

The Holy Spirit from time to time draws the veil of silence across a particular passage of scripture. Paul's "thorn in the flesh" in today's second reading is one of those silent places, for Paul—much to the frustration of centuries of Christians—never tells us precisely what his thorn in the flesh is. His friends in Corinth most likely knew what he was referring to, which was enough for him. People have speculated that the thorn was anything from bad eyesight to rampant lust. But all this speculation misses the point, for in his weakness, Paul comes to know and live the paradox of the cross of Christ: it is in our weakness that God's greatest strength can be made manifest. When we are strong, we imagine the strength is ours; when we are weakest, we know that any strength or power we might have comes from God alone.

The Readings For The Week

- Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17:24a; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
- Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday:** Am 7:12-15; Psalm 85; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13



"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."
—2 Corinthians 12:9

Ministers Schedule/Horario de Ministros

July 12 (15th Sunday/Ordinary Time — 9:00 am)
(C) Violet Heeb (L) JoAnn Stover (1-Eng), José Nuñez (2-Esp) (EMs) Richard & Lynn Johnson, Stephen Stillwell, Tom Wilding, Jane Dickerson, Pedro Alaniz
July 12 (15 Domingo/Tiempo Ordinario — 11 am)
(C) Connie Grimaldo (L) Jesucita Granillo Esp, Frances Ortega (Eng) (EMs) Emilio y Pina Medrano, (H.C.), Juan Quihuis, Andy McKenna, Manuel Valdez, Kathy Lasecki



Our Calendar of Events

- Sunday, July 5**
9:00 Mass (14th Sunday/Ordinary Time)
SVDP meeting/Food collection
11:00 Mass (Domingo/Tiempo Ordinario)
- Monday, July 6**
Finance meeting at 2:00 pm
Ríos de Agua Viva (7:00pm)
- Thursday, July 9**
Exploring Prayer (Smed's Hm-1:30)
- Sunday, July 12**
KCs Rosary at 8:00 am (For the Unborn)
Mass at 9:00 am (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Ladies Club meeting after Mass
Mass at 11:00 am (15 Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario)
- Monday, July 13**
Ríos de Agua Viva a las 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, July 14**
Parish Council meeting at 7:00 pm

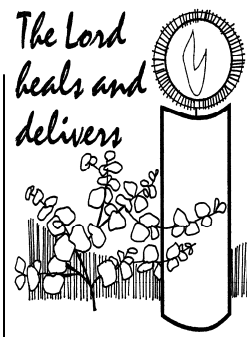


The Thorn of Self-Doubt

The neighbors and family of Jesus in Mark's Gospel passage today think that Jesus has a thorn: his dubious credentials to be a teacher in the synagogue or a worker of mighty deeds. Some of might think that we have this "thorn" of insufficient qualifications to be witnesses for God's plan of salvation in Christ. Sometimes we use this imaginary "thorn" of ours to excuse ourselves from the challenging work of living "thy kingdom come" or to lead ourselves into a false humility about our inadequacy as disciples. We can learn a lesson from Jesus and Paul today. Each of us, in spite of physical or personal shortcomings or limitations (real or imagined), is called and chosen to be a messenger of the saving grace of God, each in our own way. Whether we are spouse, parent, child, student, worker, employer—whatever role we have in life, God can work in us and through us to be signs of grace for others. When we find ourselves afflicted with the thorn of self-doubt, let us use that weakness to find our strength in God, and through our faith in Christ, continue to proclaim the Good News of salvation.

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Nadie es profeta
en su tierra

El profeta Ezequiel, San Pablo y el Señor Jesús tienen algo en común en las lecturas de la Sagrada Escritura de hoy. Todos encontraron obstáculos en su ministerio. Ezequiel fue llamado

para que profetizara a los israelitas, convertidos en “un pueblo rebelde” (Ezequiel 2:4). San Pablo relata cómo se le ha metido una “espinas clavada en mi carne” (2 Corintios 12:7). El Señor Jesús no puede realizar demasiados milagros en su tierra natal. El Evangelio nos dice que “estaba extrañado de la incredulidad de aquella gente” (Marcos 6:6). Nosotros, también, algunas veces nos topamos con obstáculos al transitar el camino de la fe. Muchas veces en nuestro viaje nos sentimos débiles. Que las palabras del Señor a San Pablo nos animen hoy: “Te basta mi gracia, porque mi poder se manifiesta en la debilidad” (2 Corintios 12:9).

Mass Intention/Intención Especial



Sunday, July 5

(9:00 Mass)

Alice Bushman (+)
for the repose of her soul

(11:00 Mass)

Baltazar Valtierra (+)
for the repose of his soul

Gloria Arrebollo
for health and healing

Marcelina Chávez (+)
aniversario de su muerte

Porfirio López (+)
aniversario de su muerte

Sunday, July 26

(11:00 Mass)

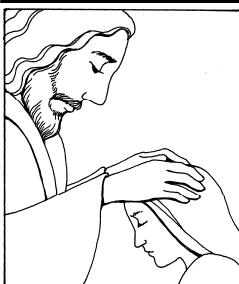
Jose y Consuelo Orozco (+)
on the anniversary of their death

El Grupo de Oración, Ríos de Agua Viva les invita al noveno retiro en San Martín de Porres, el sábado, 11 de julio de 10:00 am a 9:30 de la noche, con los confesores Padre Marcos Basurto de Coolidge, Arizona y Saulo Hidalgo de Santo Domingo, República Dominicana. Se venderá alimentos y objetos religiosos para recaudar fondos para estos eventos. Invitamos a todos a pasar un día con nosotros en oración y alabanzas.

Las Lecturas de La Semana



Lunes: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
Martes: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
Miércoles: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7
Jueves: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
Viernes: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
Sábado: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
Domingo: Am 7:12-15; Salmo 85 (84)
 Ef 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mc 6:7-13



Según la carta a los Hebreos 6:1-2 hay seis fundamentos de la fe Cristiana. Entre ellos se encuentra la imposición de manos. El evangelista Marcos (6:5) nos relata que Jesús usaba la imposición de manos para sanar a los enfermos. La curación se realizaba mediante sus manos. Los

hispanos normalmente somos táctiles, pues reconocemos la importancia de una caricia, de una mano apretando la nuestra, de una palmada en el hombro, y de otros toques de mano. Las manos tienen el poder o la facultad de transmitir sentimientos. En Hechos de los Apóstoles 8:17 y 19:6 se nos relata que los fieles recibían el don del Espíritu Santo mediante la imposición de manos. Los apóstoles usaban la imposición de manos para transmitir el Espíritu a los bautizados y para consagrar nuevos líderes al servicio de las comunidades cristianas (obispos o presbíteros). Al momento del bautismo y la confirmación, recibimos una imposición de manos de parte del ministro. La imposición de manos que ha venido desde los apóstoles, y desde más atrás, nos relaciona a los cristianos que nos han precedido. Es un gesto de unidad.

**El Espíritu
trabaja para
el bien de
todos**



**“Hay diferentes
dones, pero el
Espíritu es el mismo.”**
—1 Corintios 12:4

Knights of Columbus are proud to announce the following additional accomplishments for the 2009 year, ending in July. They donated \$300 to SMDP from the KC's Fiesta proceeds; \$150.00 was given to SMDP for kitchen supplies and \$200 was provided to Robotics team for their competition trip to Texas, \$400 loan was made to a Knight to help with his mortgage, \$150 to Supreme Council to help build a “Culture of Life” and \$708 raised from raffle ticket sales was donated to the State Council. Thank you everyone for your support!
On Sunday, July 12 at 8:00 am the Knights will be praying a Rosary for the Unborn. Please join them.