-luck* e para as comidas serem bem coordenadas comuniquem-se com qualquer membro do *Conselho*. Este convívio aproxima-se dos 50 anos e só interrompido pela *pandemia*, dar continuidade ao mesmo serve a todos quando *criancas* fizeram parte do mesmo serve aos idosos que através de todos esses anos continuem a dar vida e importância á sua existência.

Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para Todos!

De Monseñor Fran Cilia

Al igual que la lectura del evangelio de la semana pasada, el pasaje de hoy nos anima a ser fieles en la forma en que vivimos. En la “Parábola de los Talentos”, a cada uno de los tres siervos se le confió algo de valor, “según su capacidad”. No importaba el tamaño del regalo; pero lo que hicieron los sirvientes con el dinero.

La pregunta para cada uno de nosotros es si invertimos nuestros dones o los escondemos, enterrándolos en un hoyo, metiéndolos debajo del proverbial colchón, donde no serán de utilidad para nadie.

En la segunda lectura de la primera carta de San Pablo a los Tesalonicenses, escuchamos que somos hijos de la luz y del día, no de la noche ni de las tinieblas. Como tales, no tememos la venida del Señor, porque hemos sido servidores fieles, utilizando los dones que se nos han confiado para el bien de los demás.

A medida que nos acercamos al final de este año litúrgico, esperamos con ansias la venida del Señor al final de los tiempos y al final de nuestras vidas, así como continuaremos haciéndolo en el Tiempo de Adviento. Nos regocijamos en la seguridad de que Cristo, que ha muerto y ha resucitado, también volverá. Como hijos de la luz, no tenemos nada que temer.

Misa del Día de Acción de Gracias



Este jueves, Día de Acción de Gracias, nuestra Misa Parroquial será a las 10:00.

Los invitamos a traer bienes no perecederos para el trabajo de nuestra Sociedad San Vicente de Paúl. Esto será parte de nuestra Procesión de Ofertorio en esa Misa. También habrá una colecta en beneficio de esta misma obra.

Finalmente, cerca del final de la Misa, bendeciremos el pan que servirás en tu comida de Acción de Gracias, si lo traes a la iglesia.

Esperamos ver a tantos como sea posible en esta Misa y les deseamos a todos un muy feliz Día de Acción de Gracias.

También, El viernes, la misa de la mañana será a las 9:00 y la oficina parroquial estará cerrada por el día festivo. La oficina parroquial estará cerrada desde las 12 del mediodía del miércoles 22 de noviembre hasta el viernes 24 de noviembre. Les agradecemos a todos por su comprensión

Noticias del Consejo Pastoral



En la reunión del Consejo Pastoral del pasado martes 16 de noviembre, los concejales seleccionaron a Cyndi Banaag como presidenta. Estamos agradecidos por su disposición a desempeñar este papel de liderazgo al servicio de nuestra parroquia. El Consejo aún está discerniendo quién será elegido vicepresidente entre aquellos que expresaron su voluntad de desempeñarse en esta capacidad.
¡Felicidades Cyndi!

También agradecemos y felicitamos a Cecilia Altamirano por aceptar el cargo de secretaria.

Durante la reunión, se discutió el sitio web de nuestra parroquia, específicamente en relación con cómo se puede mejorar como herramienta de comunicación. Compartiremos más información en las próximas semanas.

Calendarios Parroquiales 2024

Los calendarios parroquiales ahora están disponibles en el vestíbulo para que los lleve a casa. Dentro de unas semanas llegará otro conjunto de calendarios.

Misal 2024

Misal para todos los domingos y fiestas del año 2024 ya está disponible a \$8 por copia. Se pueden encontrar en la Sacristía y en la Oficina Parroquial.

Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano

Gracias por su generosidad hacia nuestra colecta anual para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano, cuyo objetivo es luchar contra la pobreza aquí y en todo Estados Unidos.

STEWARDSHIP SAINT *for November*



Saint Albert the Great

Saint Albert the Great was a 13th-century German Dominican priest, considered one of the most extraordinary men of his age alongside Peter Lombard, Roger Bacon and Saint Thomas Aquinas. His stewardship of the intellectual life, his students and our life of faith is profound.

For a time Albert was the pope's personal theologian, and in 1260 was appointed bishop of Regensburg, Germany, against his will. He remained for only three years before returning his time and energy to teaching and writing in Cologne. He enhanced his reputation for humility by refusing to ride horses. Instead, he

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Born in 1200, near Ulm, Albert was the eldest son of a powerful and wealthy German family. He was educated in the liberal arts at the University of Padua, Italy, and against his family's wishes, joined the Dominican Order in 1223.

He earned his doctorate at the University of Paris and taught theology with much success in a number of medieval German universities, including Cologne.

walked back and forth across his huge diocese, keeping with the rules of the Dominican order.

Albert's influence on scholars is substantial. His fame is due in part to being the forerunner, spiritual guide and teacher of Saint Thomas Aquinas. But he also composed an encyclopedia containing treatises on almost every branch of learning known at the time. His work fills thirty-eight volumes and covers

subjects ranging from astronomy and chemistry to geography and philosophy. His knowledge of science was considerable, and for the age remarkably accurate. He also displayed an insight into nature and a knowledge of theology that surprised his contemporaries, who named him "Magnus" ("the Great") to recognize his genius. Albert even inspired a mystical school of theology among fellow Dominicans such as Meister Eckhart.

Albert participated in the Second Council of Lyons, France, in 1274, the fourteenth of the Catholic Church's 21 great councils (Vatican II was the twenty-first). On his way to the council, he was shocked to learn of Aquinas' death at age 49, and he publicly defended his former student



against attacks on the Catholicity of his writings.

After suffering from what is now thought to be Alzheimer's disease, Albert died in Cologne on November 15, 1280. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1931, one of only 33 individuals bestowed that honor. His tomb is in the crypt of the Dominican church in Cologne, and his relics are in the Cologne Cathedral. His feast day is November 15.



San Alberto Magno

San Alberto Magno, sacerdote Dominicano Alemán que vivió en el siglo XIII, fue considerado uno de los hombres más extraordinarios de su época, al lado de Peter Lombard, Roger Bacon y Santo Tomás de Aquino. Su corresponsabilidad por la vida intelectual, por sus estudiantes y por nuestra vida de fe es muy profunda.

Durante un tiempo, Alberto fue teólogo personal del Papa, y en el año de 1260 fue nombrado obispo de Regensburg, Alemania, en contra de su voluntad. Él estuvo solamente por tres años, después de los cuales regresó a Colonia para enfocar nuevamente su tiempo y energía a la enseñanza y la escritura. Él aumentó su reputación por su humildad, al rehusarse a montar

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Nació en el año 1200, cerca de Ulm. Alberto fue el hijo mayor de una rica familia alemana. Fue educado en las artes liberales de la Universidad de Padua, Italia, y en contra de los deseos de su familia se unió a la orden Dominica el año de 1223.

Obtuvo su doctorado de la Universidad de Paris y enseñó teología exitosamente en varias universidades de la Alemania medieval, incluyendo Colonia.

caballos. El recorría caminando de un extremo a otro su enorme diócesis, guardando las reglas de la orden Dominica.

La influencia de Alberto en los eruditos es fundamental. Su fama se debe, en parte a ser predecesor, guía espiritual y maestro de Santo Tomás de Aquino. Pero también a que él produjo una enciclopedia que contiene tratados de casi todas las ramas del conocimiento conocidas en ese tiempo. Su trabajo llena 38 volúmenes

y cubre temas desde el rango de la astronomía y la química a la geografía y la filosofía. Su conocimiento de la ciencia fue muy considerable, y notablemente preciso para la época. Él mostró también una proximidad con la naturaleza y un conocimiento de la teología que sorprendió a sus contemporáneos, quienes le llamaron "Magno" "(el Grande)" en reconocimiento a su genio. Alberto inspiró también la mística escuela de teología entre sus compañeros Dominicanos como Meister Eckhart.

Alberto participó en el Segundo Concilio de Lyon, Francia, en 1274, el décimo cuarto de los 21 grandes concilios de la Iglesia Católica, (el Vaticano II fue el vigésimo primer concilio). En su camino al concilio fue consternado por la noticia de la



muerte de Tomás de Aquino a la edad de 49 años, él defendió públicamente a su estudiante de los ataques sobre el Catolicismo de sus escritos.

Después de sufrir la enfermedad ahora conocida como Alzheimer, Alberto murió en Colonia el 15 de noviembre de 1280. Fue declarado Doctor de la Iglesia en 1931, uno de los 33 individuos a quienes se ha conferido este honor. Su tumba está en la cripta de la iglesia Dominica en Colonia, y sus reliquias están en la Catedral de Colonia. Su fiesta se celebra el día 15 de noviembre.



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